Long wins SGA presidency

Promises to restore campus faith in student government

By Zach Childree
Editor in Chief

Students took to the polls Tuesday to select new leadership for the Student Government Association, electing Tim Long the new SGA president.

“I feel elated and honored that the students chose me for this job,” Long said. “It’s hard for me to put into words how I feel.”

Long said he believed students had lost faith in the SGA and he hoped to restore it during his term. Long pointed out his prior service to the SGA and said his hard work had paid off.

“Everyone knows that when you work hard, you get a promotion,” Long said. “I’m glad the students saw fit to give me that promotion.”

Current SGA President Bryant Whaley was gracious in his defeat. “Congrats to Mr. Long for running a good campaign,” Whaley said. “The campaigns went well and the election went well and the students chose who they thought the best man was for the job.”

Whaley said his door was still open to hear students concerns for the remainder of his term.

Long will take office at the beginning of Fall semester.

Also elected was Ashley Cofield for Vice President of Organizational Affairs and Vice President of Student Activities Jacoby Parks who ran unopposed.

There will be a run-off election on Tuesday from noon till 5 p.m. for the office of Vice President of Student Senate. The two candidates in that election are Charles Dixon III and Courtney Mitchell.
JSU art major to paint work live

By Matt Tyson
Web Editor

Lee Law, a graphic design major at Jacksonville State University, will be bringing his art to the public by doing a live painting on March 13 at the JP Morgan art gallery in the Quintard Mall.

The event will consist of Law painting live on a 20 ft by 10 ft canvas that will be made up of smaller 2 ft by 2 ft canvases. After the piece is complete, the individual pieces will be up for sale.

Law’s idea for the live piece came from a desire to bring an awareness of art to the people in the Calhoun County area.

“I don’t feel like the people around here are educated in art,” Law said. “I feel like there is a lack of appreciation.”

He hopes that this live performance will help him promote and create a platform for his art.

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“Little Tree” to hold 5k run fundraiser

Organization helps train JSU students for teaching, psychology careers

By MJ Ortiz
News Editor

On March 27 the Little Tree will be hosting a benefit 5k walk/run and a mini-trot to raise funds for the organization at Henry Farm Park Jacksonville.

The Little Tree is a branch of The Learning Tree, a non-profit institute that has provided educational and residential services to children with developmental disabilities since 1983.

“The Little Tree is a preschool for all children but it includes developmental activities fit for children with disabilities,” said Patricia Murphy, Little Tree director.

The organization focuses on improving services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Little Tree is a day program that caters to the needs of children ages two to six.

Applying Applied Behavior Analysis, the Little Tree provides these children with a thorough behavioral intervention. The organization maintains strong relationships with the parents and uses a setting with typically developing children. They also provide training and assist the parents of the children by providing them with support to use in their home settings.

The preschool also serves a practicum site for JSU Undergraduate as well as Graduate students of Psychology. It is mostly funded by donations and their annual campaign.

Their annual campaign consists of their benefit 5k walk/run and their trot 4 tots event.

“We wish to raise awareness for autism in general” said Murphy, as well as help to run the program, “we are poor but we do things as best as we can,” she said.

The race begins at 8 am and there is a registration donation of $20 until March 1, the late registration donation will be of $25.

For more information on how to assist the Little Tree continue with their motto of “learning to know, learning to grow, and learning to live,” contact: Patricia Murphy or Lisa A. Spurling at 256-447-9349 x 38 or register for the race and go to: http://www.active.com/running/jacksonville-al/5k-trot-4-tots-2010

SGA President-elect Tim Long celebrates his win with supporters at the Theron Montgomery Building on Tuesday night. Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

QUESTION of the WEEK

No poll this week

ONLINE @ thechanticleeronline.com

Next week’s question:
What issue is the most important to students at JSU?

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The College of Arts and Sciences announces the appointment of Dr. Donnie Ford as the department head in the Department of Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences (MCIS) as of January 1, 2010.

Dr. Ford, a native of Calhoun County, joined the faculty at Jacksonville State University in fall of 1990 as an assistant professor of computer information systems. Dr. Ford received his undergraduate degree at JSU in 1974, his Master of Arts degree at the University of Alabama in 1984, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Management Science from the University of Alabama in 1988.

Campus Crime

February 23
- Disorderly conduct was reported at Dixon Hall.

February 24
- Natida Quantay Wiggins was arrested for possession of stolen property.
- Benjamin Lee Weaver was arrested for possession of stolen property and drug paraphernalia.
- Theft of property was reported in Stone Center. Stolen was a back pack, literature, history and theatre books and a first aid mask.

February 25
- Possession of Marijuana was reported in Crow Hall.

February 26
- Duty upon striking an unattended vehicle was reported at the KA House parking lot.
- Carol GA Carrollton was arrested for

Art: Law finds inspiration everywhere

get over something I would draw for hours.”

Law originally had no desire to make a career out of art because he felt there was no future in it. He started at JSU as a marketing major but soon decided to work at making a career out of art.

Law specializes in printmaking. His work has been featured in student shows, as well as the JP Morgan art gallery.

“My inspiration comes from everything,” Law said. “Life, friends, family, relationships and anger, to name a few.”

After he graduates, Law hopes to attend the University of Tennessee for a masters in graphic design.

“After that I’ll hopefully work as a teacher, studio artist or performance artist,” Law said. “There’s no particular medium, I just want to want to work as an artist.”

The live painting will be Saturday March 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jazz Legends in Concert at JSU

The JSU Jazz Orchestra is proud to welcome back Jazz legends Duffy Jackson and Dave Fernandez, who will lend their talents for a very special Big Band Jazz Concert in Mason Hall on Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 ($5 w/
Chirino, I Nestor Torres and she walked the stage with "mmby".

David Fernandez began his career touring with Latin pop-star Estefan, followed by performing with such artists as Johnny Mathis, Sammy Davis Jr., Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton, and Louis Armstrong. He has been recognized as a versatile and skilled musician, with the ability to perform in various genres, from jazz to pop to Latin music. His musical journey has taken him to Europe many times during his career, and he is currently living in South Florida with his wife, where he is an "Eminent Scholar" in the Florida Atlantic University music program. He is also involved in various organizations and educational programs, including serving as an artist-in-residence at Valdosta State College, The University of Miami, Youngstown University, and the College of Education Florida International University, as well as guest artist/educator for the College Band Program at Walt Disney World. He conducts rhythm section and improvisational workshops and master classes for working drummers as well.

Hailed by critics as the "heir-apparent" to the big-band drum throne vacated by Buddy Rich and Gene Krupa, Jackson's praises are sung throughout the world, citing his brash, dynamic style. But Jackson's talents extend beyond percussion. He is a prolific composer, keyboard player, bassist, vibraphonist, and vocalist, as is evidenced by his Milestone/Fantasy release, "Swing! Swing! Swing!" Duffy Jackson is that rare and brilliant hybrid known as the consummate entertainer. His ability to combine solid musicianship with high energy showmanship (not unlike the late Dizzy Gillespie) is what sets him apart from other jazz musicians. His effusive enthusiasm beam like a spotlight, showering his audience with syncopated excitement.

Duffy is currently living in South Florida with his wife, where he was an "Eminence Scholar" in the Florida Atlantic University music program. He mostly plays festivals, travels around the United States performing and teaching at Universities and travels to Europe many times during the year for special performances. Duffy's newest projects include compiling "The Jackson Archives," which includes music and videos of Duffy and his father Chubby Jackson, collected over the past 40 years of their careers.

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

Thursday March 4
- Rose Queen Pageant, Leone Cole Auditorium, 5:00-7:30 pm

Monday March 8
- Judson Laipply - The Evolution of Dance, Leone Cole Auditorium, 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday March 10
- Silhouette's of the Past, TMB Auditorium, 7:00-10:00 pm
- ZINGO, Leone Cole Auditorium, 7:20-9:00 pm

What's Happening
Moving Backwards

Americanized Toyota no better than Big Three

James Burton
Special to the Chanticleer

The other day, during a low moment in my life, I found myself watching C-SPAN. They just so happened to be covering the congressional hearings regarding the mass recalls coming out of the Toyota camp. I found myself both intrigued, amused and terrified all at once. What happened to this once great car corporation?

There were multiple people being questioned, but the two that stuck out in my mind were James Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. and Akio Toyoda, president and CEO of Toyota. Lentz reminded me greatly of a politician. Multiple congressmen questioned him in regards to the faulty gas pedal/computer/floor mat issue (something they still can’t figure out,) and each time Lentz did not provide a yes or no answer. More often than not the questions asked could have been solved with a yes or no answer. Seeing Toyota up there, however, absolutely made my day. The way he prepared his statement and answered the inquiries was just like the Chinpokomon episode of “South Park.” If there had been any more ass kissing to our Congress, I would’ve expected Toyota to start making penis comparisons (Really, you’ve got to watch the episode to know what I’m talking about.)

What happened to Toyota? It’s simple, really. They got Americanized. Japanese car manufacturers have a knack for being reliable, simple to repair and affordable. Once Toyota (and Honda for that matter) started building plants into the United States, American jobs came into play.

With American, auto workers comes unions. With unions comes generally ridiculous demands. Floor sweepers at GM plants get around $79 an hour thanks to groups like the UAW. With unions comes higher prices and thus cheaper products are made to compensate for the higher prices. Why do you think the Big Three started building plants outside of the US? Because they didn’t want to have to deal with the unions.

Secondly, with the American executives comes the “politician” attitude. I challenge you to find a time in history where The Big Three ever straight up took responsibility for a major foul-up. The closest example would be the infamous memo from Ford in the seventies when they determined that paying the families of people killed by the Ford Pinto was actually CHEAPER than fixing the problem itself. Remember, folks. Chevy never would have discontinued the Corvair if it had not been for Ralph Nader pushing the subject relentlessly.

Now if Japanese executives screw up, they will kiss some ass to make sure the consumer is happy. The best example to date would be the Nissan Van (yes, it was actually called “Nissan Van”) Due to the increased American demand, an engine was placed in the Nissan Van that was larger than it needed to be. This caused overheating and fire safety issues in the van that, after three unsuccessful recalls, called for a desperate measure. In a move that had never been done before and probably will never happen again, Nissan bought back ALL of the Nissan Vans in the United States and had them crushed. That is dedication to the American public for a quality vehicle. If they make something that sucks, they’ll see to it that it is removed from existence.

I remember a time when the Toyota brand was something to be proud of. A fine piece of Japanese engineering would be shipped across the ocean for Tina Soccermom to take her children to and from the mall, practice, school, whatever. That has been quite a while now. If Toyota wants to even consider making a good impression with the public, the Japanese big-wigs are going to have to start running their US operations themselves; until then it’s going to remain a half-assed American car with no identity or ambition other than to drain us of our hard-earned money.
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 Philip Dieudonne dies down, have come under fire again, this time for

The American Association of University Professors has criticized the Rutgers administration for

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," said Senior forward Jamal Philips told a reporter that he thought

he said.

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

Other must not be curtailed simply because they are.

Two days after student protesters demanding the resignation of halted the Scarlet Knights' game against the University of Massachusetts, guard Damon Santiago told a Targum reporter that he thought

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

It's your right to read, too.

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By Logan Huggins
Special to the Chanticleer

Let's do some configuring, shall we? Try to keep up.

Let's start off with a store written by Katherine Fugate (writer and creator of Lifetime's "Army Wives") and directed by Garry Marshall (who directed shows such as "Happy Days", "Mork and Mindy" and movies including "Princess Bride" and "Pretty Woman"). Then let's cram in every big name celebrity we can afford; twenty-two big names to be exact. Older, more prestigious names, like Julia Roberts and Kathy Bates, right alongside up-and-coming actors like Taylor Lautner and Topher Grace. Make sure to have plenty of sex and check. Oh, and let's through what we get when we put all these elements together? That's right, "Valentine's Day".

"Valentine's Day" is a light-hearted romantic comedy that follows the lives of several, and I mean several, people as they live through the many ups-and-downs of February the 14th.

Like any good romantic-comedy, there has to be an even balance of fun and fuzz; love and laughter, serious romantic issues and goofy, silly hilarity. "Valentine's Day" has a hardy dose of romantic drama. There are several types of relationships being portrayed. Between the break-ups, proposals, broken hearts, and occasional surprise plot twists, this movie has enough drama to satisfy most any die-hard romantic.

When it comes to the fun side of "Valentine's Day", the tank's not quite full. A lot of the jokes and one-liners fall flat. Of course, there are funny parts, but I could tell the movie was meant to be a lot funnier than it was.

I, personally, feel like a lot of the laughs were rushed or skinned over by the film's swift pace.

Such a rapid, hurried pace was required in order to let all twenty-two main characters have their time on camera. The film is constantly bouncing from character to character, to character, never giving us a chance to settle down and connect with any of them. Only a handful of characters get a real chance to develop and show true emotional depth, while others are hastily portrayed as one-dimensional and flat. For example, Queen Latifah is a nonsense black woman in charge (like always) and George Lopez is the witty, fast talking Spanish sidekick (dito).

The film's plot can only be described as a tangled, twisted web of storylines, so intricately woven that you rather stick with it, or get lost trying.

With such a robust plot, it's easy to lose track or forget some key details. It's especially easy near the end of the film, when all the pieces begin to fall into place. Despite these issues, I was impressed with the ending. "Valentine's Day" has a solid conclusion; where all the loose ends are tied up in both fulfilling and surprising ways.

Overall, "Valentine's day" does a pretty good job, considering the load that it took on. Trying to make a normal romantic comedy is hard enough when it's about two people, imagine multiplying that by 11. The film's strong point is also its weak point. The large cast and complex story makes for intricate storytelling; although, some viewers might get lost and several of the comedic elements are muddled.

Like I said earlier, try to keep up, and you'll be fine.

Aunt Edna:

Dear Aunt Edna,

How should I handle a one-night stand? What is the proper etiquette?

Dear Anonymous,

One-night stands are fairly common between college age students and young adults. However, there is a lot to consider before, during, and after having a one-night stand. Let us take it step by step, shall we?

Obviously, the first step is all about sex, then say so. Make sure everyone is on the same page before going any further.

Yet, I hope you know this by now, the most important aspect of the night should be protection. When involved with casual sex it is VERY important that you wear a condom. It doesn't matter if you know the person or not, you don't want to take any risks. Not to mention it shows respect to one another.

Be mindful of the other person. Yes, ask the host the same questions. Whether you stay or not, it's still important to be polite. If you don't stay the night, don't linger. Let them know you had a good time and then get going. You don't want to overstay your welcome. The same applies if you do stay. The next morning, clean up after yourself, make sure you have everything that is yours; be polite and head for the door.

Now lets say you felt as if you had a connection with the person and you want to see more of them. Say something...
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Obviously, the first step is all about who your partner is going to be and where you are. If you meet someone at a bar or at a party and you decide to leave with him or her, let someone know. You don’t have to announce to everyone that you are leaving to go have sexy time with someone but it’s probably best to let someone you can trust know where you are going, that way should something go wrong, someone knows where you are.

Next, be up front and honest about your intentions. Get it all out in the open. Don’t let there be any expectations with either party that isn’t voiced ahead of time. If all you are looking for is

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Dear Julie

By Julie Skinner
Columnist

I used to be queen of the cold shoulder when a love interest hurt me. I could give the silent treatment until the end of time, and never feel an ounce of guilt or regret for it. I’m still stubborn, but not near as bad as I used to be. When I decided in my head that I was moving on from a person or situation, I never, ever looked back. However, sometimes I was too quick to burn bridges ... and would carry that bitterness along with me, tucked neatly away in the pit of my stomach. Still, I had no trouble cutting people out of my life forever, and had even less trouble going the rest of my life without speaking to them again. Well, that all changed about a year and three months ago.

Even when I’m absolutely exhausted, I’ll usually wake up to the sound of a ringing phone. This particular morning, I slept through about nineteen phone calls on my cell phone, and possibly ten or more on the phone at my apartment. When I finally did wake up, and answered the next ring I heard, I got the devastating news that my high school boyfriend had passed away.

Unless you are experiencing it, it’s hard to compare the feeling to anything else. But I’ll try. Imagine a hive of bees exploding in your throat. Imagine every ounce of blood in your body rushing to your ankles. Imagine concrete blocks being thrown on your chest. Imagine rubber bands wrapped around your rib cage. Imagine watching the most horrifying car wreck, and having absolutely no way to stop it. Actually, don’t imagine any of that. Chances are you know exactly the feeling I’m talking about. And if you don’t, I hope you never do.

This high school boyfriend and I had grown up just a couple of miles from each other. We were friends in elementary school, and then became the best of friends in middle school. When high school rolled around, we began to date. He was hilarious in every way. He could do the best Jim Carrey impression ever, and was a pro at making even the most lemon-mouthed teacher laugh out loud. He made one hell of a blueberry pancake, and never went two weeks without bringing me a bouquet of handpicked flowers. He could catch a fish with next to nothing on his hook, and he never hesitated to hand out a compliment. He always meant what he said.

But high school is high school. Stupid things break up great friendships, and so forth and so on. Being the cold shoulder queen that I was, we went two years without speaking to each other. He passed away before we patched things up. When I could finally make some sense of that phone call I received, I couldn’t fathom that I would never get to speak to him again. I couldn’t understand that I would never be able to make things right. I could never apologize. I could never share a laugh with him again.

Since then, I look at situations completely different. It’s easy to get so caught up in the passion of love, that when it’s over, you turn that passion into hate or strong dislike. Without a doubt, you can promise that any satisfaction you get out of not speaking to that person or bottling up your feelings will instantly melt when you’re no longer given the option to pick up the phone or send them a letter.

I will never hear his voice again, or fix the rough edges that surrounded us. I do, however, carry the lesson he taught me in my heart each day. It may not be as satisfying at the time to be the bigger person and try to keep a friendship after a harsh breakup, but it feels a lot better than a lifetime of regret.

As John Mayer would sing, “Say what you need to say.” I agree.

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No offense editors but Chicken Scratch is to the Chanticleer what the Southerners is to the football games.

Guess what, no matter who we vote for SGA President, it will be the same this year!!

Hey music majors, stop hitting notes. They may have feelings too.

Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego? (Ed Note: probably in Sandiego)

Went and saw Beauty and the Beast. Holy mother! I don’t think I stopped laughing. Great job y’all. Keep it up.

I still don’t miss George W. Bush.

Beauty and the Beast was absolutely fantastic! Belle was brilliant! Lefou and Gaston were hysterical! Good job!

...with all this parking ticket profit-I believe we should have a free valet.

Superhero Quote of the day: “No! You killed the giant tomato!”

It is snowing outside again. Guess what JSU does not care and we still have classes. Will JSU ever close or will they wait until people get hurt. I know that they say use your own discretion, but that does not cover a missed test or assignments. g about the PARKING on campus.

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Morehead State Overpowers Gamecocks in OVC Tourney

from jsugamecocksports.com

The Jacksonville State basketball team’s trip to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament ended on Tuesday night, when an overmatched Gamecocks squad fell, 87-54 at second-seeded Morehead State. The Eagles (22-9) took over the game early and put it cruise control to roll into the semifinals of the tournament on Friday in Nashville. The seventh-seeded Gamecocks (11-19) are eliminated from the eight-team event, their first trip to the tourney since 2006. MSU claims their third-straight win over the Gamecocks and moves to within two wins from defending their 2009 OVC Tournament title.

The Gamecocks struggled out of the gates and was never able to claw back into the game. They turned it over 17 times, 14 in the first half, and mustered just a .373 shooting percentage that included a 5-for-19 first half. Those 14 first-half turnovers led to 19 MSU points, five more than JSU could muster in the half, to roll to a 43-14 halftime advantage.

JSU got a career-high 20 points from sophomore Stephen Hall and 15 more from junior Nick Murphy in the loss that dropped the Gamecocks to 1-3 all-time in the OVC Tourney. It was the first postseason appearance for any member of the Gamecocks’ roster.

OVC Preseason Player of the Year Kenneth Faried scored 24 points and pulled in 19 rebounds to lead a group of four Eagles in double figures. It marked the 22nd double-double of the season for the Newark, N.J., native. He has now scored in double figures 28 times this year and grabbed 10 or more rebounds 24 times. Steve Peterson scored 14, while Demonte Harper and Terrance Hill added 13 and 11 points, respectively.

JSU’s lone senior, Amadou Mbodji scored four points, grabbed four boards and blocked a shot in the game. The fourth-year player from Kaolack, Senegal, ends his career as the school’s career blocks leader with 162, in second place on the school’s Division I rebounds list with 514. It was his 104th game in a JSU uniform, the sixth-most by any player in JSU’s Division I history.

The Eagles shot 48 percent on the night and were 12-for-27 from behind the 3-point line, while also winning the battle on the boards, 44-27. They had 17 offensive rebounds to the Gamecocks’ 10.

Becky Geyer Announces Resignation as Women’s Basketball Coach

from jsugamecocksports.com

Jacksonville State Athletics Director Oval Jaynes announced Monday evening that he has accepted the resignation of women’s basketball coach Becky Geyer.

Geyer has served as the women’s basketball head coach since the 2006-07 season and posted a 34-84 career record at Jacksonville State. Her resignation becomes effective on June 30, 2010.

“The University appreciates the dedication to the women’s basketball program by Coach Geyer,” Jaynes said. “The team has made improvements under Coach Geyer and hopefully, we will be able to build on that foundation in the future.”

Geyer was hired in May of 2006 as the 10th head coach and the third since joining the Division I ranks, replacing Dave Dagostino.

Jacksonville State advanced to the OVC Tournament twice under her leadership and she posted her 250th career win in December of 2008. In 13 seasons at Trinity University, she compiled a 229-107 overall record that included four trips to the NCAA Tournament and the 2003 Division III National Championship.

“We will begin a national search immediately to find the best fit for our program,” said Jaynes.

Jaynes announced that former Gamecock All-American and Senior Woman Administrator Tracy Broom will chair the search committee.

Chicken Scratch

In loving memory of Kathleen Stansfield. Find peace, beautiful.

We love and miss you greatly!

Take the time to smile and compliment someone at least once a day, you never know how it could help someone and yourself.

To whom it may concern, you lost the game. You’re Welcome.

Can we vote not to have SGA??

Thanks for making me walk to all the dorms to collect money.

Hey TMB, instead of making us wait for 5-10 minutes in line when you run out of fries, why don’t you just have two to three more batches ready to go so the line won’t get congested and so you could save us some time.

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Highlights of the week

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Jacksonville State golf team finished with a total of 966 to tie for ninth at the USA Lady Jaguar Invitational, played at the par-72, 6,071 yard Azalea City Golf Course. Ornella Arrizon led the Gamecocks with a 241 to finish 33rd. Laura Cutler and Ashley Cox finished one-shot back with a 242 to tie for 34th. Lucia Fernandez tied for 43rd with a 244, while Luz Armijo Fernandez finished with a 248.

Jacksonville State’s Brian Carstensen and Andrea Dardas have been selected to compete as individuals at the 2010 NCAA Rifle Championships on March 12-13 in Fort Worth, Texas on the campus of TCU. Carstensen and Dardas will compete in the smallbore competition that will be held on March 12.

Laveeta Oliver and Amber Wiley highlighted Jacksonville State’s final day at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Wilma Rudolph Track in the Gentry Center. Oliver broke her JSU record with a 7.01 in Friday’s 55-meter dash. Elizabeth Bond was seventh and Ericka Markiewicz was 9th with vaults of 10-feet, six inches.

Amber Wiley broke her school record of 11-feet, 11 1/2 inches with a pole vault of 12-feet for a third place finish. Chelsea Denson was seventh and Ericka Markiewicz was 9th with vaults of 10-feet, six inches.

Elizabeth Bond turned in a fourth place finish with a time of 56.28 in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400 relay team of Bond, Latasha Sturkie, Natasha Sturkie, and Tasheilra Jones posted a 3:56.26 for fifth.

Sam Eberle finished with a career-high five hits and drove in five runs to lead Jacksonville State to an 11-4 win over Southern Illinois at Rudy Abbott Field.
JSU Recruiting Review

by Austin Faulkner
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Men's Sports

Baseball

"As we went into the recruiting process for 2011, we had some positions that we felt like would need immediate attention," said Head Coach Jim Case. "We feel very confident that we addressed our needs and we expect these young men to all have an impact within our program."

Three of the signees came from Pelham High where they played under the tutelage of Jeff Mauldin. The JSU coaching staff feel "very blessed" that they received Letters of National Intent from three players from one of the top programs in the state.

Each member of the recruiting class have and impressive resumes and their stats are phenomenal. I doubt they will have much trouble adapting to the college game.

Basketball (early signing period)

In the realm of men's basketball, the Gamecocks have three big early JUCO [junior college] signees and when I say big I mean it literally. All the recruits are over six feet tall, even the guard.

The first signee was 6-foot-4 sophomore guard Derik Denny, a Green Bay, Wisconsin native. Third-year head coach James Green believes that Denny should fit right as a sophomore.

The final recruit is 6-foot-10 sophomore; forward Denny's coach at KCKCC, Jon Oler had this to say, "We are excited to add Jordan to our early signing class, " and was named Team Captain as a junior.

Women's Sports

Soccer

Our first recruit, Amy Meehan, is a -midfielder/defender out of Kennesaw, Georgia. Head coach Julie Davis Carlson says that "Amy is an impact player," which is not hard to believe when one sees her resume. Meehan lettered four years with the Kennesaw Mountain Mustangs and played club ball for the NASA 10 Elite club team. She was also a member of the 1992 Georgia State Olympic Development Team. Amy had seven goals and two assists for 14 points in the 18 games she started. Katelyn Harrampf, a defender, is another recruit from Kennesaw Mountain High School. She also played for the NASA 10 Elite team. She totaled 20 points including eight goals and four assists while starting 18 games as a junior.

"Katelyn is very athletic and strong in the air. She is comfortable on the ball and will be used in various positions at this level," said Carlson.

Coming out of Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Georgia, Alison Gonzalez is the third signee off the NASA 10 Elite club team. She has started 54 games and scored 40 career games, which include 5 game-winners entering this season.

"Alison is a creative, attacking player and goal scorer," Carlson said. "She will add the ability to develop attacks with her off the ball movements and her ability to maintain possession in order to create goals and finish the ball in the final third."

The final signee is Francesca Fitzgerald, a central midfielder who helped Sparkman High School to gain an AHSAA State Title, was an All-Region III selection and lettered all four years.

"Francesca is a crafty player," Coach Carlson states. "She is good in tight spaces, has quick feet and is hard to read. She can disguise the ball well under pressure."

The praises of Coach Carlson help to solidify the simple fact that she hopes these players will help the Gamecocks during the next soccer season.

Football

JSU's football team has successfully brought in what Coach Crowe calls the best signees he has ever signed. He believes that all of our needs for next season have been met. JSU recorded a first with this class by signing the school's first ever Mr. Football for the state of Alabama in the form of Cherokee County quarterback, Coty Blanchard. Blanchard led his team to the 4A State Championship, racking up over 2,900 passing yards, over 1,160 rushing yards and 55 total touchdowns his senior year alone.

Though Blanchard's signing was a huge success, the focus of this year's recruiting was on the offensive lineman. A quarterback is a good thing but if he doesn't have protection he cannot do anything productive. Crowe believes that some of this year's O-line class could possibly have an immediate impact. The biggest name among this group belongs to Tristan Harding, who played at Erwin and is ranked among the top linemen in the state by several recruiting analysts.

On the defensive side of the ball, Jax State inked three JUCO players. Crowe is looking for them to make an impact and to help fill voids that were left from last year.

2010 JSU Baseball Signing Class

- Ben Waldrip (1B, 6-6, 225, Medford, Mass./Cypress JC)
- Trae Santos (RHP/1B, 6-1, 237, Pelham, Ala./Pelham HS)
- Michael Bishop (OF/1B, 6-2, 180, Pelham, Ala./Pelham HS)
- Bradley Raulston (RHP/OF, 6-1, 210, Southside, Ala./Southside HS)
- Andrew Bishop (INF, 5-11, 175, Pelham, Ala./Pelham HS)
- Taylor Sparks (LHP, 6-0, 175, Oxford, Ala./Oxford HS)
- Travis Stout (RHP/INF, 5-10, 175, Smyrna, Ga./Holy Innocents HS)

2010 JSU Football Signing Class

- Coty Blanchard (6-0, 180, QB, Leasburg, Ala./Cherokee County HS)
- Brannon Byrd (6-2, 243, LB, Luverdale, Miss./Gulf Coast CC)
- Gabriel Chambers (5-10, 157, WR, Centre, Ala./Cherokee County HS)
- Steven Coates (6-2, 190, QB, Decatur, Ga./Southwest Dekalb HS)
- Marquis George (6-4, 242, DE, Elsner, Del./Dodge City CC)
- Chad Hampton (6-5, 252, OL, Hartselle, Ala./Hartselle HS)
- Tristan Hardin (6-6, 291, OL, Birmingham, Ala./Erwin HS)
- Preston Hatcher (6-3, 285, OL, Dothan, Ala./Northview HS)
- Max Holcombe (6-3, 271, C, Tuscaloosa, Ala./Hillcrest HS)
- Michael Lewis (6-4, 237, DL, Ocoee, Fla./Ocoee HS)
- Tarik Milner (6-3, 240, OL, Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern HS)
- Aaron Nelson (6-1, 285, NG, Ocian Springs, Miss./Gulf Coast CC)
- Jeremy Nicholson (5-10, 172, WR, Brewton Ala./Wes Neal HS)
- Joel Smith (5-11, 179, PK, Carrollton, Ga./Carrollton HS)
- Clay Squires (6-2, 280, C, Satsuma, Ala./Satsuma HS)
- Johnny Ubi Jr. (6-6, 302, OL, Meridianville, Ala./Hazel Green HS)
- Pierre Warren (6-1, 178, WR, Prattville, Ala./Marbury HS)
- Armani Williams (6-2, 277, NG, Navarre, Fla./Navarre HS)
- Chase Williams (6-0, 212, LB, Boaz, Ala./Boaz HS)

2010 JSU Soccer Signees

- Amy Meehan 5-9, Midfielder/Defender, Kennesaw, GA Kennesaw Mtn. /NASA
- Katelyn Harrrampf 5-7, Midfielder/Defender, Kennesaw, GA Kennesaw Mtn. /NASA
- Alison Gonzalez 5-4, Forward, Roswell, Ga., Blessed Trinity/NASA
- Francesca Fitzgerald 5-1, Midfielder, Harvest, Ala. Sparkman/Huntsville SC

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Get to know Laura Lundy

by Haley Gregg
Sports Editor

A student-athlete, an actress and a piano player are just a few of the attributes Laura Lundy embodies. She is a senior tennis player at Jacksonville State University and will be graduating this spring with a degree in drama and a minor in English.

Lundy was born and raised in the “Skydiving Capital of the South,” also known as Cedartown, Ga. She has three younger brothers, two of which are twins.

Lundy was homeschooled from 7th grade to 12th grade. This allowed her more time to become the multifaceted individual she is today. She started playing tennis early on for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and at her local, country club. At age 14, she enrolled in an acting class at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, Ga. According to Lundy, this was when she fell in love, for the second time, with acting (tennis being her first).

Soon after the class ended Lundy started auditioning for plays around Georgia because of her fear of going out in front of the audience and completely going blank.

Unfortunately, Lundy’s tennis season has been cut short due to a stress fracture in her foot she obtained in October. It has been slow to heal and has knocked her out of her senior year, but don’t expect to see her head down.

After graduation she plans on attending law school. She hopes to attend either, Cumberland School of Law or Vanderbilt University. She will find out about her admittance in the coming weeks. She would eventually like to become a trial lawyer.

“I think law combines tennis and theatre,” said Lundy. “Tennis is the competition aspect of law and theatre comes into play when you present your case.”

She will follow in her father’s footsteps, as she is a lawyer in Georgia. She does not plan on leaving acting or tennis behind. She plans on auditioning for plays and musicals after graduation and maybe even Broadway – yes she can sing too.

More Q&A with Laura Lundy:

Favorite Male Tennis Player – Pete Sampras
Favorite Female Tennis Player – Kim Clijsters
Favorite Actor – George Clooney and Sean Penn
Favorite Actress – Meryl Streep

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- 3/5 - Baseball vs. Middle Tenn. State - 3 p.m.
- 3/6 - Baseball vs. Middle Tenn. State - 1 p.m.
- 3/7 - Baseball vs. Middle Tenn. State - 1 p.m.
- 3/10 - Baseball vs. Samford - 6:30 p.m.
- 3/5 - M&W Tennis vs. Alabama State - 1:30 p.m.
- 3/6 - M&W Tennis vs. Austin Peay - 10 a.m.
- 3/7 - M&W Tennis vs. Southern Illinois - 11 a.m.
- 3/9 - M&W Tennis vs. Shorter College - 1:30 p.m.
- 3/12 - M&W Tennis vs. U.T. Martin - 1:30 p.m.