



These pumpkins were featured in a pumpkin carving contest during the Halloween festival at Jack Hopper Dining Hall. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

## Students celebrate Halloween with dining hall scariness

By MJ Ortiz

News Editor

Hernan Gambertoglio, Jack Hopper Dining Hall's intern and Marketing administrator wanted to make this Halloween extra fun at the café.

So, the Argentinean graduate student paired up with the Student Government Association to bring the café a haunted hall.

"We wanted to celebrate Halloween at the café in an extra special way, mostly to have everyone have a great time at dinner" said Gambertoglio.

The event even had a pumpkin carving contest and some other carnival games. SGA president Bryant Whaley said that the event turned out to be a great success, adding that they will definitely keep the Haunted Hall in mind for next year.

The scary hall came to life with some props from the drama department that really gave the extra haunted effect.

"The Haunted Hall was a spooky success, people really liked it! I was outside with a

made-up chainsaw running after people, some girls got so scared and threw themselves to the floor. Some people congregated outside the café just to see people come out and get scared again!"

As part of the new image of the dining hall, Gambertoglio says that more events are being planned.

Apart from the famous karaoke at the café he adds that they had the Mex-to-the-Max celebration for Hispanic Heritage month in which the menu featured a lot of traditional Mexican food and sombreros for students to wear and take pictures with.

"And we definitely plan to have a big thanksgiving dinner," he said.

"We are also contributing with the Hands Across America Food Drive."

The drive is collecting non-perishable foods until November 12 and is calling out to fraternities and other on campus organizations to participate for the good cause.

"Whoever donates the most food wins a free pizza party and that's a pretty good deal," he said. All the food that is collected will be to be donated to Jacksonville's JCOC.

## Japanese culture more than just anime

Sakura Union hosts event showcasing origami, language and even sushi

By Kevin Brant

Staff Writer

Japanese culture has been a big part of American life in general for many years. Over the last few years, numerous television shows, cartoons and movies have aired in the United States that have been immeasurably influenced by Japan. Some of these were even originally aired in Japan. Despite the images of anime and culture that usually arise from its mention, Japanese culture is so much more than that.

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Japanese food that included fruit, soup with tofu, onions, boiled meat and potatoes. Other food options such as Crab Avocado, Tuna Cucumber, and sushi were also available.

Joshua Prestridge, a senior at JSU, commented on the food at the festival. "This is the best sushi wrap I have ever eaten," Prestridge said.

Jason Wright, a graduate student here at Jacksonville State University, came to the festival for a different reason. "I have friends here at JSU that are Japanese and they invited me to come," said Wright.

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others don't. Johnathan Moore, a sophomore, is one who did not like the sushi. "The sushi wrap tasted weird to me," Moore said. "Eating it today confirmed why I don't like it."

Students had the opportunity to learn how to write their name in Japanese. There are two ways to write it. One is the traditional way in Hirayana form. The other is Katakanda which was made for English speaking people.

Hiroe Tamai, a senior in the Sakura Union, spoke about her views on the Japan Festival. "I think the event was successful," Tamai said. "I am glad people were exposed to our culture."

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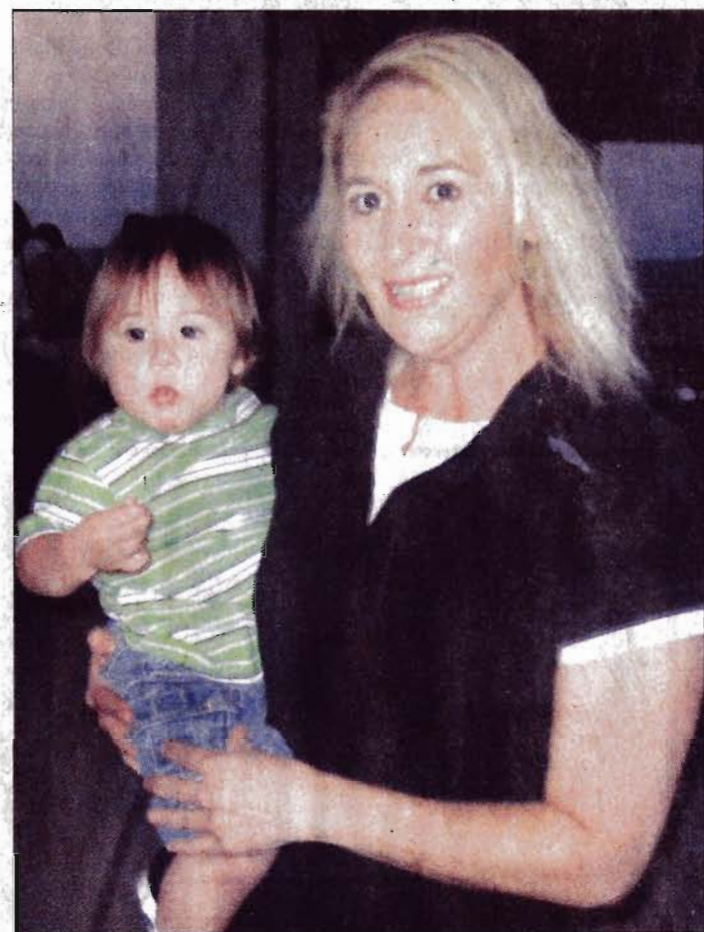
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Lorraine Collins, a junior, holds up a pumpkin origami she made at the Sakura Union Japan Festival/ Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

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## TLC profiles JSU staff member's unexpected birth

By Angie Finley

Special to the Chanticleer

It's not that unusual to have a baby at home. After all, generations of mothers did it long before hospitals and their modern "birthing suites" existed.

But to give birth at home, alone, without knowing you're pregnant and after a doctor has said you're unable to conceive? Well, that kind of story will land a person on national television.

JSU employee Tiffany Onkst and her husband Mark Mancipinto, along with their two-year-old son Blake, will have their moment in the national spotlight tonight when The Learning Channel debuts their story on the show "I Didn't Know I was Pregnant."

Onkst is a public services assistant in the circulation department at Jacksonville State University's Houston Cole Library.

In 2001, Onkst's gynecologist told her that she would never have children because she has Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, or PCOS. Newly wed, she and her husband Mark accepted this reality in stride. After all, they had been together a long time. They met in 1995 and were married in 2000. With or without children, life was good.

Little did they know, on April 25, 2007, life would get much better.

### Blake's Birthday

Onkst's pain began at around 1 a.m. Unable to sleep due to the discomfort of what she believed to be another rupturing cyst and with husband Mark away on business, she decided to work through the familiar pain by continuing to pack for the couple's upcoming move to a new home. Even though the pain intensified while she worked on into the night, Onkst was not alarmed.

"The pain really did feel the way it felt when my cysts would rupture. I was used to that kind of pain, and it wasn't that bad," she recalls.

But as dawn broke, so did Onkst's realization that this pain might indicate something more. By then, it was too late to act.

At 7 a.m., Onkst delivered a 7 lb., 9 oz. son, alone at home.

She remembers the initial shock and the subsequent actions. She cut the umbilical cord, washed the infant, then waited to surprise her husband, who was due home later in the day.

It never occurred to her to go to the

hospital, as the worst of her ordeal was obviously behind her.

When husband Mark called from the road shortly before arriving home, she told him only that she had a surprise for him. When she met him at the door with a baby in her arms, he was incredulous.

She laughs as she remembers Mark's first meeting with his son, whom they named Blake.

"He first said there was no way that baby could be his, or mine," she recalls. "Then, he reminded me that a puppy qualifies as a surprise; a baby is something altogether different."

"In hindsight, that was probably not the best way to tell him," she recalls.

Once Mancipinto took a moment to come to grips with fatherhood, his protective instinct kicked in. He immediately called his mother-in-law, Sharon Onkst, then took his wife and new son to Jacksonville Hospital, where they remained for six hours.

That day remains largely a blur to Onkst. She had never experienced any pregnancy symptoms except heartburn, an occasional craving for ice and hypersensitivity to smells. She hadn't even gained weight.

"They said when I finally got to the

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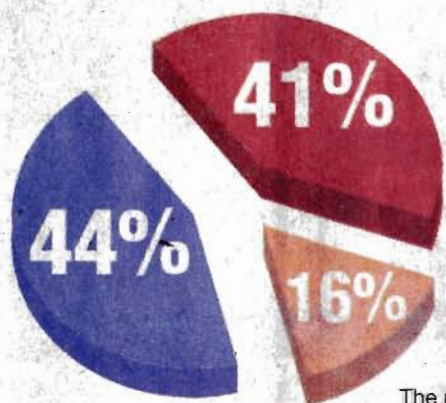
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## QUESTION of the WEEK

Did you dress up for Halloween this year?

Bah humbug- 44%

Of course I did!- 41%

I'm still in costume!- 16%

Next week's question:

How did you prepare for midterms?

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# ON Campus

## Briefs

Hammond Hall Art Gallery proudly announces the opening of the Jacksonville State University 2009 Art Faculty Exhibition featuring art works by faculty members. The opening reception for the exhibition will be November 3 from 7-9 p.m. in Hammond Hall. The exhibition runs November 3-24, with gallery hours 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 782-5626.

## Campus Crime

Thursday October 26

- Theft of property was reported on the west end of Mason Hall. Stolen was a pearl piccolo.

Sunday November 1

- Unlawful break and enter of a vehicle was reported at the Dixon Hall parking lot. Stolen were an 80 GB ipod Classic, and FM transmitter and a \$20 bill.

## What's Happening

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

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Thursday November 5

- Calhoun County Community Fiber Art Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Cancer Foundation Music Concert Fundraiser, TMB Auditorium, 6:00-8:00 pm. Admission will be charged.

## Picture of the week



The JSU Pep band performs for students at Pete Mathews colosseum. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

## Onkst: The Learning Channel filmed all day for episode

hospital that day that I was probably in shock," Onkst recalls.

At the hospital, baby Blake, who was determined to have been born about a month premature, was given a clean bill of health. Onkst, on the other hand, was diagnosed with preeclampsia, a dangerous heightening of blood pressure in pregnancy. Although doctors recommended she stay for observation, she chose to check herself out of the hospital and return home, where she remained on medication and settled into her new life as a mother.

Two and a half years later, Blake is a happy, smart and healthy little boy. Onkst delights in her son's ability to learn new things quickly and has already made plans to teach him a very important lesson as soon as he can grasp it—how to dial 911 in an

emergency.

When asked whether there will be more children, Onkst pauses for a moment before replying with a grin.

"If so, I'll probably be the last to know."

### A Family Story Goes National

The Learning Channel's interest in Onkst's story began in June when a former student assistant, Stephanie Purcell, submitted a tip on the network's website. Within just a few days, Onkst received a call from the show producer. A crew arrived on August 3 for a 12-hour shoot at the family's home. At that time, they interviewed Onkst, Mancipinto, and Onkst's mother. They also shot footage of Blake.

The experience of having a network

film crew in her home was nearly as traumatic as Blake's surprise birth had been, according to Onkst.

"They were here all day that Sunday, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. During that time, they rearranged the house and put lights and cameras everywhere. Filming was done in separate rooms, and they had to film in dead silence. Even the refrigerator had to be turned off.

"And of course, Blake was there. Can you imagine trying to keep a two-year-old silent for 12 hours? I told the crew, 'This is as bad as when it happened,'" she laughs.

How has the novelty of her experience and the media attention changed her job at the library?

Onkst laughs.

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- Balancing Your Debt Workshop, Anders Roundhouse, 4:15-5:15 pm.

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#### Saturday November 7

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- JSU v. Southeast Missouri State University, 1:00 pm, Cape Girardeau, MO.
- Guided Archaeology Tour of DeKalb and Cherokee Counties, Meet in Fort Payne Area & Ride Shuttle Van 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, \$30/person.
- Canyon Fest, JSU Canyon Center, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, FREE admission.

#### Sunday November 8

- Calhoun County Community Fiber Art Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 9:00 am -5:00 pm.

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## Sakura: festival

showed two Japanese films. One was "Spirited Away" and the other was "Princess Mononoke."

To end the festival, there was a talent show featuring members of the Sakura Union. It showcased the individual talent of those representing the organization. One part of the talent show that stuck out was a guitar player who sang a song in Japanese. He dedicated the song to his friends who were graduating this semester.

## Live jazz performance at JSU

### From Newswire

Jazz at Jacksonville State University again takes center stage as the Studio Jazz Band and several student combos present a concert on Thursday November 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center.

The Studio Jazz Band, directed by Mace Hibbard, will feature a variety of jazz standards as well as modern jazz compositions.

The combo program under the direction of Marc Miller will feature combos and small groups of jazz musicians.

The Jazz Studies program in the David L. Walters Department of Music at Jacksonville State University prepares student musicians in the performance and direction of jazz in a variety of styles from the classic styles of the twentieth century to the current modern contemporary styles. Since many students later become music educators this knowledge of an American musical style is an important aspect of their educational experience.

This program is free and the public is cordially invited.

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# Jacksonville State isn't all that bad

By Jered Staubs  
Special to The Chanticleer

I like to complain.

I like to complain about living in the South. I especially like to complain about going to JSU.

It's my own fault. I should be on scholarship at Wake Forest or Oklahoma.

Scratch that. I should have already graduated from one of those schools.

But laziness — among other things — have led to this 24-year old still attending Jacksonville State University.

You know what? It's not all that bad.

I have a habit of missing a lot of classes (Have I told you I'm a 24-year old college student?). The past couple weeks, I actually had an excuse. I was sicker than I've been since ... well, I don't know.

I never get sick. To the point that when my current employer, The Anniston Star, was offering free flu shots a month ago, I scoffed and passed.

Big mistake. Even my immune system couldn't fade whatever strain of flu has been going around JSU.

But somehow, it's been a complete non-issue. Even when I missed some midterms. It kind

I'm taking 16 hours this semester (I may not have mentioned this, but I'm a 24-year old college student desperate to get out of school), and I have fewer than 100 total people in those classes.

That's one class at Wake or OU.

As absurd as JSU's attendance policies are, it's kind of a small price to pay for that intimacy with faculty.

Teachers here are willing to work with you. They are willing to believe that you spent the past two weeks lying on your couch wishing for death.

Plus, in the past three days, I've had teachers trying to help me find jobs from Detroit to Denver to online. At their own behest. Without my prodding.

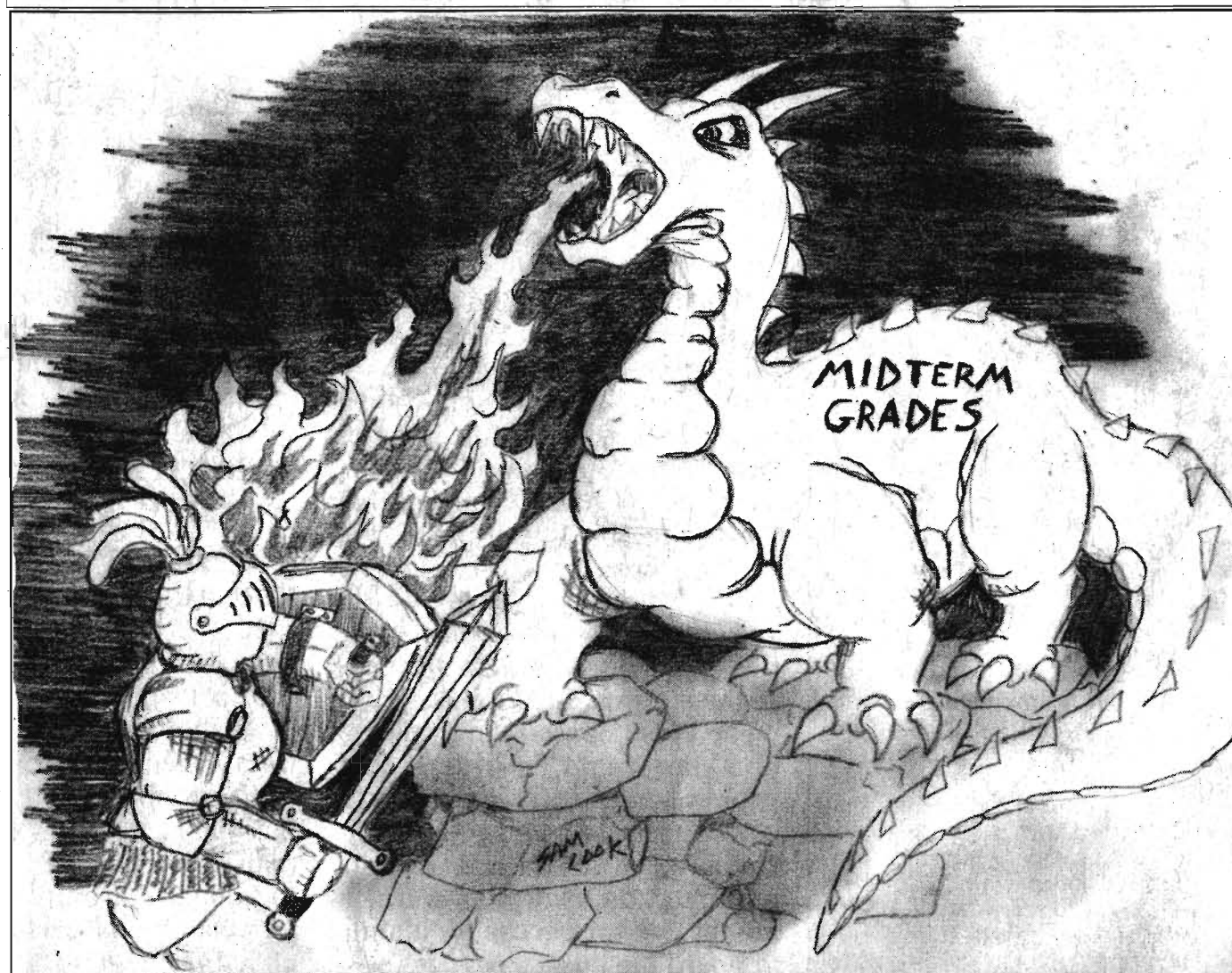
It's certainly not all peaches n' cream.

The water in my apartment is brown at the moment because of something going on across the street at Paul Snow Stadium. The UPD makes me pull out what little hair I have left.

But the "Friendliest Campus in the South" isn't a complete myth. There are perks to being a Gamecock.

It may have taken me six years — off and on — to realize that, but even someone as cynical

Sam Cook, Editorial Cartoonist



## Public corruption may hurt JSU recruiting

By Michael Bell  
Special to The Chanticleer

The conviction of former Birmingham mayor Larry Langford was the latest piece in the Alabama corruption puzzle. Langford was found guilty on 60 counts of bribery, money laundering, fraud, and tax evasion. Upon conviction, Langford was removed from office and now faces a maximum of 805 years in a federal lock-up. Langford's conviction has not only ruined his political career and sullied the image of Birmingham, it has also hurt the overall image of all public institutions in Alabama.

Jacksonville State University

of the corruption scandals that plague our region. However, a Google search may uncover a host of blogs, news reports, and columns that trash our governmental entities and politicians. Why would anyone send their child to a state where its largest county is on the verge of total collapse? Why would anyone trust our education system when the former chancellor of the two-year college system is now a convicted felon?

The State of Alabama has been in the media for all the wrong reasons. Whether for the conviction of Governor Don Siegleman and Richard Scrushy, or the conviction of Representative E.B. McClain and

apparent that Alabama is in a public relations crisis. The state welcome sign should read, "Study politics here and receive a free life sentence." Higher education may take the biggest hit. After all, no one wants to study political science in a place where the politicians are going to the "pokey" left and right.

Surely, another political scandal would cost our state universities thousands of new students. Tuition is up and enrollment is increasing statewide. Currently, Jacksonville State University is expanding its stadium and recently implemented a new transit system. Let's just hope there aren't any "shady" bond swamps involved



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Jacksonville State University recruits a sizeable amount of students from neighboring states. These prospective students may not be aware

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up and enrollment is increasing statewide. Currently, Jacksonville State University is expanding its stadium and recently implemented a new transit system. Let's just hope there aren't any "shady" bond swamps involved with these capital improvements. Our colleges can't afford another scandal; especially not Jacksonville State University.

# Hey, Orrin Hatch, the BCS can wait...

By James Burton  
Columnist

Once upon a time, there was a man who raced stock cars for fun and to make a little cash on the side. From the night time races to see who had the fastest moonshine hauling car was born the NASCAR Strictly Stock series, founded by Bill France, Sr. in 1948. Sixty years later and his grandson has successfully destroyed everything his father and grandfather dedicated their lives to.

I've been an avid NASCAR fan since 2002. I've been to every race at Talladega since that time and up until this past Sunday I was thoroughly entertained the entire time.

There are a lot of new amenities at the track such as a brand new catch fence, an improved sound system, a new cross walk going over the main entrance and next year they're even replacing the seating with something other than the top halves of metal folding chairs.

Somewhere along the way, however, they seem to have forgotten about prompt service.

In the seven years I've been going, I've never had to wait longer than five to ten minutes for anything in a concession stand. This last time I

had to wait 45 minutes for a cheeseburger that ENDED UP BEING COLD.

Forty-five minutes for a cold cheese burger and a drink is the equivalent of about 35 to 40 laps of the race. That I MISSED.

It certainly didn't help that the people running this particular stand appeared so clueless that Wal-Mart wouldn't even hire them as a door greeter, but the fact that only three of the concession windows were open out of six in all didn't exactly speed things along, either.

When it's all said and done, though, I didn't really miss anything since for the vast majority of the "race" the drivers really did nothing more than run nose-to-tail lap after lap after lap.

It's bad enough that the drivers know that the so-called "Car of Tomorrow" is a horrendous restrictor plate car (restrictor plates restrict the flow of gasoline into the carburetor, thus making it slow the cars down to safe speeds) but when the NASCAR brass tells the driver they're going to aggressively penalize bump-drafting because they don't want a couple of drivers breaking free from the rest of the field and going to far ahead?

Umm, excuse me? This is a racing organization, and in the past few years you've manage to make the cars where they are impossible to pass

in, slow the cars down, and now you're going to tell people they're going to penalize people for actually RACING? What's next? You going to punish people for blocking like they do in open wheel racing?

How about putting up an "Applause" sign in the grandstands and force the fans to clap and toss out the ones who cheer and hoot and holler?

People have complained about the sport for years being boring, but it's bad when the fans themselves are calling it boring? And why, you might ask? Money. It's all about money. Big Bill France was a racer. He knew what he was talking about because he had done it. Bill Jr. knew the logistics. He was a diplomat, and went from there?

What has Brian France done? That's a good question. In five years he's managed to: Change the format of the points into something so convoluted that it makes the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) make sense, he's brought in Toyota (which really isn't that bad of a thing), changed the cars to be less aerodynamic so they'll be slower and thus racier (they're slower alright, but they sure as hell aren't racier) and gobbled up everything NASCAR-related that everyone else owns.

So where am I going with this? Well, Orrin Hatch was complaining to President Obama about how he needed to step in and fix the extremely flawed BCS points system.

Now that's all well and good, Orrin, but you're in charge of the antitrust committee. Don't you think that you should worry about the France family's monopoly over the motorsports industry?

They own most of the tracks, own almost all the merchandising, and obviously they control the sport itself.

This isn't one of those sports where you can just start off young like a little league or anything similar to that.

They do have many small local tracks that you can start off with, but hundreds of those are owned by, you guessed it, the France family.

Starting to sound like more like a country club and not a sport, isn't it? And the fans? Well, they've got their noses pressed up against the fence watching the people at the country club enjoy themselves.

So Orrin, put the BCS on the back-burner. Break up the France family's monopoly. Make NASCAR a sport again, and not the pathetic pyramid scheme it's become.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner  
Columnist

This weekend was one of my favorite weekends ever, partly because Halloween (my favorite holiday, hands down) fell on a Saturday. Sam dressed up as Batman and I was Catwoman, it was a good time indeed! Another reason it was such a great weekend was because of the traditional casino trip to Tunica, Mississippi that my parents, Sam and I take each year for both mine and my mom's birthday. When I say "traditional," I mean that this is only the second year that we've gone because last year I turned 21.

For me, it is so riveting to walk into a casino and see the flashing lights and hear the whining of the slot machines enticing you to take a chance and pull their lever. That excitement really only lasts for about 30 minutes which, for me, is the timeslot in which I lose the most money due to being overly excited and feeling so "lucky."

Then, my senses start to flow back to me, and I slink over to the penny slots to try and pace what's left of my once-a-year-casino-trip fund.

Going to casinos and gambling is a touchy subject for many people and I can understand why. If you do go to casinos, or even if you know people who do, then you probably see that there's two types of people who go.

First, there are the people who feel that they are always just on the brink of hitting it big. These are often the people who don't know when to stop or how to walk away, spending right down to the last cent all of the money they have in their bank accounts.

Then, there are the people like me. These people win \$5 and are ready to hit the road. (After that first 30 minutes, of course). If I get one taste of luck, I think it's best to

### Drunken man rams stolen lawnmower into bus

Florida - Middle school students on a bus got the giggles. But the man they were laughing at failed to see the humor - or the bus, apparently. Ron Martin, 29, was arrested on a charge of drunken driving after authorities and witnesses say he rammed a riding lawnmower into the back of the stopped school bus.

The crash caused the mower to tip, Martin and his riding companion to fall off, and the kids who witnessed it all to commence chuckling. The students' reaction prompted an enraged Martin to mount an unsuccessful attempt to board the bus.

### Parents take away cell phone, so teen kicks mother in throat, punches father, and head-butts brother

The Cape Cod Times reported that Brandon Turner pleaded not guilty in Falmouth District Court on Thursday to charges that include assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Authorities said the angry Falmouth teen kicked his mother in the throat, head-butted his brother and punched and bit his father after his mom took away his cell

phone after he hit his 15-year-old brother Tuesday. The next day, an angry Turner attacked members of his family

### Man tried to moon railway staff, got pants stuck in door, was dragged naked along platform

BERLIN (Reuters) - A 22-year-old journalism student shoved his backside against the window of a low-slung double-decker train when staff forced him off in Lauenbrueck for traveling without a ticket. The German man, mooning railway staff in the departing train, got his trousers caught in a carriage door and ended up being dragged half naked along the platform, out of the station and onto the tracks.

### Woman in overalls with bra fully exposed charged with impersonating an officer

British prosecutors have charged 11 individuals with impersonating police officers during a G20 protest earlier this year. But the 11 weren't exactly dressed in police uniforms.

Leah Borromeo, for instance, was dressed in overalls rolled down to her waist, exposing her bra. Others were carrying toy machine guns. "If I'm guilty of

### Man digs through trash dump to find lost BlackBerry

A man in Pitkin County, Colo., said he retrieved his BlackBerry from the county landfill after accidentally disposing of the phone with his yard's leaves.

Area resident Billy Boyd said his recent unusual journey began when he realized his BlackBerry had fallen out of his pocket while he was raking his yard and had been transported to the city of Aspen recycling center, the Aspen (Colo.) Daily News said Saturday.

### Plane passenger accidentally activates ejector seat - and survives

UK - A civilian passenger in an air force display plane accidentally activated the ejector seat while reaching for something to steady himself during a mid-air maneuver.

The novice flier instantly shot through the jet's perspex canopy and was blasted 100 meters into the sky by the rocket-powered emergency chair.

It is thought he activated the ejector seat after lurching forward during an aerobatic maneuver and accidentally pulling on the black and yellow emergency handle between his legs. Experts said the man was



bank accounts. Then, there are the people like me. These people win \$5 and are ready to hit the road. (After that first 30 minutes, of course). If I get one taste of luck, I think it's best to step away and cash in before it runs out. Many people say that this type of gambling isn't gambling at all because it's too cautious. Maybe not, but it feels like a gamble to me.

Personally, I think it's all about a person's ability to know when enough is enough. It's a lot like relationships.

Every time you put yourself out there, you're ultimately pulling a lever or pushing a button, or putting \$50 on red at the roulette table, to see what comes of it. Every blind date, every serious relationship, every marriage and every break-up is just one big gamble.

Just like in casinos, those in the dating world usually fall into two categories.

First, you have the people who just don't know when to move on. They will continue to feed into their relationship like putting quarters in a slot machine. Even though they know they're not being treated right and they know that they're not getting back from the relationship what they're putting in, they continue.

Then, there are those who know when to walk away, or at least get up and change machines... or partners. These are the people who have a low tolerance for being treated badly in a relationship and refuse to settle.

So, which category do you fall into?

No doubt, you take a chance every time you try out a new relationship, or even when you stay in one for years. Whenever you let someone into your life, you risk getting hurt and receiving a broken heart. You risk losing the impression you have of that person. You risk realizing that it takes a lot of losing to finally find a winner.

Perhaps the secret to diving into a relationship is somewhere in between the two extremes. A person has to be willing to lose or get hurt in order to fully put themselves out there, but they also have to be willing to walk away and accept a loss if that's what luck, and love, throws at them.

Sometimes, we all just have to take chances in life. Love, I think, is one worth taking.

Hope you all have a wonderful and safe week!

mouth teen kicked his mother in the throat, head-butted his brother and punched and bit his father after his mom took away his cell phone to punish him.

Police said his mother took

Leah Borromeo, for instance, was dressed in overalls rolled down to her waist, exposing her bra. Others were carrying toy machine guns. "If I'm guilty of anything, it's impersonating a stripper," said Borromeo.

for seat after lurching forward during an aerobic maneuver and accidentally pulling on the black and yellow emergency handle between his legs. Experts said the man was lucky to escape unharmed following the bizarre incident.

# Chanty readers:

look forward to the article  
Meeting with Meehan  
over the next two issues

## Chicken Scratch

Meehan, the Dr, President Meehan wrote in the Chanticleer?! I feel honored.

It really sucks when you fork out \$1800, for a place you can never get any sleep in. It's only a positive when you can't seem to get out of bed for your 7:30 am class. BUH!

I'm a senior?! Wait...What!!

Someone should consider updating the JSU campus map (<http://www.jsu.edu/campus/>) it still has Abercrombie and Luttrell on it...

Sometimes I pick up the Chanticleer

just for the Chicken Scratch sections!

Pi Kappa Phi repeats fraternity intramural football championship!

Where did Aunt Edna go? I had something to ask her.

92j has way too much dead air. Work on that, and ya'll will be great!!

The BCM Halloween Party was more Fun/Awesome than Southerner's and The Frat's Combined!!!!





# Chicken Scratch



William Ramsey talks on the radio. Sadly, the radio talks back to him. It is a never ending relationship.

Happy 20th Birthday Joy Rob, so glad we share the special day!

I am proud to be a Gamecock and thankful for my BCM family!!! God Bless!

Thanks for bringing papers to Brewer. It shows that yall really listen to the chicken scratch.

So what if Zach is gay!!!! People are just looking for a reason to complain about something.

I love how people have started quoting chicken scratches instead of their favorite movies.

Chicken Scratch would be more controlled if ya'll asked one big question and allowed us to give you different answers... ldk, just an idea. :)

"Surely, you cant be serious."  
"Of Course I'm serious. And don't call me Shirley."

I'm on the building

baman!baman!baman!baman! baman!

My house was sleeping, he didn't here you.

Do you hear carving?

Rap is not music, so get over it. Rap was a word used back in the day. It means "to talk", the hippies used it a lot.

Is this your sandwich?

One is for peanut butter, two is for tuba, three is for my house.

Good Luck with Your Moustaches this Movember!

JSU isn't technology friendly! It has been three months and no Internet in my room!!! Tech Department sucks!!!

We're taking a class 5 rapid down Rosie O'Donnells backside!

Parking deck on campus? Anybody?

I love you and no worries, it will be okay as soon as the semester ends!

FYI, I am standing right behind you...

Have you looked up the Hadron Collider yet????? You better!!!!

How come I hear rap music really loud all night long, but I can't play my horn in my room. Figure that out \*\*\*\* heads.

It's No-Shave November. Get hairy JSU!

If you see me on my bike, why don't you move???

Hey Super Human! I think you and I would make a cute couple! XOXO Dorothy

I second the comments made last week RE lack of interesting classes for EH grad students. We need more choices! This spring will be awful.

If I wanted to read about sex and nudity Id Go buy a Cosmo!

I find it funny that all of the insulting scratches about the SGA stopped just after the election, or maybe the one guy just got tired of submitting it all himself.

Why are the cash to card machines at the library always broken?

Last Week I saw Dr. Meehan walking in the rain... without an umbrella now that's TRUE LEADERSHIP I love that Man!

Everyone clap for your teacher on Friday!

**General Reminder: The Chanticleer will not print obscene, slanderous, or offensive chicken scratches about a person or organization. If you wish to see your scratch posted, be nice. Or at least abide by the rules.**

# Ask Aunt Edna

## What we talk about when we talk about sex.

**by Matt Tyson**  
**Web Editor**

The Aunt Edna column has ruffled some feathers. The blunt discussions about sex have caused people to feel uneasy, embarrassed or offended. Others are giggling like 3rd graders. It's no surprise that this edgy column has brought up a few issues. Sex can be a taboo subject in many situations, one that people don't feel comfortable talking about or having thrown right in their face.

When I decided to pick up this column, I was fully aware of the responsibility I had hoisted onto my shoulders. Writing a column dealing with sex is like walking on thin ice. That's why I'm taking my first step as Aunt Edna and laying my cards on the table. I want to explain what this column is really about and why I chose and will continue to choose to write it. I want to give my audience the guidelines for this article that way before someone writes in with a question or before someone flips to my section in the paper, they know what to expect.

There is a dirty little secret about sex. The secret is: sex isn't so dirty. I think sex is one of the most wonderful things two people can share between one another. However sex is more than a right, it's a responsibility. This is my first reason for writing this article. Sex is everywhere, especially at college. There are still plenty of people who are unaware of the risks involved. No one wants an STD or an unexpected pregnancy.

That's why I'm here, to inform everyone of what's out there and how to keep yourself safe. I can also assure that any answer dealing STDs, pregnancy, risk factors and methods or protection will be backed up by research and medical professionals.

There is more to sex than just keeping yourself safe. With this column I want to cover all aspects of sex. Next to safety I want to help people have a healthy, productive and pleasurable sex life. Everyone wants to know how to please their partner. If there is a problem in the bedroom, people want to fix it. I hope that this column will help people with those issues and enhance their sexual experience with one another.

There are a number of these this column is not. First and foremost, the content will not be perverse or smut. I won't be posting or answering letters to penthouse or anything of the sort. I am not promoting any type of dangerous sexual practices or a promiscuous lifestyle. I will however be blunt and honest in how I approach the topic. I can also promise that each piece of advice will be researched thoroughly.

My goal is simple. I want to help people whether they are married, unmarried, gay, straight or bi sexual have a happy and enjoyable sex life. This column is for everyone and anyone who has a question about sex. I plan to stick by these guidelines and stand by my reasoning for taking on this article. So smooth out those feathers and relax. Aunt Edna is here to help.



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# Get to know Ashley Stovall



**Ashley Stovall**

by **Haley Gregg**  
Sports Editor

A freshman on the Jacksonville State University cross country team has already left her mark. Ashley Stovall earned All-OVC Second-Team honors at the 2009 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships on Halloween at Warner Park, making her the first female to earn All-OVC honors for JSU in cross country.

"This past weekend had to be my favorite moment this year," said Stovall. "My coach was finally happy with me."

Stovall is a native of Douglasville, Ga. She has a brother and sister and they all three share the same birthday, because they are fraternal triplets.

According to Stovall, her first race happened when she was in the third grade. Her school had a program called the Road-

country championship, which happens to be her favorite high school sports memory.

Stovall chose JSU because of the people – we are not called the friendliest campus in the south for no reason. She was also impressed about how well the team got along.

She is majoring in exercise science and wellness with the intentions of becoming a pediatric physical therapist.

She has two superstitions: she always races with her W.W.J.D. bracelet on, and she has to eat exactly two hours before she runs or in her words, "it will be bad," if she doesn't have her bagel and banana.

Stovall enjoys wakeboarding and water skiing in her spare time, as well as going fishing and deer hunting with her dad and playing beach volleyball.

This season is almost over, the last meet will be November 14, at the



JSU junior, Danielle Beneby (2) goes up for a lay-up against Miles College at the exhibition game this past Tuesday. The lady Gamecocks won 76-61. Photo by jsufan.com.

## Football preview for game against SEMO

by **Austin Faulkner**  
Staff Sports Writer

Jacksonville State University football, sophomore corner, A.J. Davis started things off by answering questions about his game against Austin Peay. Inevitably, talk turned to his interception return against the Governors.

"I read the quarterback, saw the ball in the air and had to go get it," said Davis in reference to his 55-yard pick-six.

Then the conversation turned towards the more sobering subject of Jax State's next opponent, the Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

Before JSU Head Coach Jack Crowe began to break down Southeast Missouri's game plan, he pointed out how well the defense had done against the underrated APSU offensive attack,

holding them to only 129 total offensive yards.

After giving the Governors credit for a game well played, Crowe moved forward to this week's match up. According to Crowe, sophomore quarterback, Matt Scheible, is the key to the 'Hawks' offensive attack. Scheible is a quarterback who can stand in the pocket and deliver a pass down field or make a play with his legs. The opposing team's linebackers lead the team in tackles showing that they are capable of making plays all over the field. The Redhawks also have some height at skill positions like tight end (6'7) and wide receiver (6'6). When asked how he would overcome the height difference, Crowe chuckled, glanced over at Davis and said, "The average college athlete has a vertical leap of

twenty-six, twenty-seven inches," giving a knowing smile; Crowe turns towards Davis, "What's your vertical leap, A.J.?"

"Thirty-eight inches," answered Davis.

"That's how we're going to deal with 'em, we're going to out jump 'em." Crowe said, with a broad grin on his face.

According to Crowe, the JSU seniors are leading the team and that the underclassmen, especially the sophomores, are raising expectations. The optimism shown by Crowe is a good sign that the Gamecocks are back on the right track and will continue to improve and impress fans.

Look for the upcoming game to be a close one because the Redhawks have lost by a margin of ten or fewer points in all their losses but one.



they are fraternal triplets. According to Stovall, her first race happened when she was in the third grade. Her school had a program called the Road-runners and the coaches asked her to participate. Reluctantly, she signed up for the race and ended up placing second. It was then that she realized how much she enjoyed running.

She went on to run for Chapel Hill High School and helped them win the 2007 Georgia State cross

in her spare time, as well as going fishing and deer hunting with her dad and playing beach volleyball.

This season is almost over, the last meet will be November 14, at the NCAA Regional in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"We are going for experience and as coach would say to get all-academic," said Stovall.

Next year she looks forward to improving her times and achieve an all conference honor once again. Congrats Ashley!

## Highlights of the week

- JSU women's basketball has three players in double figures en route to a 76 - 61 win over Miles College in exhibition game.

- Lucia Fernandez shot an even-par 144 to claim her first career tournament win for golf at the Pinehurst Fall.

- JSU football quarterback, Ryan Perrilloux, is featured in this week's *Sports Illustrated*, and earned his 5th OVC honor.

- JSU men's golf in 8th place at Carter Plantation.

- JSU football beat Austin Peay 28 - 10

- JSU soccer claims 1 - 0 overtime win over Austin Peay.

- Chelsea Pelletier, sophomore, was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American First-Team All-District Soccer Team.

- Ashley Stovall, David Nilsson and George Kiplagat posted top 10 finishes to lead Jacksonville State at the 2009 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships on Saturday at Warner Park. Nilsson was named First-Team All-OVC and Freshman of the Year laurels. George Kiplagat also ran his way onto the First-Team All-OVC squad. Stovall earn All-OVC Second-Team honors for the JSU women.

- The Jacksonville State volleyball team stormed back for a thrilling 3-2 (18-25, 23-25, 25-18, 30-28, 15-13) win over Tennessee Tech.

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# No pass, no play



The JSU women's soccer team takes part in study hall on the 12th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Photo by Chelsea Pelletier / Special to the Chanticleer

by Chelsea Pelletier  
Special to the Chanticleer

Gone are the days that college athlete's skim through school and receive their diplomas based on physical prowess. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has strict guidelines regarding eligibility that require individuals to succeed not only on the field, but also in the classroom.

"Depending on the classification of a student-athlete, they must meet NCAA required standards, which include degree progression, grade point average requirements, at least six hours passed per semester and a minimum of 18 hours passed per year," said Misty Cassell, director of compliance at Jacksonville State University.

Depending on the number of hours attempted, there is a required minimum cumulative grade point average that must be achieved. For example, if an individual completes up to 32 hours, they must have at least a 1.5 GPA, a "C" average. If an athlete does not meet this standard, they will go on academic warning. After being warned, if the individual fails to meet the minimum, the next steps include suspension and then dismissal, which would deem them ineligible to com-

pete for one calendar year, according to the JSU Student-Athlete Handbook.

With hectic practice and travel schedules, student-athletes must be proactive time managers to see success.

"Academics is essential in the lives of each student-athlete in order for them to perform in the career of life," said JSU women's soccer coach, Julie Davis-Carlson. "They must be able to learn balance and concentration, and value their education as the key that opens the door of opportunity more so than their ability as athlete."

During each sport's primary competition season, team members may miss two full days of class on travel weekends. The athletic handbook outlines the policy on class attendance: "Student-athletes are held responsible for attendance at all class meetings unless excused due to an athletic event. Although absences may be excused, work missed in class is not. It is the student-athletes' responsibility to initiate a request to make up missed class work."

While this attendance policy may seem like a way to avoid tests and due dates, most coaches require that work and tests be turned in before the athlete goes out of town. "It is extremely challenging balancing being

an athlete and a student. We miss so much class and it is hard to make it all up," JSU women's soccer player Katelyn Geddings said.

Fortunately, athletes are not alone in their academic endeavors. There are multiple support systems set in place by the university and athletic department to aid with learning and staying on schedule with work. If an athlete is struggling with a class they can seek tutoring from the academic center of excellence at JSU. When multiple team members need help with the same subject, a tutor can be hired to meet with the group and clarify tough concepts.

In addition, study hall is a great way coaches ensure that their players are allotting enough time to their studies. Freshman attendance at study hall is usually mandated by team policy, while the upperclassmen's cumulative GPA determines their required hours. "Study hall is great, it really helps us catch up on our work when we miss class for away trips," freshman soccer player Julia Binnicker said.

While it may not be as glamorous to spend your free time from training and competition in the library, it has to be done to meet NCAA standards following the adage, "No pass, no play."