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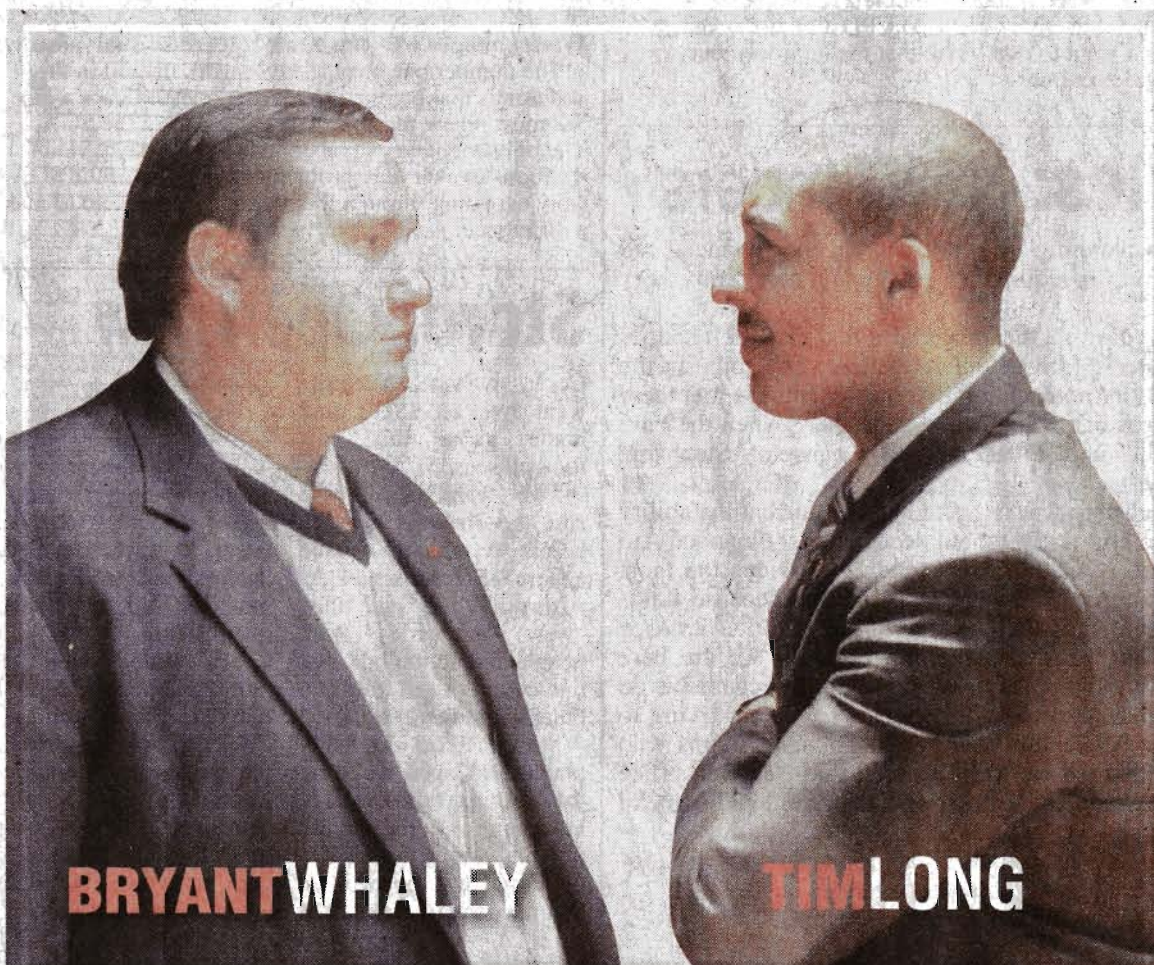
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SGA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' Q&A

## FRIENDLY RIVALRY



**BRYANT WHALEY**

**TIM LONG**

The Chanticleer asked these two candidates for their opinions...

...and here is what they had to say.

## Financial aid dept. announces new loan rules

By MJ Ortiz  
News Editor

The student financial aid office has announced new changes on their loan programs. Starting the summer 2010 semester, a process called Direct Lending will become the new viaduct for students and parents towards the acquisition of Federal Loan Funds.

While Jacksonville State University's financial aid office currently works with the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), this coming summer term the University will begin working exclusively with the William D. Ford Federal Direct lending program.

The former allowed students to borrow school funds from private lenders. The later will be funded directly by the federal Government; the new program will not require students to chose from different lending program as the funds will come directly from the U.S. Department of Education. "All interest rates are set by the U.S. Department of Education, so the loan program does not change the interest or the amount of funds that can be borrowed," said Vickie Adams Financial Aid Services Director.

When asked if the change presented potential concerns towards students well being, Adams said that the transition should not represent any problem for any student as long as their paperwork was in order. Instead, she said, their major concern at financial aid "is to get the information out as soon as possible so that students are aware of the change and take the necessary actions for the changes to take place."

Students will not be able to continue borrowing through the same lender as in previous years. However, funds that have been loaned to students before the change takes place will continue to be managed by the lender that provided the loan. Adams said that every student who is

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**Why do you want this position?**

I seek this position to not only better the SGA, but to better JSU. I want to continue to be SGA President, so that I can continue working and fighting for students and their interests. I want this position because I know what is expected of me and I know how to make the difficult decisions.

**What is the most important issue facing students at JSU this year?**

The most important issue facing JSU students is the constant recession battle. Students are facing high tuition rates, a full time course load, and a full or part time job on top of the constant pressure and stress that comes from being a student. As chairman of the University Student President's Council I have been down to Montgomery to fight for lower tuition not only to State Representatives and Senators,

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..and here is what they had to say.

**Why do you want this position?**

I want the position of SGA President because I feel that the students of this university deserve adequate representative when the decisions are being made that affect their college experience. There are numerous changes that have taken place and are forthcoming, however they are ineffective if they do not have student input.

Innovation can only be made with students in mind. I also want the position of SGA President so I can help to bring prestige back to the SGA while renew the student's faith in Student Government.

**What is the most important issue facing students at JSU this year?**

There are several issues of great concern that are facing our students, however I believe the most important issue is Housing/Meal Plan. Seeing that freshmen are required to live on campus next

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The doors to the new "Get Cocky" store are now open. Photo by Kevin Brant / The Chanticleer

## New shop sells JSU school spirit

By Matt Tyson  
Web Editor

There has been a new addition to Jacksonville's historic square. Get Cocky, a new store dedicated to Jacksonville State University merchandise, opened last Thursday February 18.

Get Cocky is the brainchild of Mary-Julia Stephens, a graduate of JSU. Stephens's idea for the store came about when she was a student at JSU and she has now, finally made that dream a reality.

"I wanted a place where I could get some really cool JSU stuff," Stephens said. "I wanted a place that was all JSU all the time."

Stephens also wanted to bring some pride back to JSU students.

"When I was in school people didn't really wear anything supporting other schools," Stephens said. "I want this to be the store that students want to go to."

Before opening the store, Stephens launched the Get

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## QUESTION of the WEEK

### Favorite Winter Olympic Sport?

- Snowboarding- 30%
- Figure Skating - 25%
- Other - 20%
- Skiing - 15%
- Curling - 10%



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### Next week's question:

Did you vote in the SGA election?

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# ON Campus

## Briefs

• Dr. LaJoyce H. Debro, professor of biology at Jacksonville State University, and Dr. Elizabeth Sztul, professor of cell biology of the University of Alabama in Birmingham, will present a seminar entitled "An Insider's Perspective of the National Science Foundation" on today, February 25 at 11 a.m. in Room 130 Martin Hall.

This program is part of the Biology Department Seminar Series, "An Insider's Perspective of the National Science Foundation."

Dr. Debro and Dr. Sztul will share information that they learned on funding opportunities and proposal preparation while serving as Program Directors at the National Science Foundation.

• The Jacksonville State University Art Department announces the upcoming 2010 Student Juried Exhibit at Hammond Hall Gallery, March 2- 26.

This exhibition is typically the department's largest and most popular annual exhibit, according to Gale Brodie of the JSU Art Department. It features student art in the areas of Design, Graphic Design, Sculpture, Photography, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking and Ceramics. It is juried by JSU art professors and First Place and Honorable Mention are awarded in each field.

The opening reception will be March 2 from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibition will be open 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (256) 782-5626.

## Campus Crime

February 16

- Duty upon striking unattended vehicle was reported. Damaged was a Cadillac Deville's rear drivers-side bumper.

February 17

- Drug paraphernalia was reported in Sparkman Hall
- Rendering false alarm was reported in Curtiss Hall
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in Self Hall parking

## Whaley: Incumbent

also to the Governor's office. During these difficult times students are looking for something to take their mind off work and for someone to listen to them. With the experience of already serving as President I know how to help students and how make sure their issues are resolved.

### How will you represent the student body?

I will represent the student body by working with the Vice President of Student Senate to make sure that the Student Senate passes legislation that benefits the students, by working with the Vice President of Student Activities to get the events that students want and make sure they are diverse and friendly for everyone, by working with the Vice President of Organization Affairs to ensure organizations are involved, unified, and growing, by working with the Chief Justice to guarantee fairness for all cases, and lastly, by working with the Director of Publicity to publicize not only the SGA events, but all events across campus.

### What changes will you work toward in your position?

I do not want to change anything because changing something is a lazy person's way of saying that they do not know to fix something. As president, I want to work to improve the many obstacles on campus such as parking, dining, diversifying events, and to improve the relations between students and the administration from financial aid in Bibb Graves to UPD all the way across campus. I want to make sure that the improvements are quick and accurate.

## Rules: New lenders

who is planning to apply and receive financial aid henceforth is required to complete a new promissory note.

According to the financial aid office the changes will cater to JSU students better. "As long as the promissory note and other requirements are met there is no reason for funds not to be there when they are needed," said Financial Aid Counselor Stephanie Miller.

The change was triggered by the current instability in the credit markets, but according to Financial Aid Services, "Federal direct lending provides the most stable source of student loan funding because funds are provided by the U.S. Treasury."

"We are excited about the changes, we are here from 8-4:30 answering any questions because we do not want our students frustrated; so we are trying to make it better and easy for them," said Adams who also remarked on the Financial Aid Services office plan to change its name to Office of Student Financial Services.

For more information call Financial Aid at 256-782-5006 or visit their webpage at

<http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/index.html>

## Long: Challenger

school year, returning students are limited in their options for housing. Stadium housing will be available, however it will be the most expensive housing offered. This is not including the mandatory meal plan of \$1100 that is required for students staying in housing. As President, I will advocate for more affordable housing as well as more variety within the meal plans offered. If we are going to limit the availability of housing for our returning students as well as charge them high prices, we most provide the appropriate quality of services to allow students comfort in their options.

### How will you represent the student body?

I will make sure that students first understand that just like them, I am also a student. When I meet with University officials, their concerns will be mine. I will utilize student organizations as a resource to gather a general consensus of the thoughts of the student body. Also, I will also maintain a visible presence on campus by attending sporting events, organizational functions, and university sponsored events. Students are more likely to share thoughts and ideas with the SGA President if they can readily identify with who the individual is. The time has come for our university to have a SGA President who is approachable and more concerned about the student's needs rather than advancing his/her personal resume. At the end of the day, this is what student government is all about.

### What changes will you work toward in your position?

The number one change I will work toward in this position is making the entire SGA relevant once again. We must renew the student body's faith in the SGA. The only way this can be done is by providing visible solutions to everyday problems. It is time for the SGA to stop just going through the motions. We're here to make a difference.

## Store: Open now

Cocky website. The site went live on JSU's first home game this past football season.

"We wanted to make sure the idea would work before we actually opened a store", Stephens said. As a surprise, she said, they "were bombarded from people and alumni all over the country, and even in other countries."

Stephens had originally planned to open the store this coming fall semester, however due to the success of the website and a building that opened up on the square, she felt as if it was the perfect

opportunity.

Get Cocky had a soft opening last Thursday, but they are planning their grand opening sometime next month. Stephens wants to get the Get Cocky name out there as much as possible and get students interested.

"Hopefully you'll see our name everywhere by the fall," Stephen said.

Get Cocky is located on the square and is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The online store can also be found at [getcockyjsu.com](http://getcockyjsu.com).

## SGA Election 2010: Candidate Q&A

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- Drug paraphernalia was reported in Sparkman Hall
- Rendering false alarm was reported in Curtiss Hall
- Unlawful break/enter of a vehicle was reported in Self Hall parking lot. Stolen was a JSU decal.

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- Rape was reported.

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- Theft of property was reported at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Stolen was a cell phone, a Kodak camera and US currency

## 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 February 25

- Sigma Gamma Rho Week, Leone Cole, 7:22-11:00 pm, Admission: \$2
- Domestic Violence Support Group, 1102 Houston Cole Library, 1:00-2:00 pm

Saturday February 27

- River Rhythms: Kids into Nature, Little River Canyon Center, 1:30-2:30 pm

Wednesday March 3

- SGA Elections, TMB Auditorium, 9:00-5:00 pm

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**Name:** Courtney Renae Mitchell  
**Position you are running for:** Vice President of Student Senate  
**Academic year:** Sophomore

**Why do you want this position?**  
I want this position because it is my desire to enhance the level of communication at Jacksonville State University. I want to make JSU a better school and truly be a voice for all of the students. When we all get involved, we can make a difference; therefore, I want to assist JSU in its pursuit to reaching its full potential.

**What is the most important issue facing students at JSU this year?**  
I believe the most important issue students are facing at JSU this year is the controversy surrounding the new implementing a new parking system. Many students are complaining about not being able to park close to their classes; and it being inconvenient whenever the weather is bad. If

elected, this will be one of the first priorities that I address.  
**How will you represent the student body?** I will represent the student body by getting to know the students more on a personal level. The JSU Newswire and the Chanticleer are great advertising methods; however, I want to interact on a more personal level with the students and hear their different views and concerns.

**What changes will you work toward in your position?**  
I will work towards making the senators become more involved on campus and in the community. I will also encourage more students to attend the senate meetings, which is held every Monday night at 6 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building.



**Name:** Ashley Cofield

**Position you are running for:** Vice President of Organizational Affairs

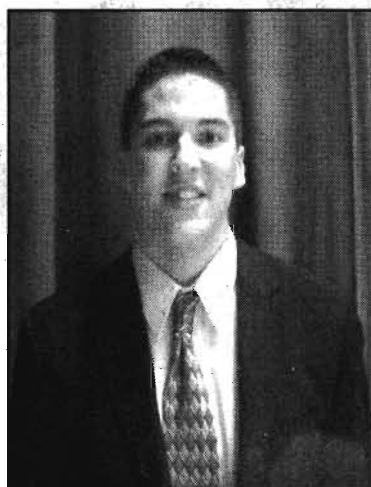
**Academic year:** Sophomore

**Why do you want this position?**  
To improve the unity between organizations on campus and to make sure allocated money is being used properly. I would also like to make sure every organization is treated fairly.  
**What is the most important issue facing students at JSU this year?**  
The process for allocations and the time frame in receiving allocated funds.

**How will you represent the student body?**

I will not only work with the organizations but the advisors as well. I will attend meetings and events across campus. I will also have an open door policy on allocations and any other student organization problem.

**What changes will you work toward in your position?** I will change the attendance rate for the organizational council meetings by rewarding each organization that attended at least 75% of scheduled meetings at the end of the year by splitting the money left in the allocation budget equally. I will also increase the amount of community service in the organizational council.



**Name:** Joshua Rush  
**Position you are running for:** Vice President of Organizational Affairs(V.P.O.A.)  
**Academic year:** Sophomore

**Why do you want this position?** I want to make a stronger, more united connection between the SGA and the organizations at Jacksonville State University.

**What is the most important issue facing students at JSU this year?**  
In my opinion, misrepresentation of what the students actually want to the JSU Board of Trustees.

**How will you represent the student body?**  
I will represent the student body collectively as a whole. If there is an issue at hand, I will make sure multiple opinions are taken into consideration(individuals and organizations)and make a strategic resolution based solely on what organizations see fit best. I will make

sure students voices are heard more clearly by not only having an "open door policy" to my services, but my actually seeking out organizations and making sure the SGA is on the exact same page as each and very organization. We must cater to each and every organization and student.

**What changes will you work toward in your position?**  
1.)I would love to see more organizations become more active with their participation with the SGA(Connections being stronger because of the communication between each). 2.)I would also love to see more organizations be rewarded(better allocations funds, support, etc.) for their activity here on campus and for making a more positive impact on JSU.



## Great depression

### Burton gets personal by talking about his struggle

**James Burton**  
Special to the Chanticleer

*(Editor's note: The following is the opinion of James Burton and not of The Chanticleer or JSU. Remember to consult your doctor.)*

I was posed with a question this week: "Can you write an article where you're not complaining about something?" That's actually a pretty good question, in all fairness. I've spent so much time bashing this or that, I've almost completely forgotten how to avoid harsh criticisms about something (or someone.) In response to cries of me being too mean-spirited or critical about something, I present you with a first: Me, unplugged.

Around this time last semester I was at a stand-still. Zach asked me to do my weekly column then, but for whatever reason I'd find myself staring at a blank computer screen at 3 o'clock in the morning. There might be a couple of sentences on the screen; there might not. I didn't care. I'd try to write about things I like, such as collectables, but my heart just wasn't into it. This trend occurred every week until the final week when I wrote a piece on the Episcopal church; too bad I missed the deadline. I guess what I'm trying to get to is this: my writer's block was brought on by depression.

What causes depression, you say? That's a good question. Lots of things can bring about depression such as a death in the family, divorce, losing your job, school, etc. If you can name it, it can affect people in a negative way. What you may not hear about, though, are the people who are depressed for no apparent reason. You know what I'm talking about here. The Richard Corys of the world who have everything they could possibly dream of or need, but still they find themselves in that bottomless pit of anxiety and melancholy. This isn't the "money can't buy happiness"

tale people have spun for ages. This is all about chemicals in the body.

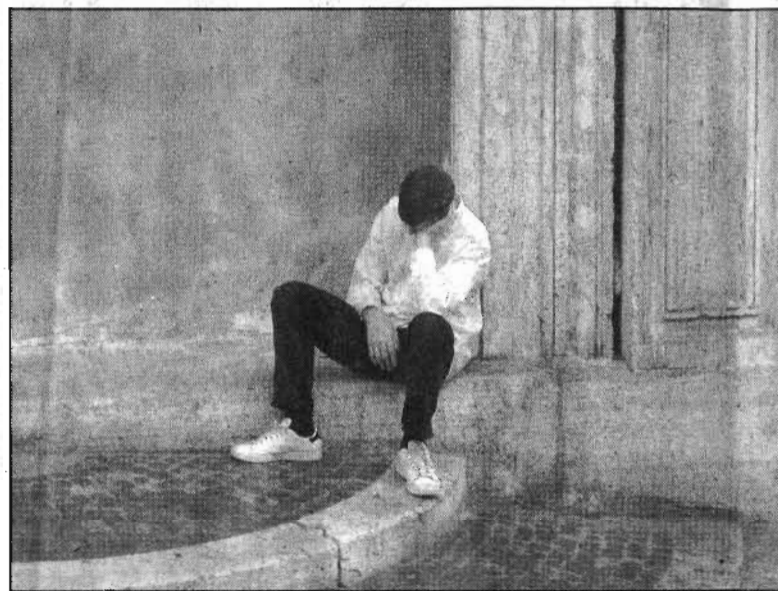
Okay, I want you to picture your brain as an Interstate. The Endorphin Highway is experiencing traffic congestion due to road construction. When the little construction workers and orange safety cones are impeding the flow of traffic, you feel it. You feel, for lack of better words, "Blah." This is not simply an emotional development either; you feel this physically as well. Think about this: Rigorous exercise produces endorphins. Have you ever seen a depressed aerobics instructor?

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**you how to**  
**cure yourself.**  
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**even tell me**  
**how to cure**  
**myself.**

James Burton

I'm sure a lot of you are thinking, "Hey, Burton. You've always got some kind of groundbreaking solution to all problems. What's up your sleeve this time?" Well you see, folks, that's the thing... I don't. If I had a solution, I never would have written this at all. I can't tell you how to cure yourself. Hell, I couldn't even tell me how to cure myself. I can hopefully lead you in the right direction though. Sit back, reader, and think about things for a moment. Are you depressed? Can you link your depression to a traumatic event of some sort? If you can't, then chances are you have road construction on the Endorphin Highway. Every case is going to be different. Naturally, every solution is going to be different. It's not going to happen overnight. Do an evaluation of your life. See where you are headed. Are you happy with it? If you're not, then change something.

There are, of course, the people who enjoy being miserable. I have fallen under this category in the past, and to an extent I find myself making the periodic



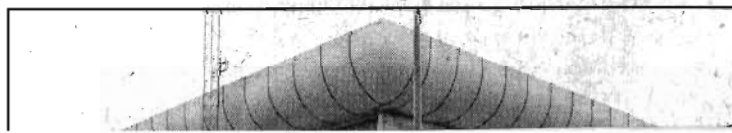
Depression can make you feel like you are all alone, but you are not.

return visit. Why do people do it, you might ask? It's simple, really. They're used to it. It's comfortable to wallow in self sorrow and guilt if you've done it for long enough. It's like this movie I saw once where this group of people had been in a Matrix-like city. They had lived in this dream world for so long that once someone finally pulled the plug, they continued their motions like nothing had changed. **They didn't know any other way of life.** Try the self-evaluation, chronic wallowers. Yeah, I know it sucks. I've been in your shoes. Just remember what the singer Roger Miller once said, "All you've got to do is put your mind to it; knuckle down, buckle down. Do it, do it do it." That's really what it takes: Repetition of an action. It may be uncomfortable for a while, but you'll get the hang of it. Reward yourself with a happy place, if necessary. Nobody's going to judge you for trying to be happy. Now if they do judge you? Well you can tell them I said they can go to Hell. Friends that matter don't mind and friends that mind don't matter.

## To air or not to air

**Billy "The Dictator" Ramsey**  
Program Director - WLJS

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**Billy "The Dictator" Ramsey**  
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Lately the radio station has been getting a lot of attention, primarily from Chicken Scratch, so I thought I would take the time to let people in on a few things. A look behind the curtain if you will. You see what you HEAR on the air is not always what is going on in the station. Being a radio station fully run by student workers, both paid staff and volunteers, is not as easy as it seems. Some students will simply just stop showing up while others work diligently to hone their craft. WLJS, which has been on air almost 35 years, has been a proving ground for that craft. Here DJs or Air Talent as they are called in today's market, get to develop their skills as well as create personalities. These skills can be carried on into commercial radio and possible syndication later on.

You might have heard of some of the people who have come through the doors of WLJS in the past thirty years. Names such as Mike Mote, who has been an air talent for many years at WDNG in Anniston. Mike set a high standard for himself that he still holds today. He has literally opened the door for many students to walk through. Another would be Whit McGhee. Whit is the former Program Director for WVOK in Oxford. Although



WLJS is located behind Self Hall

Whit was not a broadcasting major he still was able to be on the radio at WLJS.

Possibly the most famous of WLJS Alumni would have to be Rick and Bubba. Most people do not think about these two because they did not get together until after college, but Rick Burgess and Bill "Bubba" Bussey are both graduates of the Jacksonville State University Communication

Department. Now they are being syndicated on over 50 stations in 16 states.

I said that to say this; please think twice before bashing, berating, or downgrading any DJ on WLJS. These people are learning their craft and must be given time to develop. Yes, some people are going to develop faster than others. That is fact. However, all must be given ample time to grow and cultivate their skills. You never know, Dr Hug, Trend-setta, J Rush, or Jay-SKI may be the next to step from small time college radio into a nationwide spotlight.

SIDENOTE: To the person(s) who has been writing the disparaging remarks about the station I would like to invite you to come to the station, Monday through Friday, between 11:00 am and 1:00 am to run an airshift. No Joke, No Games. I would just like for you to

experience what a normal, or somewhat normal, DJ at WLJS goes through. You can contact me at pd@wljs92j.com to set up an air shift.

Thank you and be sure to tune in to WLJS 91.9 fm for your chances to win FREE FOOD, T-Shirts, Concert Tickets, and much more.

# What if page two of *The Chanticleer* looked like this?

## ~~Rutgers basketball team under gag order~~

While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by [redacted] dies down, [redacted] have come under fire again, this time for [redacted].

The American Association of University Professors has criticized the Rutgers administration for [redacted].

[redacted] with reporters at *The Daily Targum*, the campus newspaper.

"We condemn the attempt to stifle the free speech of the members of the Rutgers men's basketball team," [redacted].

[redacted] other must not be curtailed simply

because they are [redacted]. Two days after student protesters demanding the resignation of [redacted] halted the Scarlet Knights' game against the University of Massachusetts, guard Damon Santiago told a *Targum* reporter that he thought [redacted].

Senior forward Jamal Philips told a reporter that [redacted] he said.

The next day, head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

[redacted]

censorship. [redacted] where or when the game would be replayed yet, and we didn't want to jeopardize any possible decision by [redacted].

Since the Feb. 7 basketball game [redacted], in which 150 students flooded onto the court, [redacted] has issued a warning to students that they may face punishment if they interfere with [redacted]. "The forum has been used to make a point, and no further disruptions will be tolerated," [redacted].

In late January, the AAUP released a [redacted] of a [redacted] made by [redacted] in November in which he said [redacted]. [redacted] has since apologized for the remarks.

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

**It's your right  
to read, too.**

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# Arts & Entertainment

## “Dear John:” Want to make a girlfriend cry?

By Logan Huggins  
Special to the Chanticleer

In some ways “Dear John”, starring Channing Tatum (“Step up” and “G.I. Joe”) and Amanda Seyfried (“Mamma Mia” and “Mean Girls”) attempts to do what all serious romantic movies seem to be trying to do—make the girlfriends of the world cry. But as we all know, that can be pretty simple. “A Walk to Remember” did it, and don’t even get me started on “The Notebook”.

In “Dear John,” it’s The War on Terror that rips our lovers away from one another, forcing them to express their love through a series of hand-written letters. Letters like these became famous throughout the 40’s, during the Second World War and they were usually referred to as “Dear John letters.”

Unfortunately, that’s about as innovative as the movie

gets.

“Dear John” begins just as you would expect. Boy meets girl, they fall in love, a blurry sex scene, trouble follows and they get torn apart—blah blah blah. It’s been done before. In fact, there is so little plot development in the first 45 minutes of the movie, that I’m pretty convinced that you could save yourself 43 minutes and just watch the trailer. Seriously, it’s almost word for word, scene for scene.

In fact, it’s not until about three-fourths of the movie are over that a little imagination is shown. “Dear John” has a few plot twists and surprises near the end that keep it from being completely predictable. As a whole, the first half of the plot is humdrum and uninspired, while a handful of surprises liven-up the last portion of the film.

The acting is very similar to the plot—nothing we haven’t

seen before.

I couldn’t decide if Channing Tatum’s cut-and-dry performance was deliberate or not. The majority of his performance was unemotional, stiff and mechanical. It’s hard to tell if he was consciously trying to play the inarticulate army guy, or if that was the limit of his acting abilities. A few of the scenes of high emotion seemed rushed and uncomfortable, while others looked more believable and real.

Amanda Seyfried wasn’t extraordinary either. But to her credit, she played the position pretty well. It’s not that her acting was bad, it was just her character was almost identical to any other lead female character we’ve seen.

Secondary characters hold their own. Two of the most compelling performances come from the supporting actors. Two of the

characters are Autistic. Both performances are genuine and touching.

Another thing that caught me as strange was the film’s ending. Its ambiguous conclusion fails to drive home a real sense of accomplishment. I know it came out around Valentine’s Day, but I personally would think twice before taking a date to this movie, especially compared to more light-hearted movies like “Valentine’s Day”.

In general, “Dear John” is half and half. The first half of the movie is exactly as expected, an exact clone of almost any romantic movie out nowadays. However, in the later half, plot picks up, things get interesting, and the movie begins to demand your attention as it should. At first, “Dear John” might seem like a slow go, but give it a while; it might just grow on you...If you really want it to.

## Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner  
Columnist

*Dear Julie,*

I’ve been dating my girlfriend for a little over five months. Everything is going great. We get along great, we like the same things and we hardly ever fight. I feel like we’ve gotten closer lately, and I want to tell her that I love her. I feel like it’s the obvious next step, but I don’t know how to do it. I’m really scared that she’ll not feel the same way or that she’ll get freaked out that I’m saying it too soon. At the same time, I’m scared she’s waiting on me to say it, and then will get frustrated if I don’t hurry up and do it. I’m not sure what to do. Any advice you could offer would be awesome.

*-Love Struck*

*Love Struck,*

Do you love her? You never really said. You said that you would like to tell her that you do, but you also said that it felt like the “obvious next step.” Here’s how I feel about dropping those three words. First of all, love is a strong emotion. You should never tell someone that you love them just because you feel like it’s the next step or a natural progression in a relationship. You’ll know when it’s time to say it. If you truly love them, you’ll have to say it. It’ll burn a hole in your throat trying to escape. Don’t force it. If you honestly feel it, then say it. Don’t worry if

## Aunt Edna:

*Dear Aunt Edna,*  
Why are some people homophobic?

*Dear Anonymous,*

Sex and whom we are attracted to sexually differs from person to person. One of the major sources of controversy throughout history has been same sex attraction, otherwise known as homosexuality. Ever since the beginning of time there have been men and women who are sexually and emotionally attracted to people of the same sex. At the same time there have been people

is fairly new. Dr. Deshotels gave insight to the cultural side of homosexuality and how it’s been viewed over time and in different areas of the world. The aspect that continued to show itself in history is that people tend to not even acknowledge same sex attraction and sexual actions between people of the same sex until it becomes a “threat” to the dominant group. An example of this would be the ongoing debate of same sex marriage. One of the most popular defenses against it is the idea that same sex marriage is a threat to the institution of marriage.

Researchers from the University of Georgia did a study by taking 35 homophobic men and 29 non-homophobic men. The study was published in the 1996 issue of Journal of Abnormal Psychology. The men were all shown heterosexual, lesbian and homosexual erotic material and they were monitored for arousal. Both groups of men showed arousal in the heterosexual and the lesbian material. However, the interesting numbers came with the homosexual material. A large portion of the homophobic men showed evidence of definite arousal where the non-homophobic men did not. So with



sex attraction, otherwise known as homosexuality. Ever since the beginning of time there have been men and women who are sexually and emotionally attracted to people of the same sex. At the same time there have been people who are against that attraction. Some people simply disagree and keep to themselves. Others are more aggressive, outspoken and simply hate homosexuals. These people are usually referred to as "homophobes".

Psychologist George Weinberg coined the term homophobia in the 1960's. It was used to describe people who dreaded being in close quarters with homosexuals and showed aversion to homosexuals and their behavior.

To start, I want to touch on the subject of "homosexual" being an identity. What is important to understand is that this idea

it becomes a "threat" to the dominant group. An example of this would be the ongoing debate of same sex marriage. One of the most popular defenses against it is the idea that same sex marriage is a threat to the institution of marriage.

People may privately disagree with homosexuality, but why do people become "homophobic"? As stated above, some feel it is a threat to their institution or religion. Dr. Deshotels says that according to some surveys, men are more homophobic than women. An explanation to this is that men are not used to being the target of unwanted sexual attention.

The most interesting theory behind homophobia states that people who are overly homophobic are in fact homosexuals themselves and are ashamed. How true is this theory? Surprisingly there is a good deal of truth to it.

Both groups of men showed arousal in the heterosexual and the lesbian material. However, the interesting numbers came with the homosexual material. A large portion of the homophobic men showed evidence of definite arousal where the non-homophobic men did not. So, with this study, it is possible that people (men especially) are homophobic because they don't want to admit to their own homosexual desires.

Regardless of personal belief there should be no reason to hate homosexuals. Disagreeing with homosexuality is one thing, but to flat out hate someone because of whom they are or how they behave sexually is just as bad as racism, anti-Semitism and sexism.

Here to help,  
Aunt Edna

relationship. You know when it's time to say it. If you truly love them, you'll have to say it. It'll burn a hole in your throat trying to escape. Don't force it. If you honestly feel it, then say it. I'm not sure if your girlfriend is waiting around on you to say it or not, but if she is, she shouldn't be. There really shouldn't be a rule as to who says "I love you" first in a relationship or how long a person should wait before saying it. If you feel it, you feel it. It's as simple as that.

Dear Julie,

I'm a single male who is casually dating. I have no problem working up the courage to ask a young woman out, but once I do, I'm always lost as to what to wear on the first date. I'm paranoid of either being too dressed up or too casual. Is there a standard I should go by when dressing for a first date?

-Tired from Attire

Tired from Attire,

I'm not really sure that there is a "standard" when it comes to what to wear on a first date. I'd say it greatly depends on what you do on a first date. If we're talking dinner and a movie, then I would say, a nice collared shirt with jeans would be all right, or khakis. I wouldn't go too formal on a first date. At the same time, if you're doing something more casual on a first date, such as bowling or going to play putt-putt, then be sure that whatever you wear is easy to move in. Don't try to dress in a complete opposite way than what you normally do just because it's a first date. Look nice, but keep your normal style. Also, be careful not to add too much after-shave or cologne on a first date. A little goes a long way! I'd say that the most important accessory to wear on a first date is a confident smile. Have fun, and feel comfortable!

## Chicken Scratch

Beauty and the Beast was absolutely wonderful. Everyone at JSU should go see even if they've never seen the film!

Wish the softball team would learn how to behave on campus and in public. How rude!

The campus looks beautiful!

Right! Human Reaper has been killed, Oh crap! Midterms!

Ronald Reagan, "Read my lips! No more gold parking!"

(Ed Note: I am pretty sure that you mean George H. W. Bush)

Reckon the UAH professor who went ballistic last week was pissed off about having to do Sexual Harassment Training EVERY DAMN YEAR?!?!?

White out the Pete.

WOW!!! Last week was soo cold that it even snowed!!!! Thanks A Phi A!!!!

Gee thanks JSU, You call me 2 hours after the snow starts to tell me that you're waiting another 2 hours to cancel class. Way to be on the ball!

Having Children is Hereditary, If your Parents never had kids, Neither will you.

Can someone give me Zach Childree's number? I think he's cute!

(Ed Note: You can reach all of the chanty staff by visiting our website or our office.)

Enjoyed reading Cocky Revealed. Haley did a great job!

1) JSU creates a major parking problem at Self Hall 2) the students find

a not perfect, but very manageable solution. 3) JPD comes in and makes the solution illegal. I guess it's time to start walking through the cemetery like they want us to.

If you cannot park on trustee's circle why are there still parking spots??

To last week's Scratcher who can't wait for Spring Break and Graduation - Don't wish your life away. It will go by faster than you expect. Enjoy it while you can.

B L O W SOUTHERNERS!

The girls on this campus - and they're girls, not women - need to learn how to drive! Come on! It's not that hard, just get off your phone or stop trying to talk to other people while driving! Please!

Got on the bus to Stone Center and ended up at Wal-mart! Kinda late for class...

(ED Note: That was a bit of dumb)

Good thing there was no snow today. Not like Just Show Up would've canceled classes. Seriously, if the university was covered in a thick layer of radiation, they'd still expect us to come to class despite being preoccupied with MELTING.

Ladies, gentlemen, everyone young and old... and Iron Man... if you're out there, I just want you to know that I am Mandarin, Iron Man's nemesis. Yeah, I know, its a lame villain name. But that's really what they named him. Mandarin, like the orange.

Dr. Hug on 92j, Your

Cure for College Radio.

"I have a Crush on Every boy"

I was raised by a cup of Coffee.

SGA: I haven't seen that much inactivity since I walked past the Mimosa office.

Team Mario? or Team Luigi?

Happy Birthday JMK!

Jewlie Jewlie!!! Lets go to Java Jolt!

Why do they charge you a \$5 fee if you get locked out of your room???? What dum a\*\* come up with that. I should charge you \$5 for every RA's room i went to and no one was there. Not even the RLC. I'd be RICH!!!!!!





John Barnes going up against a Presbyterian defender during the ESPN Bracketbuster game last Saturday. Photo provided by jsufan.com

## JSU falls short during ESPN Bracketbuster

by Kevin Brant  
Special to The Chanticleer

On Saturday, February 20, ESPN held one of the 2010 Bracketbuster games at the Pete Matthews Coliseum. Jacksonville State University Men's basketball team played Presbyterian College.

According to ESPN, the Bracketbuster game is a two-day men's college basketball event where NCAA tournament hopefuls, play each other. This game can have a big effect on determining whether or not certain teams make it to

qualify for the tournament.

The game was broadcasted live by ESPN360.com. Part of the agreement is that the two teams will play each other again in November or December of the 2011-12 basketball season. The Bracketbuster event started in 2003 with 18 teams, and it now has 102 teams participating.

In the game, JSU won the opening tip-off over Presbyterian. JSU made a few shots with 14:09 to go in first half the score was 16-10 Presbyterian. Presbyterian dominated for the rest of the first



The BCM Flag football team celebrating their second place win. Standing: (L-R) Matt Griffin, Lee Jackson, Michael Norris, BJ Bonner, Austin Faulkner, Geoff Miller, Geoffery Lockhart, Dan Tomlinson. Kneeling: (L-R) Scotti Simpson, Andrew Batchelor, Matthew Parris, Justin Swords. Sitting: (L-R) Matt Coby, Paul Killen Photo by Scotti Simpson / Special to The Chanticleer

## JSU places second in State BCM Flag Football Championship

by Austin Faulkner  
Sports Staff Writer

This weekend, the Jacksonville State University's Baptist Campus Ministry flag football team traveled to the University of Montevallo, where other schools' BCMs met to play in the state championship. Alabama, Auburn, the University of North Alabama, the University of South Alabama and several other schools across the state sent teams to participate Friday evening and all-day Saturday in a race to crown a champion. All schools were allowed to field an all men's team and/or a co-ed team.

Friday night the Gamecocks' opened up against the University of Alabama playing their only game of the evening. Unfortunately, the Gamecocks were shutout in an embarrassing first game showing. Upset and looking forward to a chance for redemption, the JSU squad left for the night.

"After we got shutout we got a little down on ourselves, but with the fellowship we had through our Christian brother-

the Lions and that would remain until the closing minutes. Down by 7 the Lions were on defense and had to get a turnover. They got it in the form of an interception, which they returned for the touchdown. Down by a single point and going for the win, the Lions called up a play to go for a two-point conversion and the win. The snap was called and the pass thrown, but to no avail the JSU BCM's defense dodged a bullet and hung on to the win.

Next, JSU faced off with the University of South Alabama, which also gave them their largest margin of victory for the day. Their offense could not be stopped and their defense prevented the Jaguars from gaining momentum. With a three-score lead the Gamecocks finished the exhibition games strong and managed to gain a playoff berth pitting them against defending state champs, Wallace State.

The Wallace State game, which the players unanimously agreed was by far the best game, went into double overtime and only ended when Jax State deflected Wallace's touchdown pass

day was a date in the state championship versus the University of Alabama who had defeated Troy University to gain their spot. The undefeated Tide came out strong and JSU put up a good fight, but would ultimately fall to the more experienced Alabama team by four points.

Although they lost the JSU squad was happy with their turn around.

"I think we gained our confidence," said JSU team member, Scotti Simpson.

Memorable plays were abounding throughout the day as the tournament wore on. JSU team captain Matt Coby recounted his best run on the day against UNA. "I took off to the left and was immediately swamped by UNA players. I was falling so I planted my foot and put my hand down and caught myself and spun. I cut back across the field and scored."

The most notable accomplishment of the tournament for the Gamecocks was that their offensive line gave up no sacks.

"The Great Wall of China had nothing on this wall [the O-line]."



is a two-day men's college basketball event where NCAA tournament hopefuls, play each other. This game can have a big effect on determining whether or not certain teams make it to the NCAA Tournament. Each conference selects its participating teams before the season, and the matches for the event are determined by ESPN in conjunction with the conferences. There have been occasions where teams that play each other in the Bracketbuster game have advanced far in the tournament.

They usually choose the teams in Division I that have mediocre records. The idea of the Bracketbuster was to give mid-major schools a chance to get national exposure and possibly better their chances for being selected for the tournament. According to ESPN, this game is played as late in the season as possible, in order for that team or teams to have a last chance to

in the game, JSU won the opening tip-off over Presbyterian. JSU made a few shots with 14:09 to go in first half the score was 16-10 Presbyterian. Presbyterian dominated for the rest of the first half. The halftime score was Presbyterian 36 JSU 18. JSU went 7 for 24 from the field and were 1 for 5 from three-point land.

The Gamecocks struggled without their star player, Trenton Marshall.

JSU stormed back and with less than 1:00 to go in the second half, the score was 55-53 Presbyterian. The momentum was not enough for JSU. Final score was 59-55.

Three players for the Gamecocks scored in the double digits. Nick Murphy had 17 points; Stephen Hall contributed 12 points and Jeremy Bynum added 11.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win the game and it was a positive," said Head Coach James Green. "We could have fought better to win."

looking forward to a chance for redemption, the JSU squad left for the night.

"After we got shutout we got a little down on ourselves, but with the fellowship we had through our Christian brotherhood we were able to relax, goof off and just get to know each other a little better," JSU team member, Matt Parris stated.

The BCMers returned in the morning with a new vigor and fresh legs and headed to the field to face-off against the 1-0 UNA Lions. JSU's squad scored twice before the half, but UNA hung with them and made them fight for every yard gained. At the half the Gamecocks were tied with

state champs, Wallace State.

The Wallace State game, which the players unanimously agreed was by far the best game, went into double overtime and only ended when Jax State deflected Wallace's touchdown pass on 4<sup>th</sup> and five. Upon earning a spot in the finals JSU defensive captain Lee Jackson had this to say, "I was pretty positive that we would make the finals, but with the level of athleticism the other teams my opinion started getting shaky. After we beat Wallace, in the semi-finals, I was excited because I didn't think we were going to pull it out against Wallace."

The final match-up of the

cut back across the field and scored."

The most notable accomplishment of the tournament for the Gamecocks was that their offensive line gave up no sacks.

"The Great Wall of China had nothing on this wall [the O-line], because this wall could move," said JSU team member, B.J. Bonner.

The best part about this weekend for the team was the bonding of brothers and meeting new ones. They were able to bond doing something they all love and came together to fellowship in Christ. If you would like to join the flag football team for next year's tournament, contact the BCM by calling 435-7020.

## Sports photo of the week



Mary Beth Ledbetter stands ready at home plate during the Gamecocks home opener against SIU-Edwardsville. The Gamecocks fell short losing 3-5. Photo by Kevin Brant / *The Chanticleer*

## Highlights of the week

- Todd Cunningham has been named to the preseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List, as released by USA Baseball.
- Jacksonville State shot a final round of 315 to post a 948 to finish 22nd at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic, played at the par-72 Oak Point Golf Club.
- Jacksonville State women's tennis team (1-5) blanked Alabama State at the ASU Tennis Complex.
- Jacksonville State men's tennis (1-4) captured its first win of the season by blanking Alabama State 7-0 at the ASU Tennis Complex.
- Jacksonville State Head Women's Soccer Coach Julie Davis Carlson announced on Monday that Amy Meehan and Katelyn Hartrampf of Kennesaw, Ga., Alison Gonzalez of Roswell, Ga., and Francesca Fitzgerald of Harvest, Ala., have signed national letters of intent to play for the Gamecocks in 2010.
- Danielle Vaughn and Brittany Wiley recorded double doubles in the same game for the second time this season to lead Jacksonville State (9-18, 6-11 Ohio Valley Conference) to a 67-65 win over Tennessee State (9-16, 6-10 OVC).

## Congrats to Alex Tucker

### Special to The Chanticleer

Alex Tucker, a JSU student for the past year and a half and former College National Wrestling Champion / 2x All-American, was recently voted National Wrestling Coaches Associ-

ation (NWCA) "Assistant Coach Of The Year" for the state of Alabama 2008-2009.

This is a National Award that is given every year to fifty different high school coaches across the nation.

Tucker transferred here after fin-

ishing up his college eligibility to become a teacher/coach due to the fact that JSU is one of the top Normal Teacher Schools around the South.

Tucker is set to graduate in Winter of 2012.

Congratulations from the Chanticleer staff.



# Drama Dept: "Be Our Guest"

## Come see JSU's Beauty and the Beast

By Matthew Moore  
Special to the Chanticleer

Passing by the TMB, a few weeks ago, I glanced at the electronic sign. To my surprise, I saw that *Beauty and the Beast* would be this year's musical. After reliving youthful memories of childhood; I determined then and there that my fiancé and I would be certain to attend at least one showing.

In our second row seats, the curtain came up and the introduction to the story began. A narrator's voice boomed out setting the stage for the opening scene and subsequently, the opening song. Actress Brianna Abel, Belle, astonished me from the first note. Surprisingly, her voice matched very closely the stunning voice of Belle from Disney's classic movie.

The scenery was simple but effective. The actors and actresses rolled in the Tavern and Belle's House whenever they needed it and this allowed for added humor particularly when the gentleman that played Gaston, Cody Harrell, made the statement "Ah Belle's House!" and one of the other actors retorted: "It's the Tavern."

Speaking of Gaston, he really stole the show. He was dressed in the traditional garb save a couple interesting accessories. Heavy gold chains, feathered hat and boa, and outrageous sunglasses helped to visually personify the character while Harrell was able to personify the character orally. He provided comic relief, while he was also the played a convincing antagonist. Literally every scene that Harrell was in was riotously funny.

**Grade:**

**A**

the role very impressively.

The "animated objects" (for lack of a better term) were truly amazing. Cogsworth (Rick Gwin), Lumiere (Omar Brock), Madame Brouche (Courtney Crosson), and Babette (Heather Olson) met every expectation that this writer had. If anybody wanted to laugh at any given moment in the play, all they had to do was look at the hilarious expressions of Chip (Heather Garlick) who was simply fantastic, and who I also really felt sorry for having to be pushed around in a cart all night while smiling like an oblivious adolescent.

My only spot of contention with this group was with Mrs. Potts, played by Angie Robinson.

She did an acceptable job, but I noticed her going in and out of the English accent.

At one point, she was American, then Cockney, then she just stayed American. It was an isolated incident and since we went on an earlier date, I am sure it was addressed. Finally, I should mention The Beast (Caleb Clark). Honestly, he had a bit of a slow start but it really picked up as the show went on. By the end, I felt he



By Kira Reeves  
Staff Writer

Fairy tales do come true at Jacksonville State University.

The classic French fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast* made its debut Thursday, February 18 at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center.

Centuries ago, this love story was written. A wealthy and self-absorbed young prince refuses to help an old woman and thus begins a curse. The handsome prince is transformed into a hideous beast. The curse demands the beast to love, and find love in return. Once Belle (Brianna Abel) meets the beast, the deep emotional drama begins. This play challenges the societal stigma of looks versus heart. In the end, like all fairy tales, the *Beauty and the Beast* live happily ever after.

Director Eric Traynor transports the audience into French culture, with vibrant music by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice. The enthusiastic performance lingers long after the play ends. Several people, including students, worked to design and create the costumes which are seemingly authentic and added an amazing quality to the show.

The performance is a wonderful tribute to the Jacksonville State Drama Department. *Beauty and the Beast* is definitely a must see.

Performances began on February 18 and will continue through February 27. This week, the show will be at 7 p.m. on February 25, 26, and 27; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 28. Additionally, there will be a 1 p.m. showing on Saturday, February 27. The performances are at Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center.

**Grade:**

**B**

the music and singing, the actors were completely spot-on and I have found myself humming, whistling, and singing the tunes ever since I was privileged to view the performance. If anybody is thinking about going, I strongly suggest you get tickets for you and everyone else you know. They are unfortunately only showing one more weekend. Do something different this weekend. Go see *Beauty and the Beast*. I promise





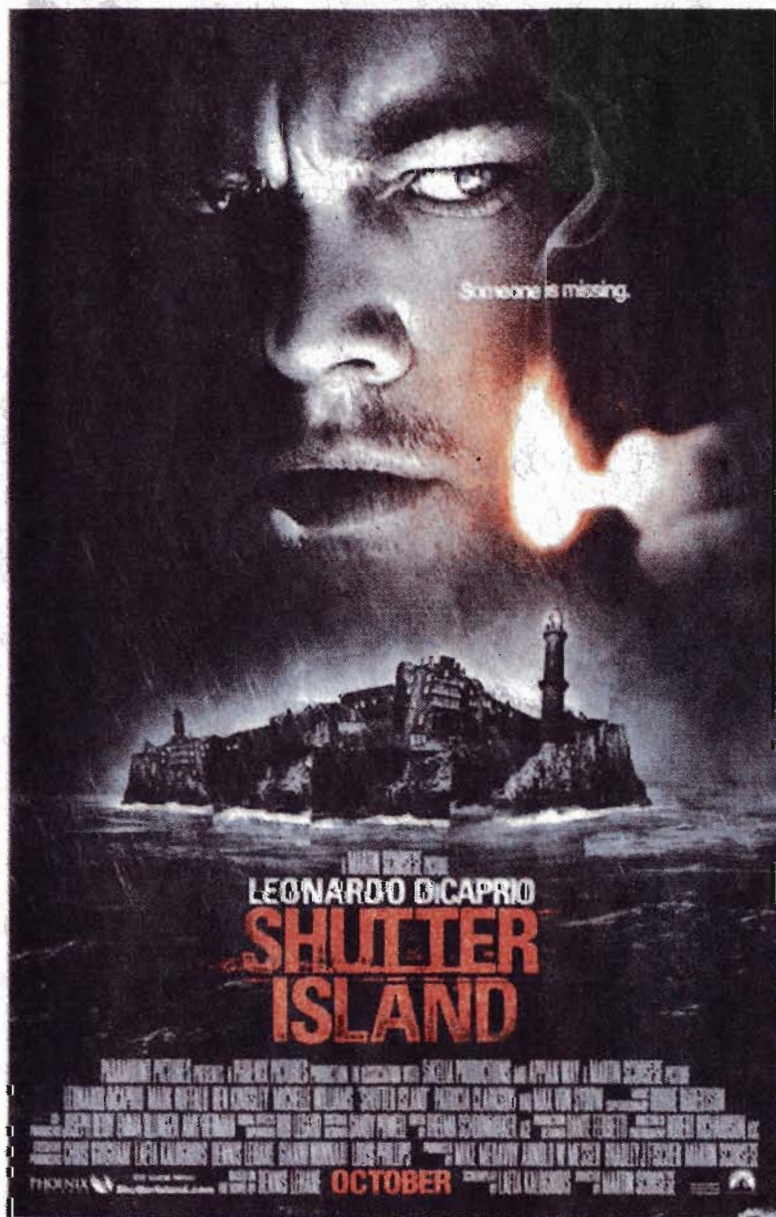
character Brady. He provided comic relief, while he was also the played a convincing antagonist. Literally every scene that Harrell was in was riotously funny.

Do not think he did it alone, though. The "Silly Girls" played by Haley Arrington, Kristen Bates, and Meg Griffin effectively displayed just that: silliness. Jacob Cummings, who played Lefou, played

date, and sure it was addressed. Finally, I should mention The Beast (Caleb Clark). Honestly, he had a bit of a slow start but it really picked up as the show went on. By the end, I felt he had done an excellent job in a very difficult role.

In my four plus years at Jacksonville State, I have seen a lot of shows. By the end of this one, I felt that it was my favorite. In terms of

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By Haley Gregg  
Sports Editors

Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese (Oscar winning director) team up for the fourth-time in the new psychological thriller

Ruffalo. The two are on their way to investigate a missing inmate from the Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane located on Shutter Island about 11 miles from the New England

## Challenge your mind: with "Shutter Island"

"Shutter Island."

The film is set in 1954, and U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels (DiCaprio) is introduced to the audience on a ferry where he meets his new partner, Chuck Aule, played by Mark

coast. Upon their arrival, they immediately get the sense that the staff and Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. Cawley, played by Ben Kingsley, are hiding something. The two U.S. Marshals start to believe the patients may be subjected to questionable "treatments."

Daniels (DiCaprio) begins to unravel mentally during his second day on the island. He begins to have numerous flashbacks of his service in World War II and hallucinations of his deceased wife, played by award winning actress, Michelle Williams. This may cause some audience members to be confused about what's real versus what's not, but it challenges viewers psychologically, which in turns holds their attention.

Toward the middle of the movie, Daniels starts to realize

that the case, Dr. Cawley and his island might be a trap that he may never escape. The film is unpredictable, yet it is a thriller that is capable of blowing one's mind. Remember, things are not always what they seem.

"Shutter Island" is based off a novel by Dennis Lehane. The performances by the actors are phenomenal; many believe that DiCaprio might earn himself another nomination for an Academy Award with this performance, as well as Michelle Williams. The cinematography is nothing short of perfection. The only complaint a viewer might have is the possibility of becoming perplexed due to the speed of the film, which might hinder some from thoroughly enjoying this great motion picture.