“and thus ends the gayest newspaper ever published”

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Julie Skinner writes her last column for the Chanticleer.

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Get to know JSU’s baseball player

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Where the Sidewalk Ends
Plans for pavement pathways make pedestrians safer

By David Jennings
Special to The Chanticleer

Members of Jacksonville’s City Council met Monday yesterday for a called special meeting to vote to take down a street light on Alabama Highway 204. The removal of the pole was necessary for a new sidewalk project according to David Thompson, assistant director for the Physical Plant at Jacksonville State University. The new sidewalk will begin beside the International House, go by the Chief Ladiga Trail, and end next to the Coliseum.

“The reason for the projects is to continue to improve pedestrian pathways on or near our campus to promote the decreased use of vehicles,” said Thompson. “Pedestrian safety is always a concern of the university and there are currently no sidewalks adjacent to State Highway 204 along this section. The sidewalks will also provide another easy access point to the Chief Ladiga Trail from either direction for pedestrians.”

The project is broken into two phases. Phase one runs from the International House to the Chief Ladiga Trail and is a part of an

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‘Red Flag’ campaign to bring awareness to dating violence

From newswire reports

The small red flags have been traveling around the campus of Jacksonville State University for several days, appearing first along the sidewalk in front of Houston Cole Library. When they show up in a new location, they pique the curiosity of students and employees alike.

During the week of April 12-16, all will be revealed of University Housing and Residence Life, Counseling Services, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Women’s Issues Support and Empowerment (WISE), the Alabama Men’s Initiative, the Northeast Alabama Crisis Center (formerly known as Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center), 2nd Chance and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence are coordinating the campaign at JSU.

The Red Flag Campaign
During the week of April 12-16, all will be revealed about the flags, which are literal reminders of the figurative “red flags” often present in a violent dating relationship.

Jacksonville State University’s Red Flag Campaign is being held in conjunction with April’s Sexual Violence Awareness Month and will culminate at the annual Clothesline Project on April 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the lawn of JSU’s Therone Montgomery Building. The JSU Office of Public Affairs was the catalyst for the project, which came about through the efforts of the University’s Sexual Violence Initiative, the Northeast Alabama Crisis Center (formerly known as Daybreak Crisis Recovery Center), 2nd Chance and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence are coordinating the campaign at JSU.

The Red Flag Campaign originated in Virginia to encourage students to speak up when they see the warning signs for dating violence in their friends’ relationships. Along with the actual flags, the campaign features a series of eight posters that illustrate the “red flags” of relationship violence including coercion, stalking, sexual assault, isolation, jealousy, emotional abuse and victim blaming.

According to the Virginia Red Flag Campaign, college students are at extremely high risk of either acting as

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Beta Gamma Sigma inducts new members

From newswire reports

The Jacksonville State University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma national business honor society had its annual induction ceremony on April 8 in the Merrill Building.

Fifteen new inductees were recognized at the meeting, including honorary chapter inductee Greg Harley, a JSU alumnus (’88) and attorney who serves as president of the JSU Foundation board.

Also inducted:

In addition to the induction of the new members, the chapter awarded inductee

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QUESTION of the WEEK

What do you plan to do with your summer??

Take more classes - 66%
I have a summer job. - 23%
Graduate! - 9%
Nothing! - 3%

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.
Jacksonville State University is launching a new Online Orientation portal and needs student spokespersons to share why they chose JSU and why they would invite other prospective students to do the same.

All interested students are invited to the open student casting call, which will be held on Friday, April 16 at 1 p.m. in Room 303 of the TMB. For more information and to schedule your audition time, please contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at (256) 782-8144.

Experts from other universities and JSU will make presentations on tick-borne diseases in the Southeast on Friday, April 16 from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Wallace Hall auditorium. Admission is free.

The Jacksonville State University Small Business Development Center, the SBA, and area Chambers of Commerce will offer one-on-one counseling for prospective and existing small business owners at no charge in April. Please note that these are not seminars and it is necessary that you make an appointment. Please call the phone number accompanying the entry to make your appointment.

Congratulations to Ms. Sharee Hutchinson, JSU’s Employee of the Month for April 2010.

Ms. Hutchinson works as Secretary in the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

Red Flag: end violence

perpetrator or being a victim of dating physical or sexual violence during their college years. In a 1996 article from the Journal of Contemporary Justice that was cited in a campaign press release, 32% of college students reported dating violence by a previous partner and 21% report violence by a current partner.

Friends have an influential role in intervening in dating violence not only with the victim, but also with the abusive partner, according to Julie Nix of JSU’s Counseling Services. She explains that peer groups have the ability to provide safety and support, and can also dictate what behaviors are unacceptable. Organizers at JSU hope the Red Flag Campaign is only the beginning of an increased focus on the problem of dating violence throughout the year. In addition to JSU’s annual participation in the Clothesline Project, they have asked for a proclamation designating April as Sexual Violence Awareness Month at JSU.

“Hopefully, we’ll carry this type of programming throughout the year, with added emphasis in October during Domestic Violence Prevention Week,” Nix said.

For more information on dating violence, how to help, or how to get help for a friend, please visit www.theredflagcampaign.org

Beta: New members

Joshua R. Allen with the Premier Chapter Scholarship. The scholarship is valued at $1,000. To qualify for Beta Gamma Sigma, a student must be in the top 10 percent of his or her class. This year at JSU, that requirement meant the student had to achieve at least a 3.55 GPA.

The mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to foster personal and professional excellence, to advance the value of the Society, and to serve its lifelong members.
April 7
- Theft of services in third degree was reported at the Ayers Hall parking lot.

April 8
- Atarrie Tyrome, Jones was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle.

April 8
- Theft of lost property in third degree.
- Disorderly conduct was reported at WOW wingery.

April 9
- Harassment was reported at Cole Drive/ construction site parking lot.

April 12
- Violation of the Student Code of Conduct was reported in Sparkman Hall.
- Darlesia Arieale Cole was arrested for burglary in second degree.

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 April 15
- Rehearsal for Gospel Choir Concert: Where: TMB Auditorium, 4:00-6:30 pm
- Red Flag Campaign, TMB Lawn, 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- Census Rally, Outside the Cafe on JSU's Quad, 2:00-1:00 pm

Friday April 16
- Red Flag Campaign, TMB Lawn, 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- JSU Earth Day, JSU Quad, 2-6 pm

Saturday April 17
- Chief Ladiga 5K Challenge and Fun Run, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 8:00 am - 9:45 am, Admission: $20

Sidewalk: protection

80/20 grant through the Transportation Enhancement Project via the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Phase two will continue the sidewalk from the trail to the Coliseum and is a stimulus project from the federal government passed through the Transportation Enhancement Project Program via ALDOT.

Planning and designing for phase one has been completed for some time now, but because phase two is being funded by stimulus money, it will be completed before phase one.

"Phase one was applied for beginning in 2005 and was not approved until 2008," said Thompson. "It took three attempts to get it correct. Phase two was applied for in 2009 and was approved/awarded prior to phase one being awarded. This was due to the additional funds provided by the stimulus program. They will be built in the opposite order we originally anticipated, but different economical circumstances put phase two in front of phase one."

Thompson said that while it will look astastically great, he expected to get asked why there is a new sidewalk that just happens to run in front of K.L. Brown Funeral Home. Brown is District 40's newly elected representative.

"It's going to look awful," said Thompson. "It's going to be a sidewalk to nowhere. And it's right on Koven's property, and he just got elected. We were chuckling about it. What it is going to look like to a lot of the public is he just got elected and he gets a new sidewalk within three weeks of the election. Koven wasn't aware of the project. He really didn't have any influence at all on this project. This was way before all that."

Although the city will lose the current streetlight, it will be replaced with even more lighting. According to Thompson, JSU has committed to installing its standard 12-foot Steinberg light fixtures along the entire section of sidewalk in addition to permanent landscaping. These items were not eligible for the grant packages and will be completed after the sidewalks are installed.

Because of the terms in which the stimulus money was given, the project must be completed in 30 days. The university has hired Bedwell & Whorton Excavating for the construction. Thompson said that the work would start this week and should not have an impact on traffic flow.
Every Man's Trash

James Burton
Special to the Chanticleer

Collecting has been a national pastime for as long as people have had opposable thumbs. Be it coins, bottles, stamps, Barbies, whatever. If they're mass-produced, they're collected. Why? I honestly don't know. Screw the existence of life on other planets, because life's great mystery is "Why the hell do we collect anything and everything?"

The other day I was getting change for the snack machine, you know that magic box that feeds us when we're too lazy to cook or run to a fast food joint. I always look to see if I've got any of the state quarters that I'm missing. Much to my surprise, I found both a Puerto Rico and a District of Columbia quarter. It made me think two things:

A.) With this trend, next year we'll see a Kenya quarter, since apparently it's considered a U.S. state now.

B.) People spend way too much time collecting things just because people tell them to collect them.

I have collected virtually everything mentioned (well, not Barbies) and then some more obscure things, such as typewriters... How many people do you know have the sign off of a Nissan store or a Texaco station? But that's not the point I'm trying to make here. Don't get me wrong, the state quarters are cool, but they are being made especially because they are to be collected.

Collections are supposed to involve things that are uncommon. I haven't seen any quarters since apparently it's considered specializes in gems and minerals. They

"How many people do you know have the sign off of a Nissan store or a Texaco station?"

James Burton

as soon as humanly possible and will more than likely cut you a fantastic deal.

3. A fairly large percentage of antique dealers think they are better than you, and will treat you as such. Most people can't afford the garbage that they think is a priceless antique (12 bucks for a label off of a can of Davey Allison chili: you can't make this up!)

4. Antiqué malls are ideal places to go. When you have twenty or more booths in one store, one of the dealers is bound to not have a stick up his ass.

5. Avoid stores that say "collectables" or "gifts" in the name of the business. Nine times out of ten, you don't want to collect or give anything that they have.

6. Thrift stores can be fun, as often the employees are not paid to actually think. They neither know nor care if that's a priceless Chippendale end table. All they're supposed to do is move it in from the back room. Take advantage of these situations.

7. Flea markets aren't as ideal as they used to be, as they have been overrun by the species "Crapus Peddlus." They set up hundreds of boxes on top of each other, neatly lined up, and then fill them all with cheap Chinese import garbage that will often break before you even leave the building. Sadly, people will still buy this stuff.

times that the poster made to replace the "error" poster is actually rarer than the original!

Another example is Fiesta Ware. Made in the early twentieth century, Fiesta Ware was insanely popular with collectors. It was so popular that in the nineties they decided to remake the popular dinnerware in mass quantities. The new Fiesta Ware is not so much like the original, it's virtually impossible to tell the two apart. As a result, the original because virtually worthless. Good job.

So you see, collector's snafus work both ways. When collecting anything, keep these pointers in mind:

1. Never go to a shop specializing in what you collect. Their clientele is so scarce that they have no choice but to charge you outrageous prices for merchandise. If you're reading this, you probably can't afford to pay the prices they charge.

2. If you're going to go to a specialty shop, make sure that it's something that you don't specifically collect. If you collect coins, then try going to a place that specializes in gems and minerals. They want those coins out of their inventory

It's been a long two years.
I started working as The Chanticleer editor and then Bethany Harbison. I had no idea what I was doing when it came to writing stories. I still remember the looks on both Kevin and Bethany's faces when I turned in my first story. It was really bad.

I got to cover events like bake sales and poster sales for a while until my journalism skills improved. Thanks to the guidance of both Bethany and Kevin, I learned how to write a story, get good quotes and really explore an issue.

Over the past two years as Editor in Chief of The Chanticleer.

Two years well spent, well learned.

shoes. I don't know why either.

Then there were my confidants and advisors who helped me make good decisions in my time as editor. Mr. Mike Stedham, student media adviser, who kept his door open for me. Mr. Zach Childree, student media adviser, who kept his door open for me. Mr. Brad Childree, student media adviser, who kept his door open for me.

Then there was my former Chanticleer editor Jennifer Bacchus. Jennifer was there my first night working until 4 a.m. on my first issue of The Abstract. She brought the entire staff energy drinks and junk food and we agreed...
Dear JSU,

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Special to the Chanticleer

What a time we have had together! From professors to university housing and books to parking tickets, I have learned so many things from you, and I hope that I have left at least some sort of impression on the people I have come in contact with during these short few years within your walls. I have learned to appreciate so much about life from our give-and-take relationship, and I feel as though I will apply this essential information throughout my life. To all of the undergraduates out there, I would like to share some of the basic life skills I have learned from my college career.

1) It's no fun being broke. When the refund check comes, please refrain from purchasing new clothes and eating out like you haven't seen food in months.

2) Most professors do not appreciate it when students leave class early. Fifty-point, unbelievably simple quizzes that you desperately need in order to scrap out a "C" may be given in order to spite you.

3) Professors are full of all kinds of useful, interesting information. I know how to make a watermelon bomb and that Sylvia Plath committed suicide by sticking her head in a gas oven. Pedophile can also mean "rock lover."

4) Do not waste your time arguing with the university police. Even if there is a ticket addressed to a blue Suzuki on your account and you have driven a red Pontiac since you were 16, you will still have to pay the ticket. They will NEVER let you go.

5) If you are going to stay in any university-owned building, invest in an electric fan and plenty of blankets. Heat is turned on in mid-November and the air conditioning was unlocked just last week.

6) Try to get involved in everything and network like crazy! JSU has some excellent events. (The Christmas lighting at the President's house is really quite nice.) You never know who you will meet or who can help you out in the future; therefore, you should treat everyone with respect.

There. That is six wise items. Two for every year I have been a student at JSU. Sometimes it takes a good part of three years to fully understand and realize the gift and benefits of a good education at a four-year institution. I have no regrets, JSU. With great excitement and anticipation, I will graduate in two short weeks, but I will have some wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks to all of my friends and professors and those who created critical experiences that I will carry with me forever. Go Gamecocks!

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Chicken Scratch

Why is the bookstore so terribly hot? The candy is melting.

See, the campus is against anyone who uses wheels. Not only do we have gold parking, but also wheelchair access is being cut across campus.

Response to the greatest one liner ever: “Release the Craken!” “That’s what she said.”

“Folks I’d like to sing a song about me, about you, about us. I’m just an average Joe with an average job. I own a small house, with a nice hardwood floor. I like football, and #@$% and books about war.”

“In the house... the rising sun...”

Feel safer with the 1-On-You cameras installed throughout our campus. Isn’t this great? You’ll never feel alone again.

Julie Skinner - you are the sweetest!! Going to miss you after graduation! Love you.

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Ms. Arrington is JSU’s best teacher. HANDS DOWN!

SGA SUCKS!!!!!!!

Congratulations to the new members of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority INNNNINCORPORATED!

Day of Silence - Friday April 16. For all those you don’t hear today.

Top 10 summer movies in 2010

By Logan Huggins
Staff Film Critic

Blockbuster Countdown

will this fairy tale be better off not told?

NUMBER 10:
McGruber
Release Date: May 21st
Will Forte’s clueless character from Saturday Night Live has become a cult hit with late night watchers. His 30-second spoofs of the classic TV show, “McGyver,” are very popular both on SNL and YouTube. Well, thanks to Universal Pictures, McGruber gets to test his goofy chops on the big screen in mid-May. The film also stars Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph and Val Kilmer. The only thing left to say is... McGruber (making life-saving inventions out of household materials)!

NUMBER 9:
Prince of Persia
Release Date: May 28th
Hollywood has had a dismal (at best) track record with videogame crossovers. This time around, Jake Gyllenhaal and big-time producer Jerry Bruckheimer team up to bring Prince Dastan’s time-bending adventure to life. Will Bruckheimer’s touch be enough to make a good videogame crossover a reality? Let’s wait and see...

NUMBER 8:
Sex in the City 2
Release Date: May 27th
Some franchises never die. But then again, some deserve to live on. Sex in the City’s first installment brought in over $152 million for Warner Bros. and was the most successful R-rated film of 2008. Michael Patrick King, who was an executive producer, writer, and director for the show (and the first movie), will also direct the sequel. All original cast members are back as well. Carry on, Sex in the City, Carrie on...

NUMBER 7:
Shrek Forever After
Release Date: May 27th

Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

This might very well be the last column I ever write for the Chanticleer. It’s bittersweet, really. My love for writing dates back to being five years old standing up in front of my kindergarten class reading a poem about pumpkins, and my love for the Chanticleer dates back to my freshman year when I timidly began writing album reviews each week. There’s a lot of criticism that the Chanticleer faces, and has faced, since I’ve attended Jacksonville State University. But, there’s also a lot about the Chanticleer that people may not realize.

Though I do not technically work there now, I did for roughly two years. For those two years, I watched my peers (along with experiencing it myself firsthand) pull all-nighters on Tuesday nights to meet deadlines. I experienced the feeling of absolute exhaustion when dragging myself to morning classes on Wednesdays. I experienced the grinding pressure of defeat when often times only the mistakes were pointed out on the freshly-printed pages that were strewn around campus each week. I also witnessed the number of writers who attended the weekly meetings start to dwindle.

All I ask is that you remember how much work goes into one issue of a campus newspaper. Some of us really do take it seriously and pour our hearts into it.

I’m so thankful to have had the opportunity to write for this publication, and since this is my last column, I want to point out some of the people who have helped shape my college education and experience beyond words.

Dr. Steve Whitten taught me while I was a freshman in EH 101. His humor and knowledge inspired me beyond belief to tap into the inner pool of creativity that we all have.

Dr. Tina Deshotels was my faculty advisor during freshman orientation, and I went on to have her for three more courses at JSU. Her spunk and grit made her a constant advocate for causes that are often overlooked. She forced me to think outside of the box, and now, I see and acknowledge issues in the world that I can never again ignore.

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NUMBER 4:
The Last Airbender
Release Date: July 2nd
M. Night Shyamalan directed and wrote the movie adaptation of “Avatar: The Last Airbender”, Nickelodeon’s hit semi-anime show. This is Shyamalan’s first time directing an adaptation. Dav Patel starts in his first major motion picture after his breakout role in the Oscar-winning film, “Slumdog Millionaire”. What really interests me is how serious M. Night and company will take this cartoon crossover. Will the filmmakers keep in mind that they are highest-grossing movie of 2009 (sorry, Optimus). Bella, Edward and Jacob make teenage girls all across the world flock to the cinemas all over again in the next installment of the Twilight Saga - “Eclipse”. Will this one stick closer to the book? Will it surpass the first two movies at the box-office? Will Jacob keep his shirt on? We’ll find out in late June...

NUMBER 2:
Inception
Release Date: July 16th
This mysterious film comes directly from Christopher Nolan, who has directed such films as “The Dark Knight” and “The Prestige.” Leonardo DiCaprio stars in this psychological mind-bender, also including up-and-coming actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt (“500 Days of Summer”) and actress Ellen Page (“Juno”). Nolan has kept this one under lock and key. Very little information has been leaked to the media so far. Only two trailers and a few posters can be found about “Inception”. However, when it comes to mind-bending thrillers like “Inception,” the less we know, the more the surprise...

NUMBER 1:
Iron Man
Release Date: May 7th
Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow and Don Cheadle (who

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Aunt Edna: bye for now

It's the last Aunt Edna of the semester. I hope all of you have enjoyed reading this column as much as I have enjoyed writing it.

I realize that this column has caused some controversy in the past few months. Not everyone is comfortable with open discussion about sex, and I can understand that. However, I want to say that writing this column is something that I have been very passionate about and writing this column every week has really meant a lot to me. I also want to say that Aunt Edna isn't going anywhere anytime soon.

When I decided to take on writing this column, I knew that I would meet various obstacles, but I wanted to take this on because it is important. Sex is part of life. It creates life. It also gives the closet connection you can experience with another person. It's beautiful and haunting and breath taking. There are, however, issues and risks that come along with it. That's why I am so dedicated to this column. There is so much misinformation out there about sex. People deserve to have a wonderful sexual experience, but they need to be educated about it. I want to help people, and I hope I have done that with this column. So much has been covered, and yet there is still a world of knowledge out there I have yet to write about. It's coming though.

If I had to give any last advice, it would be the basic points I've covered in almost every issue. First and foremost, always protect yourself. You have no excuse not to. Please practice proper safe sex. Be respectful. Communicate with your partner and above all, relax. Sex is to be enjoyed.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. Send me your questions. I'll be back in the fall ready to answer your questions and continue talking about the wonderful world of sex.

You can e-mail me at auntedna25@gmail.com. Here to help, Aunt Edna.

Hey Chanticleer readers. Seeing as how this is my last issue as Arts & Features Editor, I thought it would be wise to say a goodbye and thank you to a few people.

Now, it seems like both of the columnists in this section are taking the time to say goodbye, so I won't waste too much of your time.

I came in to this newspaper as an education major who didn't know anything about creating a newspaper. The first thanks goes to my fellow editors who helped me to suck less. Thanks to Zach, Haley, Matt, and Mr. Stedham. Also, I thank Kira, Logan, Matt (again), and Julie for writing and always being reliable.

Thank you to the professors of the JUS’s Communication Department for welcoming me into their ranks. Also, thanks to the Department of Secondary Education professors: Dr. Barkley, Dr. Zenanko, Mrs. Padgett, and Mrs. Ray. You have taught me more about education than I thought there was to know.

JUS’s English Department also taught me so well and pushed me to do better; thanks Dr. Whitton, Dr. Porter, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Horton, and Mrs. Foster.

Individual thanks go out to Lisa and Eric Traynor. Remember guys, we are in college to learn. Don’t just learn about your major, but learn about your friends and yourself. Get to know some really weird characters, because they usually have the best stories. Go and get involved, write for the newspaper or go see a play. You can attend a rally or join the SGA. My point is: the more you do, the more I have to write about.

Sincerely, Doran Smith

Art & Features Editor

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Dr. Andrea Porter taught my Writing the Vietnam War course last May. This class changed my life. I left each day with more questions, and never dreaded the reading or assignments. Her teaching methods were moving, and brought tears to my eyes, a smile to my face and a hunger to know more about my nation’s history, especially the Vietnam War.

Dr. Jeffery Hedrick, who can always make people laugh, has been my advisor for the past four years and has never once said he didn’t have the time to help me. Even if I was passing him on his way out the door, he would stop, turn around and help me if I truly needed it.

And of course, each editor of the Chanticleer who allowed me to write: Toni Merriss, Kevin Jeffers, Bethany Boulaianis and Zach Childs. Thank you.

Though this week's column didn’t have much to do with relationships, dating or love, I can pretty much sum up what I hope all of you who faithfully read Dear Julie for the past year got out of it.

Love yourself, first and foremost.

There will be times in your life where it seems that you're being tested for whatever reason, and you'll wonder when the silver lining will shine through. People will fail you. School will seem like a never ending pile of work. Your self esteem might get lower than low. And on top of all that, sometimes you get your heart broken right smack dab in the middle of it all. But it always gets better.

Trust yourself, and know when to let go.

Love as freely as you can, but always keep a tiny piece of "you" just for yourself, so it will be there when you need to pick up and start over.

Be fair. People always say that life is not fair, and I couldn’t agree more. But, we have a choice in this. We can be fair. We can treat ourselves and the people in our lives with respect and love them for exactly who they are. We can choose to be happy for people instead of bitter when things don't turn out the way we hoped for. You can never, ever go wrong with being kind.

Know you are not alone. Whether you’re home alone on Valentine’s Day or pondering whether or not to break up with your girlfriend, there’s tons of people out there going through the exact same thing. In an instant, your life can change and never be the same again.

Remember that love is a gift. Treat it with respect, humility, dignity and cherish it.

Thanks for allowing me to give you advice, and thanks for reading my words each week.

Let's wake up each day and make the best of this life; we only have one chance to do it right.
Get to know Jordan Beistline

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

Meet Jordan Beistline, a junior pitcher for the Jacksonville State University baseball team. He calls LaGrange, Ga., home.

His father, Rob, pitched four years at Georgia Tech and is the one that introduced Beistline to baseball at a very young age.

Beistline chose JSU because of their persistence in the recruiting process that made him feel wanted. He has had an impressive career so far, as a sophomore he made a team-high 24 appearances, with 23 in relief, posted a 7-2 record with one save and a 4.35 ERA. Also, he recorded 43 strikeouts.

Beistline has a detailed superstition during the game. When pitching he has to come in and out of the same gate of the dugout. He then has to sit on the same spot on the bench, place his glove beside him, get up and drink one and half cups of water and sit back down. When he comes back on the field he will not touch the lines.

He is known as the “loud one” to his teammates, and if you see him with his iPod in he is more than likely listening to Lil Wayne or Luke Bryan.

Beistline is majoring in sociology, and hopes to continue to play baseball after he graduates in the minor leagues and professionally.

“I go out there, whether I start or finish the game, with the mindset that I am going to shut you (the hitter) down and I’m coming right at you,” said Beistline.

Highlights of the week

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Time to say goodbye

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

The time has come to say goodbye. In my opinion, saying goodbye is something that will always be hard or bittersweet. This is my last week being sports editor for The Chanticleer and my last week of classes at Jacksonville State University. I’m about to take my first steps into what the older ones call “the real world.” An exciting time, but a scary one at that — it is the first time in my life that I can’t tell you where I will be this time next year.

I would like to thank a few people. First off, my fellow Chanty staff: thanks for all the long nights and early Wednesday mornings. It has been a pleasure getting to know you (Zach, Doran, MJ, and Matt) and I will always cherish the memories we made. Also, Austin Faulkner — what would I have done without you? Thank you for being a consistent writer with ideas and having a willingness to help.

I look forward to reading the Chanty in the future to see your work. Kevin Brant, thank you for your dependability and all of your sports photos.

Next, the faculty at JSU: Mr. Stedham, thank you for your patience, constructive criticism and all of our long talks about life, jobs, plays, and some times the topics that had nothing to do with anything. I can’t forget, Tammy Mize, the best secretary in the world (in my opinion) thank you for being my JSU mom. I will miss you terribly and again thank you for everything you have done for me during my time at JSU. Thank you Mr. Chandler, Mr. Waddle, Dr. Hedrick, Dr. Harbor and Mr. Stedham for teaching me about communications and for your help in shaping me to go out into the world of journalism. I would also like to thank all my professors that I have had these past three years. Last but not least, a big thank you to all my classmates and Chanty readers, and I cannot write a thank you and not thank my mom and dad, and my friends.

Well, I am off to find a job and work on this magazine career I have always dreamed of since high school. Graduation is April 30th at 6:00 p.m. and I will finally have that coveted piece of paper in my hand that I have worked so hard for the past four years. I have met some amazing people here at JSU, that have impacted me in ways that I’m not quite sure I will ever be fully aware of — thank you. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the student newspaper, and I hope I brought adequate coverage of JSU sports to the readers. I’ll end with my life quote:

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” — Mark Twain

Support the Gamecocks at home

- 4/17 Softball vs. Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 4/18 Softball vs. Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 4/24 Baseball vs. Southeast Missouri - 1 p.m.
route to a 11-4 win over Kennesaw State.

- Jacksonville State junior Ashley Eliasson has been named the Ohio Valley Conference’s Pitcher of the Week after guiding the Gamecock softball team to a 4-1 record last week.

- Jacksonville State scored a first half goal and made it hold up for a 1-0 win over defending Atlantic Sun Conference champion Kennesaw State.

- The Jacksonville State Women’s Tennis team earned a 6-1 win over Morehead State (9-13, 6-3 OVC) to claim the 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season championship.

- Jacksonville State (9-10, 5-2 OVC) men’s tennis dropped the doubles point before rallying for a 5-2 win over Morehead State (10-8, 4-2 OVC).

- Freshman Elizabeth Bond clocked a 55.80 on Saturday at the Ole Miss Invitational to become the first ever Jacksonville State track and field member to qualify for a national championship event.

- Junior Ashley Eliasson tossed a three-hit shutout for the Jacksonville State softball team, leading the Gamecocks to a 4-0 win over Morehead State and a series win.

- Jake Sharrock hit a walk-off grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lead Jacksonville State to a 7-3 come-from-behind win over Murray State in the first game of a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series at Rudy Abbott Field.

- Andre Hoke, Amber Wiley and Laveeta Oliver posted top 10 finishes at the Ole Miss Invitational.

- Junior Ashley Eliasson kept UAB at bay for six innings and freshman Hilary Phillips slammed the door on the Blazers in a 2-1 win by the Jacksonville State softball team.

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- 4/25 Baseball vs. Southeast Missouri - 1p.m.
- 4/27 Baseball vs. UAB - 6:30p.m.
- 4/28 Softball vs. Samford - 6:30p.m.

Chicken Scratch

"YOU MAY CROSS PELHAM STREET!!!!"

The cleaning ladies at Curtiss are the best!!! They are so friendly and they do such a good job!

Thank you Jaxpan for playing at theGem of the Hills Track Meet

JSU moving to the sunbelt?

Haley Gregg - Best of luck after Graduation!! I will miss your daily visits to my office. Love you! (Ed. Note: I know who this is! and I will miss you very much! I love you too!)

Best of luck to all Graduating Seniors!!

Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a lamb.

Just because you have a Doctorate doesn’t mean you have a clue about how things work.

LEARN RESPONSIBLY! If you earn a bad grade in a class, you have no one to blame but yourself, not your teachers, not the administration, not your classmates, and not your parents. OWN IT!!

FRIENDS COME & GO BUT GOD ALWAYS STAYS BY YOUR SIDE!!!

Thank you Chanticleer staff for your hard work and LONG hours. Great semester!

Hope everyone has a GREAT summer!

Awhoop whoop!

Fudderwhacking!

um...I'm ready for this blanket of yellow that is on my car every morning to go away! pollen sucks!

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Sports

The Lights Return on Friday Nights

By Austin Faulkner
Sports Staff Writer

The citizens of Dillon return in the fourth installment of the critically acclaimed series, Friday Night Lights. Dillon is now a divided town. Once unified by their beloved Panthers, the town has been redistricted in order to receive more educational funding. With the redistricting, the town will be torn between supporting their alma mater Dillon or root for the upstart bunch at East Dillon.

The show returns an all-star cast including Kyle Chandler, Aimee Teegarden, Zach Gilford, and Taylor Kitsch along with several newcomers including Michael B. Jordan and Jurnee Smollett. Chandler plays the charismatic Coach Taylor as he tries to build an East Dillon team from the scraps left to him by the Dillon school board. It is a daunting task, for a man who already carries the weight of the town on his shoulders. As he grasps straws, Tim Riggins (Kitsch) and Matt Saracen (Gilford) deal with their personal issues and attempt to transition to the college life after their senior year. As each member of the community struggles with their own problems, look for the tightly knit, time-tested friendships that have developed to strengthen.

This is a very well written dialogue and is performed to perfection. The cast helps bring the script to life and do a very good job of portraying the emotions that are written onto the screen. Filming and camera angles are also a key. They move between filming a documentary, a soap opera and a football highlight reel.

Music can make or break an intense moment in the drama, but with one of the best soundtracks I have ever heard that should not be a problem. The scores that are used are placed perfectly with the fluctuations in moods and temperaments of the characters. Notes seem to hover and reverberate in tense moments, while during a pep talk the melodies soar to a rousing crescendo to bring the speech to its climax.

With a great cast, amazing soundtrack and brilliant scripts this season looks to be the best yet. A show that can dissect the individual pieces of a community and place them together in an order that make sense is a phenomenal feat and deserves to be commended. Friday Night Lights is one of, if not the best drama on television and with this season it would appear that its dominance will continue. Tune in to NBC on April 30th to see the season four premiere.

Gamecocks Blast Kennesaw State

from jsugamecocksports.com

Jacksonville State pounded out a season-high 20 hits en route to a 11-4 win over Kennesaw State on Tuesday at Stillwell Stadium.

A Lambert RBI single added the final run in the fourth to give JSU a 4-2 lead.

Edge began the two-run fifth with his second double and scored one batter later when Bluestein homered to centerfield to extend the lead 6-2.

JSU women’s tennis claim first ever OVC title

from jsugamecocksports.com

The Jacksonville State Women’s Tennis team earned a 6-1 win over Morehead State (9-13, 6-3 OVC) to claim the 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season championship on Sunday at the JSU Tennis Courts.

Jax State (13-8, 9-0 OVC) claimed its first ever OVC Women’s Tennis title and its first conference championship since 1993.

The Gamecocks gained a 1-0 advantage by sweeping the three doubles matches for the doubles point. Viviane Marani and Martina Dessbesell defeated Madeleine Antero and Lauren Delaney, 8-2 at No. 1, Raphaela Lima and Kimberly Ferris edged Alix Young and Alexandra Rydberg, 9-7 at No. 2 and Rafaela Wenzel and Kristen Fuller upended Alix Lakow and Kayla Tuscani, 8-6 at No. 3.

JSU claimed wins at the No. 1 through No. 5 singles positions to close out the match. Marani beat Young, 7-6, 6-4 at No. 1, Dessbesell eased past Rydberg, 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2, Ferris earned a 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over Kayla Tuscani at No. 3, Wenzel beat Antero 7-6, 6-4 at No. 4 and Julianna Renesto downed Delaney, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 5.

Jacksonville State goes into the 2010 OVC Women’s Tennis Tournament as the number one seed which begins on Thursday in Paducah, Ky.
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The Gamecocks had nine extra base hits on the evening that included five doubles, three home runs and a triple and had the leadoff run reach base in eight of nine innings.

Kyle Bluestein, who needed a double for the cycle, went 4-for-5 with four RBI, a triple and a home run to lead the Gamecocks. Todd Cunningham, Bert Smith, and freshmen Cal Lambert and Orrin McFadden had three hits apiece while Daniel Adamson and Andrew Edge had a pair of hits.

Cunningham, who had three stolen bases on the night, led the game off with a single and after stealing third scored on an error by the Kennesaw State third baseman on the play to give JSU an early 1-0 lead.

The Owls took a 2-1 lead with a two-run third before the Gamecocks plated four in the fourth, two in the fifth and seventh and one in the sixth to build a 10-2 lead.

Edge doubled to start the fourth and scored on a Bluestein triple to tie the game. Adamson followed with a two-run home run to left field to bring home Bluestein and give JSU the lead for good.

A Lambert RBI single added the final run in the fourth to give JSU a 4-2 lead.

Edge began the two-run fifth with his second double and scored one batter later when Bluestein homered to centerfield to extend the lead 6-2.

Cunningham singled to left, and advanced to third on a Smith double in the sixth. Cunningham later came home on a ground out for a 7-2 advantage.

McFadden led off the seventh with a single bringing Lambert followed with a two-run home run off the Kennesaw club house patio in left center to give JSU a 10-2 lead.

The Owls added two runs in the eighth to trim the deficit to 10-4 before JSU scored the final run of the night when Blake Seguin came home from third after Sam Eberle reached on a fielder’s choice.

Tanner Freshour (4-1) tossed four scoreless innings with a strike out while allowing just one hit as the pitcher of record for JSU. Todd Hornsby had two strike outs and gave up only one hit in 1 2/3 innings of work to close the game.

KSU starter Callan Kendrick (0-2) gave up five runs, three earned, on eight hits in three plus innings to take the loss for the Owls.

Jacksonville State returns to Ohio Valley Conference play against Austin Peay at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Clarksville, Tenn.

Jacksonville State 6, Morehead State 1

Singles competition
1. MARANI, Viviane (JSUW) def. YOUNG, Alix (MORW) 7-6, 6-4
2. DESSBESELL, Martina (JSUW) def. RYDBERG, Alexandra (MORW) 6-1, 6-2
3. FERRIS, Kimberly (JSUW) def. TUSCANY, Kayla (MORW) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1
4. WENZEL, Rafaela (JSUW) def. ANTERO, Madeleine (MORW) 7-6, 6-4
5. RENESTO, Julianna (JSUW) def. DELANEY, Lauren (MORW) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
6. HELMS, Brooke (MORW) def. FULLER, Kristen (JSUW) 6-2, 6-4

Doubles competition
1. MARANI, Vivian/DESSBESELL, Martina (JSUW) def. ANTERO, Madeleine/DELANEY, Lauren (MORW) 8-2
2. LIMA, Ralhaela/FERRIS, Kimberly (JSUW) def. YOUNG, Alix/RYDBERG, Alexandra (MORW) 9-7
3. WENZEL, Rafaela/FULLER, Kristen (JSUW) def. LAKOW, Alix/TUSCANY, Kayla (MORW) 8-6

Match Notes:
Morehead State 9-13, 6-3 OVC
Jacksonville State 13-8, 9-0 OVC

Sports photo of the week

Jacksonville State freshman Griffin Thomas kicked a 51-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in game to lift the Red team to a 24-21 comeback win over the White team in the annual J-Day game at Paul Snow Stadium this past Saturday. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer