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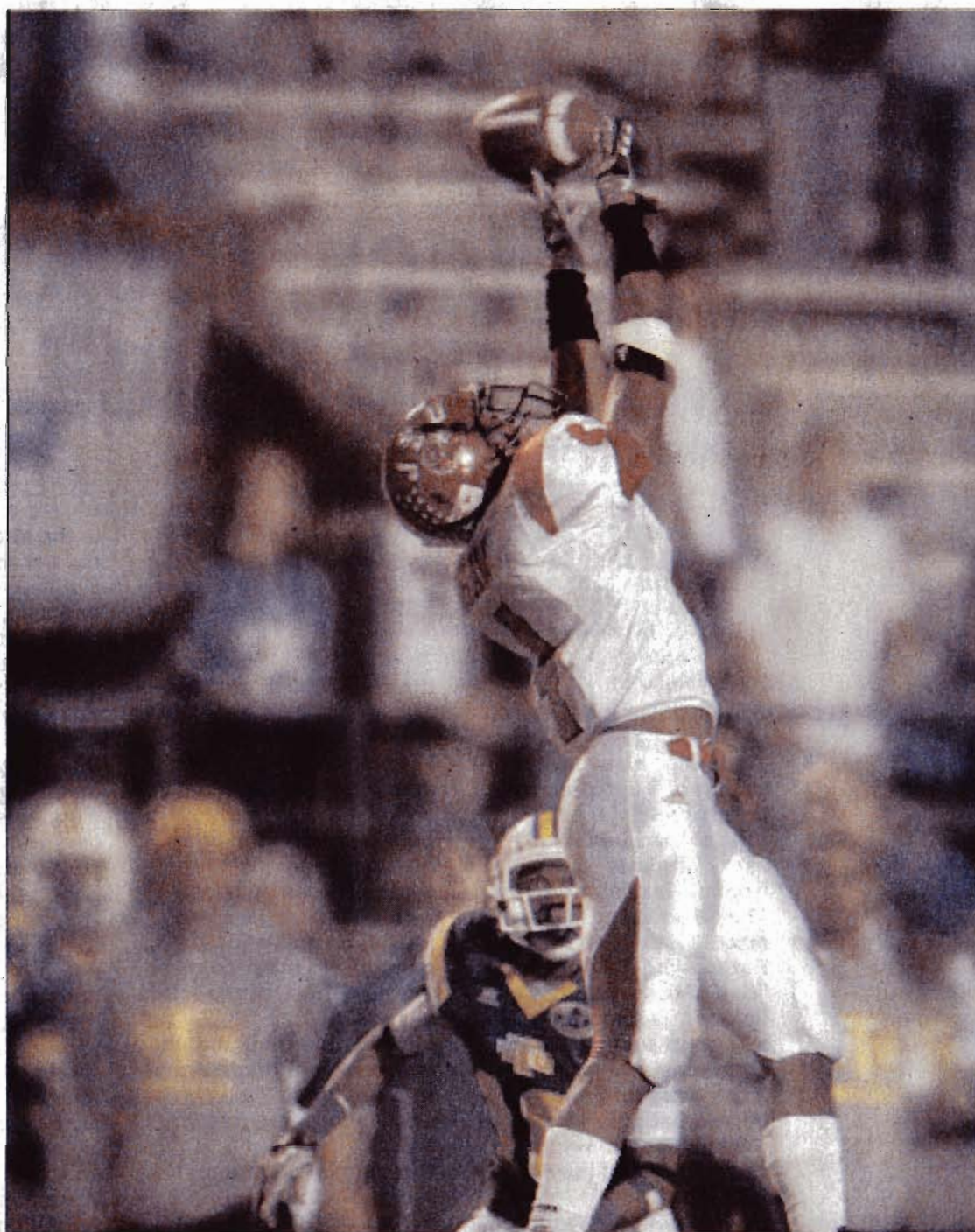
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## inTHE NEWS

### Benefit Dinner, Concert Planned

A benefit dinner and concert for JSU senior Mallory Paige Brown, 24, will be held on Saturday, December 4, at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Oneonta. The benefit will raise funds to help with Mallory's medical expenses, which have grown since she suffered a massive stroke on September 26. Mallory spent three weeks in the neuro-intensive care unit at UAB Hospital, followed by more than three weeks at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital. She is currently in a care facility and has made some progress. She can now blink her eyes on command, smile and squeeze her hands.

At JSU, Mallory



## CCBA INVESTIGATION

# Audit finds possible financial impropriety

*From news reports*

Jacksonville State University's College of Commerce and Business in a recent audit by the State Department of Examiners of Public Accounts was found to be in violation of financial practices, university policy and federal guidelines over its connections with a not-for-profit organization.

The report was released November 26.

A story in a recent edition of The Anniston Star said that two employees, JSU employee Pat Shaddix was overpaid by \$1,369.71 and that the college's dean, Bill Fielding, signed contracts with a non-profit while serving on its board. Fielding denied being on that board.

It also stated that Shaddix, Fielding and other departmental employees together received a total of more than \$150,000 in "extra compensation" between October 2004 and February of this year.

Shaddix was charged for the money that was overpaid, and had reimbursed the state in full by the time the report was issued. He said the amount grew over time due to miscalculations in money he was owed for leave.

"It was an oversight," Shaddix said.

In the article, Fielding said he never served on the board for the Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce, the not-for-profit he reportedly signed a contract with in the amount of \$95,600 in 2005.

He said the institute asked him to serve on its board and even listed him as a member at one of its meetings, but said that he never accepted



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At JSU, Mallory was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM), and Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT). She and her parents are long-time members of Philadelphia Baptist Church.

Along with Pleasant Mount Baptist Church of Remlap, the PBC family is spearheading a fund-raising effort to help support her continued care and therapy. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of PBC with a menu of catfish, chicken fingers, French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert and drink. Admission is free. Donations will be taken at the door. All proceeds benefit Mallory.

The concert will follow at 7 p.m. and features the PBC Sanctuary Choir, the Union Hill Quartet, Larry Tidwell and the Bridgebuilders, along with other local talent. Again, contributions will be taken during this event.

If you cannot attend but wish to help with the effort, donations may be sent to the Mallory Brown Fund at Philadelphia Baptist Church, P.O. Box 781, Oneonta, AL 35121.



Photo by Steve Latham/ JSU

## GAMECOCKS TO HOST WOFFORD

JSU's James Shaw (4) makes a catch during the Tennessee Tech game. The Gamecocks will host Wofford in the second round of the Football College Series tournament on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Burgess- Snow Stadium.

## inSIDE

Wacky, tacky, but true. Recently in the news, several events over the past couple of weeks have just made us going through a "things that make you go hmmmm" moment.

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## Get Your Student Refund Faster with Electronic Direct Deposit

Get Your Student Refund Faster with Electronic Direct Deposit

JSU students, be first in line for your student refund without going to the mail center! JSU is pleased to announce we now offer Electronic Direct Deposit (EDD) of student account refunds.

If you sign up for EDD and your financial aid is ready to be dispersed, you will see your funds in your bank

account on January 20, 2011. Paper checks for those not enrolled in EDD will be available on January 21, 2011 at the mail center.

To sign up for EDD, you will need to provide your banking information as follows:

1. Log on to MyJSU; 2. Click "View Account/Make Payment"3. Under "Quick View" click on "Create a Refund Profile"4. Click

the amount of \$95,600 in 2005.

He said the institute asked him to serve on its board and even listed him as a member at one of its meetings, but said that he never accepted and attended no meetings as a board member.

"The examiner is wrong," Fielding said. "I knew there was going to be a board and I didn't want to be on the board."

In relation to the audit, university president Bill Meehan said he was aware of the findings. He said the audit stemmed from a larger federal investigation into the Small Business Development Consortium, of which JSU is a involved. Meehan said he became aware of the investigation early this fall when the Federal Bureau of Investigation began asking questions about the consortium and its former director, Bill Campbell.

on "Payment Profile" and choose from one of the following options 1: If you have an Electronic Check (checking/savings) saved payment method on file, you can choose this as your refund profile. Click on the "pencil"; Check the box beside "Please check here if you would like refunds to be deposited into this account"; Click "Save." For more information, go to [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu).

## JSU Music Presents a Family Holiday Concert

Join the students, faculty and special friends of the JSU Department of Music on, December 5th at 3 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium as they share the very special gift of music with the entire community. The program will present holiday music for the entire family. There will be old favorites, familiar carols, jazz arrangements, popular classics and even the opportunity for the audience to join in and sing as well. Admission is free.



Photo by Sports Information Desk

## Women's Basketball

JSU Women's Basketball Coach Watts talking to teammates during a recent basketball game vs. on the road

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Shoe box program sends message of hope, charity

*From staff reports*

Shoe boxes. Shoe boxes.

The word nor the object may not be of any significance to you, but by some worthy cause, the perception of the meaningless cardboard your closet becomes a lifeline.

It's called the Guatemala Shoe Box Program.

And for children in Guatemala, that shoe box has become a life saver.

Ten years ago, Dr. George Lauderbaugh, Phi Theta Alpha, and several of

Dr. Lauderbaugh's colleagues discovered and explored this program.

The Guatemala Shoe Box Program is a program headed by the Program of Alabama-Guatemala Partners in the Americas, which started in 1967.

What they do is simple: If you fill an empty shoe box with common essentials and small children's toys, such as toothpaste, combs, soap, washcloths, yo-yos, harmonicas, dolls, slinky, or art supplies, the items will be gift wrapped and taken to impoverished and remote villages in Guatemala.

The items will be issued by Guatemalan officials.

During the first they participated in the event, Dr. Lauderbaugh and his colleagues sent 50 boxes of items. Ten years later, the group has sent 450 boxes and raised \$1,200 to help cover expenses.

But they did not do it alone. They encouraged community and scholastic participation.

Groups such as Phi Alpha Theta, Rotaract, the JSU Athletics Department, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and other

local churches answered the call to help.

Individual donors include Homer Wilson, a retired space engineer with NASA). Last year, he sent 5,000 boxes filled with items to help support the program and paid all the expenses.

Dr. Lauderbaugh spoke with pride as he mentioned all the partners involved with the program.

"Times as tough here," he said, "but not nearly as tough as they are in Guatemala everyday. We truly appreciate the campus and community for supporting [this program]."

### JSU HAPPENINGS



## CAMPUS GROUPS BEGIN TOY, FOOD CHARITY DRIVES

As we head into the holiday season, we have many reasons to feel blessed. Unlike many, we have an extensive campus community of friends, mentors and coworkers who support us when we need it. But many are not as fortunate this year. Some have lost jobs, some have lost homes, and some

community who are not as fortunate.

A number of campus organizations and groups are conducting food and toy drives this holiday. Please consider them when you plan your holiday giving. To recap some of the opportunities:

Guatemala Shoebox

## Wack, Tacky, but True?

### Brazilian Drug Lords LOVE Justin Bieber!

...Well, at least one does!

Yesterday, a massive swarm of 2,600 police and army operatives seized 11 tons of marijuana and a "small arsenal" of weapons from a Brazilian drug gang. They also found an oversized Justin Bieber mural. Pezao, who is known as "one of the area's top traffickers," is apparently also a serious Justin Bieber enthusiast! If this drug lord ends up behind bars, we wonder if they'll let him bring his prized mural of the Biebs with him.

Do U see anything strange

down dozens of media requests because they were worried what he might say. Wagner could say anything at any time so it looked like an accident waiting to happen. They spent the day giving him advice so that when he does speak he won't damage the show's image. He was effectively gagged. No other contestant had this treatment this series."

LOLz! You'd think that they would have thought about that during his time on the show and prepared him then!

C'mon, guys! Let him loose!

We would LOVE to hear

In the end she hung up - as did her mother and father. But then she phoned me and said, 'Hi Grandma, I just phoned you to tell you I love you.' And I said, 'Katie, I love you too.' Do I think I've let Katie down? No, I don't think so at all. If anything she's let me down. The family released a statement saying that they want to disassociate themselves from me. I don't think they're being very sensible about it, but if that's what they want to do, then fine. I find it very hard. I have the right to live my life the way I want to, but it's sad we can't discuss it as grown-ups. If they're not going to accept me for what I am, I'm not going to say sorry. It's still very raw and I understand it was a shock. I'd like to think they can come into

have an extensive campus community of friends, mentors and coworkers who support us when we need it. But many are not as fortunate this year. Some have lost jobs, some have lost homes, and some have simply lost hope.

Before we gather to light up the campus and share in all the other festivities of the season, we should look around and search out ways to help those in the

are conducting food and toy drives this holiday. Please consider them when you plan your holiday giving. To recap some of the opportunities:

Guatemala Shoebox Drive- Through December 15

One Can Food Drive- Through December 6  
Sodexo Toy Drive- Through December 8

## Borders to Speak at Library Luncheon

Ms. Anna Borders, a JSU graduate and therapist at the Northeast Alabama Crisis Center, will be the guest speaker at the Library Lunchtime Lecture on December 9 on the 10th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Ms. Borders received her bachelors degree in Criminal Justice in 2007 and also her masters degree

in Community Agency Counseling in 2009. She will speak on the services available to all Calhoun County residents at the NACC.

The event begins at noon and is free. Plan to bring your lunch and join us!

For more information, contact Charlie Pettway Vann at ext. 8434.

— From the JSU News Wire

a serious Justin Bieber enthusiast! If this drug lord ends up behind bars, we wonder if they'll let him bring his prized mural of the Biebs with him.

Do U see anything strange with a drug lord being a Bieber fan? Or do U think it's totally normal?

### X Factor Dramz! Eliminated Carrilho Banned From Speaking To The Press!

Ha! No fun!

While most X Factor contestants immediately hit up the press circuit upon elimination from the reality competition, the HIGHlari-ous Wagner Carrilho has been mysteriously mum - and now sources are coming forward to reveal that the head honchos are keeping him from speaking out because they're afraid of what he might say or do!

The insider explains:

"Wagner was banned from speaking to the other contestants on Sunday and yesterday they turned

LOLz! You'd think that they would have thought about that during his time on the show and prepared him then! C'mon, guys! Let him loose! We would LOVE to hear what he has to say! In fact, we encourage it! Here's more X Factor Dramz!

Eliminated X Factor contestant Katie Waissel was no stranger to controversy during her time on the reality competition, but nobody could have anticipated that her grandmother, Sheila Vogel, would be outed as a high class hooker!

However, the 82 year old is speaking out to the press about the scandal, and also refuses to apologize for her career choice!

She explains: "I haven't done anything wrong. It's a free world and I haven't killed anybody. I'm just trying to make a living. Katie was very upset at first. We spoke on the phone but she wouldn't let me talk. She was screaming at me. It was very hard.

to, but it's sad we can't discuss it as grown-ups. If they're not going to accept me for what I am, I'm not going to say sorry. It's still very raw and I understand it was a shock. I'd like to think they can come into this century and become more liberal. I have no inhibitions. I'm a good example for prudish people. It's not the end of the world to be 70 or 80 years old. Live your life!" Amazing! She's not hurting anyone, and she's clearly not being forced to do anything against her will! It's certainly unusual, but if she still wants on, MORE POWER TO HER! Werk it, grandma! Your family will come around! Thoughts??

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# Calendar

## TODAY

An internet outage has been scheduled on TODAY to facilitate equipment and bandwidth upgrades. The outage will begin at approximately 7 a.m. Internet service should be restored to campus by 9 a.m.

## SUNDAY

Join the students, faculty and special friends of the JSU Department of Music on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m. in Leone Cole

Auditorium on the JSU campus as they share the very special gift of music with the entire community.

Featured will be many of the outstanding instrumental and vocal ensembles from JSU MUSIC as well as soloists from the Music faculty. The program will present holiday music for the entire family. There will be old favorites, familiar carols, jazz arrangements, popular classics and even the opportunity for the audience to join in and sing as well.

## Friday

Jack Hopper Dining Hall presents "Game On! Extreme Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The dining hall will serve hotdogs, BBQ Chicken Flatbread Pizza and other goodies will be served. So come out and enjoy the food and fun.

**HOPPER DINING HALL**  
**Friday December 3rd**  
**11:00 - 1:30**  
Enjoy The Food

Hotdog Bar Extreme  
 Spiral Cut Seasoned Fries  
 Roasted Corn on the Cob  
 Baked Beans & Collard Greens  
 Loaded Chili Cheese Potato Skins  
 Mesquite Chicken Salad Plate  
 BBQ Chicken Flatbread Pizza  
 Spicy Italian Baguette Sandwich  
 Buffalo Chicken Sandwich  
 Football Cake

Watch The Game

Win A Prize

**GAME ON! EXTREME**



# OPINION

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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



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## Holidays should be about people, not consumerism

**By Andrew Lacy**

Daily Nebraskan, U. Nebraska via UWIRE

If there's one thing I've learned from my time working in retail, it's this: Santa Claus is the anti-Christ.

While many students were at home spending Thanksgiving with their families, I was still in Lincoln, 400 miles from home. I do have some family here, so I wasn't alone, but it's kind of like dancing with someone else's wife: It works OK, but it's just not the same. In three and a half years at college, it's the first time I've experienced even a hint of homesickness.

And why was I here? Because I had to be to work at 6:45 Friday morning so people could save a few bucks on crap that isn't worth buying anyway. One of my co-workers summed it up pretty well when he greeted me on Friday by saying, "Happy screwed-up American priorities day." It's enough to make me want to punt a baby penguin.

And these were the sane ones. I was fortunate enough to work at a place that didn't open until 7. I feel sorry for the people who work at places like Wal-Mart or Target and had to be to work ridiculously early. Have people lost their minds?

I don't fault the stores. They're just trying to make money to get into the black for the year. Major sales are simply a way to reach that goal.

they need to buy.

I fail to see how spending money faster than the Obama administration honors a humble carpenter who was born in a stable and never in his life cared about wealth or material possessions. A fat man in a red suit can hardly measure up to the gifts given to us by a child lying in a manger. Christmas isn't about packages wrapped in paper; it's about a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not necessarily saying people should just stop buying stuff for Christmas.

The economy would be in even bigger trouble if people completely stopped spending money at the time of year that often makes or breaks retail businesses. But that should be a secondary concern. Spending time with the people you love is far more important.

If you don't get someone the perfect gift, it isn't the end of the world. Their feelings about you shouldn't be swayed by that. My best friend is taking me to an Avalanche/Red Wings game two days after Christmas. It's a great gift and will be my first NHL game, but I'm not looking forward to it because I want to go to a hockey game. I'm looking forward to it because I'll be spending that time with her. That's a far greater gift than anything someone could buy for me.

Stop worrying so much about buying presents, and worry more about the only thing

## Wiki 'leaks' rip veil of secret communications

**By Mike Munzenrider**

Minnesota Daily, U. Minnesota via UWIRE

In what might be the overstatement of the year, responding to this weekend's release of over 250,000 U.S. diplomatic cables by WikiLeaks, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini called the leak the "Sept. 11 of world diplomacy." He meant it in a way that the ground rules of diplomacy had been fundamentally changed; however, even in that context his statement seems more like posturing than actual sentiment.

If anything, WikiLeaks' latest release is a departure from such posturing. It's torn back the curtain on usually secret communications and shown the real sentiments of the U.S. diplomatic corps.

Whether one agrees with the means of such a disclosure — and it is not difficult to have problems with WikiLeaks' tactics — the document dump is comforting because it reveals the frank, sane and reality-based thinking that goes on behind-the-scenes diplomatically.

For those disconnected from the news over the holiday weekend, the WikiLeaks story is quite similar to those of the past. Giving warning to the U.S. government of the imminent release of secret documents, WikiLeaks contacted newspapers internationally for advanced disclosure of the cables. Stateside, The New York Times broke the story.

The diplomatic cables released represent the day-to-day communications from more than 270 embassies and consulates from around the world, back to Washington D.C.

As alluded to, and expected, the diplomatic establishment is not taking kindly to the leak. Speaking for the U.S. government, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave the statement, "We condemn in the strongest terms the unauthorized disclosure of classified documents and sensitive national security information."

The reporting of the leaks is ongoing, as information is being made public incrementally.

What's been revealed thus far, though classified, is strikingly nuanced and sane, and can be comforting in an otherwise black and white world.

For instance, the cables revealed that the U.S. and South Korea have had talks regarding the reunification of the Korean Peninsula if and when the economy of North Korea collapses.

It's difficult to believe that such a prospect would be a surprise to many and it's pleasing to learn that such a treatment of a former member of the "Axis of



places like Wal-Mart or Target and had to be to work ridiculously early. Have people lost their minds?

I don't fault the stores. They're just trying to make money to get into the black for the year. Major sales are simply a way to reach that goal. It's the consumers who are the problem. Do these people really think they have nothing better to do than stand in line the night of Thanksgiving so they can buy a new TV? Personally, I consider sleep to be much more important. I guess I'm just weird.

But it's not like this is anything new. Christmas has been completely stripped of its meaning for years in favor of rampant consumerism. The real significance of the holiday is pushed aside and, for the most part, just gets lip service. People may put up a nativity set in their homes, but then they become preoccupied with what

forward to it because I want to go to a hockey game. I'm looking forward to it because I'll be spending that time with her. That's a far greater gift than anything someone could buy for me.

Stop worrying so much about buying presents, and worry more about the only thing people can give each other that actually matters: love. Family, friends, spouses, significant others. These are the things that matter, not that 40-inch plasma TV you trampled three people and punched an old lady to get for half price. Those are the things I'll be thinking about while I'm at work for a pointless extra hour when there won't be any customers anyway.

*Read more here: <http://www.dailynebraskan.com/opinion/lacy-holiday-season-needs-to-be-about-people-not-consumerism-1.2416443>  
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South Korea have had talks regarding the reunification of the Korean Peninsula if and when the economy of North Korea collapses.

It's difficult to believe that such a prospect would be a surprise to many and it's pleasing to learn that such a treatment of a former member of the "Axis of Evil" is on the table.

Not all the information revealed by the cables represents our diplomacy as benign and logical as above. In our attempts to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay, the U.S. has dangled meetings with President Barack Obama to Slovenia in return for accepting prisoners. We've also enlisted the President of Yemen to lie about continued U.S. bombing in his country. He's quoted in a cable saying, "We'll continue saying the bombs are ours, not yours."

Indeed, even some not so nice things were said about world leaders in the cables. Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was described as a "mouthpiece" of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was noted as "risk averse."

Throughout, the cables describe what we really know and what we really think. There are some inconvenient truths and statements made that would be considered gaffs if said in public.

And there are probably better ways to make this information public.

However, at the heart of the disclosure comes a sense that the U.S. has smart, capable, realistic people working on the ground for us around the world.

They shine an ordinary light on the extraordinary, and it's difficult not to take comfort in that.

## FROM THE CHANTICLEER EDITOR

You all have probably been wondering who's running The Chanticleer office? Well, my name is Bill Boykins and for the past two months, my staff and I have been working very hard to bring to the students, faculty and staff of Jacksonville State University, as well as the community, a new and improved product. We're still a work in progress, but from the response we've received, you all are liking what you see. WE HAVE A STAFF MEETING EVERY TUESDAY AT 6 P.M. ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST TO WORK WITH US ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. You can e-mail me at [bboykins.chantyeditor@gmail.com](mailto:bboykins.chantyeditor@gmail.com).

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# Entertainment/Health

NEWS ABOUT ART, MOVIES AND MOVIES AND MORE

## POWER UP?

### Could chocolate milk be the next ultimate energy drink?

**By Kathryn Doeneka**

OSU Daily Barometer, Oregon State U. via UWIRE

Chocolate milk, a beverage commonly consumed by children, is now being used as a sports recovery drink for people of all ages. Karp, Johnston, Tecklenburg, Mickleborough, Fly and Stager (2006) established that it can help to rehydrate the body and rebuild muscles during and after workouts or athletic events. Maybe that is not surprising, because the contents of chocolate milk include carbohydrates, protein, vitamin A, vitamin D and calcium, all of which contribute to rebuilding muscle. Also present are sodium and sugar,

which help stabilize and restore the body's electrolyte balance.

By contrast, energy drinks, which are popular among youth and some active people, contain large amounts of caffeine and sugar, along with ingredients such as taurine, guarana, ginseng, green tea and vitamins.

So, which is better for refueling the body after a workout: chocolate milk or energy drinks? Two recent studies have addressed this question.

Thomas, Morris and Stevenson (2009) showed the difference between chocolate milk and two other replacement drinks (fluid and carbohydrate energy drinks) when consumed by nine well-trained male

bicyclists before and during low to moderate exercise. In the study, "participants cycled 51 percent and 43 percent longer after ingesting chocolate milk than after ingesting carbohydrate replacement drink and fluid replacement drink, respectively" (p. 81).

Pritchett, Bishop, Pritchett, Green and Katica (2009) compared chocolate milk and a similar carbohydrate replacement beverage among 10 well-trained male bicyclists before and during high intensity exercise. The only significant difference they found was a higher creatine kinase level in the carbohydrate replacement drink from the beginning to end of the trials, while the creatine kinase levels of chocolate milk remained about the same throughout.



## Texting becomes new normal

**By DARA BARNEY**  
UWIRE

People depend on texting too much as a communication tool. Don't get me wrong, I admit that I do it too, but when texting becomes the whole communications toolbox as opposed to maybe the hammer or wrench, it might be an unhealthy dependence.



UWIRE

## MOVIE REVIEW

### 'Q&A: TANGLED'

#### UWIRE

It's 3 p.m. on a Saturday and I'm standing outside a room in the Sé San Diego Hotel. The elevator has deposited a PR rep, three other writers and myself on the 18th floor of the posh downtown establishment.

I'm here to interview "Chuck" star Zachary Levi and actress / former teen pop sensation Mandy Moore about their parts in the new Disney film, "Tangled," but with my recorder prepped and my questions written, all I can concentrate on is who ordered the untouched green salad sitting primly on the room service cart.

Suddenly, there is shifting in the room to my left. The voices get louder and thank-you-goodbyes are exchanged. An older man, presumably a reviewer for a paper more important than the one I represent, emerges from the room, notepad in hand. He looks at me and says, "You'll like them. They're very friendly."

I nod, smile and wait for the other reporters to be ushered in before I follow. I've got a seasonal sore throat and I'm worried the actors might want to shake my hand. God forbid I be the one to give Mandy Moore, my childhood idol, a cold.

My fear is squashed when Levi introduces himself by offering a fist bump and an explanation that he's sick. I take silent, personal delight that we are simultaneously ill and offer my knuckles. Ditto to Moore.

Levi is unexpectedly charming and charismatic while Moore, with a genuine grin permanently affixed to her blushed face, is a living embodiment of sunshine — the ideal Disney princess.

The Daily Aztec: Is "Tangled" a story that will appeal to both boys and girls?

Zachary Levi: Absolutely. I think that is one of the things Disney set out to accomplish. They've had a lot of success in the "princess" world and a lot of those movies appeal to boys as well. I mean, I was a little boy and I watched all of them, I don't know what that means. They wanted a movie that was equilateral. Yes, you have this princess character, but it's a fresh take on it. It's an adventure movie at heart.

DA: What lessons do you think college students could learn from "Tangled"?

Mandy Moore: I like the idea of never questioning that

little voice inside of you and not letting fear win at the end of the day. Her entire life, Rapunzel's been told it's her 70 feet of hair that makes her special when clearly, it was something within her that was special.

DA: I'm sure both of you are Disney fans —

ZL: Dis-nerd.

DA: Right ... What's it like to be a part of the Disney legacy?

ZL: Mind-melting. We've talked about this at length, (motions to Moore) it's growing up watching the films. Not just the ones that are considered our generation, starting with "The Little Mermaid." We're the 50th animated feature, which is unbelievable.

MM: It's so above and beyond that we're a part of it with this movie because you know, those movies, and "The Little Mermaid" and so on, were such huge parts of our childhood. They're so ingrained in my memory, like singing every single word of "Beauty and the Beast." And now, this movie could potentially mean to kids nowadays what those movies meant to us. It doesn't get much cooler than that.

DA: When you were little did you want to be Ariel?

MM: I did, I did.

ZL: So did I, sister.

DA: I'd say you're more like Aladdin.

ZL: I love Aladdin ... For little boys, that was more the movie because he was a guy. There was also so much adventure going on. And the genie was so good — Robin Williams as the genie was maybe one of the most perfect Disney roles ever. And Abu is great, and the carpet is great and Iago is great ... definitely it was more male-driven. And Jasmine was hot.

DA: Did you guys record dialogue together?

ZL: We didn't record dialogue together once.

MM: We only met when we did the duet. Doing all the press, all of this, is the first time we —

ZL: The first time we've hung together.

DA: Is that difficult, when you're imagining someone's reactions?

MM: Yeah. I mean, I guess you get used to it as well. It allows you, or forces you to dig deep into your imagination and give every different variation on a line you can give.

People depend on texting too much as a communication tool. Don't get me wrong, I admit that I do it too, but when texting becomes the whole communications toolbox as opposed to maybe the hammer or wrench, it might be an unhealthy dependence.

Let's explore how texting has become the substitute for face-to-face communication, or word of mouth with a phone.

#### Break-ups

It used to be the polite and respectable method to make the time to break it off with your significant other and let them know it isn't working anymore by looking them in the eye and using your words wisely to end it.

Yes, a little awkward, but taking that personal time to do so can really mean something to the other person.

Today many people resort to the phone keypad to cut the ties.

No matter if it is three texts long, or three words long, no one wants to be broken up with from a telephone screen.

It does help avoid awkwardness, but the blow to someone's ego can be just as bad.

As much as I would love to get a, "We r dun. I'm sry, but shizz just didn't werk rite between us," it makes me want to confiscate their phone until they turn 13, and learn how to spell.

Tell me to my face and maybe we can be friends, or at least I can hold on to the little respect I have left for you.

#### Cockiness

Words written on a screen are so much different than actually saying them either by phone or to someone's face.

For example, the ever popular: Sexting.

Intoxicated or not, it seems to be easier for people to come off stronger through written word than by word-of-mouth.

Personally, "Com over 2 my place, ben getting smashed all nite, and wud luv to see you," at 2 a.m. just really doesn't interest me at all.

Or, maybe you are fighting with someone.

I've been there. It is definitely easier to text fight than actually talk.

After an endless cluster of words, it sucks the energy out of you, and talking might have been worth it.

Professional/college appointments: Texting your professor is a horrible idea, unless they suggest it.

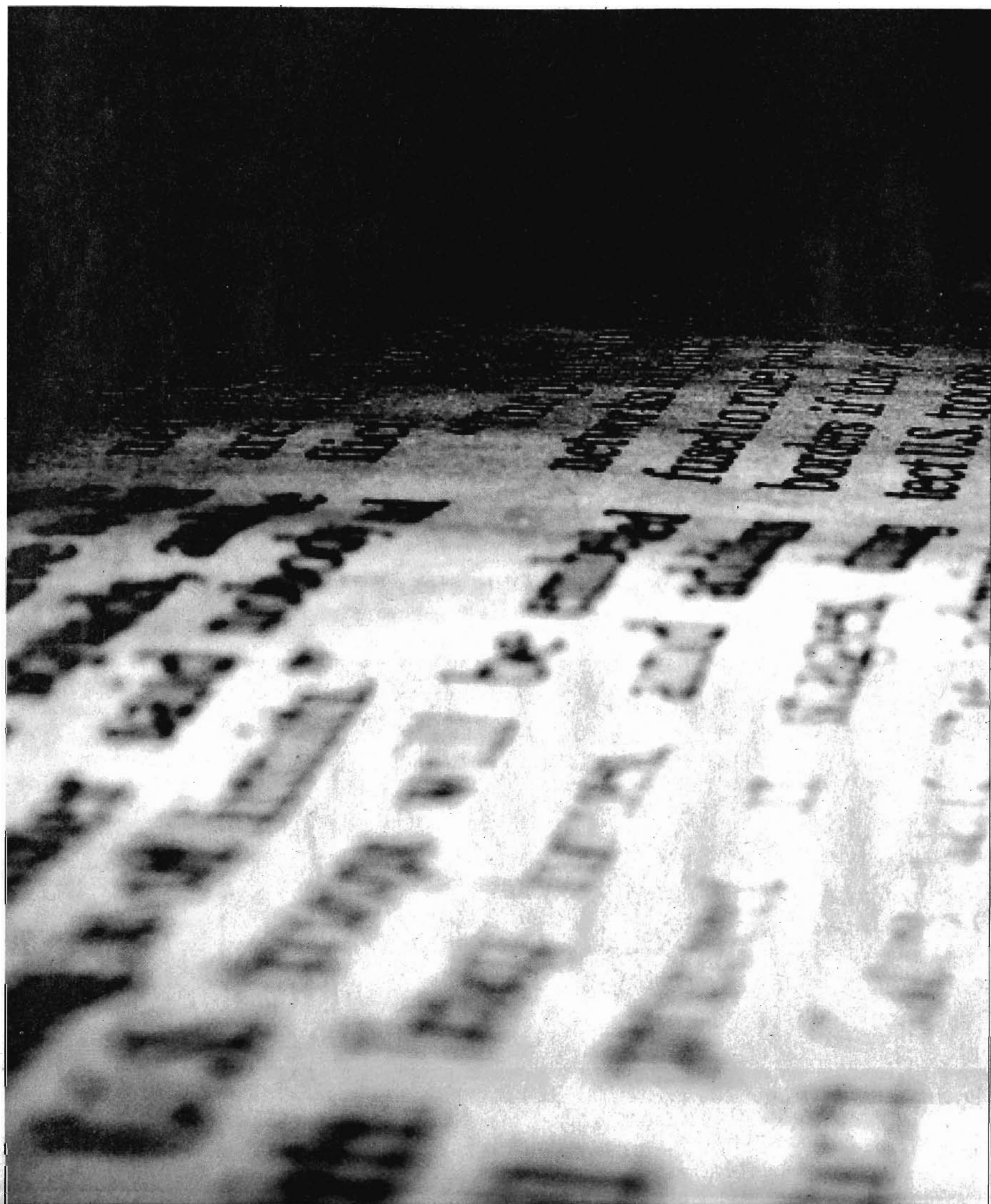
Teachers don't really appreciate, "Hey teach. Can't make it to our appt 2day. I am just 2 hungover lol."

My computer is vomiting red squigly lines from all the misspellings, and I am sure teachers feel the same way.

Don't tell your boss you are going to be late through a 25-word text.

As a news editor, I'd probably respond with, "Ur fired lol."









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# Sports

## Lady Gamecocks drop fourth-straight game

*From wire reports*

**DeLand, Fla.** — Jacksonville State's women's basketball team dropped its fourth-straight game with a 70-52 setback to Stetson University on Monday evening on the SU campus.

JSU falls to 2-4 on the season, while the Hatters improve their season's mark to 2-3. The Gamecocks will return home on Saturday, Dec. 4 to open their Ohio Valley Conference season against Tennessee Tech. Tip off

is set for 5:15 p.m.

After a slow start to the contest by Jax State with a 19-point opening period, it fought its way back into the contest midway through the second half. After trailing 32-19 at the intermission and as many as 18 points at 50-32 at the 11:10 mark, the Red and White strung together a 12-2 scoring spurt to trim the Hatter lead down to eight points at 52-44, but that would be as close as the Gamecocks would get



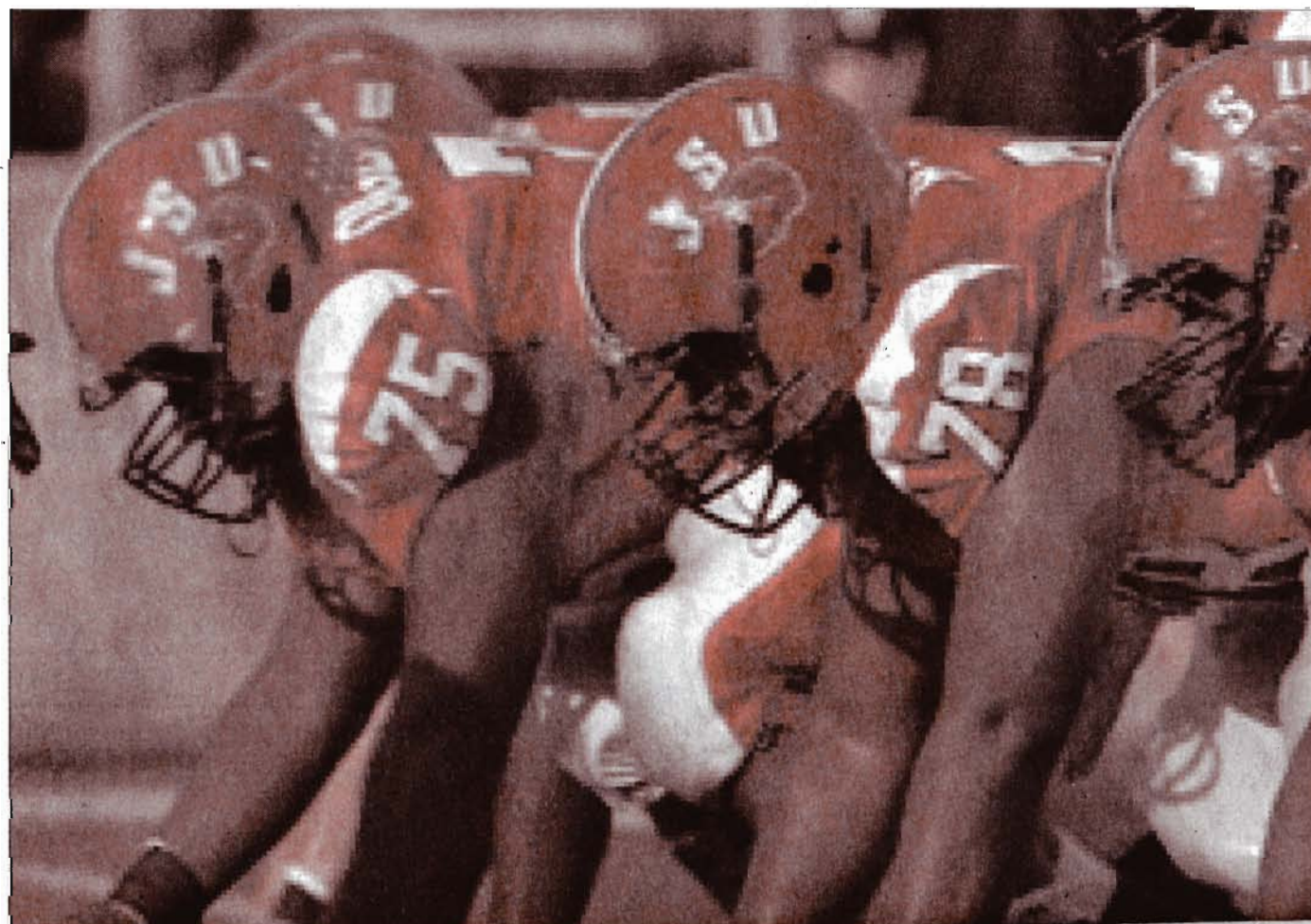
JSU's women's basketball season begins in November. Photo courtesy JSU Sports Information Desk

## Late season upset sets record straight

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## JACKSONVILLE STATE VS. WOFFORD AT 11 A.M. PRE-GAME SHOW ON THE JSU RADIO NETWORK



With the season drawing to a close, I have coughed up some of my previously swallowed pride by choosing a late season upset correctly for a change.

When the Bayou Bengals of LSU rolled up to War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, they did not expect the shootout that was to ensue. Both teams were in the top fifteen. Both were fighting to better position themselves behind SEC West champion Auburn. Only one could take the number two slot and both were determined to claim it. Arkansas had the better team and proved it, behind the arm of quarterback Ryan Mallett, who shone as he threw for a dominating 320 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions against one of the SEC's premiere defenses.

Between my other four picks, I broke even, making this week's record 3-2. I chose Texas A&M to beat Texas and Auburn to beat Alabama which occurred, while my two other picks, Michigan and Oklahoma State, fell short of beating their rivals, Ohio State and Oklahoma respectively.





Gamecocks' offensive line will be one of several keys to unlock a win against Wofford. File

# Gamecocks start championship run

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Jacksonville State earned a first round bye in the playoffs during Thanksgiving weekend. You could not tell if you were on campus.

The Gamecocks practiced on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning before going home and returning to practice on Saturday and Sunday.

After losing to ECU following a bye week, the extra effort is seen as a precautionary measure.

JSU gets the honor of hosting its first playoff opponent, the Wofford Terriers.

The Terriers will probably be the most unique offense the Gamecocks defense has faced this season. Wofford runs the Triple Option.

The key characteristic of this offense is the quarterback has the choice of handing the ball off to the fullback, a halfback,

keep it himself or, in some cases, pass it.

Though the JSU squad has not faced a pure Triple Option attack this season, they have seen aspects of it in other offenses.

Wofford's defense is a base 3-4 scheme and Montreal native defensive end Ameet Pall leads the charge. With 19.5 tackles for loss and 12.5 sacks, the best place to find Pall is in the offensive backfield.

The 3-4 scheme is known for its complex zone blitzes that allow the defense to get sacks by confusing the offensive line.

The Gamecocks will be tested both physically and mentally on both sides of the ball with the specialized attacks that the Terriers bring to the field. With the extra week to prepare and the bitter taste of the Tennessee Tech game still in their mouths, look for the Gamecocks to come out motivated and ready for a heavy-weight bout. It's the playoffs, let's make it one to remember.

## COACH JACK CROWE ON PLAYING IN THE FCS PLAYOFFS

"We are extremely happy and fortunate to be playing a home game in the playoffs, as well as finding ourselves as contenders for a national championship. We have said for quite a while that these are the traditions at Jacksonville State University. There were back-to-back playoff appearances in '77 and '78, and also '80 and '81. There were also appearances made from 1988 through 1992. We were also here in 2003 and 2004. I don't think, even in those efforts, that we set the tone that it takes to actually be a contender in the playoffs. To attend is one thing. To contend is something else. We are approaching this as contenders."

"People may find that the teams like Delaware or the one we're playing this week, Wofford, are schools that we played at a lower level. This is a great beginning. It will change everything that happens afterwards. I think that we, as a team, need to learn how to make this transition. There are teams that play for the playoffs, and then there are teams who have the right mentality to play in the playoffs. We have had to go through that transition."

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With this week's picks my overall record climbs to 43-21 and my upset record becomes 3-8.

With the end of the season in sight, who knows how many picks I have left, but here's to making them count. The kick went up and... it was NO GOOD! This sealed the Bulldogs' victory sending the Gators' into three-game losing streak, and giving me my second correct "Jacksonville State Upset of the Week" pick.

With this week's upset pick being correct, I can feel my fortunes beginning to change.

That pick helped to make my record 7-1 this week, 2-4 in my upset picks and 27-12 overall on the season. With a strong finish this past week, I hope to continue my upset-winning streak.

## Men's b'ball loses in Normal, Ill.

An Illinois State stretch in the middle of the game proved too much for the Jacksonville State men's basketball team to overcome on Sunday, when the Gamecocks fell 60-47 to the Redbirds in the final game of the Global Sports Roundball Classic. The Gamecocks (2-5) controlled the tempo early and led for much of the first half, but the Redbirds (5-1) scored the final six points of the first half.