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AL dems accuse JSU of bias

Call for resignation of Government Relations Director Killingsworth

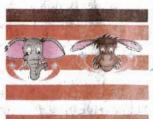
By Zach Childree Editor in Chief

Alabama Democratic Party officials are calling for the resignation of Jacksonville State University Government Relations Director Don Killingsworth after what they called "a blatant display of partisanship" on what Killingsworth himself termed a 'no electioneering' campus.

In a statement released Tuesday, party officials accused Killingsworth and the university of showing favoritism to

Republican House District 40 candidate K.L. Brown by using tax payer funded facilities and prohibiting his opponent, Democrat Ricky Whaley, from campaigning on campus.

"I think that (the university) has violated the trust of the people of Alabama and campaign law," Alabama State Democratic Party Executive director Jim Spearman said. "I've never known a



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public university that prohibits people from handing out campaign materials."

The Democrats' statement also accuses Killingsworth of being personally responsible for removing a Whaley campaign volunteer and a student from a SU basketball.



Since 1947, the mascot of Jacksonville State University has been a gamecock named, Cocky.

Thousands of people see the mascot each year, but have no idea about the person behind the mask - primarily because there is a mascot code of secrecy and silence. The code will not allow the name of this JSU student to be revealed, but here is a glimpse of the man inside the Gamecock (there's the first reveal, Cocky is in fact a male).* For that reason we can't use the student's real name, so we will call him, Max.

being a mascot.

"At times it feels like a pretty big responsibility, because I know that I have to be aware of what I do," said Max "I am a big. representative of the school."

Max is a senior computer science major. He is focusing on the information assurance part of the program, with the hopes of one day working for the National Security Association. This is his second year at JSU, previously attending Snead State Community College where he was a cheerleader. The main reasons he chose JSU to finish his education are because it is known as a center of excellence for information assurance,

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The Democrats' statement also accuses Killingsworth of being personally responsible for removing a Whaley campaign volunteer and a student from a JSU basketball game a few weeks ago.

Campus Police Chief Shawn Giddy said a campaign volunteer was seen handing out materials at a JSU basketball game and was asked if he had approval to

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HAMMOND HALL ART EXHIBIT

Can't tell a book by its cover

By Kira Reeves

Staff Writer

Nestled quietly inside an unlikely cover, rests a great book: Homer's Iliad.

The Hammond Hall Art Gallery at Jacksonville State University is featuring several great books with unlikely covers. Louise L. Foster, a featured artist at The Hammond Hall Art Gallery at Jacksonville State University and Mary Ann Sampson, both explore their artistic talent through bookmaking.

The exhibit features one-of-a-kind books. An original idea of Sampson's, who founded the OEOCO PRESS (One-Eye Opera Company). The company focuses on making letterpress, limited edition, and one-of-a-kind

One collection called "Mappings," features a Copper bound book with original artwork by Sampson. "Letters for Isador," could be one of Sampson's visual masterpieces. With an accordion style and original drawings. The book looks like an actual instrument on display.

Foster attempts to reproduce a Mayan book, "The only book or book structure indigenous to this hemisphere." The books were sacred to Aztec and Mayan culture. "This attempt is a tribute to native

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QUESTION of the WEEK

What is your relationship status?

Single-50%

Taken-50%

Is Aunt Edna Single? - 0%



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Next week's question:

Did you vote in the special election for House seat 40?

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Briefs

Counseling Services and the JSU Peer Educators will host events on Wednesday, February 10 for Sexual Responsibility Awareness Day. The Peer Educators will have an information table set up in the 2nd floor TMB lobby from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Topics included will be sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, birth control, healthy relationships and domestic violence. A Healthy Relationships workshop will be presented from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Room 303 TMB. Julie Skinner, author of the "Dear Julie" column in The Chanticleer, and JSU Peer Educators Jeremiah Bradford, Twan Dixon, and Courtney Mitchell will be the speakers. Join us as Julie and the JSU Peer Educators share their perspective of what is important in making relationships work.

For information, call Counseling Services at 782-5475.

Campus Crime

February 1

- Fraudulent use of credit/debit card was reported.
- Theft of property was reported at Houston Cole Library. Stolen was a plastic toolbox and miscellaneous tools.

February 2

 Adam Barton Wheeler was arrested for presenting an open container.

February 3

 Aaron Omar Davies was arrested for the charge of theft of lost property.

February 4

- Crystal Marie Pierce was arrested for a D.U.I.
- Harassing communications were reported in Jax Apartments

Killingsworth: showing favoritism?

hand out campaign literature.

"He was asked and he didn't have approval from the university," Giddy said. "He was asked to stop handing out materials but he wasn't removed from the building."

Giddy said that the university must approve all campaigning or soliciting on campus.

"This is a school and we can't have people doing things to disrupt the students," Giddy said. "At the same time, you don't want to do anything that shows favoritism. Everybody has to be approved before they can hand out materials on campus."

Spearman said the university was showing favoritism to Brown by hosting the campaign rally, which was to be attended by Gov. Bob Riley, in a university building and by advertising it on the electronic billboard outside of Pete Mathews Coliseum.

"I spoke with Don Killingsworth personally, who unequivocally stated JSU would be a 'no campaign zone," Spearman said. "Yet this morning, students, faculty, and visitors arrived on campus to find the university using its biggest electronic billboard to advertise a political rally for Brown on campus, with Gov. Bob Riley as the headline speaker."

Killingsworth could not be reached for comment by press time.

The JSU Public Relations department released a statement on Wednesday confirming the university was hosting the campaign rally, but emphasized the event was student planned and student led.

"The Democratic candidate, Ricky Whaley, was informed of this event last week and told he would have the same opportunity on campus," the statement reads. "In addition, the independent candidate, Carol Hagan,

will also have the same opportunity on campus. We are glad to see that our students are active in the political process."

Whaley said Killingsworth contacted on Feb. 4 and suggested he get Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom to appear at a rally. Whaley said he didn't want to pull Folsom out of Montgomery where he was in session with the legislature.

Whaley also said he was disturbed by the reports of his campaign volunteers not being allowed on campus.

"It bothers me that you allow some people on campus, but not others," Whaley said. "They wouldn't let me come on campus and invite people to my rally. But, I'm not mad at anybody, I just want the university to do what is fair and equitable for all the candidates."

Cocky: Mascot needs new suit

to continue his cheer career. Max started attending JSU fall 2008 and was soon approached by his cheer coach about becoming Cocky, and without hesitation; he agreed. The school mascot's tuition is fully paid. There is currently only one Cocky; normally at least two is ideal.

Becoming a mascot requires the creation of an alternate personality and quite a bit of acting skills.

"The best part is I get to be who I'm not," said Max. "I see me as being me - then I see Cocky, and I try not to mix the two together."

In fact, Max hates it when the people that know his true identity call him by his real name while he is in character, or vice-versa. Unfortunately, upon receiving the position of JSU's mascot, Max didn't fully understand the secrecy vow and told most of his friends. After attending a mascot camp with the cheerleaders at the University of Alabama, he gained a whole new respect for the job.

"The hardest part now is not laughing while I'm in the suite," said Max.

Max is not a sports fan, which he considers a good thing because it allows him to focus on what he is suppose to be doing while playing Cocky and not be distracted by the game. However, he loves a good game of hacky sack, billiards and foosball. He also works a part-time job. When asked what Cocky's hobbies were, he simply replied, "flirting." Max's favorite song is "Free Falling" by Tom Petty, and Cocky's is "Rooster" by Alice in Chains.

Aubie the mascot of Auburn University is whom Max



Cocky is in desperate need of an upgrade. He has numerous holes in his body, his tail is taped on and his head just plain stinks. Cocky's head cannot be washed, and one can only imagine how many sweaty heads have cheered on the Gamecocks throughout the years (Febreze can only do so much). The mascot is part of the JSU athletic department and the price of a new suite

- Crystal Marie Pierce was arrested for a D.U.I.
- Harassing communications were reported in Jax Apartments

February 5

 Christopher A. Nesbitt was arrested for public intoxication.

What's Happening

Does your club or organization have an upcoming event you would like publicized?
Send your events to
The Chanticleer!
ChantyEditor@gmail.com

Thursday February 11

 Foothills Piano Festival, Mason Hall Performance Center, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday February 12

 Foothills Piano Festival, Mason Hall Performance Center, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Saturday February 13

- ON THE BRINK Southern Writers
 Conference, Stone Center Theatre, 9:00
 am 4:00 pm, \$45 adults; \$14 students
- Planetarium Show: Love Stories in the Stars, JSU Martin Hall 3rd floor, 1:30-2: 30 pm, \$5/person
- Foothills Piano Festival, Mason Hall
 Performance Center, 7:30 am 3:30 pm

Monday February 15

 Roundhouse Recovery, Roundhouse, 8-9pm

Wednesday February 17

- Coffee House & Open Mic, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00-10:00 pm
- Festival for Black History Month/Dinner Theatre, Leone Cole Auditorium, TBA

of hacky sack, billiards and foosball. He also works a part-time job. When asked what Cocky's hobbies were, he simply replied, "flirting." Max's favorite song is "Free Falling" by Tom Petty, and Cocky's is "Rooster" by Alice in Chains.

Aubie the mascot of Auburn University is whom Max looks up to in the mascot world.

"The people that play him take it to a whole other level," said Max. "Plus Aubie is a part of the SGA so they have fundraisers for him, which gives him a huge budget."

Max made history during his term as Cocky, becoming the only Cocky to have his head fall off in front of a crowd. It happened at the end of a football game last year. The players were running towards him after their win, when one made the gesture to bump chests. Of course, Cocky agreed not realizing the height difference. During the landing his beak got stuck on the shoulder pad of the player causing his head to flip off.

"I was only revealed for a split second, but I was so embarrassed and to top it off my mom was there," Max said.

This event in Cocky's history was not all Max's fault. The suite is suppose to have some type of security to prevent the head from falling off, but because of the suites age the security pieces are no longer present.

numerous holes in his body, his tail is taped on and his head just plain stinks. Cocky's head cannot be washed, and one can only imagine how many sweaty heads have cheered on the Gamecocks throughout the years (Febreze can only do so much). The mascot is part of the JSU athletic department and the price of a new suite can run anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and Max hopes a new suite is the plans for the near future.

"I wish Cocky had more funding so he could become a bigger entity at JSU," said Max. "Of course, there would have to be more than one."

JSU has recently started focusing on consistency in their marketing, and that is one thing that our mascot has lacked throughout the years. Cocky, at one point in time, use to be white. The lack of consistency results from Cocky never having a set of guidelines, which is something that Max hopes to accomplish during his term. He also hopes to create a video that would be shown to every new Cocky in order to introduce them to the character and its personality.

In fact, if you are interested in trying out for Cocky contact Misty Holmes at 782-8345, or if you would like Cocky to attend your event visit jsugamecocksports. com and click on "COCKY Request" to start the process of booking the Gamecock.

One last interesting fact about mascots – they are only allowed to have four fingers, so they can't flip anyone off.

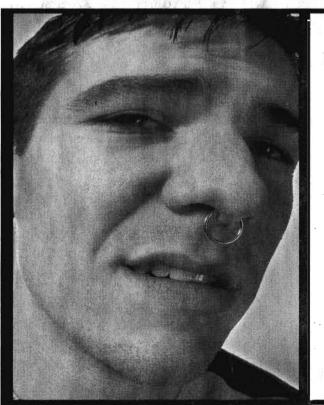
Exhibit: Open Monday through Friday

Americans, north and south, especially the Mayan peoples," said Foster.

Sampson creates a Prayer book, made from security envelopes. The idea came from an Oriental book form-the Palm Leaf Prayer Book, "In which sacred texts are scratched into fresh leaves and then smoked over a fire to make the text visible," said Sampson.

Both Sampson and Foster mold history and art into one visual experience. Not only does the artwork pay tribute to Native American, and Oriental history, but Alabama history and culture as well.

The exhibit is open Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 4pm.



We've Got A Nose For News.

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Placing Politics in run-off election

Arts and Features Editor Doran Smith met with the two party candidates to discuss the issues

Here are the two candidates positions

Rickey Whaley (D)

K. L. Brown (R)

About:

John Rickey Whaley is an educator. He has been an agricultural teacher at Jacksonville High School for 25 years. He has also been active in the community and coaching the community for a majority of that time.

Why Run:

Whaley wasn't going to run for the seat until the death of Representative Fite. He thought that Fite well represented the district. Upon Fite's death, Whaley saw politics as a way of giving back to the community.

"My life has been spent helping and coaching students. I want to represent the people in Calhoun County in a positive way. I don't know all of the answers, but I will listen

and try to do my best."



Largest Donors:

The AEA (Alabama Education Association), their Political Action Committee and

like organizations have donated approximately \$50,000 to Whaley's campaign.

PACT:

Whaley is in favor of funding PACT primarily with money found in closing corporate loophole taxes. He says that the state should play safe when it comes to PACT money.

"The PACT program should be fully funded by these taxes. The state is obligated to pay. PACT needs to be honored, but not at the mercy of the universities."

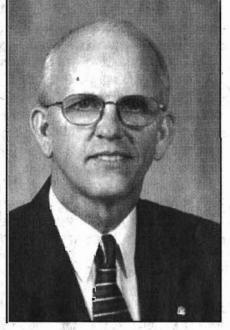
About:

Koven Brown is a local businessman. He is Founder and President of KL Brown Funeral Home in Jacksonville and KL Brown Memorial Chapel in Anniston. He has also been active in local community organizations.

Why Run:

Brown has been interested in politics for several years. If he did not run this time, according to Brown, he

would probably never have gotten around to it. He had mentioned to the Late Representative Lea Fite that he planned on running against him in the 2010 election.



"With my profession, I have been serving people for almost forty years. I feel like politics would just be a continuation

of that service to others."

Largest Donors:

The Business Council of Alabama has given \$25,000 to Brown's. Alabama Realtors Association has contributed \$5,000. The Alabama Republican party has given contributions through advertisements on his behalf.

PACT:

Brown is not in favor of freezing tuition because it is not a sustainable or permanent fix. Brown says there are no simple answers when there is that much money involved, especially when we are in a financial situation like what the state is in now.

"I never had a child or a grandchild in that program, so I can't say that I have ever seen the contracts first hand. I think that when the state insinuates that the cost of a higher education will be paid for, then it should. The state has an obligation to make good on these contracts."



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Corporate Taxes:

Whaley plans to work toward closing loopholes for corporations so that they pay business taxes to Alabama. Larger chain corporations are based out of one state and they file taxes in that state. Whaley plans on making corporations pay their "fair share" to Alabama. "Jacksonville Building Supplies has to pay taxes equal to 15 percent of sales. Lowe's goes outside the state and files in Delaware and they are getting away from that 15 percent."

Economy:

Whaley wants to find funding for education (public schools and colleges/universities). He wants to encourage industries to come to Calhoun County, and Whaley wants to work with AIDT (Alabama Industrial Development Training) controlled trough the two year college system to study where skilled laborer education needs improvement.

"Jacksonville State University is the largest employer in the district. When Jacksonville State University has its funding cut, everyone bleeds. That affects everybody. I would work to restore that money."

Gambling:

Whaley specified that he does not agree with gambling. However, he is in favor of having the legislature work with the Native American casinos to have limits, regulations, and taxes on the gaming. "If we sit down with them, we stand to gain as much as 300 to 500 million dollars in tax revenue. I am not for gambling, but I am for regulating and taxing what is already there. I want the people to speak and vote on the issue."

Charter Schools:

Whaley is against charter schools in Alabama. He quoted a study by Stanford University which concluded that 18% of charter schools in the study performed better than public schools and 37% of public schools outperformed charter schools. Whaley also saw the outsourcing of certified and classified jobs as a potential problem. According to Whaley, the number one reason for a charter school to close is corruption in the administration.

"With charter schools, you will have students trying to get into a certain school because someone else is there, and then we have a demographic problem. You are looking at, once again, the potential of segregation."

Last Words:

"It is not about the party, it is about the person who can best represent district 40. People are supreme and deserve the right to decide on issues. I want to go to Montgomery to give my constituents that right,"

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Policies or Plans:

Brown wants to preserve jobs while creating new jobs. He wants to work with every organization possible to bring opportunities to the district. He is also for going after small businesses that could develop from the Honda Plant in Lincoln.

"The Business Council of Alabama can be tremendously helpful in creating jobs. I know many of the members of their economic development council; I want to work closely with them."

Economy:

Brown is against any form of tax hike on Alabama businesses, families, or individuals. He plans to tighten the belt and trim back spending where it can be cut. However, he advocates that education can't bare any more proration.

"This whole state is hurting financially; our whole country is hurting financially. Calhoun County is suffering from 11% unemployment, and the state's unemployment rate is about the same. Education has taken a major hit these past couple of years. At this point, to give them as fair a break as you possibly can."

Gambling:

Brown is opposed to gambling in Alabama. He sights crime rate and poverty as reasons to keep gambling out of Alabama. According to Brown, statistics show that the crime rate is higher in locations where gambling is instituted. However, he feels that native American casinos should pay their "fair share."

"I think that gambling hurts those who have the least. It is proven that the people who have the least to work with are the ones who are most attracted to gambling. Some people are addicted to gambling the same way people are addicted to alcohol. It sends a horrible message to our children that we can't work this state without allowing gambling."

Charter Schools:

Brown is for charter school legislation. He wants to compete for federal dollars that the state could win by proposed charter schools. "If you have a very good, solid school, then a charter school is not an option. They are not going to come and put a charter school a Jacksonville, Piedmont, or any of the Calhoun County schools. All of those are outstanding school systems. We need to put charter schools only in the systems where the schools are so poorly operated."

Last Words:

"I have taken a lot of pride over the years in being one who listen to both sides of any story. I can try to see both sides of the story. I have experience in keeping peace between two sides, and that is something that I can take to Montgomery."

Back Talk

What happened to parking?

How the department's parking problems can be fixed

By James Burton Columnist

Once upon a time, before the library was sinking from the weight of all the books and there was marble on Sparkman Hall that fell off and crushed cars, Self Hall was the cafeteria. "The Grab," as it was known by students back then, was where you could go for a decent meal for a somewhat reasonable price. In 1986, however, a radical change occurred. With the communication department still in its infancy, it was time for a building to house all necessary equipment (the radio station in the basement of Bibb-Graves was no longer cutting it.) The new and improved Self Hall was functional in 1987 and keeps going strong ever since.

Now that you're caught up, here's the deal. Parking sucks at Self Hall. Everyone knows that. It has been decreed by the supreme overlords at the UPD, that only two parking spots are meant for student use at Self Hall. I mean, TWO. Also, apparently the little loop behind those two parking spots is a "student car wash," and therefore NOBODY can park there. Of course the brilliant powers-that-be can afford a single "No Parking" sign to designate the area off-limits, but they can't be bothered to even make sure the water mains still worked even if someone WANTED to wash their car. What we have here is a classic case of Vietnam-style FUBAR.

"Why is the airstrip there?"

"Because it's next to the ammo dump."

"Well why is the ammo dump there?"

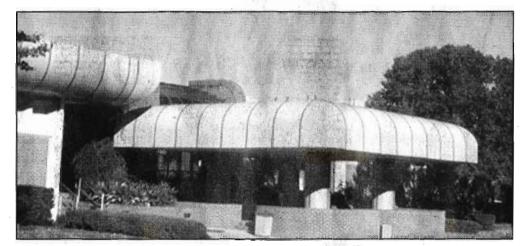
"Because it's next to the airstrip."

Now I realize that we are in Alabama, where everything is illegal except incestuous marriages (Don't believe me? Look up Section 30-1-3 of the Alabama Constitution,) but rules and regulations should at least

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Using logic and intelligent thought, it would be safe to say that the parking situation should have been dealt with 20 YEARS AGO.

James Burton



Could you imagine going here to eat? Self Hall was once 'The Grab,' JSU's cafeteria.

make sense.
I'd furthermore

like to point out that we shouldn't give the UPD such a hard time. They're just following orders. They're not paid to question law, they're here to enforce it, no matter how asinine, or ludicrous it may be (or the person who came up with it.)

So here's the bottom line (going back to the first paragraph for resources.) Self Hall used to be a cafeteria. Students generally walk to the cafeteria, thus not needing that much parking space. There usually requires a large number of staff to work at a cafeteria, therefore they would require a significant amount of parking space. Using logic and intelligent thought, it would be safe to say that the parking situation should have been dealt with TWENTY YEARS AGO. That being said, we now have roughly 80 faculty parking spots that barely half of are being used.

To the right is a sound and simple solution. And look, it's numbered for ease!

Now see, how difficult was that to comprehend?

Come on Jax State. Get with the program here. We're just getting out of our slump. Do you really want to start looking as bad as West Georgia again?

James Burton's 3 step plan to fix Self Hall parking:

- 1. The parking lot on the side of Self Hall facing 204 should be designated Silver and only silver. Any non-handicapped student from any other area can march their happy ass over there. Your legs ain't broken.
- Increase handicapped parking from the five (two next to the radio station and three over on the side lot) to at least eight. It's better to have too many handicapped spots than not enough.
- 3. The parking spots that wrap around Self shall be for faculty and for faculty only. TV 24 should be moving soon, (or so they've said for the past three years) and that will open and abundance of parking spaces.

marriages (Don't believe me? Look up Section 30-1-3 of the Alabama Constitution,) but rules and regulations should at least here. We're just getting out of our slump. Do you really want to start looking as bad as West Georgia again?



OH, COME ON!



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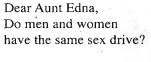
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Dear anonymous,

When it comes down to it, men and women generally have the same sex drive. I can see how this answer can be confusing. Often times it is men who seem ready to race to the bedroom faster than women. The reasoning behind this comes down to two reasons. One: men and women are different, obviously, and two: culture.

University of Chicago professor Dr. Edward Laumann was quoted on WebMD saying that, "Sexual desire in women is extremely sensitive to environment and context." Simply that is the best way to put it. Men are much more straightforward when it comes to sex. They are easily aroused and easily satisfied. Women on the other hand are a little bit more complex. There are a lot more emotions and intimate feelings to consider when it comes to arousing some women. Most women seek to talk in order to connect with a person before taking that step.

Still, it is culture that plays the biggest role in terms of sex drive. I

fessor Dr. Deshotels on the matter and she gave great insight as to how culture really affects the sex drives of men and women. According to Deshotels, men have been encouraged to be sexually active as much as possible to assert themselves as a "man" whereas women who are more sexually active with different people are viewed as "sluts," therefore possibly decreasing a woman's probability to act on her desires. Gender ideology impacts sex drive.

Deshotels also says age has a lot to do with sex drive. To begin with, men and women hit their sexual peak at different times. So, while a man is at his prime in his early 20's, women still have years to go before they hit their peak. Women's sex drive also increases with age. The older a woman gets the more confidence and self esteem she gains. The

becomes with herself, the more her sex drive increases. Men on the other hand may not lose their desire to have sex the older they get, but the aging process can have an effect on their ability, for example: erectile dysfunction.

There are a lot of false reports on sex drive that give misleading information. However, the difference in men and women's sex drive lays mostly gender ideology and the culture surrounding us.

Dr. Deshotels gave some websites that you can use for extra reading on human sex drive and human sexuality as a whole. I've listed them below. I hope I've given you some insight. Here to help,
Aunt Edna

kinseyinstitute.org sexualhealth.com sexscience.org

Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner Columnist

So, it's time for Valentine's Day again, the one holiday that people either love or loathe. I get it. Since it's all about pink and red decorations, stuffed animals that talk, chocolate and the appropriate bouquet of roses, it is a bit centered on the idea of being "in love."

Eh. Who cares? Those stuffed animals always ended up in the yard sale pile after a month or two. Oh, and the chocolate is fine, unless stores start putting it out for sale around New Year's Eve, which often happens.

It's just a day! Make Valentine's Day be whatever you want it to be. It doesn't have to be strictly for lovers. Just have fun and concentrate on the people you love, and not necessarily just the ones you love romantically.

I hope everyone has a great, stress-free and happy Valentine's Day! Keep it simple, folks.

Dear Julie,

I have been dating someone for close to a month now. She's great! We aren't really that serious, and only see each other when we can fit it into our busy schedules. I'm a little stressed about Valentine's Day, because I don't know what to get her. I want to get her flowers and chocolates, but I don't know if that would be too much too soon. I don't want to be too over-the-top, but I don't want her to be disappointed either. Any ideas?

- Curious

Curious.

I've heard of this problem a lotÖso don't think you're alone! It's always a little awkward when you first start dating someone around a holiday, because you haven't quite established a serious understanding of what's expected from each other. I will tell you that Valentine's Day is one holiday you don't want to underestimate. That could be a big mistake. Since you don't want to be too sappy, but you definitely want to let her know you care, here's what I would do. For flowers, steer clear of roses. Roses are definitely romantic, especially the red ones. If you insist on roses, keep it a fun color like yellow or orange. I think your best bet

would be a mixed bouquet though, with some daisies, orchids and maybe some tiger lilies. They'll still be sweet and thoughtful, but won't scream "he loves me!" As for the chocolate, find out what she likes. If you don't want to plunge into the big red heart with the map of all the different chocolates inside, perhaps you could just buy the minisize of whatever candy bar she likes and find a creative way to give them to her. You could put them in a bag along with the DVD of the first movie you ever saw together. Just keep it simple, and throw some personal touches in there. I'm sure she'll love it!

Dear Julie,

I hate Valentine's Day. I'm always single. I never go out, and I always spend the day waiting on something romantic to happen. It never does. I don't really have a question. I just hate feeling so down in the dumps on Valentine's Day.

- Cursed by Cupid

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Honey, I've been there! I bet most people have. Valentine's Day can definitely be a bummer if you get really caught up in it. Here's the only advice I can offer you, and I hope it helps. It's actually just more of how I can relate to you. I despise Thanksgiving. I absolutely cannot stand it. I've had super bad luck around Thanksgiving for the past 4 or 5 years, and I just dread it each year. I have a great family, and I love spending time with all of them. The food is absolutely outstanding, as well. However, I just can't bring myself to get into the Thanksgiving spirit. This past Thanksgiving is when I realizedÖthat I don't have to get into it. I put so much pressure on the fact that it's a holiday, and so much pressure on myself to enjoy it. If you want to buy all the Valentine's balloons you can and pop them for the heck of itÖdo it. If you want to eat so much chocolate that you pukeÖgo for it. A holiday is only as notable as you make it. Remember that having a date for Valentine's Day is great, but more than anything, remember that Valentine's Day is only...oneÖday. 1/365. Try not to put so much power into one day. I know it's hard, but know that there are people who feel the same way you do. Keep your head up, and I'll be thinking about you! It's only 24 short hours.

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- The state's economy
- Ethics Reform
- Education





JSU's Carstensen Earns Top OVC Smallbore Honor

by jsugamecocksports.com

Sophomore Brian Carstensen was selected the Ohio Valley Conference Small-

bore Athlete of the Year for the second 'straight year announced on Sunday at the conclusion of the 2010 OVC Rifle Championships.

Carstensen along with teammate Andrea Dardas earned First-Team All-OVC Smallbore honors while Dardas was also named First-Team All-OVC in air rifle. Monica Fyfe was named to the All-**OVC** Smallbore and Air Rifle Second-Teams and to the All-OVC Newcomer squads both events.

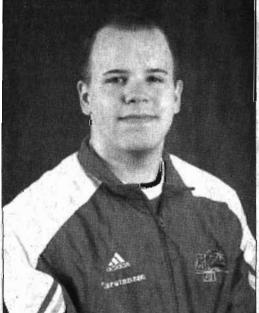
The Gamecocks shot

a 2308 to finish second in the air rifle and finished with a team total of 4577 to finish second overall and end the Gamecocks run of five straight OVC Rifle crowns.

State captured the air rifle championship with 2322 points and overall team 4595. title with Morehead State finished third in air rifle with 2268 points and its 4525 points placed the Eagles third overall. UT Mixed Martin (4533), UT Martin Women (4547) Tennessee Tech (4446) rounded out the OVC field.

Jacksonville State will compete in the NCAA Sectionals next

Saturday in Murray,



Brian Carstensen



Why do I keep getting tickets at the library?? I'M AT THE LIBRARY!!!

Alpha Week 2010!!!!! Feb. 7 -Feb. 13!!!!

I pray to god that 92j finds new people to DJ on there. They all suck.

If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope



Highlights of the week

- Jacksonville State senior Takisha Parham of Powder Springs, Ga., was selected the Ohio Valley Conference Co-Field Athlete of the Week.
- Laveeta Oliver (our Get to Know Athlete this Week) set the Jacksonville State 55meter dash record to highlight several top finishes at the Tennessee State Indoor Track and Field Invitational. Oliver clocked the record time of 7.07 in the preliminaries and finals to finish second in the event and then ran a 25:44 to place second in the 200-meter dash. The time broke the old record of 7.16 set by current JSU assistant coach Asha Gibson in 2008.
- Sophomore Brittany Wiley recorded her third double double of the season with 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Jacksonville State to a 49-46 overtime win over Eastern Kentucky (10-13, 6-7 Ohio Valley Conference)
- Jackson ville State has been picked to finish second in the 2010 preseason Ohio Valley Conference Baseball poll, in a vote of the 10 head baseball coaches
- Jacksonville State's Todd Cunningham has been named to the Baseball America's preseason All-America first-team. Cunningham was the only player selected from the Ohio Valley Conference and becomes just the second player in OVC history to earn firstteam preseason honors by Baseball America.
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I think JSU doesn't want me to graduate, since half of the classes I need to achieve that goal are not being offered in the fall, or are all at the same time. :(

Hey rAP. You're still hot!

The big tread

Everyone needs to fill out the survey on UPD's website, let's let them know what a great job there're doing.

I have a philosophical question: If everyone is found guilty at traffic court, can it really be called a court?

After Monday and Tuesday, even the calendar says WTF.

To the student worker in the Student Life Office..GET A HAIRCUT HIPPIE!!

TV 24 Tool: Students have been designated two, yes two, parking spots at Self Hall. Hence the 50% mark. It doesn't take someone with a Math degree to figure this out.

Crappy DJs since 2005? I hope the late, great Donnie Wells haunts you for that one...

I'm not being rude. I get it, people in Haiti need help. And i know if we don't help then WE (the U.S.) are the bad guy. But what about the people suffering in America? Not the inner 48 states, but the other lands owned by us. What about them???

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If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed. "Albert Einstein."

The cleaning ladies at crow need to do some actual work. I'm paying for you to clean not to check out your facebook for 3 hrs straight.

Hey morons, The double yellow line on Forney Ave in front of self hall means DON'T PASS. Why isn't UPD stopping this?

Why do i feel like the only person who is trying to get students to stand and make noise at sporting events?

People need to stop b******* about 92j on chicken scratch and call them. 782-5592 or 782-5571 make a request or shut up!

Really you changed my email, and didn't give me my mail! WTF?

When are we ever going to get a new education building?

Who would want to bandit a kankle?

(ED Note: Who, Indeed???)

My fellow Americans, I just wanted you to know...I am Iron Man.

April 30th (Graduation) can't come any sooner! - or March 15 - 19 (Spring Break)

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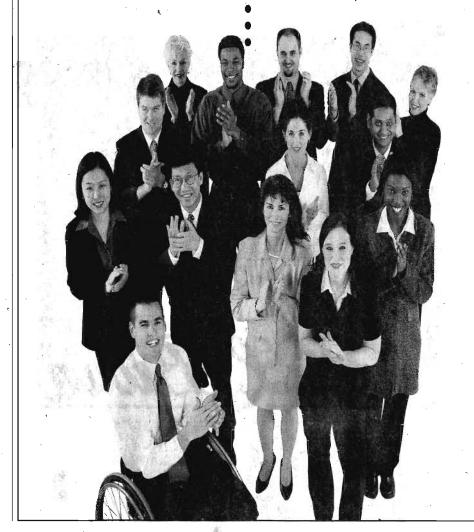




JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Career Fair October 7, 2009 10:00a.m.–2:00p.m. Merrill Hall Atrium, JSU

Education Fair February 19, 2010 8:30a.m.–12:30p.m. Location, TBA





FALL 2010 - SPRING 2011

February 1-5, 9am-4pm If you want to live in NEW Stadium Housing:

1. This week is open to ANYONE who lives in university housing.

- 2. You may come with 1-3 roommates and apply together.
- 3. The cost of Stadium Housing will be approximately \$2,400-\$2,800 per semester.
- 4. Meal plan is required at Stadium Housing.
- 5. Current resident assistants may apply at this time.
- 6. Sorority women wanting to live in Stadium Housing must see their chapter president in order to reapply.
- 7. Stadium Housing lease agreement is from fall move-in to the end of the summer II term.

February 8-12, 9am - 4pm If you want to keep your SAME on-campus apartment:

- 1. Campus Inn, College, Colonial Arms, Jax, Pannell, and Penn House residents only.
- 2. If you don't apply during this week for your current apartment, you will lose it.
- 3. All utilities are included in the housing fee (telephone is excluded at Colonial Arms and Jax Apts.).
- 4. Apartment lease agreements are from fall move-in to the end of the summer II term.

February 15-19 NO REAPPLICATION this week.

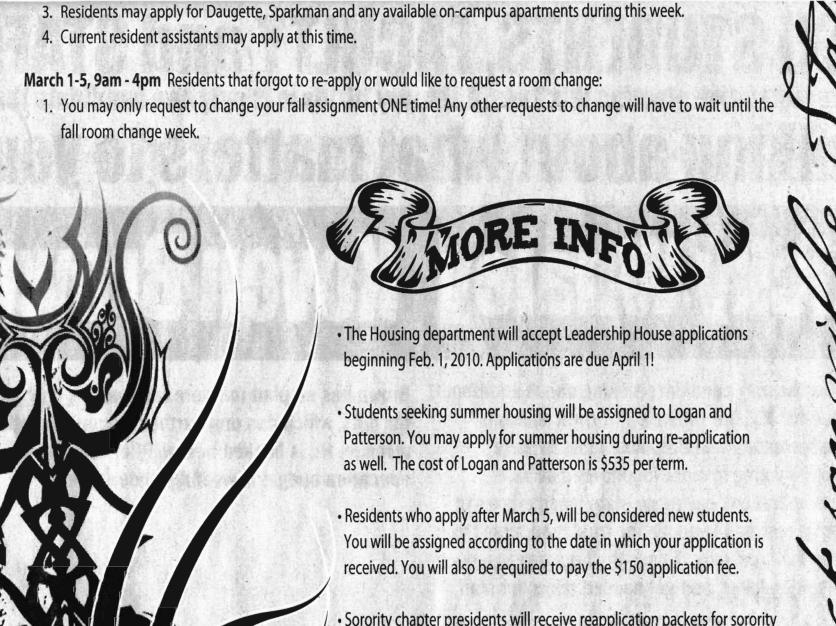
February 22-26, 9am - 4pm Residents living in these residence halls are not able to squat: Crow, Curtiss, Daugette, Dixon, Fitzpatrick, Logan, Patterson and Sparkman Halls, Leadership Houses (Men and Women):

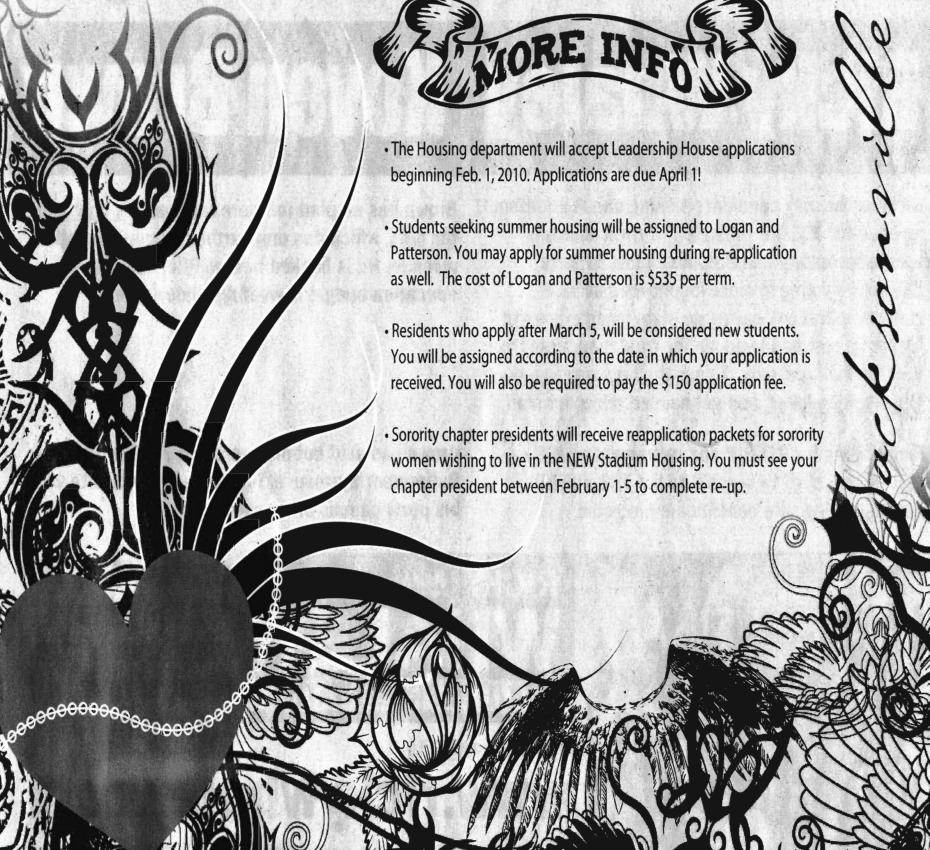
- 1. If you did not apply for Stadium Housing during the first week or are not able to squat for your current assignment.
- 2. Daugette Hall will become private rooms for males who have lived on-campus at least one semester.
- 3. Residents may apply for Daugette, Sparkman and any available on-campus apartments during this week.
- 4. Current resident assistants may apply at this time.

March 1-5, 9am - 4pm Residents that forgot to re-apply or would like to request a room change:

1. You may only request to change your fall assignment ONE time! Any other requests to change will have to wait until

must apply at bibb graves 103



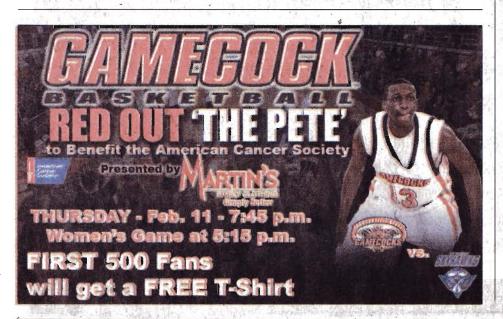


Sports



Sports photo of the week

The softball team lines up in front of their fans on Feb. 4 during the start of Fan Day. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer



Get to know Laveeta Oliver

by Austin Faulkner Sports Staff Writer

Laveeta Oliver may not be a household name yet, but she hopes to become one. The Gamecocks freshman out of Tuskegee, Ala., hopes to be one of the next female track and field legends.

Oliver got her start running track in elementary when one of her friends encouraged her to try-out, which she did.

"I think the first race I ran was the 50-meter dash and I think I won first," Oliver reminisces.

She made the team and has been running full-steam-ahead since.

Laveeta is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in chemistry. She chose JSU because she had heard that the

university was one of the best in the criminal justice field at a college fair. She verified this information and also looked into the track and field team to see if she would be able to fit in. In fact, the team is projected to finish second in the OVC, but of course the athletes hope to surpass this goal.

"I think that we will do real well," Oliver said.

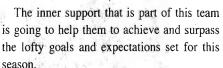
When asked about an embarrassing moment, Oliver immediately laughs. She recalls the time that she fell on the track "like a rag doll" at a East Tennessee State University meet. Her most positive moment, thinking back is the support and help given by the

coaches to help keep her focused and make sure she acts her best.

In her free time, Oliver says shopping is her favorite hobby and that she also enjoys spending time with her friends. She also likes to play basketball, soccer and softball.

According to Oliver, the track team has a special bond.

"Being on this team is different from high school. They try to make me feel like part of the team," said Oliver.



Come support the Gamecocks at their only home event - Gem of the Hills Invitational on April 4.



Laveeta Oliver

Support the Gamecocks at home

- 2/11 Women's Basketball vs. UT Martin 5:15p.m.
- 2/13 Women's Basketball vs. Murray State 2:00p.m.
- 2/11 Men's Basketball vs. UT Martin 7:45p.m.
- 2/13 Men's Basketball vs. Murray State 4:30p.m.
- 2/12 Men and Women's Tennis vs. Shorter College
- 2/17 Men's Tennis vs. Samford 2p.m.

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talking about what matters to you.

Ricky Whaley Koven Brown

Ricky is the only candidate talking about additional revenue for JSU. He will help JSU overcome two years of proration and 25 percent loss in state revenue by voting to close loopholes that have major corporations paying no state income taxes in Alabama, costing the education trust fund more than \$500 million annually. This is the best way to reduce future tuition hikes, and get needed raises for staff.

Brown has no plan for more revenue. He only touts tax cuts, which can only further reduce education revenue. He is backed by Gov. Riley, whose own education budget is woefully underfunded.

Ricky fights for PEEHIP and retirement of JSU faculty and staff by serving on the TRS/PEEHIP Board, making sure benefits are protected.

Brown has said not one word about PEEHIP or the Retirement Systems of Alabama, and will vote with his party caucus on weakening both.





On Feb. 16, vote for the man who knows the issues, and will fight for you!

Find out more go to

www.rickywhaley.com

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