"The Chanty without color is like Avatar in 2D"

**Burton Returns**
Columnist James Burton talks speed traps.

**Gem of the hills**
teams gather saturday to compete in track competition.

**Chicken Scratch**
See what you're friends are saying about the parking situation.

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**Hirsch coming to JSU**
Holocaust event set for April 15

*From wire reports*

The annual Jacksonville State University Holocaust Remembrance will be held April 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., Stone Center Theater, Jacksonville State University. Keynote speaker will be Holocaust survivor Benjamin Hirsch.

Mr. Hirsch escaped from Germany to France with four of his siblings in a Kindersport rescue for Jewish children, eventually sailing to safety in America. He and two of his sisters arrived in New York on September 1, 1941 and were sent to Atlanta, joining two brothers who were already placed in foster homes there. Mr. Hirsch's father was killed by the Nazis in 1942, and his mother and younger brother and sister were seen entering the gas chamber in Auschwitz in 1943. Mr. Hirsch served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war.
AYERS LECTURE SERIES

Anniston Star publisher: Knowing community significant to survival

By Kira Reeves
Staff Writer

H. Brandt Ayers, whose family has published The Anniston Star for more than 100 years, was the guest lecturer for the Ayers Lecture Series held at Houston Cole Library.

Ayers spoke on the topic of “Journalism, Journalists and Technology.” He talked about past times and birthing pains that has led to change in the newspaper industry.

One of the last stories he covered as a reporter was the 1963 March on Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

“I was impressed with the power of a movement whose stirring anthem declared: We are not afraid. We will overcome,” Ayers said. “Perhaps, at this time in our nation is not unlike then — the uncertainty of the future and the field of journalism. The nation is again quietly humming the now distant anthem ‘Will we overcome.’ The community in which we live is an important one. The continued existence of community news is

See “Ayers,” page 2

Gettin’ Cocky On The Square

Dr Meehan, Cocky and store owner MJ Stephens officially open the Get-Cocky store on the square.

Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

What would get you to walk more?

More Sidewalks- 40%
More Crosswalks - 20%
Fix Parking - 40%

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**ON Campus**

**Briefs**

**Campus Crime**

**March 18**
- Violation of the Student Code of conduct and receiving of stolen property in third degree were reported at the International House. Stolen were a JSU street sign and a Pelham Range sign.

**March 23**
- Theft of property in third degree was reported in the Stephenson Hall weight room. Stolen were an Iphone and a phone case.
- Violation of the student code of conduct was reported at the Jack Hopper Cafeteria. Stolen was a JSU student ID card.

**March 24**
- Theft of property in second degree was reported in Stone Center. Stolen was a black Dell laptop.

**March 25**
- Theft of property in second degree was reported in Merrill Building. Stolen was a NEC projector.
- Codriverous Rafael Christopher was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

**March 27**
- Burglary in first degree was reported in Jax apartments. Stolen were reading glasses.

**March 28**
- Fraudulent use of credit/debit card was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall. Stolen was a Freedom Redstone Credit Union Visa card.

**What's Happening**

**Nader: Advocate**

"Cars today are much better than they were in the sixties," Nader said. "I think a lot of good will come out of this, including tighter quality control from Toyota."

Later that evening, Nader spoke to a packed house at Leone Cole Auditorium. Nader urged JSU student to become more involved in the political process. "Your twenties are your most creative years," Nader said. "If you are not turned on by politics, politics will turn on you."

Nader said more people need to attend meetings students not to spend so much time in front of a screen saying that in age of social networking, people aren't socializing enough in the real world.

Nader also criticized congress. "Congress is designed to be our servant, not our master," Nader said.

Nader called for the creation of congressional watchdog groups formed by citizens to watch and converse with congress to ensure they are doing the work of the people.

Of all these issues, Nader said the one thing that drives him is the.

**Hirsch: speaking at JSU**

Over the years, attendance at the event has grown from a short event attended by 25 people to the current annual programs which often have an attendance of several hundred from the campus and surrounding communities. The annual Holocaust Remembrance is made possible by the JSU Holocaust Remembrance committee in cooperation with the JSU Student Government Association. Faculty, students, and community members participate in order to remember Holocaust victims and in the hope that, through education, an event such as the Holocaust

be prevented from ever happening again. For more information, please see the Remembrance Committee's website, http://www.jsu.edu/holocaust.

**Biographical information on Benjamin Hirsch is from the brochure Portraits from the Holocaust: Benjamin Hirsch, Germany. Portraits from the Holocaust is a project of the Lillian and A.J. Weinberg Center for Holocaust Education of The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, Atlanta, Georgia.**
Students work to raise awareness of world poverty through bare feet

By Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Have you ever experienced a day without shoes?

Well in developing nations around the world, many children and adults have to walk miles with nothing on their feet because of poverty. This results in cuts and sores that can lead to serious infections.

A simple pair of shoes can make a major impact in one's life. TOMS Shoes is an organization that has a simple premise: "One for One." According to their website, with every pair of TOMS shoes you purchase, TOMS will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need.

Every year on April 8, TOMS Shoes ask people to go the day, or even just a few minutes, barefoot. It is to witness first-hand what life would be like with no shoes, and to inspire others at the same time.

"On April 8th we will be walking around campus, barefoot, starting at 1:30 pm," said Lauren Allred, the TOMS Shoes campus representative for Jacksonville State University.

The event will last for about 30 minutes. The walk will begin and end at Bibb Graves and the route will go around campus.

If you are interested in joining the TOMS Shoes Club at JSU come to the meeting this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Merrill Building at room 115, or look up the group page on facebook.

Regardless if you own a pair of TOMS or have the desire to join the club—take a walk on April 8, 2010.

Also, check out TOMS Shoes on toms.com.
Back Talk
Speed Traps
The Double-Edged Sword of Small-Town America

James Burton
Special to the Chanticleer

When I went home last week to see my grandmother, she informed me of some absolutely terrible news. Apparently while living my awesome college life, the powers that be deemed it necessary to drop the I-20 speed limit from 70 to 55 from the state line all the way to Anniston. But that isn’t even the part that annoyed me the most. It was the fact that Heflin is dropping the downtown speed limit from 30 to 20 mph. For those of you who have driven through there, you know that it starts way too soon and is enforced way too strictly for those who don’t have a Cleburne County tag. As a person who is from a former speed trap, here are some of my thoughts.

I’m from Fruithurst. For those of you who don’t know about Fruithurst, it was a famous speed trap back in the 1970s. My mother told plenty of stories of people getting tickets for going a mile over the speed limit. Even more stories vary at a certain point: when the you-know-what hit the fan. Some people say Lurleen Wallace’s nephew got pulled over. Others say an FBI man got stopped and they took his gun away. One thing is for certain, however: Fruithurst ended up losing their police force over a speed trap.

If you look at certain websites such as speedtrap.org, you’ll notice a trend. Northeast Alabama just brews with small towns wanting to screw you out of your money. Why is this you might ask? This is where the double-edged sword comes in. You live in Tiny-Town America aka Northeast Alabama.

Your mountain-top are absolutely nothing of importance to contribute to the world and probably never will. Seriously, if a place like Grant, Alabama disappeared off the face of the earth, do you really think anyone would care? They survive off of speeding tickets because they know that the only people that will amount to anything will move away from there and refuse to admit that they are from that town. It’s the lifecycle in the state of Alabama. Either you become rich and famous then move away, or you stay around and stagnate.

I will hand it to Heflin, though. Their beautification efforts have done wonders for the downtown district. It actually looks like a community that you might consider claiming. The problem is, though, that they’re trying to make it more appealing to outsiders. If you keep the “hey, nobody wants to come here so lets make money by ticketing the passers-by” mentality while trying to make the town a place you’d actually want to stop in, you’re screwing yourself doubly. Word of mouth does travel fast when dealing with such small towns. They’ll be like, “Hey Bob. Don’t stop in Heflin. Their speed limit is 20 through the downtown and they’ll stop you for going two miles over” instead of “Go check out the Tasty Dip in Heflin right off of 78. They have amazing milkshakes.”

Like I said in my parking article, don’t think the cops do it because they enjoy it. Most police officers aren’t like the Hazzard County Sheriff’s Department (although I have seen a few of them who seem to enjoy screwing people over.) They are just following the asinine rules that have been placed before them. It’s the people who make the rules you need to complain about. You think your town is a speed trap? Say something about it. Chances are you won’t get shot and who knows? You might make a difference.

Jacksonville State University and the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama presents:
Gail Collins
What if page two of *The Chanticleer* looked like this?

Rutgers basketball team under gag order

While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by
are being gagged, two days after student protesters demanding the resignation of
halted the Scarlet Knights' game against the University of Massachusetts, guard
Damon Santiago told *Targum*
reporter that he thought
Senior forward Jamal Philips told a reporter that
he said.
The next day, head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

Remember, the First Amendment is more than our right to print.

It's your right to read, too.

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By Logan Huggins
Staff Film Critic

Gerard Butler (“300” and “P.S. I Love You”) and Jennifer Aniston (“Marley and Me” and “The Break Up”) are paired up in Hollywood’s newest romantic concoction — “The Bounty Hunter.”

Unlike more idealistic romantic comedies like “The Notebook”, things are a little bit messier in “The Bounty Hunter”. Nicole Hurley (Aniston) and Milo Boyd (Butler) are both knee-deep in the shattered remnants of their broken relationship. Milo is a brutish, sloppy cop, and Nicole is an overheating up-and-coming news reporter. (I wonder why it didn’t work out.) Each hates one another, and vice versa. Things begin to get real interesting when Milo, now a bounty hunter, has to round up Nicole, who jumped bail. The next hour and a half is filled with personal insults, constant bickering and the fact that the couple somehow gets involved with the mob...

Sure, that could all happen, right?

One of the first things that stood out to me was the fact that “The Bounty Hunter” tries to be two or three different types of movies. At some points, it’s clearly a romantic comedy; while other times, the film attempts to resemble a buddy cop comedy (except in this case, the buddies are ex’s). The film has some major gear shifts in tone throughout. One minute, the couple will be fighting and back biting, then the next they are hunting down the bad guys. Most of these transitions go pretty smoothly, although they are noticeable to anyone looking.

The acting is quite enjoyable. I was especially impressed with Gerard Butler’s character. In the film, Butler, a natural Scottish actor, carries a strong New York “Bronx” accent. Although his accent occasionally seemed a little over the top, that might have been a character choice. Jennifer Aniston does well also, but don’t expect anything you haven’t seen before. Every now and then I thought I was back in 1998 watching “Friends” again. Although Aniston’s performance isn’t very new, it gets the job done.

Even though Aniston and Butler shine well by themselves, both actors are at their best when they’re together. Aniston and Butler have very good chemistry with one another. They are very believable as a divorced couple. What was even more believable was their shared hatred for each other. Both characters are quick and witty, constantly bashing the other with personal jabs, which were quite humorous.

The secondary cast and supporting actors were also good. Long time actress, Christine Baranski was very funny as an old, washed-up lounge singer. Jason Sudeikis (who you may know from Saturday Night Live) is also very funny.

Although the film’s plot and premise are pretty far-fetched, they work, as long as you don’t take them too seriously. Director Andy Tennant, (“Hitch” and “Sweet Home Alabama”) keeps the film fun and snappy. Don’t expect some deep, heartwarming love affair with “The Bounty Hunter”. Instead, sit back, relax and keep things loose, because the film certainly does.

“The Bounty Hunter” is a fun, quick-witted romantic comedy and not much more. Despite the improbable plot, it’s fun to watch. If you need a good laugh or something to watch with a first date, check out “The Bounty Hunter”.

Ask Aunt Edna:
The History, Facts and Other Tales of the Mythological Female Orgasm

When it comes to sex, the general goal for people is to end in sexual climax, aka orgasm. The orgasm is defined as the sexual experience of intense pleasure and release. For women, experiencing orgasm is simply due to the fact that they don’t know what kind of stimulation or duration they need. Other things
When it comes to sex, the general goal for people is to end in sexual climax, aka orgasm. The orgasm is defined as the sexual climax, consisting of involuntary muscle contractions accompanied by a sudden release of endorphins that cause a great feeling of euphoria.

Simply put, it’s the height of your sexual experience with another person (or alone). It’s the point where the most pleasure is reached.

However, the experience itself is quite different between men and women; and the male orgasm isn’t nearly as mysterious as the female orgasm. Therefore, for this issue, I’m going to give a little history lesson and dispel some fact and fiction about the phenomenon.

In 1140 AD, German composer Hildegard von Bingen wrote the first recorded record of the female orgasm. Since then there have been numerous studies and theories dedicated to understanding it. This includes everything from ideas that the female orgasm has medicinal purposes (such as in 1655, a synonym for hysteria) to even calling its existence into question.

There are many myths surrounding the female orgasm. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada takes many of them and disproves them. For example, the idea that “normal” women always reach orgasm is false. According to the SOGC, only about a third of women reach orgasm regularly during intercourse. One myth that should bring some relief to the men is that if a woman cannot reach orgasm, then her partner is not an “adequate lover”. This is also false. Granted, the partner is important to sexual climax, however the woman also plays a role. As I have stated before in previous columns, communication is key in a sexual relationship. This is no exception.

Now, there are a number of women in the world who either have difficulty reaching climax, or find that they can’t at all. The inability to reach orgasm is called anorgasmia. Many factors exist that can effect a woman’s ability to reach orgasm. According to the SOGC, one common factor for women who have never experienced orgasm is simply due to the fact that they don’t know what kind of stimulation or duration they need. Other things like the side effects of medication or certain medical disorders can cause a woman not to climax.

There are still some mysteries to scientists who are baffled by the obscurity of the female orgasm. Still today there are studies being done and even medication being created to understand and help women reach sexual climax.

If you want to read up more on fact, fiction and even ways to help you understand your “sexual self” and orgasm, you can view the websites listed below.

http://www.sogc.org/health/health-myths_e.asp

Chicken Scratch

Superhero quote of the week, "...your not symmetrical. One of you is 8 inches taller than the other.”

Never do anything you wouldn’t want to have to explain to the paramedics...

Logan’s reviews are Awesome!

Spring Break! hoot!

I declare...

BANKRUPTCY!!!!!!

"In brightest day, in blackest night, no evil shall escape my sight! Let those who worship evil’s might, beware my power! Green Lantern's light!”

(ED Note: I LOVE GREEN LANTERN,

and am I anticipating the movie.)

Doran Smith is our Hero!

Why can’t we have someone check the cash to card machines weekly? They are always out of order!

You’ve been Rick Rolled!

Never gonna give you up! Never gonna let you down!

“Your Chicken Scratch has been submitted. Look for it in the next Chanticleer!”

e.e. cummings should have went to Dr. Hug’s EH 101 class...

ATTN Drivers: 1) Stop signs mean stop. 2) Your car has turning signals, use them. 3) Green means Go! 4) Double yellow means don’t pass. Thank-you

The Future’s so Bright I gotta wear shades...

Where’s the Beef?

Did anyone else hear? From now on gold parking will be either pink, green, or blue with silver stripes based on age and seniority. No signs will be posted.

Great job with the paved parking lot, JSU. Now, can we get sidewalks and a few overpasses?

Evil Villain Quote of the Week: “Right now you are the king and I am the horse, but some day I will de-throne you and then you will be the horse and I will be the king.”

The Students need to stop going 65 mph behind self hall. Your going to hit someone!!!!

Thank you to the Brewer Hall Housekeeping Ladies! Y’all are awesome!!

Sometimes, dream that I am a care taker at the Leaky Cauldron.

(ED Note: Dare to Dream.)

talks about his first love not sticking around even though he thought they would... yep yep yep. Same old tune. Well, I’m sure most of us can relate to him with that song.

The sting of losing your first love is awful, but after years have gone by and more loves have come and gone, it’s easier to understand what reason that first love had in your life anyway. This realization is so forth and so on with others. The trick to accepting this logic is to not try and figure out why certain people are put into your life. You can guess all day long, but in the end, the reason is usually far from what you expected. If we sit around trying to figure out all the twists and turns of our life, we’re totally missing the ride. I mean, a roller coaster feels the best when your eyes are closed and your hands are in the air. You’re vulnerable. You’re a little scared. You’re free.

In the most awful of times, we might find ourselves asking why a certain situation is even happening or what we did to deserve it. Some things aren’t meant for us to comprehend. They hurt so bad that the human mind and body can’t possibly know how to deal with the shock right away.

Even though you don’t ever know what could come out of taking a chance on dating someone new or committing to a relationship, it’s almost imperative that you embrace the uncertainty of it all and realize how beautiful it is. The unknown is scary to say the least, but it’s also exciting. With all of this uncertainty, however, it is important to keep the people you can always count on close by, like those friends who can pick you up and put you back together again. Try not to get so caught up in a romantic relationship that you forget about the people in your life who have always been there for you. Maybe Justin Bieber would agree...
Rick Burgess speaks to Christian athletes at JSU

by Billy Ramsey
Special to The Chanticleer

Rick Burgess, of The Rick and Bubba Morning Show, was back on campus to speak to the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) on Monday night. Burgess, an alumnus of Jacksonville State University’s Communication Department, was speaking on how athletes should be not just good but great role models for fellow classmates and people in general. Rick touched briefly about how he grew up knowing about Christianity but never making that commitment until after graduating from JSU. He also spoke about his late son, Bronner (affectionately known as “Cornbread”) who died in January of 2008.

Burgess talked about the success of his morning talk show, his family and life. “I have nothing, nothing without Him (God),” Burgess said in his speech.

Rick and Bubba host one of America’s fastest growing morning programs currently carried on over 55 radio stations. Their unique friendship began in college as they partnered at their local radio affiliate. After college, each pursued their separate careers, and Bill (Bubba) ultimately landed a position as chief radio engineer in Gadsden, Ala. When management began a search for a new morning host, Bill suggested Rick. The tandem partnered on a number of comedic segments for Rick’s program, and Bill (Bubba) joined the broadcast to read Shakespeare for “Good Ole Boy Theater.” The segment was an immediate ratings hit, and Bill (Bubba) moved from guest to on-air partner. A subsequent move to WYSF in Birmingham, Ala., widened their audience and created a foundation for future growth.

Burgess said he is planning on returning to campus on September 29th for the 35th Anniversary of WLJS 91.9 FM. WLJS is the first station that Burgess went on air. WLJS gave Burgess the stepping stone needed to vault him into the status that he holds today as one of the most listened to air personalities.

Highlights of the week

- Sallie Beth Burch reached base six times in seven plate appearances and Amanda Crow drove in three runs to lead the Jacksonville State softball team to a doubleheader split at Tennessee Tech.

- Josh Cain, a defensive back from Jacksonville State has been chosen as one of two recipients of the Ninth Annual Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Andrew Miller of North Dakota was the other recipient of the $5,000 postgraduate scholarship.

- Kyle Bluestein and Daniel Adamson each hit home runs to lead Jacksonville State to an 11-6 win over UT Martin as the Gamecocks won their fourth consecutive series.

- Jacksonville State posted three top 10 finishes and won two sections in three relays on the final day of the Alabama Relays at Sam Bailey Track.

- Todd Cunningham went 4-for-4 with a walk to lead Jacksonville State to an 11-9 win over UT Martin as the two teams split an Ohio Valley Conference opening series last Saturday. The Skyhawks hit five home runs and held off a late Gamecock rally to claim a 9-7 win in the opener.

- The Jacksonville State women’s tennis team stayed perfect in Ohio Valley Conference play with a 7-0 win over Tennessee State at Tiger Tennis Courts. JSU swept the three doubles matches for a 1-0 lead heading into singles. Viviane Marani and Martina Dessbesell won 8-1 over Meagan Haynes and Penelope Johnson at No. 1. Kimberly Ferris and Raphaela Lima won at No 2 over Lia Stewart and Kryston Mason, 8-0. Kristen Fuller and Rafaela Wenzel completed the sweep with an 8-0 win over Lezlie Knight and Kwatem Mensah at No. 3. Marani won 6-2, 6-2 over Haynes at No. 1 and Dessbesell won 6-0, 6-0 against Stewart at No. 2. Ferris blanked Johnson 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3, with Wenzel winning 6-3, 6-3 at No. 4.

Get to know...
Get to know Hillary Downs

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Do not be fooled by the red dirt stains; this former high school prom queen embodies more than just a bat and glove.

Hillary Downs (#10) is a senior outfielder for the Jacksonville State University softball team. She hails from Childersburg, Ala., and previously attended Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City, Ala., before continuing her softball career and education at JSU.

Downs was an all-state and all-region performer during both of her seasons at CACC, and hit .447 as a sophomore, which ranked second in the state.

She started playing softball at an early age. Her grandfather is held in high esteem for planting that seed.

“He taught me how to throw,” said Downs. “Everyday after school we would go outside and just throw. I have honestly played ball since I’ve walked.”

Downs chose JSU because of the reputable coaching staff.

“I knew this is where I needed to be after the first time I talked with them,” said Downs.

She has proven herself in her short two years playing for the Lady Gamecocks. She started in all 59 games; hit .357 with 11 doubles, eight homeruns, and committed just one error in 59 chances on the year last season. She also earned second-team All-OVC honors and OVC All-Newcomer honors.

“When I go on the field, I just think about bringing everyday, bringing everything I have,” said Downs. The only superstition she has is to recite, “Put a good swing on a good pitch” right before stepping in the batter’s box.

When asked what the most important thing is in her life, without hesitation, she replies, “God and my family.” Her mother has earned the title of Downs’ number one fan. She comes to every single home and away game.

In terms of education, Downs is a marketing major. After graduation, she plans on moving back home, getting a job, and waiting for her boyfriend of 4 and half years to get done playing baseball - who is also an outfielder. He is a junior at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC.

When she has spare time, which is very rare, she enjoys reading and exercising. She recently finished reading “The Cross Gardner” by Jason Wright, which she describes as one of the most amazing and inspiring books she has ever read. Downs also enjoys reading the Janet Evanovich series, “Tight,” and “True Blood.”

Downs feels as if the one thing she is going to miss about softball is being apart of a team. So, when you go to a JSU softball game and you hear “Sun’s Gonna Rise” by Citizen Cope, know that #10 will be walking to the batter’s box.

Jacksonville State men’s tennis captured a 6-1 Ohio Valley Conference win over Tennessee State at the Tiger Tennis Courts.

- Sam Eberle and Andrew Edge each hit home runs to lead Jacksonville State to a 12-4 win over Samford as the Gamecocks have now won 13 of the last 14 meetings between their in-state rivals. Sophomore Daniel Watts (2-3) allowed just two hits and had three strikeouts in four solid innings on the mound to earn the win. Dayne Cutrell (0-2) gave up four runs and five hits to get stuck with the loss for the Bulldogs.

- A pair of Jacksonville State golfers have been named the Ohio Valley Conference Golfers of the Week. Gonzalo Berlin earned the men’s honor, while Lucia Fernandez earned Women’s Golfer of the Week after the duo posted a pair of second place honors.

Chicken Scratch


Zimbra email is the worst.

C’mon faculty, don’t try to divide the rest of the department because of your own personal situations. Grow up. We students don’t care, and we demand better:

Happy Birthday, GUSSTAVOOOOO HOLZ=Sassy Tennis Player!!

Don’t forget!!! APRIL 8th Raise awareness for TOMS Shoes! One Day Without Shoes is the day we spread awareness about the impact a simple pair of shoes can have on a child’s life. We ask people to go the day, part of the day or even just a few minutes, barefoot, to experience a life without shoes first-hand.
Annual Gem of the Hills Track Meet

The nearly twenty teams that will gather Saturday for the fifth annual Gem of the Hills Invitational track and field meet will be met with more than the banging of the starter’s pistol. JSU's own Jaxpan/Caribbean Chrome will be banging out their melodic notes throughout a major portion of the meet. The meet’s field events will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the running events to follow at 11:00 a.m. Both events are free and open to the public as well as all JSU students, faculty and staff.

Concessions, including “Dollar Dawgs”, will be available. Come out and support the Lady Gamecocks in their only home meet of the season and catch the Jaxpan/Caribbean Chrome in the process.

Support the Gamecocks at home

- April 2 & 3 - JSU Baseball vs. Tennessee Tech - 1p.m.
- April 2 & 3 - JSU Softball vs. UT Martin - 1p.m.
- April 3 - Track & Field (Gem of the Hills Invitational)
- April 6 - Women’s Tennis vs. UT Martin - 1:00p.m.
- April 6 - Softball vs. Alabama State - 5p.m.

Opinion:
The most important role an athlete plays

by Austin Faulkner
Sports Staff Writer

What is a role model? Who knows anymore? Just look around at famous athletes whom kids around the world have respected: Michael Phelps, O.J. Simpson and Tiger Woods are just a few examples. What has happened that makes them believe that they are above the standards of humanity?

It could be the endowed sense of power that comes with winning and being declared one of the best in history, it could be the riches which are earned over the course of one’s career or it could be the growth of an athlete’s ego over the course of his/her career to make them believe that they are invincible. Whatever the case may be, we as a society need to demand more from these so called athletes who believe they are better than everyone else. They need to understand that their actions influence millions of children who want to be the next Michael Jordan or Troy Aikman.

I believe that not worth, the Cleveland Browns receiver, was charged with manslaughter while driving intoxicated and served only 24 days in jail. Should he not have been punished like any citizen? What happened to the moral standard that we as Americans have stood by for years, but when an athlete messes up he usually gets a light slap on the wrist.

I believe it is time we look ourselves in the mirror and take a good, long, hard look at what we see. Just because someone makes millions of dollars and can run faster, hit harder or catch better than we can does not put them above the law. The children of America need a role model who stands up for what he/she believes and does not cheat or participate in illegal activities. Children can be influenced from a very young age and look up to those better at something than they are, looking forward to trying to become as good or better as their role model.

Famous athletes have the blessing and the burden of being role models. They may
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The duo was selected from a group of six finalists. They will receive their awards during the FCS ADA Luncheon on Tuesday, June 22 at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, Calif.

"Each year, the FCS ADA looks forward to honoring deserving student-athletes at our annual luncheon in June," said FCS ADA President Peter Fields, chair of the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team Selection Committee and athletics director at Montana State University.

"Our Association is proud to continue recognizing deserving student-athletes with postgraduate scholarships. This year’s recipients represent the high quality of the applicants, but the high number of extremely deserving candidates continues to be extremely impressive."

There were a total of 55 FCS players selected to the Academic All-Star Team in December, six of which were nominated for the postgraduate scholarships. Nominees were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate study and have been a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials.

They must have reached their second year of athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated institution. They must also have participated in 50 percent of the games played at their designated position.

Cain, who is currently pursuing a master’s degree in computer systems and software design, started all 11 games for the 2009 Gamecocks, who finished with an 8-3 record.

The Wefumpka, Ala., native finished second on the team with 67 tackles and helped the defense lead the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC), allowing just 83 total points in seven OVC contests. JSU also led the OVC in scoring defense, pass defense, pass defense efficiency, turnover margin, opponent first downs, and opponent third down conversion.

Off the field, Cain is a team huddle leader with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. In addition to earning numerous OVC honors, he was named to the American Football Coaches Association/All-State Good Works Team and was an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America First Team selection in 2009. He was also honored by the Atlanta Area Council Boy Scouts of America by receiving the Georgia Peach of an Athlete Role Model Award earlier this spring.

A special Review Committee of Football Championship Subdivision athletics directors was responsible for selecting the all-star team and scholarship finalists. Completing this task were Greg Burke, Western Carolina; Peter Fields, Montana State (chair); Brian Hutchinson, Morehead State; Marilyn McNeil, Monmouth; Ron Strollo, Youngstown State; Jeff Tingley, Idaho State; and Tim Van Alstine, Western Illinois.