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Brick By Brick

Stadium, dorms nearly done

Photo by Steve Latham / JSU

Spectators watch from
Stadium, dorms nearly done

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

Construction workers are still working hard on Jacksonville State University's new stadium expansion and dorms as the deadline for completion approaches.

According to President Meehan's recent report to the Board of Trustees, the dorms will be completed by mid-June, with the stadium expansion completed by mid-August.

Sign-up for the new dorms began on Monday Feb. 1.

Brooke Bell, assistant director, student development and educational programming for university housing and residence life, said that sign has been going well. "Monday was the busiest day," Bell said. "But we are still accepting applications for Stadium Housing."

Bell said the new dorms will be a bit different from existing dorms.

"Stadium Housing contains four bedroom apartments with two bathrooms," Bell said. "Students will be able to enjoy a private bedroom, but share a bathroom with another resident."

Bell said the University surveyed students and this was the layout that students said they preferred.

The price for the new dorms will be set by the Board of Trustees in April, but Bell said the price will be somewhere between $2,400 and $2,800 per semester.

As for the foundation settlement that had to be repaired for the stadium expansion, Meehan's report says the problem has been resolved and repairs are complete. Work is still progressing on the seating project using the revised foundation system.

Bell said the housing department was looking forward to fall. "We are very excited about the grand opening in fall 2010," bell said. "The project is on schedule to open for incoming residents for fall move-in."

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VOICE OF AN ERA

Library program features life, music of Nat King Cole

From wire reports

The Friends of Houston Cole Library will present a very special program, "Alabama's Own Nat King Cole," on Wednesday, February 24 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1103B of the Houston Cole Library.

Presenter will be writer and instructor Daphne Simpkins, M.A., of Auburn University Montgomery.

The program is an Alabama Humanities Foundation sponsored Road Scholars Presentation.

Born in Montgomery in 1919, Nathaniel Adams Coles established himself irrevocably as a voice of an American era and as part of the group of musicians who helped to create jazz when it was in its infancy.

"Alabama's Own Nat King Cole" will offer Nat King Cole's life story and introduce the music he made famous. Daphne Simpkins' presentation will look at Cole's story and how it tells not only his history; but in many ways, records sociological changes happening inside American culture and American homes.

Ms. Simpkins has published hundreds of essays and short stories in a variety of periodicals nationwide and in Canada. She has also written two books: The Long Good Night and Nat King Cole: An Unforgettable Life of Music. This event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Tell us about your romantic plans for Valentine's Day! Send your ideas and stories to chantyeditor@gmail.com. Who knows, maybe we'll profile you! File Photo

QUESTION of the WEEK

Have you donated to help the relief efforts in Haiti?

No - 56%
Yes - 25%
Not yet - 19%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

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What is your current relationship status?

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The Education Fair will be a morning event and lasts from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fair is open to all students in Education. Representatives from school systems and prospective employers will be on site.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of resumes, dress professionally and be prepared for interviews on site! Additional copies of one's resume may be made in the JSU Print Shop (104 TMB) for $.07 each. Resume editing is available in Career Services, 105 Bibb Graves Hall. Students should schedule an appointment by emailing to resumes@jsu.edu.

A list of participating schools may be viewed online at jsu.edu/careerservices. This list will be regularly updated with current information. Please call 256-782-5485 or email cpsfair@jsu.edu with questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Education Fair this spring!

Campus Crime

January 25

- Joshua David Maloch was arrested for possession of stolen property.

January 27

- Assault was reported at the Kennamer Hall parking lot.

January 28

- Theft of property was reported in Crow Hall. Stolen was an Apple Iphone

- Charleston Morrez Parks was arrested for simple assault and domestic violence

January 29

- Justin Derome Brown was arrested for

Grounded

What makes us ask an overgrown squirrel the weather?

David Jennings
The Jacksonville News

It's that time of year again — the time when people look to the largest member of the squirrel family for their weather forecast. Groundhog Day 2010 is today, and according to legend, if he sees his shadow, he is predicting six more weeks of winter and returns to his burrow. If he does not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner.

According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, the tradition dates back to the early days of Christianity in Europe and grew out of a winter festival called Candlemas Day, a day for clergy to bless and distribute candles. According to legend, clear skies on Candlemas Day meant an extended winter.

The Roman legions, during the conquest of the northern country, brought this tradition to the Germans, who concluded that if the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, a hedgehog would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of bad weather or "Second Winter."

In Germany, the hedgehog became part of the legend. The German twist was that on a clear, sunny day, the hedgehog would cast a shadow. Some of Pennsylvania's earliest settlers were German, and they noted a large population of groundhogs. Because of its resemblance to the European hedgehog, the groundhog carried on the tradition.

While the tradition has been carried out many times and many places, do groundhogs and their shadows have the mythical ability of forecasting either an early spring or meteorology and climatology as a professor and television forecaster for over 30 years at television stations in Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville and Anniston.

But, according to Dr. Ted K, there is science behind why it seems the groundhogs are usually right.

"It's not that the groundhog predicts," said Dr. Ted K. "It's that he represents something that is happening in the sky. If he returns, it is usually because it is cold and dry. If it is cold and dry, that's a sign that we will have a continuation of winter weather. His actions go along with the seasonal outlook."

"I predict continuation of the cold weather because of two reasons: one, we are getting shots of cold from the north continuously, and two, the possibility of additional snows because of low pressures coming out of the Gulf of Mexico. That is often the key to us getting snow, low pressures pumping in moisture combined with cold air. The pattern has been rather consistent over the last six months," said Dr. K. "One of the reasons I see a..."
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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

Saturday February 6

- Murdocks EXTREME Canyon Hike, Canyon Center near Fort Payne, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, $20/adult; $10/student
- Valentine's Mosaic Suncatchers, Canyon Center near Fort Payne, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, $30/person

Monday February 8

- Alpha Phi Alpha Mixer, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8:06 pm
- Roundhouse Recovery, Roundhouse, 8-9pm

Wednesday February 10

- Black History Super Bowl Game Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- Valentine's Day Card Service Project, TMB Auditorium, 6-8 pm

Dr. K has been doing a continuation of winter weather. His actions go along with the seasonal outlook.

So, there is no magic, but there is some truth to the findings. However, don't think weather reporters will be replaced by groundhogs any time soon.

Here is one of the problems; you have got to have a groundhog in all the regions," said Dr. Ted K. "You know, Pennsylvania has got its Punxsutawney Phil, and that's fine, but the South needs one too because our weather here is going to be different than what it is in the Northeast. So we need our own Mexico. That is often the key to us getting snow, low pressures pumping in moisture combined with cold air. The pattern has been rather consistent over the last six months," said Dr. K. "One of the reasons I see a continuation in this is because El Nino has kicked in this year, helping develop low pressures in the Pacific and carry them all the way over to the Gulf of Mexico"

You can catch more of Dr. Ted K's weather forecasts every weeknight at on WJXS TV's nightly News at Nine.
Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

I'm 16. Fumbling for my favorite jelly bracelets to match my black high-top converses, I feel like I might lose my lunch. I'm ready, with my hair short and messy, and my mouthful of braces all shined up. Yep, I'm ready.

I meet him at a coffee shop. My knees shake a ridiculous amount as I walk in. The smell of cappa-mocha-java-skim-latte-chiller-frappes, is the last thing my nervous stomach wants to acknowledge. As I approach him, he's sitting on a bench flipping through a Rolling Stone, bouncing his feet up and down. He turns around when I walk up, and stands up so fast I think he might jump two feet in the air.

Man, he's a cutie.

His greasy jet black hair and Sublime shirt go perfectly with his faded, ripped jeans. The night from there is a blur.

I'm fidgeting with my earlobe, I think he might jump two feet, braces all shined up. Yep, I'm ready.

I'm ready, with my hair short and messy, and my mouthful of braces all shined up. Yep, I'm ready.

Please don't try to kiss me.

Four Wisconsin women were put on probation for a year Tuesday for gluing a man's penis to his stomach after finding out about his sexual dalliances. Authorities said Donessa Davis's wife, two lovers and an acquaintance of theirs had plotted their revenge last summer, luring him to a Stockbridge motel July 30 where they tied him up, blindfolded and assaulted him. The women will get to avoid jail time of 30-60 days as long as they don't violate the terms of their probation, Madison's WKOW-TV reported. They also are to perform community service.

Lioness and buffalo fight in the middle of busy road

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The kiss doesn’t happen that night. In fact, it doesn’t happen until 2 dates after that. But that night, after we nervously hug and go our separate ways, I can remember feeling like the night was absolutely perfect. What a memorable first date, and the best part about it? It was innocent. It was fun.

Since then, dating has steadily become more and more about being as stiff and awkward as possible at first. There are all of these rules. Pizza, for instance, would never do as a first-date dinner. A salad would be acceptable, but only if the dressing is mild. Also, I’ve noticed that kissing on the first date is often expected. The verdict is still out on that one. I hear from different friends that they enjoy a first-date kiss, while others find it to be too soon.

Either way, first dates should be about having fun and getting to know each other. So what if you eat garlic bread? So what if you laugh so hard that beer comes out of your nose? I mean, maybe don’t go that far...but if it’s you, it’s you. Your true self will come out soon enough. You might as well be upfront in the beginning.

The best dates I’ve ever had didn’t involve a formal dinner or a romantic movie. They weren’t fun because I was dressed in a ball gown and my date in a tux. They were spontaneous and without a plan. They involved getting drenched in the rain and dancing for six hours straight barefoot, and in the mud. They involved kayaking down a river and then eating for three hours at Huddle House. They involved searching for a lost diamond earring for two hours and then eating Italian take-out in the floor while watching a horror movie.

Keep it simple; sometimes the unexpected is absolutely awesome. If you’re always planning, when does spontaneity get a chance to creep in?

Dear Aunt Edna,

How many sexual partners are too many?

Dear Anonymous,

There is no right answer to your question. That opinion differs from person to person. Some people say it doesn’t matter how many people you’ve been with. Others say that the number of sexual partners someone has is a major factor in deciding to date them. Some people even say that one partner (outside of marriage) is too many.

This really is a loaded question and there is a lot more beneath it than it seems. For one, there is the issue of being gender-biased when dealing with the number of sexual partners one person has had. Women who have had more than a handful of partners tend to be viewed as “slutty,” and face social consequences. Men on the other hand don’t always have that issue. The male becomes viewed as a charmer, a player, or the oh-so-cool “Casanova.” Even though it is a double standard that is the way our society works.

Because this question relies so much on the individual, I asked a handful of men and women how they felt about it. I asked how many partners were too many and if the number of sexual partners one person made a difference to them. The answers varied among men and just as much among women.

Yet, most men’s answers leaned towards the same direction. Many of them said that the number of sexual partners a girl has slept with is a major deciding factor. The numbers catalogued as “too many” ranged from six partners and more. A couple said that it depended on the age of the girl. To them a girl of 18 that has slept with 5 or so men is much different than a girl who is 25 and slept with 5 or so.

Some of the men disagreed and said that numbers didn’t matter. A new relationship was a clean slate to them. Some didn’t even want to know because they said it wasn’t their business to know. As long as the girl was trustworthy, clean of STD’s, and committed, the past didn’t bother them.

Women’s answers were generally the same, however “too many” to them meant a different number. A few women said that if a man had been with a great amount of other women before them it was simply “gross” and they couldn’t date a man who’d been with so many women. One woman said that it made it very intimidating. The more women he’d been with meant a lot more for her to live up to.

Other women said that they simply felt like they couldn’t trust a man who’d slept with so many partners.

There were also women that though completely different. Some of them said that it didn’t matter as long as their partners were true to them. Others went even deeper and of course always be sure you protect yourself. In the end, it all comes down to you and what you think is best for you.

I hope this helps you.

Aunt Edna
What happened to creativity?
How I learned to stop worrying and love the remake

By James Burton
Columnist

We've done it, America. We've reached a point where this is not a single original person left in Hollywood. And it looks like the man piloting the ship to microwaved leftovers is James Cameron (with first officer Michael Bay). Avatar? Try watching it without ogling the special effects. The storyline was copied and pasted from Pocahontas! (Don’t believe me? Check out Failblog) Now most of the country was like “But the special effects were amazing! It didn’t matter that the story was old and tired” No! That is no excuse. That is like saying “I didn’t read the book, but I thought the pictures were cool!” And yet this cinematic suppository has reached $1.84 billion worldwide. Two more million dollars and it passes "Titanic". I hated Titanic with a passion (mainly because DiCaprio pisses me off in most of his films) but I never thought that the movie surpassing it for all-time earnings would be another one of Cameron’s craptastic epic adventures. Seriously, he and Michael Bay need to collaborate on a project. With Cameron’s special effect fetish and Bay’s obsession with blowing crap up, maybe the two of them could create a film with a halfway original script and moderate historical accuracy. Maybe.

But this is not just about Cameron-bashing. This is an all around lack of creativity in Hollywood. Think about your favorite movie or TV series. Now go to the IMDB. Chances are someone is remaking it. The Buffy the Vampire Slayer movie is being remade, as is Robocop, Magnum PI, Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. The Thing and even “It” is not saved. (Remakes are the new sequel!)

Let’s not forget the “re-imaginers” like Ronald “Killing Captain Kirk seemed like a good idea at the time” Moore and his version of Battlestar Galactica that tackled the question “What is human?” For some bizarre reason that question took four seasons to answer. “Human is being aware of one’s own mortality.” There. I answered it in once sentence. Now you don’t have to spend 100 bucks for the complete series.

Now on to movies with endless sequels such as “Saw.” I don’t care if you’ve got the most meticulously brilliant storyline planned in the history of motion pictures. If you’re popping out a sequel EVERY YEAR, you are not even trying. They’re currently filming Saw VII which should be out this year, and I hear that Tobin Bell (Jigsaw) is signed on for three more after that! Seriously, people. Do you really need ten of these movies? I mean, come on. Don’t you remember Jason X?

I’m glad to see that there are still some people in Hollywood who know what the people want. (Now bear in mind, when I say people I don’t mean the sheep that watch what they are told to watch. Honestly, if Oprah told people they should watch a musical that depicts Osama bin Laden as a fun and likeable guy, half this nation would be all over that like Charlie Sheen snorting cocaine off of a stripper’s ass.) Things like Evil Dead 4 TR2N, Jurassic Park IV and Ghostbusters 3. Yes, they are all sequels. But they are following up on a time when movies were made when people actually cared about the characters!

Movies are supposed to be a work of art. I have seen few “works of art” in the past few years (unless making vampires not explode when they hit sunlight is considered a work of art.) The motion picture industry is being run like a sweat shop. Crank out mass-marketed crap that’s been told over and over again to please a general public who has proven themselves to be remarkably unintelligent more and more as the years pass. (An example being the people who think that Allan Quatermain is a rip-off of Indiana Jones)

I’m done ranting for today, but if you want to watch a decent film, check out Daybreakers. It’s got vampires and violence, and its interspersed with some moderately profound social commentary. I also recommend Ninja Assassin. It has terrible acting, no plot to speak of and is the bloodiest and most unnecessarily violent film I think I’ve ever seen. That automatically makes it awesome!
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I've ever seen. That automatically makes it awesome!
I am so tired of going into the campus bookstore and having to wait in line. Can’t you people get more than one person at a time to run a cash register? It is not that difficult.

There are other religions on campus and everyone needs PRAYER.....come join us @ the BCM!

It’s sad that one of the biggest distractions in my Ethics class is an SGA Vice-President.

Applied Directly to the Forehead...

I love the University’s new get fit plan of setting the Parking so that everyone has to walk 5 miles to get to class. I’ve already lost 25 pounds, this week alone!

(Ed Note: Congratulations!!!)

92J: teaching students how to be crappy

What a sad and pathetic life you must live, spending week after week criticizing a campus radio station. How about getting out of your mother’s basement and making a difference instead of wasting your days b***** anonymously.

BCM Celebration! Tuesdays @ 8!

Parking situation still not dealt with. Why doesn’t that surprise me?

I hear the comm department is going to get some new equipment soon. Maybe we’ll be able to get new vacuum tubes!

Oooooh girl....you such a tease!

Hey ladies...it’s alright for you to make the first move...

I remember when 92J had it’s own identity Now, it plays the same crappy music as every other station around here. Seriously, WTF?

(Ed Note: I am not sure what other radio stations you’re listening to.)

Security cameras on campus parking lots. Don’t just ask for it, demand it!

Dr. Hug and City Slicker on 92j! Tuesdays 1-4!!!

I have a secret theory that Elton John is Lady Gaga’s father!!!
1970 called, they want the ugly carpet back from Self Hall

(ED Note: I think it shows character.)

You should be lucky students park here at all since it was Gold before I made a stand...if it's only 50% full, you still have plenty of parking spots.
-Signed TV 24 Tool.

Frankly, Mr. Shankly, since you ask, you are a flatulent pain in the arse.

It's 4:20 somewhere.

WAY TO GO BURTON!!!!!!! Great

1970 called, they want the ugly carpet back from Self Hall

(ED Note: Congratulations!!!)

92J: teaching students how to be crappy DJ's since 2005.

And I was like...rat-a-tat-tat...yeah.

Who thinks that JSU should waive parking tickets for the relief fund in Haiti like UAB? We'd raise TONS of money to help people! YES!

Dean's list, baby! That was me!

Self Hall housekeepers are the best!

Sexual Harassment Training should be every 5 yrs. NOT yearly.

Why does the baseball team think they have divine rights over everyone at JSU? They can't even spell divine.

DOWN WITH THE GOLD PARKING CLAN!!!

I'm so optimistic, I'd go after Moby Dick in a rowboat and bring the tarter sauce with me!

It's cold. I need chicken soup.

WAY TO GO BURTON!!!!!!! Great

We've Got A Nose For News.

The Chanticleer

Education Fair
February 19, 2010
8:30 AM-12:30 PM
Stephenson Hall Gymnasium, JSU
RE-UP

Get a Room

REAPPLICATION INFORMATION FOR

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 the next re-application period.
3. Residents may apply for Daugette, Sparkman and any available on-campus apartments during this week. 
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1. You may only request to change your fall assignment ONE time! Any other requests to change will have to wait until the fall room change week.

MORE INFO

- The Housing department will accept Leadership House applications beginning Feb. 1, 2010. Applications are due April 1!
- Students seeking summer housing will be assigned to Logan and Patterson. You may apply for summer housing during re-application as well. The cost of Logan and Patterson is $535 per term.
- Residents who apply after March 5, will be considered new students. You will be assigned according to the date in which your application is received. You will also be required to pay the $150 application fee.
- Sorority chapter presidents will receive reapplication packets for sorority women wishing to live in the NEW Stadium Housing. You must see your chapter president between February 1-5 to complete re-up.
JSU Women’s basketball suffer loss against EIU

by Kevin Brant
Sports Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University women’s basketball team played Eastern Illinois University at the Pete Matthews Coliseum on January 30.

JSU won the opening tip-off and it took over two minutes in first half before either team could score a basket.

Eastern Illinois went on a 5-0 run with 15:45 to go in the first half; it was 9-4 EIU.

With 5:30 to go in first half it was 31-14 Eastern Illinois. The ball changed possession between the two teams a couple of times resulting in scores. The score at halftime was 34-20 Eastern Illinois.

The Panthers continued to dominate the rest of the game. JSU’s Karisma Boykin made the first of two 3 pointers in the game with 10:37 left in the second half. The second three pointer was made with 1.4 seconds left in the game by Danielle Benedy.

The final score was Eastern Illinois 60 JSU 43.

“I think overall it was disappointing that we did not shoot better against the best team,” said Head Coach Becky Geyer. “I thought Paris Hollingsworth played very well today with the 14 points she scored.”

The Gamecocks shot 28.8 percent from the floor.

“The biggest problem for us as a team was that we were not scoring,” said Zenobia Pitts. “We got to work hard every day to get better.”

JSU’s next home game will be on Feb. 11 against UT Martin starting at 5:15 p.m.

Highlights of the week

- The Pro Football Hall of Fame 2010 Texas vs the Nation Challenge announced that Jacksonville State quarterback Ryan Perrilloux has been selected to participate in its fourth annual all-star challenge set to kick off at 12 pm MST at Sun Bowl Stadium on Saturday, Feb. 6.

- Jacksonville State junior Trenton Marshall earned the Ohio Valley Conference’s Newcomer of the Week award on Monday for the second-straight week and the sixth time this season.

- Junior Trenton Marshall scored 25 points and the Jacksonville State men’s basketball team used a stifling defensive effort on Saturday afternoon to hand Eastern Illinois a 70-55 defeat at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

- Jeremy Bynum brightened a sluggish second half on Thursday night, when his 3-pointer that fell with six seconds to play erased a two-point deficit and lifted the Jacksonville State basketball team to a 58-55 win over Southeast Missouri at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

- The Jacksonville State rifle team tallied a team aggregate score of 4564 points to finish second at the UT Martin Invitational on Sunday. The Gamecocks finished with 2268 in the smallbore and 2296 in air rifle to equal its score.

Gamecocks stop EIU with 70-55 win

from jsugamecocksports.com

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The Gamecocks (10-11, 6-5 Ohio Valley Conference) held the Panthers (11-11, 5-7 OVC) to just five field goals and a 5-7 OVC) to just five field goals and a .200 shooting percentage in the second half, including a 1-for-7 clip over the final 11:30. The win gives JSU four in its last five games and finishes a four-game homestand for the Gamecocks with a 3-1 record and puts them above the .500 mark in conference play for the first time since 2012.

Marshall, a 6-foot-5 native of Garyville, La., was 7-for-13 from the floor, including a 6-for-11 night from behind the three-point line to lead all scorers. He was also 5-for-6 from the free throw line and led the Gamecocks with six rebounds while blocking a shot and swiping a steal. He scored 14 points in the second half to pace perimeter.

EIU turned to leading scorer Tyler Las- er, who scored 20 points before fouling out with five minutes remaining. He hit four 3-pointers in the game, one of which came at the 7:08 mark of the second half and was EIU’s only bucket of the final 11:30 of the game.

Curry McKinney added 13 points for the Panthers, while Ousmane Cisse’s eight rebounds led them to a 57-28 advantage on the glass.

The Gamecocks shot 47 percent from the floor and 47 percent from behind the arc on the night, while holding EIU to a 32 percent shooting percentage. The Panthers did go 6-for-11 from behind the arc and connected on 17-of-21 free throws.

JSU stormed out of the gates with 14 unanswered that built a 14-2 lead in the game’s first five minutes, only to watch the Panthers storm back with an 18-4 run that gave them a 20-18 lead with 8:25 on the clock. The Gamecocks scored the next four points to reclaim the lead and never trailed again. EIU would battle to tie the score three more times before a Bynum
Hoping the Saints win the Super Bowl!!!

They don’t need to check JSU athletes for steroids, they need to check for STD’s!!!

(Ed Note: I have to think that whoever said this might need to go get checked as well...just saying.)

Some of the people in the office of ******** **** need to get a life. You people don’t have real jobs, your babysitters for college students. Go do something productive and meaningful.

(ED note: What about my babysitters?)

Friends of WLJS needs to mind their own business.

So why does UPD only patrol the Gold lots? The Green and Orange lots are always filled with illegally parks cars.

(Ed Note: certain Chanty editors can testify to the fact that the university police do ticket other parking lots.)

I think the maintenance people deserve a day off.

Es war um 1780 und es war in Wien. No plastic money anymore, die Banken gegen ihn.

Class of 1999 Rocks!

Please put new toilets in daugette hall, They stink!!!!

Pretty much, Doran Smith rocks!

(Ed Note: Doran, please stop writing Chicken Scratch about yourself...it’s embarrassing to the rest of the Chanty staff LOL)

Shawdy, why haven’t you wrote to me in Chicken Scratch recently!??!! where have you gone??

Mission Accomplished! I’m finally getting Zach Childree to do stand up!

Another shout out to Tammy Mize (aka the best secretary in the world!)

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A round mid-February two things happen: the suggestion of spring creeps into everyone’s mind, and softball season begins.

The Jacksonville State University softball team (ranked 27th in the preseason poll) comes into the 2010 season with high expectations that they inherited from last year’s squad.

“We don’t talk about last year, because this is basically a new team and I want them to establish their own identity and strengths,” said Head Coach Jana McGinnis.

In practice, the team has been focusing on their individual work ethic, mentality and the basic fundamentals of the game. Offensively, they are tackling the issue of being one dimensional with their hitting.

According to McGinnis, the answer to thinking about the senior class of last year’s noteworthy season.

Returning players to watch out for this season include: Ashley Eliasson, Nikki Prier, Hillary Downs, Chrissy O’Neal and Mary Beth Ledbetter.

They will also be expecting Meredith Sellers to come in huge for them as a designated hitter (DH). McGinnis believes that the 11 incoming freshman have to establish themselves in the games before they can be labeled “a player to watch out for.”

“I will say that Amanda Crow is looking like she will be our starting catcher,” McGinnis said. “She probably has the biggest shoes to fill along with our freshman pitchers.”

McGinnis will be looking for junior, Ashley Eliasson to lead the team with her pitching and to take on the responsibility of help the incoming pitchers with the transition of pitching to Division I batters.

Last year the team broke their huddles by saying “One step further”, but this year the team

SOFTBALL STATS 2009-10

- Ended the season with a 43-16 record with a 19-2 OVC record
- Outranked [combined] opponents in almost every statistical category
- Gamecocks earn an at-large spot in the 2009 NCAA Tournament v. Nebraska in the Knoxville Regional
- Gamecocks win Knoxville Regional and advance to the Super Regional v. Alabama [loss]
- Head coach Jana McGinnis named co-Coach of the Year

Stats reported by Austin Faulkner, Staff Sports Writer
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Lworthy; illustration by Haley Gregg and Bill Boykins

9U SOFTBALL HOME GAMES

- 2/18 - SIU-Edwardsville - 3 p.m.
- 3/20 - Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 3/21 - Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 3/23 - Kennesaw State - 5 p.m.
- 3/24 - Middle Tennessee - 3 p.m.
- 4/2 - UT Martin - 1 p.m.
- 4/3 - UT Martin - 3 p.m.
- 4/8 - UAB - 1 p.m.
- 4/14 - Tennessee Tech - 4 p.m.
- 4/17 - Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 4/18 - Eastern Kentucky - 1 p.m.
- 4/28 - Samford - 6:30 p.m.
- 5/7 - Tennessee State - 1 p.m.
- 5/8 - Tennessee State - 1 p.m.

* Conference games

Field starting at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given as well as free snacks and T-shirts.

"Fan Day is as much fun for us as it is for the fans and it has proved to be a great way for the students, community and surrounding softball teams to get to know us on a personal level," McGinnis said.

The team will play games with the fans and at the end of day will hold an autograph session.

The softball team’s first home game will be on February 18 against SIU-Edwardsville starting at 3 p.m. The outfield is offered to students as an area to cheer the Lady Gamecocks on and can be used as a great spot for tailgating.

GET TO KNOW NIKKI PRIER: 2010 TOP 50 SOFTBALL PLAYER TO WATCH OUT FOR

By Ashley Nolen
Staff Sports Writer

Nikki Prier, No. 24 of the Jacksonville State University softball team, is from Raleigh, N.C.

Prier finds most of her support from her parents and younger sister, Melissa. She has always shared a close relationship with her small family, and considers them her “best friends.”

"He’s one of those guys that is good at everything," Prier said. Her dad has coached her through the years, and challenged her to better herself regardless of circumstance. "It works well because Dad is my coach, and Mom is my supporter," Prier said.

Currently a senior, Prier plans to graduate in April with a degree in exercise science and wellness.

She started playing softball when she was 9 years old. One of her favorite childhood memories is her first real softball game, and her career has only skyrocketed from there.

Prier played four years of softball at Wake Forest Rolesville High School as a first baseman. She believes that anyone can have a special talent, like playing softball, but it can only truly develop after much hard work.

While visiting JSU, she made a very close connection with the coaches.

"It was one of those things where you know that’s where you’re supposed to be," Prier said. On January 27, the ASA announced that Prier was added to the Amateur Softball Association’s Top 50 Watch List for the 2010 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year.

While playing softball at JSU, Prier’s favorite memory was developing close friendships with all the girls on the team. She considers herself to be somewhat of a nerd, and enjoys putting puzzles together and reading. Her favorite author is Nicholas Sparks.

Prier said she enjoys reading his novels because they are all set in her hometown of North Carolina.

Flexibility may be a specialty of Prier’s because according to her teammates she can do the splits really well. Prier also has her own unique superstitions, one being that she and Assistant Coach Julie Boland always use the same ball each game for their infield and outfield work.

Not every college senior can say they already have a job lined up that applies to their degree. After graduation, Prier will move back to North Carolina, and begin her new job dealing with exercise science and wellness.

Eventually, she wants to work with high school students that will be participating in strength and conditioning. She desires to help smooth their transition from high school to college sports.

Prier believes this season will be very special.

"The girls have a special bond. We all get along and have a lot of fun at practice. It’s a different feeling than my other three years since I’ve been here," Prier said.

Prier is excited about graduating, but says leaving JSU, especially the softball team, will