Administration says no more Bonus Bucks for students

By Zach Childree

Students who were expecting to see Bonus Bucks, the funds usually credited on student IDs per credit hour, are in for a surprise this year. According to Joe Whitmore, director of Jacksonville State University’s Institutional Support Services, the funds won’t be added to student IDs this year. “This was published in the spring that the bonus dollar program would be eliminated with the new meal plan that was implemented this fall,” Whitmore said. “We were trying to keep the cost of the meal plan down as low as possible.”

Whitmore said that having the Bonus Bucks added this year would have driven the cost up for those students who purchased meal plans.

President of the Student Government Association, Bryant Whaley, said he knows the idea won’t be popular with students, but it’s better than the alternative. “I realize students don’t like the Bonus Bucks being gone,” Whaley said. “But that is better than having to lay off faculty or increase class room sizes.”

Whaley said the Bonus Bucks were a luxury the school couldn’t afford with the 8% cut in the budget last year followed by an 11% cut this year.

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Student Government to host a vote on activities fee for new facility

By Doran Smith

The Student Government Association will host a vote for a new student activity fee on October 22. The vote will take place along with J-Day and the vote for the top five homecoming queen candidates.

The SGA is holding the vote in order to see if students desire a new recreational facility and whether or not they are willing to pay for it. The proposed student activities fee will be a $100 fee for the fall and spring semester, possibly starting during the 2010-2011 school year. Exactly 50% of the fee would be piggy-banked for a recreational facility based on students’ desires.

“Dr. Timothy King, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, has a design for a new recreational facility,” said SGA President Bryant Whaley. “However, he is open to additions and modifications as students bring him new ideas.”

The idea of another increase in price has some students on edge. That is one of the reasons why the fee must be voted on by the students, Whaley says, it must have their support.

“Students will be able to dictate where the money goes,” said Whaley, “I don’t want to give off the feeling that we are in control of what to do with their money.”

Just how will the money be spent, though?

If the fee is passed in its current form, 32% of funding will augment the budget of the Office of Student Life. Whaley states that this will help the office to schedule concerts, speakers, and events that the student body will enjoy. Whaley also promised an increase in Student Senate allocations to student organizations.

“Students are more receptive to the idea of a fee when they attend a concert or when their group receives an allocation allowing them to attend a conference in Destin or Mobile,” said Whaley.

Another 15% is allocated to the Office of Student Affairs. According to Whaley, this money will help the Academic Center for Excellence, Disability Support Services, Career Services, and the Academic Support Center.

“I think this will help the student body make their situation better,” Whaley said. “It will help them to pay their way.”

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Claeren, Drama Department founding member, to leave after 35 years

By Fran Popovic

The Jacksonville State University Drama Department has been a strong and influential part of the university for many years. Those who stuck by the department through thick and thin made possible the success the department has today. Dr. Wayne Claeren (Doc) is one of those drama veterans. Unfortunately, however, he has decided to retire once the school year is at an end.

Teaching is not the only thing Claeren has done during his career. Prior to teaching at JSU he was an actor at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his degrees, undergraduate as well as Ph.D. "I did some acting at Pittsburgh and I was taking some classes on the side," said Claeren. "Before I knew it, I had only a couple of classes left to graduate."

Claeren has been a teacher, playwright, and director at the Drama Department for 35 years. When he first started at JSU, the department was a work in progress to say the least. "When I first started, there were about two professors in the department and only a handful of students," said Claeren. "We had to move all around Jacksonville, Anniston and Gadsden just to have a place to practice."

The one most responsible for the department's success is Carlton Ward, according to Dr. Claeren. Ward's collaboration with surrounding theatres, as well as the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, resulted in an increase of funding and thus growth of the department according to Claeren.

The first play ever to be performed at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center was "Cyrano de Bergerac" in 1980. Claeren was its director.

When asked which production was the most memorable for Claeren, he chose a show called "V for Victory."

"I may be somewhat biased by choosing that one since I wrote and directed it," said Claeren, "but that is the first play that came to mind."

"The play was written in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Second World War and was set in that time frame. It brought back memories from the war to those that were old enough to remember it. To those that couldn't, it gave an insight to the way of life during those troubling times," said Claeren.

Besides teaching and directing plays, Claeren enjoys the occasional game of tennis. In fact, that is one of the reasons why he chose to live and work in Jacksonville. "The weather here is nice enough through the year, so that I can play much more tennis than I could up north," said Claeren.

Claeren announced his end-of-the-year retirement in order to focus on his playwriting and perhaps to travel for a while. "I love it here, but I think it's about time to let in some new blood," said Claeren. "I want to focus on writing, and perhaps travel if time allows."

With 35 years at JSU, Claeren deserves nothing but words of praise for his accomplishments. His devotion to his work and the Drama Department is a great inspiration to all students and professors alike. Retirement marks a new age in Claeren's career, and hopefully it will be as inspiring and fruitful as the entirety of his career has been thus far.

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QUESTION of the WEEK

What do you think of the job the SGA is doing this year?

I think they are doing a bad job - 50%

Eh...so so. Mediocre - 42%

I think they are doing a good job - 8%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.
ON Campus

Briefs
There will be two interest meetings in October for the Miss JSU Pageant. The meetings will be on Wednesday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 20. Both meetings will be at 6 p.m. in Room 302 of the Theron Montgomery Building.

For more information call ext. 5265 or e-mail mrussell@jsu.edu.

Campus Crime

Monday September 28
- Theft of property was reported at McGee Hall. Stolen were a physical chemistry book and a physics book.

Tuesday September 30
- Theft of property was reported at Pannell Apartments. Stolen was a 14-carat gold tennis racquet ring with a ¼-carat diamond.
- Domestic violence and criminal mischief were reported in Jax Apartments. Stolen was a Sonny Erickson flip phone.

Saturday October 3
- Theft of property was reported in 212 Daugette Hall. Stolen were a 10-carat gold cobra ring and a 10-carat gold Jesus face diamond ring.

What's Happening
Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized? Send your events to The Chanticleer!

Activities: SGA want students to have final say in funds
Services, the University Police Department. After the new facility takes 50% of the fee's income, the remaining 3% will help improve the distance education at JSU.

Once the facility is completed, 2% of the funding will be allocated to the facility for salaries and upkeep. The remaining 48% will be saved for construction of other needed facilities.

“This is not going to benefit athletics or pay for the stadium in any way,” said Whaley. “We could later use this fee for a parking deck or other things to satisfy the growth of the university; whatever the students want.”

The SGA is also taking into consideration how many students vote in October. That is why students now vote online on their MyJSU accounts. “We don’t want the opinions of 200 people dictating what 10,000 have to do,” said Whaley. “With online voting, we hope that more students will participate.”

As always, students are encouraged to express their views to the SGA members. The Office of Student Life and the SGA executive offices are located on the top floor of the Theron Montgomery Building.

Race for homecoming royalty begins

By Alison Nichols
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, crowds filed into the Leon Cole Auditorium for the 2009 Homecoming Pageant. Student Government Association President Bryant Whaley and Vice President of Student Activities Jacoby Parks greeted students and families at the door with a program of the night’s activities.

The evening began by introducing the 5 male participants in the running for king. After applause from the audience, the 23 ladies in the running for top ten came out on the floor. The evening continued with question and talent portions.

“I feel I should be the homecoming top ten because I’m really involved in my campus. I love JSU. I believe I would reflect JSU in a good light,” said Reece, a junior majoring in elementary education.

After every lady had a chance to answer a question and strut her stuff on the catwalk, it was the guys’ turn. Contestant #26, Andy Parris, was asked what one thing about himself he would change if given the opportunity and why.

“I wouldn’t change anything,” said Parris, a junior majoring in pre-health professional biology.

Once the question portion of the competition had ended, the vote counting began. After some time, the top ten was announced. After all the announcements had been made, the coronation of the homecoming king and queen was brought to a close.

Gamecock fans show off their school spirit at the first JSU home game of the season last Saturday. If you would like to submit your photo for “Photo of the week”, email it to chantyeditor@gmail.com

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Thursday October 8

- Mental Health Awareness Program, TMB Auditorium 6:00-8:00 pm
- Storytelling Workshop, JSU Continuing Education at McClellan 6:00-7:30 pm

Saturday October 10

- JSU v. Murray State University, Murray, KY, 3:00 pm
- Foothills Invitational Cross Country Meet, Oxford Lake, 10:00 am -11:30 am

Tuesday October 13

- Traffic Court, TMB Auditorium, 4:00 pm
- Mixer, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:00 pm. Admission: $1 w/ can good, $2 without.

Wednesday October 14

- Blood Drive, TMB Auditorium, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Katrina victims still need help

By Kate Larrabee

More than four years have passed since disastrous Hurricane Katrina ripped through New Orleans, and the images of demolished buildings and homeless families have faded from our memories. But the nightmares are still a reality for the more than 14,000 families in New Orleans still living off Disaster Housing Assistance Program vouchers and the countless internally displaced persons.

Unfortunately for those 14,000 families, the DHAP vouchers expire this month. According to Amnesty International, the government estimates that about half of those families could be eligible for Housing Choice Vouchers, allowing them to live in Section 8 housing. But what options remain for the families who do not qualify for Section 8 housing?

"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services," according to Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If more than 7,000 families lose their homes, the United States would be failing to uphold this clause.

Now is not the time to place disaster relief in New Orleans on the back burner, but it seems that many Americans have pushed it to the back of their minds and consider it old news.

"I think it's definitely not on everyone's minds anymore just because the shock value is gone now," Hannah Nusz, co-director of the Alternative Breaks program, said.

The program directors have decided to send a group of students to help clean up and build housing in New Orleans this winter break.

Alternative Breaks has gone to New Orleans in the past but had no programs there last year. This year, Nusz said the program felt as if something was missing.

"When you're rebuilding communities, rebuilding homes and peoples' lives, that takes time," Nusz said. "It's definitely not something that just happens in a few months."

Nusz is completely right. The current quagmire that will leave many Katrina victims without housing is proof that reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in New Orleans are not yet finished.

If only there were other forms of assistance that victims could turn to when federal aid runs out. Groups such as the American Red Cross, Oxfam America, Louisiana Disaster Recovery, and the NAACP Disaster Fund have helped since the hurricane hit. At least one of these organizations, Louisiana Disaster Recovery, is still offering support, but the thousands of families who risk losing their homes at the end of this month need a larger relief effort.

Alternative Breaks does more than assist Katrina victims; it also provides a new perspective for the students involved. If more organizations still showed the interest Alternative Breaks is investing in the problem, New Orleans could make great strides forward.

After JSU set up a brand new coffee store at the Houston Cole Library, things are getting more lively than ever before.

Chicken Scratch

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?

You're missing the bigger picture here: I DON'T CARE

Hey Haley... it's sooo good.

I love how students are always complaining about how no one rides the buses. The things are often packed between classes.

Kickin' the tires and lightin' the fires, big daddy!

Where are the book reviews?

RR should pose shirtless for Aunt Edna more!

Who would win in a fight, Batman or Hawkman?
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Family Guy's episode this week was a little offensive to Jews
Not Da MAMA!
Oh Baybuh, You're so weird!

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Glenn Beck makes me mourn for humanity.
Dr. T! you ROCK
Is a bromance REALLY just a romance?

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See, what had happened was...
I'm getting tired of the random pieces of cars on the road in front of Winn Place III. Clean it up drivers.

What do you think of the job the SGA has been doing this year?

"I think they're doing a lot better job then last year's administration"
- James Burton

"Sometimes I see the SGA take over activities of other organizations, that they don't have any association with"
- Juan Molina

"I don't think many people know what they do or know of them, and at least try and work up a more reputable name"
- Jesus Rosendo

"I really don't know. I never hear about anything they ever do"
- John "Gravy" Nicholson

They're doing a good job.
- Jesse Hall

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Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

A chilly nip has definitely been in the air. My flip-flops and thin t-shirts just won't cut it for much longer. With the changing of the seasons also comes a change with the way relationships are viewed.

The media has always played up the “summer fling” as the favored relationship during warm weather, a relationship that is all about having fun and nothing serious. As many movies and shows suggest, at the end of the summer, along with the death of the endless hours of sunshine each day, the summer fling will disappear, too.

When it comes to the holidays, though, it seems people scramble to find someone, anyone, to occupy that hole that the summer fling leaves. Someone to cuddle with in haunted houses, visit with during Thanksgiving, exchange gifts with at Christmas, to smooth on as soon as the clock strikes twelve as January 1st rolls around and of course; the biggest one of all; someone to call their Valentine.

It may all sound a little cheesy and unrealistic, but so often I’ve heard my girlfriends moan and groan about being alone during the holidays, exchange of all; someone to call their Valentine, cuddle with in haunted houses, visit with during Thanksgiving, exchange gifts with at Christmas, to smooth on as soon as the clock strikes twelve as January 1st rolls around and of course; the biggest one of all; someone to call their Valentine.

The changing of the seasons means that we have to be the romantic kind to make a difference.

So if you’re single, don’t sweat it. And if you’re in a relationship, don’t place a ton of weight on your significant other to keep you happy. To get through the colder months, any time of year, you don’t need a boyfriend or girlfriend. Instead, approve of yourself. Acknowledge the importance of your own existence in the world. Recognize how warm you can feel by being independent and not needing to be in a relationship.

Being able to appreciate and love yourself is the most important thing you can do to make your relationships better. It’s true for an exceptionally small portion of real people, it simply is not enough to make a real relationship work. Relationships, either with sex or without sex, require many parts to evolve into fulfillment and happiness.

I have read about two types of relationships: active and passive. Active relationships require a good bit of work, which is more fulfilling and rewarding for long term happiness. Passive relationships have an ill-conceived foundation in romance and fairy tales. When, to hear to get them, Lying is almost never prohibited.

Why would you lie to your partner just to get laid? Don’t tell them that they are the one, knowing they aren’t, just to take the boat into the tuna town. You also shouldn’t lie to yourself; far too often I see women put up with serious assclowns or get sexually intimate with a man just to get him to stick around because they’re afraid they’re going to end up alone.

While this is generalizing women, it’s true for a good number of men, too. I’ve had a few male friends that seem to always end up telling their current significant other anything they need to hear to get them into that wedding dress with hopes of living happily ever after.

Marriage and sex are a big deal.

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We live in a Romance culture. Date movies, chick flicks, fairy tales, and a sundry of misinformation have tricked us into thinking that two people fall in love, maybe encounter an evil witch, and then live happily ever after. While this is true for an exceptionally small portion of real people, it simply is not enough to make a real relationship work. Relationships, either with sex or without sex, require many parts to evolve into fulfillment and happiness.

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Sodon't go into hibernation if you're single. And don't get too clingy if you're in a relationship. Being able to share your time and energy with another starts with first being happy with the person you are.

And hey, there's no rule saying you can't have a winter fling.

I have a man crush on Ryan Perrilloux (Don't we all? - ed.)

DORAN! Call your fiancé.

I'm so glad people quit commenting on the Parks article. Talk about beating a dead horse...

Is it just me, or does Sparkman look like a mental institution?

I'm Batman (No, I'm Batman. -ed.)

Remember Swayze.

OMG!!! Bryan Price rocks my socks!! Thanks for Chicken Scratch man!

To the girl walking by the library in the blue T-shirt, yellow shorts, and grey leggings... I never thought that look would work but it looked great! I hope it catches on

The "Aunt Edna" picture reminds me of Wrinkly Kong from the Donkey Kong Country games.

Remember the pumpkins!!!

SGA- Students Go Away
Come support the Gamecocks at home

10/9 - JSU Soccer vs. Austin Peay at 7p.m.
10/10 - JSU Cross Country Foothills Invitational at Oxford Lake Park - 10a.m.
10/10 - JSU Rifle Team vs. Murray State
10/10 - Softball Tera Ross Memorial Tournament - Oxford Pard
- GSCC 9a.m. - Middle Ga. 11a.m. - Snead State 1p.m.

Football preview against Racers

by Austin Faulkner
Staff Writer

Coach Crowe, joined by linebacker Kevin Dix, bragged about his team’s home performance this past weekend and discussed the challenges the “Cocks might face when they travel to Murray, Ky., to take on the Murray State Racers. He pointed out that Murray’s quarterback, Jeff Ernhardt, is different because he is big (6’4, 220 pounds) and mobile. Coach Crowe compared Ernhardt to Christian Ponder of Florida State, stating he was more difficult to prepare for because he moves around in the pocket. “Ernhardt is as talented as any quarterback in the league,” said Crowe.

While the quarterback helps to lead a potent passing attack, the wide receivers, Derrick Townsel and Marcus Harris are two of the league’s leading production players in all purpose yards. To neutralize their efficiency in the air and create turnovers, the defense, led by Kevin Dix, will have to pressure the quarterback. Dix who leads the Gamecocks and the OVC in sacks (4.5) has to be all over the field. “Their offensive line looks okay, but I am going to do my best to get to the quarterback,” stated Dix.

The Gamecocks will also face challenges on the offensive side of the ball as well. JSU is the worst in the league at giving up sacks and they face the second best pass rusher in the conference, Austen Lane (4). The passing game isn’t going to be able to develop unless running backs Jamal Young and Calvin Middleton are successful at keeping the Racers’ defense honest with the run.

“Ernhardt is as talented group of players we have ever had,” Coach Crowe declared. “There is no reason we cannot be as effective as we have in the past few weeks.”

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Gamecocks crush UT Martin in football home opener

by Ryan Rutledge
Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks (3-2, 1-0 Ohio Valley Conference) and The University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks (2-3, 1-1 Ohio Valley Conference) met at Paul Snow Stadium this past Saturday, and, as is customary in any sporting event, one of the teams doesn’t have things go as they planned. In this case, that ‘thing’ was the score and that ‘team’ was UT Martin. JSU emerged as the victor after controlling nearly all facets of the game against the Skyhawks; with the final score: 52-7. With the win they improve to 25-6 against UT Martin.

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