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Amber Cannon, Catherine Bates, Ashley Maner and Miranda Garner wait for their food at the B.F. Dawgs fundraiser on Wednesday. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

Hot dawgs

Students chow down at local eatery to raise money for student organizations

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

The Public Relations Organization at Jacksonville State University sponsored a fundraiser at B.F. Dawgs restaurant on Wednesday. The owners of B.F. Dawgs, Alan and Elizabeth Renfroe, said they would donate 10% of Wednesday's sales to the organization.

PRO agreed to the fundraiser with a little catch. "They came up with the idea to split it with another organization," Alan Renfroe said.

PRO members planned to

donate half of the proceeds from the day to the student organization who got the most members to come to B.F. Dawgs for a meal.

As of this writing, the day was still going, but Elizabeth Renfroe said she was pleased with the turnout. "It was very busy during lunch," Elizabeth said. "We worked hard and filled every order. I would definitely call it a success." The winning organization had not been announced by press time. For more on this developing story, visit

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College Democrats host debates on healthcare, student issues

By Matt Tyson
Web Editor

The Jacksonville State University College Democrats are reaching out to students. Starting last Wednesday, the organization began to hold what they call "policy development meetings" with intentions to develop platforms on topics ranging from student and university affairs to the happenings within our federal government.

According to president of the College Democrats, Tim Wyatt, the group will hold open debates on different issues every other Wednesday. After the issue has been debated, members of College Democrats will vote. Any resolutions that are passed will instantly be adopted as the group's position for the given subject.

Wyatt gave a basic format for the meetings. Topics will be presented to the attendants and a movie or documentary will be shown that ties in to the issue. The issue will be discussed, debated and ultimately voted upon in hopes to bring about a stance for the society to take.

Wyatt stressed that these new meetings were not members' only events.

"We are trying to give people an outlet for political angst," he said. "We aren't trying to discredit the Student Government Association. However, the SGA holds debates that don't cover topics that the students necessarily want to hear about."

Wyatt says that the debates are open to anyone, even those who aren't a part of the Democratic Party. He says that they will be exploring issues not only within but also outside of Jacksonville State University, such as matter in the local and

federal governments and issues that are being brought up all over the country.

For Wyatt, these meetings go deeper than simply developing platforms.

"We as a society are losing our ability to debate. The south used to be known for its eloquent speakers. This is a way for people to regain their heritage in public and persuasive speaking."

Another debate was held Wednesday, October 14 in Brewer Hall. The debates will focus on five different topics. They are: the student activities fee, the SGA, the U.S. Health Care system, Alabama politics and student involvement.

Debates will continue as long as the College Democrats still choose to host them. They will be held every Wednesday night at 6 pm in Brewer hall. Drinks and food will be served during the meetings.



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The guy that everybody knows

Student says college experience has helped him build lasting friendships



Brian Sintos prepares a cup of coffee at his job at Jazzman's cafe. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

Yes, he has been in school for some time, but no, he is not Van Wilder.

Brian Sintos, a music major, first came to Jacksonville State University in 2001 to prepare for the 2002 season of Spirit drum and bugle corps. He plays the trumpet.

After high school, Sintos received a scholarship for the University of South Florida in Tampa but chose to come to JSU where he became part of the Marching Southerners until 2007.

While in Middle school Sintos opted out of Health and PE and chose band as an elective instead. That life-changing decision has brought him his 13-year affair with music.

He says that he would like to teach music at a college, yet his ultimate dream is to be a professional performer or commercial trumpet player in one of the major cities.

"I want to be the guy that people

call when they need something done" he says, "I want to be able to say, 'Hey! I can do that.'"

Sintos is aware that it might be a bumpy ride on the rode to becoming a professional, but he believes perseverance and a good plan will lead him right to his goal.

Sintos plans to join the army where he will audition to be in one of the 34 different bands they have. In planning a secure future, he must include stability because of his plans to marry his girlfriend of 5 years, Erin Chupp, in the spring.

In the past, Sintos was part of an SKA band and actually took a break from school to record an album.

The band toured around Florida and had good feedback from their public. Because of the band members' different places in their lives, they decided to pursue other career paths.

His favorite instrumental players are Miles Davies, Clifford Brown and Wynton Marsalis. Yet, it is closer to home where he finds the most inspiration, Dr. Cameron (Chip)

Crotts, former Assistant Professor of Trumpet and Director of the Jazz Studies Program at JSU, had affected Sintos's playing the most. "You have to be very diverse to be a musician" says Sintos, "and he can do anything!"

After nine years at JSU, Sintos is known by a lot of people. Most of his sentences usually start with "I know this guy that..." Which may be where the Van Wilder association comes from.

Sintos says that he likes to meet people to learn from them. "No matter who it is, I start by getting to know them, by being friends with them. I know I can learn something from them. You know? Sometimes you end up with a bad deal but for the most part you learn something good." If he could do it all over again, Sintos said he would come to JSU again because of the relationships developed here.

After all it was Van Wilder who said "life is all about relationships. Write that down."

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QUESTION of the WEEK

Do you support a student activities fee?

No- 76%

Yes - 24%



Next week's question:

Do you support a citywide ban on texting while driving?

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ON Campus

Briefs

WISEFEST 2009 will be at Jacksonville State University on October 15 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

The yearly festival promotes awareness about women's rights issues on both a local and global level. This year's theme is 'How Far Women Have Come' is a celebration of equal rights both socially and economically that women have made possible throughout history, and continue to do so today.

Campus Crime

Monday October 5

- Harassing communications was reported in Fitzpatrick Hall

Tuesday October 6

- Criminal mischief was reported in Stone Center parking lot, stolen was a Gamecock Express sign
- Harassment was reported at Pete Mathews Coliseum

Thursday October 8

- Unlawful breaking and entry of a vehicle was reported in Kenamer Hall. Stolen was a Motorola Adventure cell phone
- Criminal mischief was reported at Crow Hall parking lot.

Monday October 12

- Criminal mischief was reported at Ruby Abbot field
- Duty upon striking an unattended vehicle was reported at Logan Hall parking lot.
- Theft of property was reported at Logan Hall. Stolen was a purse with personal documents and bankcards.

Tuesday October 13

- Burglary was reported at Crow Hall. Stolen was an I-phone.

What's Happening

Picture of the week



Former SGA President David Jennings and his fiance Lindsey Holcombe carved these pumpkins for Halloween. If you would like to submit your photo for "Photo of the week", email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com Photo submitted by David Jennings

Go to thechanticleeronline.com for coverage of these developing stories:

- The SGA hosted an informational meeting on Wednesday night about the proposed student activity fee. Find out what was discussed.
- Which student organization will be splitting the proceeds of PRO's fundraiser? We'll have that information online.

October 16 Faculty Recital to Benefit Legacy Scholarship Fund

From Staff Reports

Members of the faculty of the David L. Walters Department of Music at Jacksonville State University will appear in

Bassoon, performing "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov, and Chris Hosmer, Tuba, performing "The Swan" from Carnival of the Animals by

Wight, Baritone, Dr. Dani Jones, Soprano and Dr. Sam Lussier, Trumpet, with the JSU Jazz Trio.

All members of the University are invited to attend

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What's Happening

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

Send your events to
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Thursday October 15

- WISE FEST 2009, TMB Lawn, 10:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Invisible Children Movie Screening, Wesley Foundation (beside Stephenson gym), 7:00-9:00 pm

Monday October 19

- Classy Acts Talent Showcase 3rd Annual, JSU Roundhouse, 6:00-9:00 pm, Admission: \$5 in Advance/\$7 at the door

Tuesday October 20

- 4th Annual All Black Affair (Attire), Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:00-10:00 pm

Wednesday October 21

- Comedy Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:00-10:00 pm, Admission: \$3

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Members of the faculty of the David L. Walters Department of Music at Jacksonville State University will appear in a Faculty Recital to benefit the Legacy Scholarship fund.

The recital will be presented on Friday, October 16 at 7 pm in Mason Hall Performance Center.

The program will showcase a variety of performers including both instrumentalists and vocalists. A few of those featured will be Mark Brandon, Clarinet, performing "Klezmer Fantasy" by Levowitz, Eryn Oft,

performing "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov, and Chris Hosmer, Tuba, performing "The Swan" from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens.

Continuing the animal theme will be "Diva Cat" composed by Dr. Gail Steward for soprano Teresa Stricklin. Kelly Crotts, Flute, and Greg Robin, Guitar, will perform a tango by Piazzolla and Dr. Wendy Faughn, Piano, will perform a dance from the Davidsbündlertänze by Schumann.

Also included are Dr. Doug Gordon, Trombone, Dr. John Merriman, Trumpet, Dr. Nathan

Wright, Baritone, Dr. Dan Jones, Soprano and Dr. Sam Lussier, Trumpet, with the JSU Jazz Trio.

All members of the University community are invited to attend this concert.

The recital is free; contributions to the Legacy Scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted at any time.

Prior to the recital Mason Hall will be open so that the improvements and renovations completed during the summer months may be viewed. Individual teaching studios and rehearsal areas will be open beginning at 6:30 p.m..

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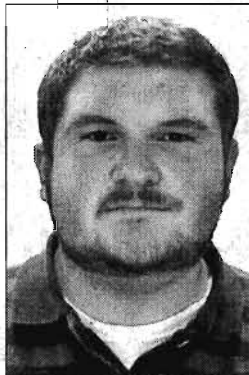


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Marching for equality

My feet hurt.

They hurt because I did a lot of walking this weekend during my trip to Washington, DC. I walked around the national mall, up and down stairs at the Smithsonian and at the Lincoln memorial.

My feet don't just hurt because I walked, My feet also hurt because I marched in the National Equality March.

My partner, David, and I and roughly 200,000 other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people took to the streets of our nation's capital with a simple message for the nation- we demand equality.

We demand to be treated with dignity and respect and to be granted the same rights and responsibilities as straight Americans.

Right now, LGBT Americans in many states, including Alabama, can be fired from their jobs just for being honest about who they are.

LGBT Americans cannot serve openly in the military,

another gay bashing where a young man lies bleeding and dying in a gutter. We're tired of being told our relationships are somehow less valuable than straight ones.

We're tired of watching family after family being legally dissolved because of the will a deceitful campaign misusing religious ideas.

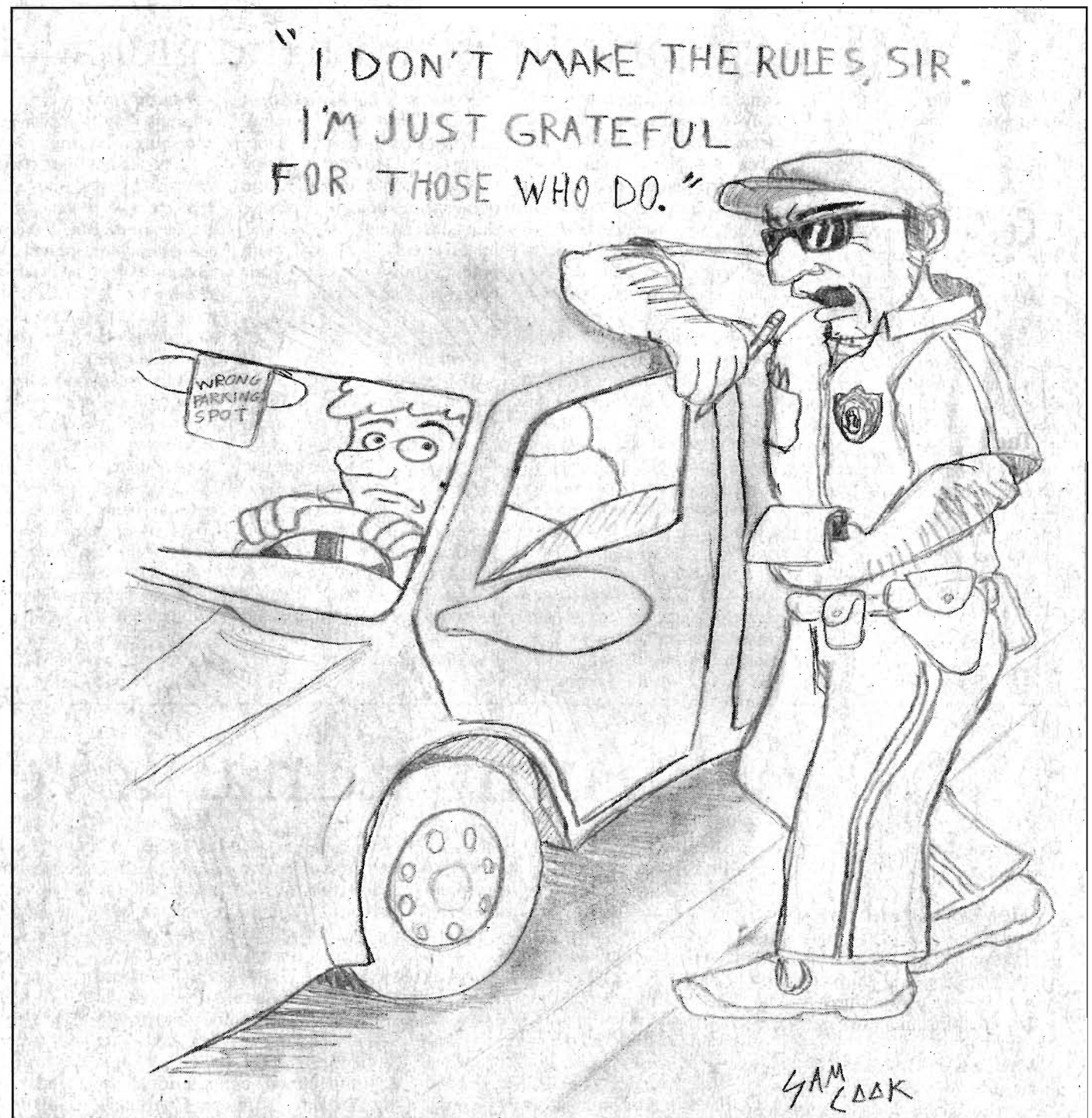
We grow weary of hearing lies told about us from the floors of state legislatures around the country.

We marched because our voices won't stay in our throats any more. They are bursting forth with a mighty yell as we demand equality for all Americans.

We marched on the streets of our nation's capital on National Coming Out Day to stand together as one people and burn down the closet doors once and for all.

We marched for LGBT youth around the country who come out each year to be sentenced to homelessness by religious parents. We marched to bring those kids hope. Hope

Sam Cook, Editorial Cartoonist



Chicken Scratch

HEAVY EFFINNN METAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I really enjoy the comics each week. Great job Sam!!!

JSU thinks I'm going to pay a parking violation for parking in a grassy area that is supposed to be a free-for-all, they are sadly mistaken.

Right now, LGBT Americans in many states, including Alabama, can be fired from their jobs just for being honest about who they are.

LGBT Americans cannot serve openly in the military, nor can we marry the person of our choosing.

Right now, LGBT Americans are second-class citizens. We are denied the right to visit our partners in the hospital because the state doesn't recognize the validity of our relationships.

A gay or lesbian couple could be together for decades, but the federal government still calls them legal strangers.

In some states, such as Florida, being gay means you can't adopt children.

That it's 2009 and the people of the United States still allow such a miscarriage of justice to continue is a travesty.

While President Obama has continually promised to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell as well as the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, the LGBT community is still waiting to see action from the administration or even a suggestion as to when those promises will be fulfilled.

We've grown tired of waiting for full equality.

We marched because we're tired of hearing empty promises from the man we helped put in the White House.

We're tired of hearing about another lesbian who wasn't allowed to see her partner as she lay dying, alone, in a hospital. We're tired of hearing about yet

We marched for LGBT youth around the country who come out each year to be sentenced to homelessness by religious parents. We marched to bring those kids hope. Hope that one day they may come out and not be persecuted for who they are.

In 1978, San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to public office in California, was assassinated along with Mayor George Moscone by Dan White, a former supervisor.

A few months before, Harvey sat down with a tape recorder to dictate his thoughts in case he was killed. On this tape, he told a story about receiving a phone call from a young gay man in Altoona, Pennsylvania who had just heard of Milk's election in California. The young man thanked Milk for giving him hope.

Milk's eerie words echoed in my mind as we marched toward the White House this weekend. "It's not about personal gain, not about ego, not about power - it's about giving those young people out there in Altoona, Pennsylvania's hope," Milk said. "You gotta give them hope."

We marched for those young people.

We marched for Harvey. We marched for hope.

My feet hurt, but I've never been more proud of my bruises than I am today.

HEAVY EFFINNN METAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I really enjoy the comics each week. Great job Sam!!!

While they're painting Sparkman, why not go ahead and paint little faux brick designs so it'll blend in with the rest of the campus.

Expect within the next twenty years for Alabama or Auburn to absorb JSU.

FYI - If the automatic flush doesn't work after you use the toilet in Merrill, push the small black button on the back of the commode. We are tired of having to flush after people. Use some courtesy and common sense. That's just nasty.

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Dammit Jim, I'm a doctor not a journalist!

What's a ZJ?

JSU + No Fall Break = :(

Who else is getting fat playing Monopoly at McD's?!

All your base are belong to us!

Ryan Perilloux is putting up better numbers than my fantasy quarterback.

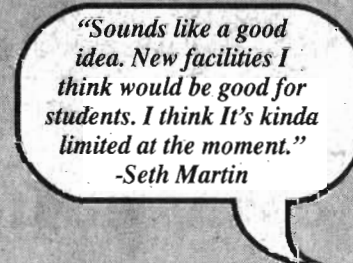
How do you feel about a student activities fee?



"I think its a good idea. I guess it would bring in more activities for us to do." - Emily Ridgeway



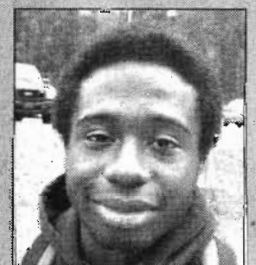
"The truth of the matter is, that most students either have x-box live or some other means to entertain themselves. We do not require this new student activities fee for that reason" -Logan Snider



"Sounds like a good idea. New facilities I think would be good for students. I think It's kinda limited at the moment." -Seth Martin



"I don't like it. Because It'll add to my tuition and then I won't benefit from it, 'cause I do any of those school activities." -Xavier King



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Arts & Entertainment

Dear Julie: Horseshoes and hand grenades

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

Dear Julie,

I know it's wrong, but I find it hard to be faithful. I have had a boyfriend for almost 2 years, and I have not cheated on him yet, but have been very tempted throughout our relationship. He is very trusting, which is a good quality, but I sometimes feel like if he was more suspicious or jealous, I wouldn't get the urge to cheat on him. I feel awful about having these thoughts, and I am scared that one day I won't be able to keep from cheating on him. I love him, but maybe I should leave him before I hurt him. What would you do?

--Almost Doesn't Count?

Almost Doesn't Count,

Your honesty is quite remarkable; it takes a lot to

come out and express how you truly feel. However, the key word in this situation is *you*. Even though a relationship takes two people, each person must be committed to making it work. So...it really shouldn't make a difference if you're boyfriend is trusting or not. Although, be so grateful that he is! So many problems in relationships come from jealousy and feeling smothered. Analyze your feelings. Have you ever felt this way before in past relationships? Or, if this is your first, do you feel that you would rather be single than in a relationship? Even though you haven't physically cheated on him yet, you know you're walking a thin line. Don't hurt him because you weren't honest with him. Now is the time to voice your feelings and figure out what is best for both of you. The way you that you feel is not wrong, because at

least you're being honest about the emotions you're feeling and trying to do the right thing. But, you need to figure out how to solve your dilemma before you end up doing the wrong thing, and I think that includes honesty and a long talk with both yourself...and your boyfriend. Good luck!

Dear Julie,

My girlfriend wants to get breast implants, but I don't want her to. I feel pressure from her to say that I'm pumped for it...but honestly, I like her just the way she is. I thought these roles were supposed to be reversed. I don't want to tell her that I don't want her to get it, because then she'll think I'm telling her what to do. Should I just keep my mouth shut about it?

--Natural Is Nice.

Natural Is Nice,

I must say, your insight is refreshing. Natural is nice! Whether or not your girlfriend decides to get the surgery done or not is, as you said, her business. But, I think you can make your opinion known without flat out saying that she shouldn't do it. Tell her that you think she is beautiful the way she is and that you wouldn't change a thing. Sometimes, we have to support the people we care about in decisions that we wouldn't necessarily make or approve of. It gets a little rough, but in the end it can often bring couples closer together, because being able to accept your significant other even when you don't understand their perspective, requires a large amount of understanding and patience. Just remember to be considerate of her feelings, but don't go crazy holding yours in. Good luck!

Chicken Scratch

just won a FREE Pizza from 92J - WOW Free food for broke college students

HELLLLO JSU!

Why was the chapel locked and dark twelve minutes after Sunday?

Its sooo unfair for the police to issue tickets for making a left coming from the Merrill parking lot. EVERYONE DOES IT!!!

Why is it that the JSU Faculty/ Staff decals can be found in any parking lot even if it is clearly marked for another color.

RIP- Lou Albano

I hate rabbits. I want to grab one by the ears and chunk it (Ed. Note: Who the devil hates rabbits???)

Whoever the Natalie chick that does Women On Top on Friday nights@ 7 on 92J sounds hot, and plays good music. How do I get the hook-up?

If at first you don't succeed, keep sucking until you do suck seed.

Cocky hit on me last week at the game. Ohhh Yeah

Sometimes I hear "You may cross Pelham Street" in my sleep!

Ask Aunt Edna: love yourself

By Patrick Clines
Columnist

Yes, dildos and vibrators, commonly known to previous generations as marital aids, are still banned from public sale. I guess some men in power have issues with something marketed as Kong sized.

What bothers, or confuses, me is that it's not illegal to possess or use sex toys, i.e. dildos, vibrators, masturbation sleeves, etc., but that it's illegal to sell them.

It's not illegal to have them, just illegal to sell them.

It's not... illegal to have them... just illegal to sell them.

According to Wikipedia, a source treasured by our History Department, dildos have been around since the Upper Paleolithic,

about 40,000 to 10,000 years ago. Before we had marriage, we had marital aids. Before organized agriculture, there were dildos. Big stone carved ones, and sometimes made of fine woods, like a 15th century model from China that was ribbed for his/her pleasure. Now most dildos are made from silicone (thanks Frederick Kipping).

The case began in 1998 when State Senator Tom Butler teamed up with Alabama Attorney General Troy King and a Baptist preacher named Dan Ireland, to put a ban on one of Alabama's favorite past times: nude dancing. It just seems like the more of Alabama's elected officials try to dictate bedroom activities from their glass closets, the longer they keep us (their salary givers) in a morality bubble at which the rest of the nation gets to poke for fun. The law on sex toys

is voiced as a morality issue. It's not immoral to use a faux phallus, as long as you don't buy or sell it in our state. You can purchase such phallic devices, as long as you sign a consent form stating its use as "medical." I don't know what kind of medical condition you might suffer from, but it ain't diabetes.

The issue resurfaced in September 2009 when it was again declared constitutional by the Alabama Supreme Court in a case brought up by Ross Winner, owner of a Hoover location of the chain Love Stuff. Winner stated in a September 13th interview: "we feel a person should have the ability to come in and purchase a sexual device with out having to have a reason."

Shouldn't an adult have the freedom of purchasing a sex toy without having to lie about its

intended use? Wouldn't a public morality law be more logical to prevent lying than preventing masturbation. And what about a woman's right to have sex without a man, what sort of feminist arguments should be made here?

What the law logically does is keep sex toys out of the hands of people who want to use them. I wouldn't go to a store and pick out something named after a Steven Seagal movie, but why is there a law saying that I can't. I don't know of any woman within my circle of friends that doesn't have a battery powered boyfriend on standby, tucked neatly in a drawer behind the granny panties; but, to make it illegal to obtain such items implies that we're just out of control sex-drunk citizens, using Fleshlights and Jackrabbits on our front lawns. It makes more

sense to ban the sale of high-grade weapons used in mass shootings than to ban vibrators. What do they want us to do, go out and have sex with vegetables hot glued to stand mixers... come on Alabama. Get it together. Masturbation is far healthier than the desperate moans of two lonely strangers looking for sexual relief in the personals section of Craigslist.

The Alabama Anti-Obsecenity Enforcement Act (you can get access too all this information if you google it) prohibits "the commercial distribution of any device designed or marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs for anything of pecuniary (monetary) value." I assume that my Aunt Vera who sells zucchini down at the farmers market to be equated with a drug pusher.

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Gamecocks raced past Murray State with 41-7 win

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Writer

The Gamecocks continued their winning streak this past Saturday by dominating conference foe Murray State. On the road again, the 'Cocks showed they are a serious conference contender as they won their fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference contest this season.

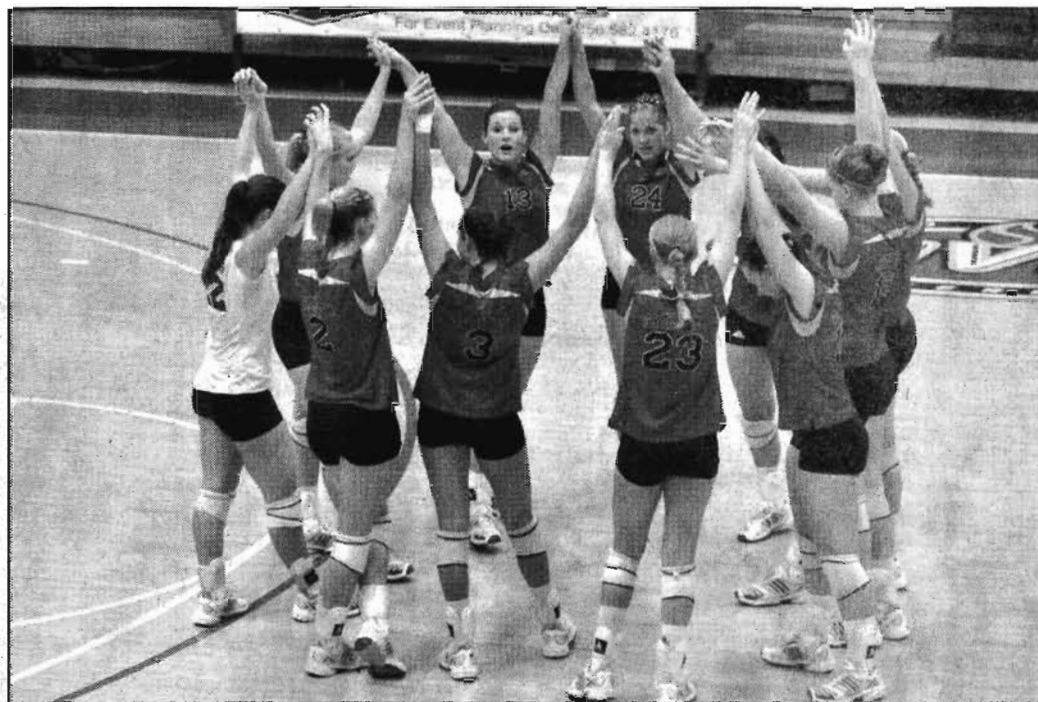
The game started slow with JSU only scoring once in the first quarter but keeping the Racers' offense at bay, thwarting their efforts to get into the end zone on two drives. The pace picked up in the second quarter as JSU buffered their lead to 28-0 margin before the half. Two of those touchdowns coming off of interceptions made by defensive backs Josh

Cain (senior) and T.J. Heath (junior) ending Murray drives and allowing the Gamecock offense to take the field.

At the start of the second half, Murray kept JSU out of the end zone, snapping a streak of 14 consecutive quarters that JSU had put points on the board. The favor was returned, seeing as the Racers were held scoreless. Jacksonville's first drive in the fourth quarter ended the drought and put seven more points on the board. The ensuing Racers' drive ended in disappointment as T.J. Heath, once again, ended Murray's quarterback, Nico Yantko's hopes of a score. The drive that followed put Jax State's final points on the board, making the score 41-0. The Murray offensive unit ended all hopes of JSU's first shut out of

the season by scoring a touchdown with 1:23 left on the clock. As the fat lady sang, the scoreboard shone the final score 41-7, leaving a bitter taste in the home crowd's mouth.

The Gamecocks tenacity, as of late, comes from the fact that they will be excluded from postseason play. They wish to make a statement in the polls, proving they are one of the best teams in Division I-AA. With the defense playing strong every game and the offense running the ball down the throat of opponents and stretching the field with passes, the 'Cocks jumped to number 13 in the FCS polls. With two weeks to prepare, the Gamecocks should be ready to face conference foe Eastern Illinois for homecoming.



JSU volleyball celebrating after the win against SEMO earlier this year. Photo by JSUfan.com

JSU volleyball 9-0 in conference

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State University volleyball team claimed its 10th straight victory over Eastern Illinois this past Saturday.

The Gamecocks are 9-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 16-5 for the season.

"Being 9-0 at this point in the season is huge, especially since we've talked about how we haven't played our best volleyball," said JSU head coach Rick Nold.

The Gamecocks will host Morehead State this Friday at 7p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum, so be sure to come out and support the team.

Chicken Scratch

I'm lovin' life and you should too! God is Good!!

I wanna big piece of Chocolate cake and a tall glass of milk - well i want a fudge round and a coke.

To the student workers, faculty and staff of Stephenson Hall...I love every single one of ya'!!!

If the SS, I mean JSU thinks I'm going to pay a parking violation for parking in a grassy area that is supposed to be a free-for-all, they are sadly mistaken.

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JSU rugby team playing a match earlier this year. Photo provided by Chris Foshee

JSU rugby second annual Ruck for the Cure

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Rugby players in pink socks are not a sight that most would ever think to behold. Rugby players wearing pink socks in order to show their support for those who have survived and those who are still fighting breast cancer, however, is beautiful thing.

Jacksonville State

second annual Ruck for the Cure Tournament at home on October 17 starting at 11 a.m.

The tournament is free, however, the team will be asking for donations at the front gate. All proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer Research Center of Alabama in Birmingham.

"We're really excited about having the tournament," said Chris Foshee,

director. "It's our second tournament, and last year's was very successful. We have more to build on now."

JSU will have to defend last year's championship trophy against Mississippi State University, Lee University and Auburn University.

"Last year we won the tournament, and we would like nothing more than to have the

Foshee said. "Most importantly, our goal is to raise more money than ever before."

For more information, call Chris Foshee at 256-452-9539 or Mike Trowse, team coach, and a member of the Tournament Committee, at 256-655-2700. Visit www.jsurugby.com for team updates and tournament information.



Ashley Cox

Get to know Ashley Cox

Ashley Cox is a senior golfer at Jacksonville State University. Her career average score at JSU is 78.29. If you are like I was before Ashley explained it, you have no clue what that means. Par in golf is 72, so the closer one gets to that number the better. In layman's terms, par is equal to the number of tries you have to get the ball into the hole.

Cox is a native to Alabama, graduating from Oxford High School in 2006.

Haley: How did you get involved in golf?

Ashley: When I was 12 my cousin (Marcus Harrell a senior golfer at JSU), my dad and my uncles all played, and I was a tomboy and wanted to play because I didn't want to feel left out.

H: Who did you look up to while growing up in terms of golf and

any improvement, and its all on you, you have to handle everything – you put a loss off on your teammates.

H: Why did you choose to come to JSU?

A: I knew I didn't want to go anywhere out of state, so I applied to school a few schools here. I really liked JSU because it was close to home and they had a really good golf program.

H: What's your favorite memory while playing for JSU?

A: The first time I shot under par in college, which was at the Troy Invitational my freshman year. I shot 71.

H: Your most embarrassing moment while playing golf?

A: It actually happened the other day, I was fixing to swing my club and this wasp or yellow jacket comes up and stings me on the

support for those who have survived and those who are still fighting breast cancer, however, is beautiful thing.

Jacksonville State University's Rugby Team is hosting its

Breast Cancer Research Center of Alabama in Birmingham.

"We're really excited about having the tournament," said Chris Foshee, communications manager and tournament

State University, Lee University and Auburn University.

"Last year we won the tournament, and we would like nothing more but than to keep the trophy in Jacksonville,"

Tournament Committee, at 256-655-2700. Visit www.jsurugby.com for team updates and tournament information.

International athletes bring diversity

by **Haley Gregg**
Sports Editor

Diversity is a key component in our student body, as well as in our athletic department here at Jacksonville State University. According to Misty Cassell, the assistant athletic director at JSU, we have 31 international student athletes. The question is how do we get athletes from places like the United Kingdom to come to our little town of Jacksonville, Ala.?

A question, if brought up, that most ponder.

"Everyone wants to come to America because we are the only country that has a college system and an athletic system like this (as in full paid college scholarships based on one's athletic ability),"

said JSU assistant golf coach, Brad Fleetwood.

The athletes who have hopes to play in the states generally sign up with recruiting services that are responsible for marketing the players to coaches across America. These recruiting services build player profiles full of statistics and other information useful to coaches. The profiles are then posted online or sent to coaches directly through email.

"I knew I wanted to come to the states on a golf scholarship so I employed an agent from Pro Dream USA and, through an interview process with me, he built up a profile to send to coaches," said Laura Cutler, a JSU junior golfer from Essex, England. "I looked for golf scholarships at home but there was

nothing that would really help me, JSU is the perfect situation because all it cost me is my flights home and casual spending money."

According to Fleetwood, College Prospects of America and First Points are international recruiting services that they use frequently when in search of new golf team members.

Golf, Track and Field, Tennis and Soccer are the most popular sports for international athletes.

The JSU men's golf team has a total of 11 players, five of them are American while the other six come from Spain, Scotland, two from Argentina and two from England. The women's team has a total of five players, one hailing from Oxford, Ala., two from Argentina and the

last two coming from England and Mexico.

The men and women's cross country teams have players from Romania, Kenya and Sweden. The tennis teams have athletes from Brazil, Australia, Norway and South Africa. Soccer has two team members from Canada and men's basketball has one from Senegal.

International athletes are required to meet the same standards as American student athletes set by the National College Athletics Association. They have to be cleared through the NCAA Eligibility Center, also known as the Clearinghouse.

"We get good, talented kids that just want to play golf," said Fleetwood. "There not hung up on the size of the schools."

wanted to play because I didn't want to feel left out.

H: Who did you look up to while growing up in terms of golf and personal life?

A: My mom, she's just always been my role model. She always guides me in the right direction whether it is with golf, school or just life in general.

H: Who is your favorite golfer(s)?

A: I really like Phil Mickelson and Christina Kim.

H: Favorite sports memory in high school?

A: Winning the state championship my junior year in 2005, but it was bittersweet because I didn't get to play in the actual tournament. The state tournament is separated between guys and girls and I had to play by myself since I was on the only girl on the team.

H: What does golf mean to you?

A: Golf is my life. I'm more of a determined and focused person because of golf. I set goals and I achieve those goals, because with golf that's all it is you have to be very determined to get better. You have to work really hard to see

A: It actually happened the other day, I was fixing to swing my club and this wasp or yellow jacket comes up and stings me on the back of my upper leg. I was about to hit the ball with my driver when it stings me and I scream and let go of the driver and it flew right past my teammate, Laura's head and goes about 100 yards down the golf course. Of course, everyone at the driving range saw it, and then to top it off they all saw me crying.

H: Favorite place you have played golf at?

A: In Las Vegas at the Primm Valley Golf Resort.

H: Any Superstitions?

A: Yes, I mark my ball different ball markers, depending on how I'm doing and before every shot I have to undo the Velcro of my glove and put it back on.

H: Any hidden talents?

A: I do play the piano

H: What is your major?

A: Public Relations and I am minoring in English

H: Future goals?

A: To play golf professionally after I graduate.

Highlights of the week

- Sophomore volleyball player, Lauren Harkins, has been named the OVC Defensive Player of the Week.

- David Nilsson was named the OVC Male Runner of the Week the third time this year for cross country.

- Jax State football is now ranked No. 12 in *The Sports Network* Poll after moving up six spots to tie for its highest ranking since Oct. 18, 2004. The Gamecocks moved up to No. 13 in the FCS Coaches Poll, their highest-ever ranking in the FCS Poll.

- JSU football raced past Murray State with a 41-7 win.

- Ashley Stovall, Veronica Citireag, David Nilsson and George Kiplagat grabbed top 10 finishes for cross country at the JSU Foothills Invitational. JSU women placed second following Emory University with 64 points.

- JSU volleyball claimed their 10th straight win (3-1) over Eastern Illinois on October 10th. They also swept Southeast Missouri on October 9th.

Support the Gamecocks at home

10/16 – JSU Volleyball vs. Morehead State
– 7p.m.

10/17 – JSU Volleyball vs. Eastern Kentucky – 2p.m.