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# THE CHANTICLEER

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## inTHE NEWS

### FACULTY RECITAL FRIDAY

Faculty members of the David L. Walters Department of Music will present a Gala Showcase Recital on Friday, October 8, at 7:00 pm in Mason Hall Performance Center. This annual event is a benefit concert in support of the Department's Legacy Scholarship Fund. Scholarship recipients will be honored at the recital.

The Department is composed of active performers and many of them will be featured on this evening in a varied and lively program. Vocal and instrumental solos as well as various ensemble combinations will demonstrate the artistry and various interests of the faculty. New



Photos by Steve Latham/ JSU

## DJs Return

### Help WLJS celebrate 35 years on air

*From news wire*

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**THE WAY I SEE IT....**

## LOCKER ROOM NOT PLACE FOR WOMEN

COMMENTARY

By **THAD BURTON**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Fall is probably my favorite time of the year with football beginning, baseball playoffs starting up, and the temperature is cooling down.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I spend most of the day watching football. A couple of weeks ago, I watched a football game on television and became irritated as the game went on.

The reason: a woman play-by-play announcer.

Before I get started offending women readers, I will back up my opinion with a poll I recently conducted.

The question was "Do you like women play by play football announcers?"

The results were a lop sided 30-2 in opposition of female play-by-play football announcers.

My justification is that in my opinion that nobody should do play-by-play for a sport they have zero coaching or playing experience.

I don't care how much you have read or watched a sport; until you have played it your opinion doesn't really matter. It gets really annoying really quick when names are pronounced wrong or when Jimbo, the cohost, has to correct every wrong thing said. I even say the same for a male who does play-by-play for a sport "Go cover something else." If any of the few women who have actually played college football want to get behind a microphone, then go right ahead.

I will even go a step further and say that women have no business being in a male athletic locker room after a game.

I don't condone what the Jets did to a female reporter earlier this year, but what do you expect from a group of guys trying to one up each other. Having said that, I don't think men should be allowed into female athletic locker rooms (if they are).

I feel like the only reason a lot of female reporters are hired is for either



program. Vocal and instrumental solos as well as various ensemble combinations will demonstrate the artistry and various interests of the faculty. New faculty appearing for the first time in this year's event include Dr. Tony McCutchen, percussion and Dr. Kelly Rossum, trumpet.

The program is free and the public is invited. Donations to the Music Legacy Scholarships Fund will be gratefully accepted and may be made at the door or sent to the Department of Music, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265. This event is coordinated by Dr. Gail Steward who may be contacted at (256) 782-5049.

## WOMEN'S B'BALL COACH MAKES DEBUT

The Annette Watts Era at Jacksonville State has officially begun as the first-year head coach put her 2010-11 Gamecocks through their first practice of the preseason on Monday. Watts, who came to JSU after a nine-year stint at Davidson College, has a nucleus of returning players along with a trio of newcomers this season. The Gamecocks will have an exhibition contest on Sunday, Nov. 7 against NCAA Division II foe Georgia Southwestern at Pete Matthews Coliseum.

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Through the years, many students launched their broadcasting careers at 92-Rock, which eventually became 92-J. Through programming that includes all genres of music from jazz to heavy metal, as well as local and national news, WLJS provides the community a well-rounded listening experience.

At noon on September 29, 2010, 92-J re-aired the station's first moments, which included comments by Dr. Stone and Mike Sanderfer, followed by the playing of Led



Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," the first song played on the station. Throughout the afternoon, former DJs and staff returned to reminisce with listeners and share some of their favorite songs played while

Current program director Billy Ramsey with former JSU DJs.

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## WLJS BENEFIT CONCERT

A benefit concert for WLJS will be at Brother's Bar on tonight beginning at 7.

Performing this night will be Red Light Villain, FACEDOWN, and a very special guest. Admission will be \$5 for 18-20 and \$3 for 21 and up. ALL MONEY RAISED will go directly to WLJS for equipment and promotions. Door prizes will be given away at the concert.

## inSIDE

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

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From news reports

JSU Scholarship applications will be available October 1, 2010 on line at <http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/types.html>

Jacksonville State University offers various scholarships for entering freshman as well as returning students. Academic Scholarships are automatically given consideration to entering freshmen based on the

receipt of ACT/SAT test scores. Awarding of these academic scholarships is contingent upon receipt of official ACT/SAT test scores, completion of an admission application and unconditional acceptance.

Most scholarships are based on the applicant's academic or extracurricular record, while some are based on demonstrated financial need. Students must complete a scholarship

application to be considered for those scholarships listed on the University Scholarship listing. Those requesting scholarships based on need should also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The quickest way to apply is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Remember: March 1, 2011, is the deadline to apply. In

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## Scholarships available

## JSU honored for Fact Book

The Jacksonville State University Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA) was awarded first place in the Best Fact Book competition at the Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR) Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 26 - 28, 2010. The 2009-10 Fact Book, entitled A Decade of Progress, focused on Dr. William A. Meehan's accomplishments over 10 years as President.



## JSU Golf

Junior Tom Robson finished in a tie for sixth place and the Jacksonville State men's golf team rounded up the Louisiana Tech Squire Creek Classic. More Sports, Page 8

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Wacky, Tacky, but True!

### 68-Year-Old Woman Vs. 12-Year-Old Boy

Two miracle finishes in two weeks. I to us... then again, so does the entire story!

Apparently, the police thought that gunfire against a 12-year-old boy qualifies as acting in self-defense.

The boy's grandmother and neighbors are skeptical. They're claiming he wasn't the type of boy to vandalize property. Here's what one neighbor had to say about it:

"He wasn't the type of little boy to do that, to throw a brick in an old lady's window like that."

We're thinking he probably WAS harassing the woman, but we're also thinking that maybe she could have explored other avenues before shooting the pre-teenager in the arm.

Whose team are U on? Team 68-Year-Old Woman or Team 12-Year-Old Boy?

### Twilight Inspires Bizarre AND Dangerous Trend

Back when hickeys were the biggest problem, all we had to worry about was teenagers wearing turtlenecks at weather-inappropriate times, but now we've got a whole new set of problems!

Teenagers have started a new trend, obviously heavily influenced by the Twilight phenomenon, where they will bite each other and then lick or suck the blood.

Here's what the medical advisor to Consumers Union, Dr. Orly Avitzur, had to say about this trend:

"These are kids who think they are

movies, they make it seem so sexy and appealing and intriguing. It's all mixed up with passion."

Dr. Avitzur has referenced vampire-themed websites, where teens discuss their obsession. Here's what a user from one of these sites, GothicGirl10, has said about her thirst for her boyfriend's blood:

"Having that thick, warm copper-tasting blood in my mouth is the best thing I can think of! Sometimes my boyfriend lets me feed off him. I let him feed off me as well."

Medical experts have expressed concern about the risk of teens transferring blood-borne diseases to each other, including hepatitis and HIV, as well as the risk of infection from the bite wounds.

Teenagers out there - Please don't bite each other and suck each others' blood.

### Docs Discover Pea Sprouting in Man's Lung

BOSTON — The doctor confirmed the good news for Ron Sveden once the mass in his left lung came back from the lab: He didn't have cancer. He had a pea sprouting inside his chest.

"A couple days in a dark, wet environment, I'd sprout too," Dr. Jeff Spillane said Thursday. "It definitely had a sprout."

It was a long way from the diagnosis Sveden, 75, had feared when he arrived at Cape Cod Hospital on Memorial Day weekend.

The former teacher, who also had spent years running a retail fish market and smokehouse, had seen his already-frail health begin to falter further in prior months. He already

## He says ..

## ...she knows

### BURTON UNPLUGGED

## Parking issues Segways

By James Burton  
Staff Columnist

Mr. Burton,

As most people have noticed, the UPD are now riding around on new Segways to attempt to "control" the parking situation. Many of us feel that these Segways [were bought with] ticket money they've gotten over the years, and feel it has been money wasted. It seems to be one of the university's ways to continue to move into a modern, high-tech society, but are they really necessary? What is your opinion on these new contraptions?

— Frustrated, money-drained student

Frustrated,

When we attend a university that is approaching 10,000 students, you're going to deal with a considerable amount of overcrowding. Look at the traffic this semester. In my 6 years here, I've never seen traffic as insane as it has been since the beginning of the

### WHAT'S ON MY MIND

## Breast Cancer month

By Tynettia Stanley  
Staff Columnist

To all you Cocky people, I'm Ty from Atlanta.

Currently, I'm a senior with just as many day-to-day issues and concerns as you, but I manage.

Throughout my (a woman never tells her age) life, I've questioned or been though some of the craziest situations such as relationships, bad fashion mistakes (not to the extreme as a meat dress).

As a student, I am here to serve you with my witty wisdom.

You can ask me anything and, most definitely, I will have an answer because I can relate.

This advice is not just for women — men can use some advice as well — such as "where to take her on the first date," or "is playing beer pong an exceptional way to impress her?"

By the way, the legal drinking age is 21.

Ask me whatever... advice for the week: Take

problems:

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"These are kids who think they are real vampires."

More from Dr. Avitzur:

"If you think about it, there is such glamorization in those teen vampire

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The former teacher, who also had spent years running a retail fish market and smokehouse, had seen his already-frail health begin to falter further in prior months. He already knew he had emphysema but lately was having bad coughing spells.

"Everything seemed to be going downhill," said Sveden, of Brewster.

Compiled by MJ Ortiz, courtesy Perez Hilton.com, Associated Press



**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DAY:** Members of the Safety Pedestrian Team recently began an awareness campaign to help curb pedestrian-related issues on the campus. The event was sponsored by JSU Peer Educators and the University Police Department. **Photo: Christopher Cothran**

When we attend a university that is approaching 10,000 students, you're going to deal with a considerable amount of overcrowding. Look at the traffic this semester. In my 6 years here, I've never seen traffic as insane as it has been since the beginning of the school year. As cynical and offensive as I can be, I have to say that for once, I actually see the logic in something JSU has chosen to do. With that many students, you're going to need the extra maneuverability. When out meeting your parking ticket quota, a full-on squad car is just overkill. With a Segway, you can easily scour the parking lot for violations, and then, if you need to, hop on the curb to chase down the drunk guy running through the quad. If it gets out of hand, THEN call in the squad cars. To have something small and easily maneuverable makes sense. You're not going to use dynamite to get rid of a fire ant hill, so why use a squad car to do parking detail? So to answer your question, I would say that it's not exactly a waste of money. The question now is "Will they keep a level head, or will we see more Segways funded from the abuse of power?"

Send your questions to [askburton@gmail.com](mailto:askburton@gmail.com).

use some advice as well — such as "where to take her on the first date," or "is playing beer pong an exceptional way to impress her?"

By the way, the legal drinking age is 21.

Ask me whatever... advice for the week: Take a break and enjoy this beautiful fall weather but do not forget to take your book because midterms are quickly approaching!

On a serious note, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Wear pink and support those that are fighting or have fought breast cancer. Ladies perform a self breast examination or go see your personal physician for a mammogram.

There is a breast cancer support group that meets nearby in Anniston. Check them out at [www.steelmagnoliasinc.org](http://www.steelmagnoliasinc.org). They provide assistance with coping and battling one of the nation's most deadly diseases.

Each week I will post a fact regarding Breast Cancer for the month of October. With that being said, have a great week and be easy!

You can e-mail me at [tbell1202@gmail.com](mailto:tbell1202@gmail.com).

# Calendar

## TODAY

The JSU STAT Club (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow) is holding a clothing drive October 4 -7 at the JSU Alumni House. If you have any unwanted clothes you'd

like to donate, please drop them off in the bin located on the front porch of the Alumni House. All clothes will be donated to the Salvation Army store located in Anniston.

## Nov. 12

Each Monday through November 12, there is a JSU interactive Radio Show in the Stadium Club. The radio

show is only from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and pizza and drinks are provided! In the show Coach Crowe and Mike Paris (with JSU Radio) will talk about the previous game and upcoming game. There is also an audience Q&A time with Coach Crowe or any of the present football players present. There's even a chance the show might be on TV! Help us pack the house!



## TODAY

You have your résumé ready. You've almost finished your degree. What next?

You need to network to land that dream job, and the Career Fair can help you make those connections! All students are invited to bring their résumés, meet recruiters and pursue employment opportunities at the JSU Career Fair, sponsored by Career Services, on October 7.

The event will take place in the Merrill Hall atrium from 9 a.m. - noon. The fair is open to all students, and faculty, staff and employees are encouraged to attend and meet representatives from the business community, as well.

For more information, please contact Becca Turner, Director of Career Services, at ext. 5485.



# OPINION

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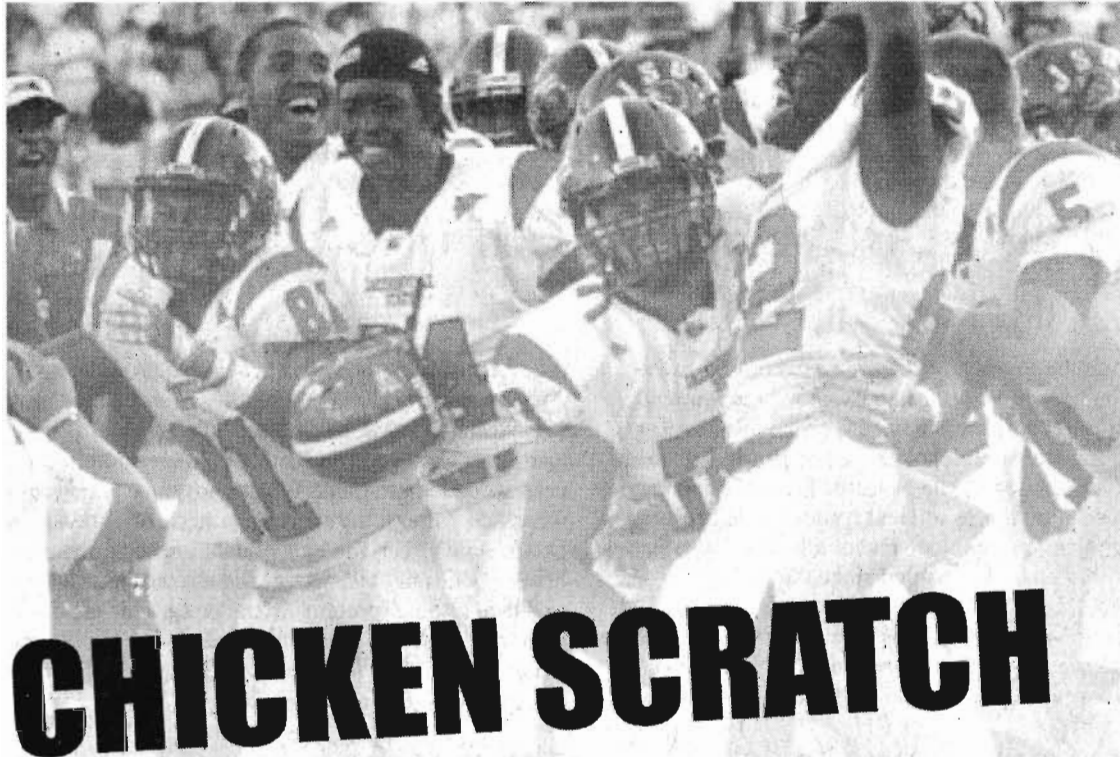
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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



## CHICKEN SCRATCH

Chicken Scratch is back. This column is a tool for you to express your feelings about any topic that comes to mind.

Two miracle finishes in two weeks. Ivory may be starting the season slow, but he has showed "the goods" when he needs too.

O.K. Southerners time to represent your country by: demolishing a hotel room, putting drinks on tab with no intention pay, and using excessive vulgar language.  
(FROM THE EDITOR: This IS a joke, right?)

92-J DJs: How to DJ tutorial: listen to <http://kexp.org/> then imitate. You're welcome.

JSU football players - THANK YOU for your hard work!

Hats off to JSU coaches! Job well done!

Testing Chicken Scratch.

Mellow Mushroom has \$1 pints Mon. nights, Trivia Tuesdays, Live music Wed., Karaoke Thurs... Come on out. Have a mellow day!

Am I going to have to go online to get my Chicken Scratch fix??

Why am I paying a graduate student to teach me math when he has his own agenda and no teaching experience???

Dude, where's my car.!? Crap..! It got towed...

What's up with all the mice in the new dorm????

O.K. The parking thing...If students park behind Self Hall, they will get a ticket? Just trying to help you guys out.

Wow... So glad you're back...I have so much to say!

WA, WA, WA!

looking for, but the owner never returned my call, so I took it to the pound.

Impeach Long...please and thank you.

Here kitty kitty kitty...

JSU BOOKSTORE SUCKS!!!!!!!

Can the bookstore PLEASE answer the phone...?

Go cocks

I SAID IT'S GREAT! TO BE! A JSU GAMECOCK!!!

Everyone pees. I support Tim Long. You're doing great man!

(ANY VIEWS OR OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Moral decency: Pull Your Pants Up

How is it that a young man that has the intellectual capacity to attend college believe that it is ok to display the color of his underwear?

At what point does he decide that people need to know the intimate details of his "inner wardrobe?" I understand about the need for freedom of expression and I'm not trying to be the fashion police.

But at some point a standard must be maintained and honored, especially at an institution that is preparing young men and women to be leaders and scholars in the world. Some say it is a just a fad, but do they know the origins of this fashion statement?

All one has to do is look at the prison system to know that belts are removed from prisoner's pants as a safety precaution. As a result, prisoner's pants would sag. In addition, the showing of underwear in prison was a way to advertise "your services." Why would intellectual men want to replicate and honor that lifestyle?

What female seeks a man with this "mental defect?"

This is supposed to be an institution of higher learning. Am I the only person on campus disgusted by this?

— Stephen Newbern  
snewbern@jsu.edu

## Join The Chanticleer Staff

I was writing to see how do I become a member of your staff. I was an editor for my high school newspaper. And I would be honored to get a opportunity to continue at JSU.

— LaDarius  
lhutcherson@jsu.edu

FROM THE EDITOR: LaDarius, thanks for your interest. We meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a general staff meeting. You are more than welcomed to attend. We'd be glad to have you.

listen to <http://kexp.org/> then imitate. You're welcome.

JSU football players - THANK YOU for your hard work!

Hats off to JSU coaches! Job well done!

Testing Chicken Scratch.

Blessed be and may all your dreams come true.

It would be awesome if the 7th floor RA in Sparkman would enforce the "quite hours" rule.

Why does the chicken scratch column need a scrolling bar if the box itself stays in place?

O.K. The parking thing... students park behind Self Hall, they will get a ticket? Just trying to help you guys out.

Wow... So glad you're back...I have so much to say!

WA, WA, WA!

I still have a lot of growing up to do...I realized that the other day while sitting in my box fort...

BLOW SOUTHERNERS!

Evil Villain Quote of the Week: "I know, I'll call you trouser snake!!"

I found that cat everyone was

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continue at JSU.

— LaDarrius  
lhutcherson@jsu.edu

*FROM THE EDITOR: LaDarrius, thanks for your interest. We meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a general staff meeting. You are more than welcomed to attend. We'd be glad to have you.*

## JSU Vs. Ole Miss

I just posted a comment in which I chastised the writer of the above subject for not getting his facts straight. I, now, find myself red-faced when I realized that he was correct and I was wrong. Please convey my apologies to him. Go Gamecocks!

— Lloyd Newman  
lnewman501@knology.net

*FROM THE EDITOR: That's O.K. You seen some of the typos in the paper? We all make mistakes. LOL.*

Sorry I missed these you guys. Here are a couple of letters from week's past. Thad's column will return next week. You can e-mail Thad at [thad.burton@gmail.com](mailto:thad.burton@gmail.com)

## FROM THE CHANTICLEER EDITOR

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

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There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.



# Entertainment/Health

NEWS ABOUT ART, MOVIES AND MOVIES AND MORE

## SODA CONNECTION?

### Study exposes possible link between soft drinks, cancer

**By Kimberly Konwinski**  
UWIRE

If the same old dry excuses of "It's got way too many calories" or "It makes me bloated" haven't stopped you from drinking soda already, maybe a newly published study linking soda to skin cancer will.

Already linked as a major factor in obesity and osteoporosis, a 2009 study published this year by the Cancer Prevention Research journal has linked the high amount of phosphate levels found in soda to the same kinds of tumors developed in skin cancer.

Though widely distributed in most foods naturally as a preservative or as a nutritional additive, phos-

phates can be found anywhere. But according to the study, humans are consuming twice the recommended amount. A recommended dietary intake of phosphates is 1000 mg and should not exceed 4000 mg.

A study funded by the National Dairy Council and the National Institutes of Health showed that soft drink consumption has doubled since the 1970s. Caloric intake from sodas has tripled since the 1970s, rising from 2.8 percent to 7 percent, or a jump from 50 calories to 144 calories. This means on average, people are drinking three times more soda than in the past. Calcium intake was also shown to have dropped since 30 years ago.

Within the body, phosphate and calcium work

together to keep the body in check, to promote bone strength and development, but the dairy council's statistics also show that increases in soda consumption don't always mean increases in consumption of calcium-laden products. When phosphate levels are increased without the same amount of calcium to balance the effect, the lack of calcium not only causes brittle bones but also leaves the excess phosphates to attach to other proteins in the body. This attachment can lead to the development of skin papillomas, which is the initial stage of the skin cancer, known as carcinoma. But all the blame can't be placed on

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## Some discussions shouldn't be texted

**By DARA BARNEY**  
UWIRE

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

Let's explore how texting has





# Assignment: Horror 101

FLICKR

So you think you can TELL a story? Well, here's your chance. Starting this week, we are asking you (faculty, staff, students and even alumni) to submit your best Halloween story, either fiction or non-fiction. The stories can be about any topic relating to Halloween. They will be published in a two-chapter format that will begin running the week before Halloween and concluding the week of Halloween. Please send all submission to [bboykins.chantyeditor@gmail.com](mailto:bboykins.chantyeditor@gmail.com)



Singularity

## VIDEO REVIEW

### 'SINGULARITY'

"Singularity," as much as it clings to the aesthetics of "BioShock" and the mechanics of similar titles, should be applauded for at least taking a step away from Wolverine and light sabers for the first time in a decade. The game is fun and very eerie at times — thanks to great sound design — but for a game that attempts to be so much more, it falls short. Grade: B

## MOVIE REVIEW

### 'CATFISH'

Walking into a film that is only receiving attention because of viral marketing is dangerous. The film "Catfish," a documentary about a young man's relationship with a family over Facebook, relies on the curiosity of the filmgoer to generate interest for the film. The minimalist trailer only shows the developing relationship, with a brief glimpse of a creepy barn and quotes of critics describing how emotionally turbulent the film is. I was a victim to the advertising; I was immediately fascinated at what could possibly be the shocking twist of the film.

The buildup of a film is essential for creating a well-crafted thriller or drama; especially a film like "Catfish," in which the first 45 minutes is spent solely with the protagonist establishing a relationship with the family over the Internet.

— UWIRE

## Scientists collaborate on global warming study

### UWIRE

As part of a collaboration between Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, scientists are searching for alternatives to reduce the potentially harmful effects of global warming.

The study, released in the journal *BioScience* Oct. 1, examines how vari-

ous genetically modified plants process excess carbon dioxide and store or convert it into different forms of carbon. While plants and trees already dampen the impact of carbon emissions by absorbing the gas, genetically modifying plants would amplify their capabilities.

Christer Jansson, lead author of the

study's review, said he believes that using genetically modified plants to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions is important for the future in lessening the effects of global warming.

The study states that "because of their extensive root systems, which commonly exceed depths of two meters, perennial grasses and trees."

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

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

### Break-ups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Cockiness

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

For example, the ever popular: Sexting.

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

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

Or, maybe you are fighting with someone.

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

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

### Professional/college appointments:

Texting your professor is a horrible idea, unless they suggest it.

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

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

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

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

Well, maybe not that drastic, but call

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## TV REVIEW

## "THE EVENT"

## Show attempts to attract 'Lost' audience

By Andrew Padgett  
UWIRE

Nick Wauters, the creator, writer and co-executive producer of NBC's new series "The Event," seems painfully unaware that he is not, in fact, J. J. Abrams.

Not to completely dismiss the show's frequent-flashback narrative structure or the way five new mysteries pop up around every corner, but hasn't America had enough? Everyone is still recovering from "Lost" (2004-10) — viewers may not be prepared for lackluster but mildly intriguing rip-offs yet.

There are, of course, fundamental differences between "The Event" and its spiritual predecessor from which it borrows so heavily. For one, the characters are less interesting in "The Event." After careful scrutiny, three general character groups emerge from the tangle of flashbacks and seemingly random murders.

First we have Sean Walker (Jason Ritter) and his girlfriend Leila (Sarah Roemer), an above-average

couple exchanging above-average lines with each other on a cruise in Antigua. It is unclear why these people are important, but before the cruise ends, Leila's been kidnapped and there is no record of either of them ever boarding the ship. How mysterious.

Sean and Leila's unfortunate tale is told entirely via flashbacks; in the present, Leila is tied to a chair and Sean is hijacking planes and getting framed for murder — you know, the usual. The story almost makes sense if viewers are agile enough to piece together the show's perplexing timeline, but not really.

The next group includes U.S. President Elias Martinez (Blair Underwood), who basically serves as a carbon copy of David Palmer from "24" (2001-10), and all of his probably evil political lackeys who do not want him to reveal the titular event to the American public. A few rather large events have already occurred in two episodes (for example, an airborne plane kind of just disappears), so viewers are left

unclear about what the singular event really is. Ultimately, "The Event" should not be applauded for its specifics.

And at the heart of all this, of course, are aliens.

Yes, unbeknownst to Martinez until 13 months ago (as illustrated by countless flashbacks), the United States has been harboring 97 extra-terrestrial fugitives — who conveniently look exactly like humans but have a few special powers — in a remote Alaskan internment camp for six decades. They refuse to explain where they came from or why they are here, which follows the show's irritating preoccupation with mystery. The only thing that head alien Sophia (Laura Innes) can say is, "We mean you no harm."

Time will tell whether Sophia (easily the only interesting character in the entire show) means what she says, or if she, in fact, wants to destroy Earth and all humankind. Either way, Innes is a great actress and definitely a reason to continue playing along with "The Event's" nonsense.

Unfortunately, the other actors are not as compelling.

In other news, Wauters and a handful of producers have promised that they will not leave all of the show's mysteries suspended for eternity the same way "Lost" did. This promise could prove heartening for frustrated

fans who love a little suspense and uncertainty in their television, but also prefer having their questions answered before their grandkids have grandkids.

What viewers need more than anything right now is a few answers, and if Wauters and his team understand this, then "The

Event" just might be able to pull through and stave off cancellation for a few months.

2.5 out of 5 stars

Read more here: <http://www.tuftsdaily.com/arts/the-event-attempts-to-corner-lost-market-with-mystery-and-suspense-1.2353322>.  
*Tufts Daily, Tufts University*

## TEXTING

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Use your texts wisely, not something to lean on because the other tools in your communication toolbox require a little more effort.

Lol.

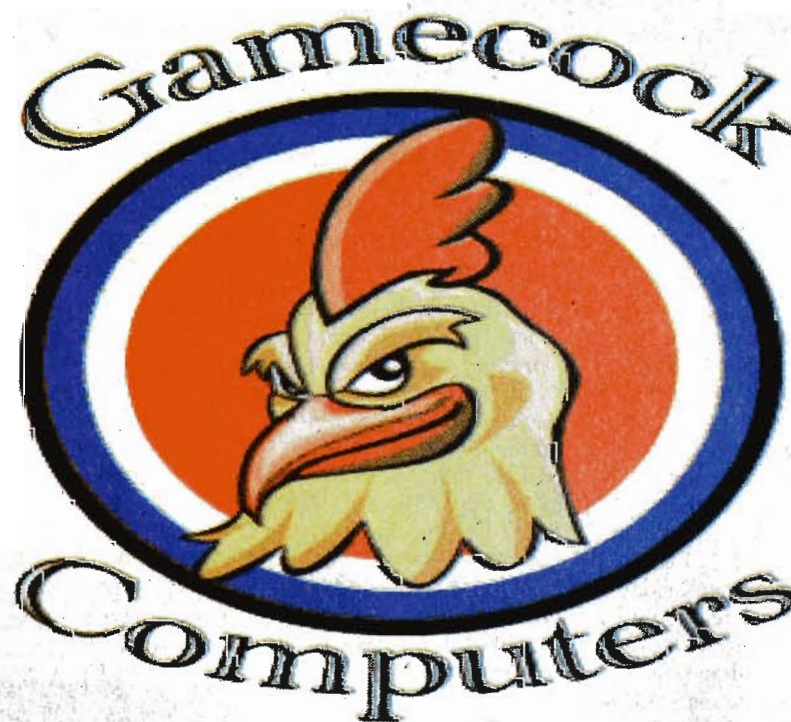
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But even the smallest changes that were made add up to a superior gaming experience. "Reach" builds upon the previous "Halo" experience perfectly, and probably my favorite addition to the game play — the campaign specifically — is the wild creatures that inhabit the world of "Reach."

*Dara Barney is a writer for The University of Idaho Argonaut. U. Idaho.*



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Group photo of former JSU DJs. **File photo**

**WLJS**

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the station was on their watch.  
 Susan Snow works the turntable at WLJS during its first year. (photo from 1976 Mimosa)  
 All week, those who could not return for the reunion sent their comments via e-mail and Facebook, technologies they could not envision when they were queuing up music on turntables and literally dragging cable from the old station in Bibb Graves Hall to the TMB to conduct remotes.  
 Here are some of those comments:

*"92J played the single biggest role in starting my career in radio. I could not have developed my skills anywhere else in that day or understood how real radio worked without the training afforded me at 92J and I am forever grateful. May the Thursday night request show live forever!!!"*

*-Rick Burgess, one half of the syndicated broadcasting duo Rick and Bubba. Rick met his broadcasting partner Bill "Bubba" Rusecky while*

*2. You must be present to win. You can't be late to work and get away with it. (A DJ who followed me on the air seemed to be late all the time; I just started playing Ted Nugent songs at the top of his shift. He hated Ted Nugent.)*

*3. You'd better be Rick and/or Bubba if you want to make much money in radio.*

*4. What's inside you will come out when you're not careful. I never cussed in high school or college, thanks to training at 92-J.*

*5. Girls like DJs. Maybe it was the cool T-shirts and haircuts.*

*6. It's good to know what you're talking about. The few times I sat in on broadcasts of Jax State basketball games taught me that I had no business in sports broadcasting. It's good to know these things early.*

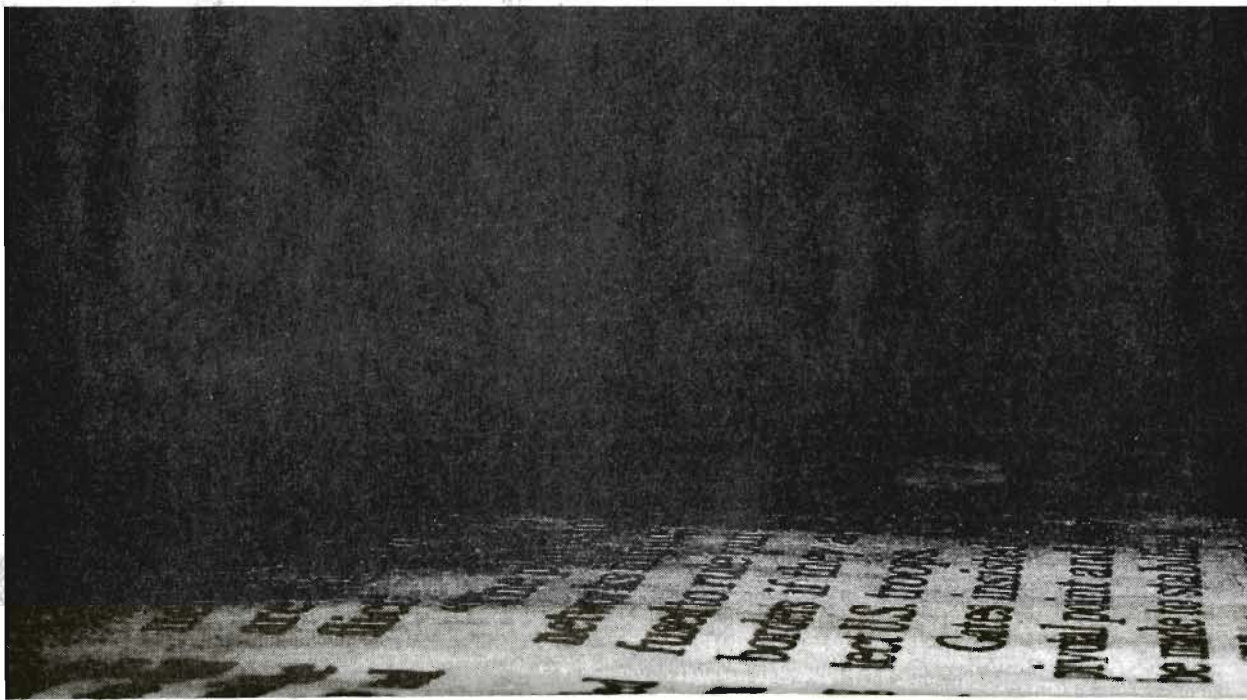
*7. While it's fun to present other people's messages, it's more fun to create your own. That's*

*son listens to ZZ Top and Van Halen, too.*

*9. To respect the audience. I hereby apologize to that girl who waited in vain to hear her requested "Bungle in the Jungle."*

*10. Don't wait for heroes. In May 1985 that sappy Dennis DeYoung tune was the last song I*

*ever played as a DJ, weeks before leaving Jacksonville for good. I'm forever grateful that WLJS, as the song's lyrics go, gave me the chance to believe in myself."  
 — Chris Roberts, Ph.D., worked at 92-J from 1979 to 1985, between ninth grade at Jacksonville High through his sophomore year at Jacksonville State.*



**LINK**

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phosphate. Phosphate is an essential nutrient to the body and is important for bone strength and muscle development, said Bethany Dario, registered dietitian with the Health Promotion Resource Center at University Health Services.

With other indulgences, too much of a good thing can turn out badly. Besides having links to bloating, obesity and bone deficiency, soda in excess can decrease calcium intake. And don't think that diet sodas are much different, either. Diet sodas may have zero calories, but their phosphate levels are just as high as the regular kind.

"The important thing here is moderation," Dario said. "Moderation will assist us in getting back on track. We need to continue to give ourselves permission to have all foods in moderation, otherwise we will likely return to overconsumption."

Dario recommends exercising and increasing the consumption of dairy products to help with the

calcium-phosphorous balance.  
 Although some students resort to soda as a means of catalyzing an energy boost, others find doing activities like working out at the gym or drinking coffee to be safer and better alternatives to soda.  
 "I try to go to the gym at least three times a week," said psychology sophomore Soniya Al-Amin. "It helps me to stay motivated to eat healthier, so I stay away from sodas or other unhealthy foods. Plus, I feel energized and less stressed after working out."

Dario assures that eating breakfast, staying hydrated and eating foods rich in proteins such as milk, meat, eggs and grains are better ways to not only maintain energy for the day but also keep phosphate levels at a healthy range.

Read more here: <http://www.dailytexanonline.com/content/phosphate-study-exposes-link-between-cancer-soft-drinks>



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"WLJS taught me:

1. You're never too young to start. WLJS put me on the air as a deep-voiced ninth grader, trusting me to do what was right.

basketball games taught me that I had no business in sports broadcasting. It's good to know these things early.

7. While it's fun to present other people's messages, it's more fun to create your own. That's why I stayed in print than in broadcast, where (in those days when the Fairness Doctrine was in effect) we had limits to what we could say.

8. What you listen to as a teenager will never leave you. And now my

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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order to receive any scholarship you must be unconditionally accepted, official test scores must be on file and any supporting documentation as required by the specific scholarship must be on file at JSU prior to the scholarship deadline.

### GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR JSU SCHOLARSHIPS

Selection of scholarship recipients at JSU is highly competitive. Students may apply for all scholarships, except Leadership, via the Internet. Students applying for Leadership Scholarships must use the paper application and follow the instructions. Supporting documentation (if required) should be mailed with the completed application. Both front and back page is required for the Leadership Scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee will convene in early April to make selection of recipients for the 2011-2012 academic year. Students will receive notification of the status of their application around May 1. Academic Scholar scholarship recipients are notified immediately upon receipt of official ACT/SAT test scores.

The following are

suggestions to assist in applying:

Students must be admitted to Jacksonville State University before being considered eligible for a scholarship.

All documents must be received by the scholarship deadline.

All scholarships are for one year, unless otherwise specified.

All applicants must provide a street address. Include PO Box number if mailing address is different than street address.

All applicants must provide a JSU Student ID number or social security number.

All scholarship applicants will be notified by mail. Letters will be mailed to the address listed on the scholarship application. Confirmation of receipt of online applications can not be made without a valid return e-mail address.

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# Sports

## JSU rifle team scores split in tournament

The Jacksonville State rifle team turned in a split over the weekend as JSU was edged by the University of Nevada on Friday and rebounded on Sunday to top the University of Texas at El Paso. Against the Miners on Sunday, the Gamecocks turned in an aggregate score of 4,621, while UTEP posted a mark of 4,583. JSU's Andrea Dardas claimed the top spot in both air rifle and smallbore against UTEP. The junior from

Essexville, Mich. carded a 593 in the air rifle division and a 584 in smallbore. Jax State finished the air rifle portion with a 2,291 to 2,266 advantage. In the UN duel, ten points separated the final total as the Wolfpack finished with 4,602, while Jax State tallied 4,592. Brian Carstensen was the top Gamecock in the air rifle competition with a 583 total. Dardas paced JSU in the smallbore with a 581 score.



JSU rifle team turned in a split over the weekend against the University of Nevada. Photo courtesy JSU Sports Information Desk

## JACKSONVILLE STATE VS. UT-MARTIN PRE-GAME SHOW ON THE JSU RADIO NETWORK



## Prediction prophet not so prophetic

By **AUSTIN  
FAULKNER**  
Sports Columnist

Clemson, Clemson, Clemson, why did you let me down?

Instead of helping me become a prediction prophet you have left my prediction record with a big fat zero in the win column making me 0-4 on upsets.

At least let a guy know you are going to let him down after getting his hopes up. You kept it close but in the end you disappointed me.

Have you ever had a feeling like someone just ripped your heart out after watching the team you wanted to win, lose. Well if you have not, you are clearly not a Southerner (and no not our esteemed marching band).

Since I have no affiliation with Clemson it was not as bad as JSU losing, but me having picked them for the "Jacksonville State Upset of the Week" did not help my feelings either.

Miami did most of their damage in the first two quarters scoring twenty-seven points. The Tigers of Clemson came back though scoring one touchdown in the first, second and third quarters and holding the





Gamecocks score come-from-behind effort to defeat the Murray State Panthers 40-34. **Photo Steve Latham/ JSU**

# JSU defeats Murray State

**By AUSTIN FAULKNER**  
Sports Columnist

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks have proven once again they have a knack for winning the close ones.

With a 40-34 victory over conference adversary Murray State, the Gamecocks have yet again come from behind and won in the closing seconds. This week they travel to Martin, Tennessee to face another Ohio Valley Conference foe, the UT-Martin Skyhawks.

"Conferences have a way of being enormously challenging every week because people know each other so well," said Coach Crowe of facing the Gamecocks' third-straight conference opponent. "Strengths do not necessarily carry over from week to week, because people have a way of game-planning to neutralize some things."

This has been evident in JSU's two conference wins thus far. Eastern Illinois and Murray State held first quarter leads which were

quickly overcome in the second quarter. The difference between the scores quickly closed in the fourth quarter. With seconds left, the defense buckled down and held the rallying teams at bay long enough to get the W.

Playing last Thursday gives the Skyhawks an advantage with a couple extra days to prepare. Having played five games allows them to be able to tell what Jax State does well and what it does not do so well.

"Every opponent we have had so far has played pretty hard against us," quarterback Marquez Ivory says, "and it has not been what we have seen on film."

The JSU squad looks to improve this week to 6-0 (3-0 in OVC) and to help bolster what has been an impressive season so far. We'll see if history plays as big a part in this game as it has in the past couple of meetings between these two teams, where the home team has been victorious. Will history repeat itself or will the Gamecocks continue to write their own saga?

## GAMECOCKS RANKED FOURTH IN SPORTS NETWORK POLL

(October 7, 2010)

1. Appalachian State Mountaineers 4-0
2. Delaware Blue Hens 5-0
3. Jacksonville State Gamecocks 5-0
4. William & Mary Tribe 4-1
5. Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks 3-1
6. Villanova Wildcats 3-2
7. James Madison Dukes 3-1
8. Massachusetts Minutemen 4-1
9. South Carolina State Bulldogs 3-1
10. Montana State Bobcats 4-1

## GAME NOTES

■Jamal Young finished the game with 162 rushing yards, which was a career-high for the senior from Jackson, Miss. He became the first JSU player to rush for 100 yards since Ryan Perrilloux had 115 yards on 9 carries vs Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 21, 2009. He also became the first player to rush for 150 yards since Clay Green (22-163) at Chattanooga on Nov. 4, 2006.

■Keginald Harris recorded his third interception of the season during the second quarter. His three INT's this season is tops in the OVC.

■Jax State is now 4-0 on the season for the first time since 2004....That season, the Gamecocks topped Emporia State, Chattanooga, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State.

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Miami did most of their damage in the first two quarters scoring twenty-seven points. The Tigers of Clemson came back though, scoring one touchdown in the first, second and third quarters and holding the 'Canes scoreless in the third.

With the score 27-21 in Miami's favor the Hurricanes held Clemson out of the end zone and tacked on a field goal for good measure.

My pick record this week was the shakiest out of the four so far. Alabama beat Florida, UCLA beat Washington State and Oklahoma beat Texas, but USC fell to Washington, Stanford got a guided tour of the woodshed by Oregon and, of course, Clemson got blown away by Miami.

The record for this week: 3-3. My overall record: 17-8. My upset record: 0-4.

Well, if I could get an upset it would be good for morale.

There are at least a few more weeks left for me to try my hand.

Maybe I'll be able to sneak in a few. Here's hoping.

## Blanchard named OVC co-newcomer of the Week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Jacksonville State's Coty Blanchard has been named the Ohio Valley Conference co-Newcomer of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday.

Blanchard, a versatile true freshman, passed for 68 yards and one touchdown, rushed for 28 yards, and averaged 39.4 yards on seven punts to help lead No. 4 Jax State to a 40-34 win over Murray State on Saturday.

The Leesburg, Ala., native rallied the Gamecocks from a 14-0 deficit, tossing a 65-yard touchdown pass to Jeffrey Cameron to score JSU's first touchdown as JSU scored 30 straight points.

Blanchard had seven punts for 276 yards, saving his best punt for last.



**Tom Robson**

## JSU golf team places third in Louisiana classic

CHOUDRANT, La. — Junior Tom Robson finished in a tie for sixth place and the Jacksonville State men's golf team rounded up the Louisiana Tech Squire Creek Classic in third place on Tuesday.

Robson, a native of Portsmouth, England, turned in a two-over 74 in Tuesday's final round on the 7,105-yard Squire Creek Country Club, placing him in a five-way tie for sixth in the 69-player field. He

ended the 54-hole tournament with a 220, 12 shots behind medalist Horacio Leon of Southeastern Louisiana.

The Gamecocks (287-297-310-894) entered the day in a tie for second with host Louisiana Tech, but the Bulldogs turned in a 290 to jump SELA for the title in the 12-team field. Southern Miss finished seven shots behind JSU in fourth, while Missouri-Kansas City rounded out the top five.