

SGA prez dilemma a first for JSU

By MJ ORTIZ News Editor

Jacksonville State University is at the eve of what could possibly be a major event in JSU history. The SGA President,



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involving SGA

President

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Timothy Long will face the Judiciary court this week to determine if Impeachment procedures are to be followed after his arrest for public urinating in August. According to the Code of Laws, it "the [is the]

of Laws, it "The [is the] Senate [that] shall have the power to impeach any S.G.A. office-holder." This motion was passed previously, as The Chanticleer reported and it has been sent to The Judiciary court for further proceedings.

If this happens and Long is dismissed from his position or asked to resigned, it is the SGA Vice President of the Student Senate, Charles Dixon III who will be responsible for executing the powers and duties of SGA president until the position is filled again.

Students and JSU community in general have mixed feelings about the impending situation.

Logan Snider, wrote to The Chanticleer, "at least he didn't do it on someone else's' car."

Some others like a student who opted to be regarded as "Justice is Blind" also wrote "I hope they uphold our SGA Laws and Constitution and remove him. I don't want, nor deserve, to be represented by someone who can't control themselves in public."

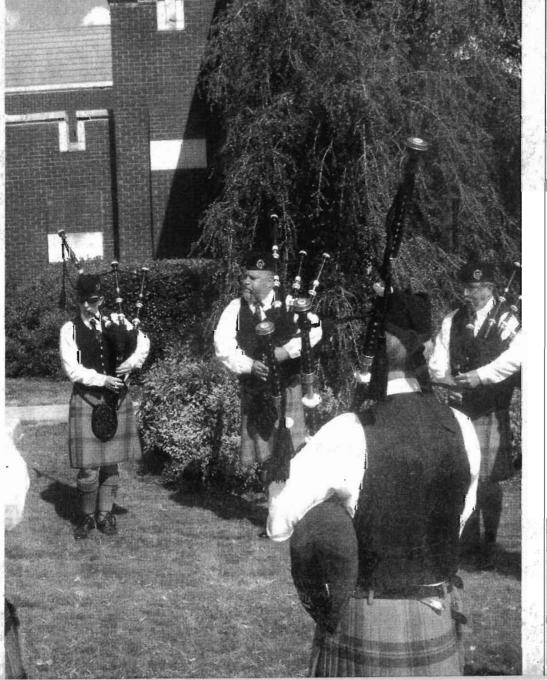
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TAILGATIN' ON GAME DAY

A group of bagpipe players practice before their performance during the dedication service and September 11 tribute at the newly refurbished Burgess-Snow Stadium on the campus of Jacksonville State University. Many other fans brought their tailgating expertise to an Game Day event. More than 20,000 people attended the dedication service.

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The Chanticleer was unable to find any proof or record of any other SGA president being impeached.

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SAY WHAT? THAT'S RIGHT

For students who register late, it will now cost you about \$200 to do so. Boyace Pope takes a look this and other fees that have crept into students' pocket books. Story Page 3

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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 hmmmmm" moment. The airline steward who told his passengers to shove it and opened the emergency exit of the airplane and slide out to Antoinne from Gadsden who has made waves on YouTube. This week. The Chanticleer will previews some of those types of stories in our latest news feature. Story Page 2.

United Way succeeds in J'ville

By DAVID JENNINGS Special to The Chanticleer

In a world where over half the kids do not have the skills they need to succeed when they enter day one of kindergarten, United Way advocates for those who do not have a voice.

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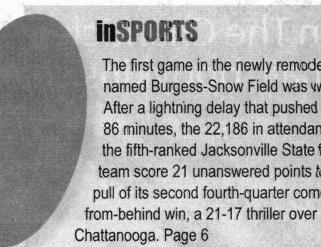
United Way is

Live united is more than

a logo for United Way, it is a way of life. Shannon Jenkins Director, Marketing & Communications United Way of East Central Alabama was recently asked to speak to Jacksonville's Exchange Club and to give them an update of the newly restructured United Way.

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What has three Wives, thirteen Kids and a hundred percent Chance Of Freaking You Out?

Answer: TLC's new show, Sister Wives!

Keeping with tradition, TLC went out into the world to look for a family with multiples. What they came back with was a polygamist named Kody Brown, who thinks it's all but normal to be screwing three women at the same time and birth a barge full of babies!

And he's even looking for wife number four! This show is totally creeping us out!

No doubt this is going to be the talk of the fall schedule. Glee won't know how to begin to compete with this!

ARE U DOWN WITH KODY BROWN?

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'Father' of 55 children arrested in suspected benefits scam

PARIS — A Paris man who registered 55 children by 55 different mothers faces up to 10 years in jail and fines for suspected paternity fraud and for helping to obtain residency under false pretences, police said on Friday.



Student parking in front of the new football stadium/residence hall has been reserved for alumni and others on Game Day. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

Game-day parking affects students

PARIS — A Paris man who registered 55 children by 55 different mothers faces up to 10 years in jail and fines for suspected paternity fraud and for helping to obtain residency under false pretences, police said on Friday.

Police suspect the man was involved in a social benefits scam which could have been costing the state over 1 million euros (\$1.27 million) annually in claims by the mothers.

"At the moment 42 women have been identified and each claim that the man is the biological father of their child," Paris police said in a statement.

Authorities said the man claimed he met the women at bars, night spots and occasionally during visits to their home countries, including Senegal, Cameroon and Mali.

For a fee of 150 to 200 euros, he registered the children and their mothers with French authorities, enabling them to obtain residency permits and claim social benefits.

"Investigations are on-going and an investigating magistrate will decide whether DNA tests have to be administered to determine the children's paternity," a police spokesman said. http://www.msnbc.msn.com/

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Toil and trouble:

Romania rejects tax on witches Lawmaker: Romanian Senate was worried it would be cursed

BUCHAREST, Romania — Abracadabra, we'll turn all of you into toads!

...That's what Romanian senators may have been fearing when they rejected a proposal to tax witches and fortune tellers.

Lawmakers Alin Popoviciu and Cristi Dugulescu of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party drafted a law where witches and fortune tellers would have to produce receipts, and would also be held liable for wrong predictions, a measure which was part of the government's drive to increase revenue.

Romania's Senate voted down the proposal Tuesday. Popoviciu claimed lawmakers were frightened of being cursed. -- Compiled by MJ Ortizw

affects students

By Kevin Brant Associated Editor

Students enjoy parking at the residence hall in which they live for the most part. Everything is great. Students can park wherever their color coded zone is. Monday through Friday is good.

But when Saturday comes, it's Game Day and JSU is playing a home game.

For residents at Stadium Towers and Curtiss Halls, It's not a pleasant experience having to move their cars to other places on campus. Other parking lots that students are

required to clear are Jerry Cole and Kennemar Hall parking Lots. When contacted by The Chanti-

cleer to answer the question on why students have to move their cars from these lots when they live at Stadium Towers or at Curtiss Hall?, the University Housing Department declined comment, but referred us to Greg Seitz, a Game Day management crew member.

According to Seitz, residents

do not have to vacate the parking lot of Curtiss Hall

"Students are not required to move their cars from Curtiss Hall as long as they are not parked in the Jerry Cole/Field House parking lot," he said.

Seitz also mentioned that the Stadium Towers are shared facility with the first four floors dedicated to student housing and the top three floors for athletics use. Students can use the parking lot 360 days out of the year and athletics five days out of the year. All five of those days come in the fall semester.

Brittany Chambers, a junior at JSU, shared her comments on the problem with parking on game day.

"It's ridiculous to have to move my car clear across campus just so people who don't live here can take my parking space for the skyboxes and alumni to use," she said. "The transit system should provide access to get visitors to the stadium before the game and back to their cars afterward without taking my parking space to do it." Benjamin Borrello, a sophomore, has a different point of view.

"It's a minor issue for me to have to move my car on Game Day, but if we don't move, the visitors will have no where to park," he said. "I don't really mind it."

This is not just a problem with the upperclassmen, but for freshmen as well.

Chanell Andrews, who lives at Curtiss, shared her frustrations.

"I feel like we should not have to move our car because we live here on a daily basis," she said. "It's our space that JSU provides us as part of living here and we should not be forced to move our cars."

Andrews further states that towing is a major issue.

"It gets on my last nerve to find out people are being towed and have to pay \$90 to get it out of impound -- especially if the person lives here. I think it's wrong to pay \$25 to get a parking decal and then I can't park where I live."

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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUND COMMUNITY, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Politics not as usual

By Thad Burton

Staff Opinion Columnist

"I did not inhale!"

This is one of my favorite political quotes of all time. What does this quote have to do with the rest of this article?

Little, other than a politician said it, and it seemed like a good attention grabber.

Now that I have grabbed your attention, I want to address the political institution and the fact that something about it just doesn't sit well with me and needs to be reformed. There is a plethora of topics I could address. However, I want to talk about three of them today.

A small disclaimer before I go is that I do not endorse one political party (other than the Contrarian Party) over the other. I believe that they are all idiots with cheesy and even cheesier haircuts.

First of all, I want to give my two cents worth on the subject of political parties themselves. For too long, we the voters have been given only two viable options (Democrat and Republican) for nearly every election we have participated in. Due to this, we are usually given the option to vote for the lesser of two evils.

We NEED more than two legitimate options. My solution: get rid of the political party system itself. No one would have the option to classify themselves with a generalized, one-termed adjective.

Why must people have to pick one or the other? I feel like I am in a bad "Twilight" movie, and I have to pick between Team Jackass and Team Elephant. Lewis Black, a well-known political comedian, seemed to hit the nail on the head when he addressed the two main parties: "Republicans have nothing but bad ideas and Democrats have no ideas."

Topic number two addresses the root of all evil -- money. Many good politicians have become corrupt because that check was just too fat not to take it.

We have to limit the amounts of money these people can spend on their campaigns so that you don't have to be a multimillionaire to become elected. The issue of special interests has gained more attention, especially here in Alabama, when Gov. Bob Riley accepted money from the Indian casinos lobbyists in Mississippi. And in return, Gov. Riley would keep the gaming industry in Alabama where it was and still is.



Are school fees picking students' pockets?

By Boyau Pope Staff Writer

Change of major ID fee: \$10.00. Set-up Payment Plan fee: \$50.00. Re-Registration fee: \$200.00.

The cost of becoming a Jacksonville State University alumni is starting to be a little more than priceless.

From the spring to the fall semesters, student costs have risen 8.6 percent. One might speculate that that might have something to do with the gargantuan expansions that were made to the University football stadium and residence hall recently. (Editor's note: The university has stated that even though me is that students are being nickeled and dimed in a time when finances are tight.

This year alone, Houston-Cole Library increased its printing and copying cost 100 percent

For those who hate percentages – as I do – this means that the price doubled. There was no memo, that I can recall, or e-mail warning students of the price increase, and, according to library staff, they weren't given much of a warning either. The only signs that the change was implemented was on the side of the copiers taking up a whopping 3 inches.

So if you are asking yourself: "Why should I pages a week (1.50), and there are 14 active school weeks in the fall semester.

By the end of the fall semester and all thing being equal, the library has the opportunity to reap a financial windfall of \$199,584.

Since I know there is an accounting or economics major doing the math at this moment, I will tell you what that means: each student will spend roughly \$21.00 for prints and copies.

And why should you care about \$21.00?

You shouldn't, a couple of COCKY T-shirts cost you more. However, what you should care about is the way information is released that can spend on their campaigns so that you don't have to be a multimillionaire to become elected. The issue of special interests has gained more attention, especially here in Alabama, when Gov. Bob Riley accepted money from the Indian casinos lobbyists in Mississippi. And in return, Gov. Riley would keep the gaming industry in Alabama where it was and still is.

Tell me how much sense this makes? Anybody? How does letting Mississippi Indians control policies in Alabama make the least bit of sense?

I want to switch grease a bit and talk about the media's influence on politics. After listening to a radio show that can be picked up in the area that shall remain unnamed, I was so enraged at how the DJs used their media platform to push their political agendas. If you have such good ideas and know how to do a better job, then get off your butts and run for public office. Preaching to the masses from the comfort of a studio and making fun of people who have differing points of view may seem entertaining, but it is a good way to alienate your listeners.

Let's face it people. The only way this or any issue out there is going to get better is if we, the voting public, become more informed. We can't keep looking at the little letter beside a candidate's name and pick which color looks prettier to us. We have to do research, ask questions, and make our own decisions. This mid-term elections are this November, and we are giving the arduous task of electing officials.

Last piece of advice is this: if you decide to go vote without knowing anything about these candidate's -- other than their names, -- just stay at home and leave the electing to the learned.

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have something to do with the gargantuan expansions that were made to the University football stadium and residence hall recently. (Editor's note: The university has stated that even though tuition has increased, no funds from the increase were used to help refurbish the stadium and build the new residence halls.)

Of course, I am not one to speculate.

What I will do, however, is talk about the financial perils that could possibly pick students' pocketbooks.

The interesting thing to

a warning either. The only signs that the change was implemented was on the side of the copiers taking up a whopping 3 inches.

So if you are asking yourself: "Why should I care if the price of copying has gone from 5 cents to 10 cents? This is the reason: JSU boasted that it had approximately 9,504 students taking courses. The average student is taking three courses that require papers and reports three to five pages long.

So at the maximum, each student is printing about 15

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It's the library's 10 cents today, but what if it's your meal plan next? What if other student services decided to increase their prices by 100 percent and you are not warned until it's too late?

Will it matter then? Yeah, it's the library today, but what's next?

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'll be adding more features as the weeks progress and we welcome your input You can e-mail me at bboykins.chantyeditor@gmail.com. Again, thanks for your support.

Jacksonville community 'United' in charity

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fundraiser," said Jenkins. "And although that is a large, large portion of what we do...that is certainty not the only thing we do. We like to say we are not your grandfather's United Way anymore.

The changes started when the organization evaluated how they were helping people.

"Several years ago, we started looking at ways to be proactive in the community," said Jenkins. "Instead of just raising funds and handing that money out, we felt like so many times we were putting band-aids on situations in the community and people were being helped in that situation, but not in the long term."

Jenkins said the organization as a whole sat down and looked at how they could be proactive in communities, stop the band-aid effect and make a long-term difference in the community. The group decided to place a focus on three main issues: education, income and health.

"That was just an easy way to tell people what United Way does. We believe that if a child is ready and prepared to succeed in school, they get a good education. We keep them from dropping out and they get that solid foundation. Hopefully they go on to college, if not, they are job ready as they get out of high school. Then they will have the income and job stability to support their family though retirement. And of course, health plays into everything we do everyday of our lives," said Jenkins.

And while the United Way is a worldwide organization, the focus is on the community.

"All of our decisions are made locally, by local volunteers in our community." Said Jenkins. "The unique thing about United Way is that we are autonomous. We pay in less than one percent to United Way Worldwide and we get so much more back out of that than what we pay in. Otherwise, they get no say so in what we do, besides branding guidelines and things like that."

"Our United Way can reflect our community, the needs in our community and the majority belief in our community and things like that," said Jenkins. "A lot of people get confused sometimes because they think United Way supports Planned Parenthood or abortion or different things like that. Whatever your stance on that is, it really doesn't matter to us. We try to reflect our community. We do not support any organizations that do things like that. But, that is one of the concerns we get a lot of the time. Now, I must say, in a more liberal community, maybe in California or across the states or something like that, it may reflect their community and that may be what they choose to support."

Because their focus is on their local communities, they can have a major impact helping local community partners. In Jacksonville, United Way helps with the Meals on Wheels program, Jacksonville Day Care Center and the Community Chest.

The United Way of East Alabama uses three initiatives to help bring change to our area. United Way's 211 service is a 24/7 hotline that anyone can call to find out where to get help or to find out how to help. The Imagination Library program works to deliver a free age-appropriate book every month to area children from birth to age five.

But the initiative closest to Jenkins heart is called Success by Six. The goal of the project is to insure all Calhoun County children are prepared to succeed in school and in life.

According to figures provided by Jenkins, there are 26,483 children living in Calhoun County making up 26 percent of our population and 6,366 of those children (25 percent) are living in poverty. The graduation rate is 66.4 percent.

At least 38 percent of 4th graders are not reading on track, and 90 percent of those not reading on track will never graduate.

"We believe the most proactive way to change our community and to solve some of the problems in our community is to focus on education," said Jenkins. "Long-term economic strength in Calhoun County depends on our future workforce. Studies show that for every \$1 invested in quality early learning the return is anywhere from \$7 to \$17."

Want to make a difference in the lives of others and the future of the community? Join the United Way in giving, advocating and volunteering. Live United.

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JSU stadium: A star is born!

By Boyace Pope Staff Writer

It was about 8 p.m. on Sept. 2 when I passed by the newly renovated Burgess-Snow Stadium on the campus of Jacksonville State University.

The lights lit the stadium as if it were the star of a big Broadway production. In the background, music can be heard. It was music that can only be described as the "South of the South."

The air was buzzing with anticipation as The Marching Southerners were preparing to start a new season. They were preparing for a season of bigger and better performances - more than any other they have performed in year's past -- a combined performance with Ole Miss's band, nicknamed the 'Voice of the South."

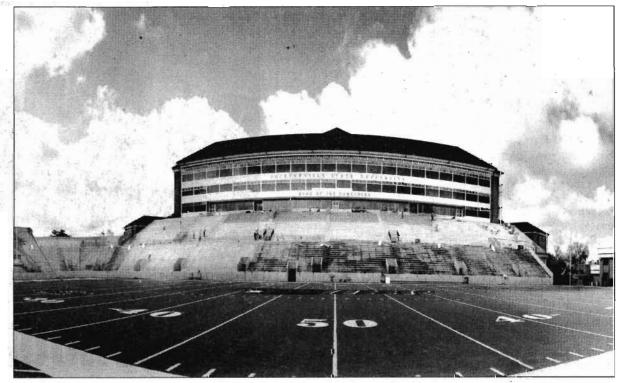
On Sept 4, The Marching Southerners joined forces with Ole Miss's band in Oxford, Miss., for a performance of the song "Salvation."

The Marching Southerner's support of the Gamecocks football team was overwhelming. When the Gamecocks were down and appeared to be suffèring a Rebel defeat, I heard that sound again, the sound of one-fourth of JSU's band putting their instruments to good use -- a sound, I believed, that helped the Gamecocks find the strength to pull out a stunning 21-17 victory over the Rebels.

Oh yes! The Marching Southerners were there playing over the 54,000-plus Rebel fans in attendance.

And now in wake of a Gamecock victory and post-game performance at Ole Miss, The Marching Southerners prepared for Band Day on Sept. 11.

Chenita Craig, in her third year as a Southerner said: "The one thing I'm definitely excited about this year is all the hard work and time that we have put into the half-time show, especially the one for



Jacksonville State University's Burgess-Snow Stadium was packed for last week's football game and dedication service. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

the first home game that happens to also be a day of remembrance for us as a country."

That day has come and gone as more than 20,000 people witnessed a tribute to first responders and the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as well as a dedication ceremony for the stadium, renamed after former JSU football coach Bill Burgess - the

only JSU coach in recent memory to win a national football championship for the university,

As that day of emotion wound down, I reflected on the next performance - how when the lights go up, The Marching Southerners would take the field as representative and support structure our university and the Gamecocks football team.

A Summer of Film in Review

By Logan Huggins and Sara Pettit Staff Writers

Vampires, talking toys, mind-bending dreams, iron-clad superheroes, TV spin-offs, MacGruber and sequels, sequels, sequels... Where would you find all of these seemingly

littered the theaters with such titles as "A-Team," "The Last Air Bender," "The Karate Kid," and "Robin Hood."

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Sands of Time." Even heart throb Jake Gyllenhaal couldn't save this bomb. Disney spent about \$200 million hoping to break the curse of the videogame crossovers (i.e. last year's "Street Fighter"). However, when the film fell more than \$110 million short of its budget, the curse apparently lives on.

The economy has obviously affected the box

and Sara Pettit Staff Writers

Vampires, talking toys, mind-bending dreams, iron-clad superheroes, TV spin-offs, MacGruber and sequels, sequels, sequels...

Where would you find all of these seemingly random elements?

Nowhere but in Hollywood.

For the past several years, blockbusters have developed a rhythm. Thanks in part to filmmakers such as Michael Bay ("Transformers") and Jerry Bruckheimer ("Pirates of the Caribbean"). As long as a movie has explosions, expletives and Megan Fox, it will sell.

Oh, and throw in an extra \$7.50 for 3-D! With adrenaline-pumping flicks such as "Iron Man 2" and "The Expendables," this summer looked to follow the same filmmaking mold as previous summers. And to be honest, it's not blockbuster season without slow motion gun fights and at least a few car crashes.

Along with the annual bunch of ammo-laced action flicks, each new summer seems to bring with it a lack of originality. "Shrek Forever After," "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," "Sex and the City 2" and "Toy Story 3" are just a few examples of the avalanche of sequels Hollywood piled on us this year. Re-dos and re-vamps also "The Last Air Bender," "The Karate Kid," and "Robin Hood."

Of this summer's batch of blockbusters, a few films tread on new ground. No other summer film blazed more trail than Christopher Nolan's visual epic "Inception." The Leo Dicaprio-filled, reality-bending feature, amazed both critics and audiences alike, several of whom came back to see it time and time again. Another original thought was the late bloomer "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World." This video game smashup had heart, humor and more originality than you could shake a control stick at.

This summer had a few other surprises as well, especially at the box office. Several principles that Hollywood relies on each year to rake in the cash seem to be losing steam.

Gone are the days when big name movie stars were enough to make or break a film. Even with A-listers such as Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz, Russell Crowe, Jake Gyllenhaal and Sarah Jessica Parker several films fell short. The biggest example of this is Ridley Scott's "Robin Hood," starring Russell Crowe and Kate Blanchett. With a budget of \$200 million, it struggled to bring in around \$100 million, failing to even bring in half of what Universal spent on it.

Another major flop was Jerry Bruckheimer's video game crossover "Prince of Persia: The

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The economy has obviously affected the box office as well. Although the movie industry's revenue is at an all-time high (\$11.03 billion), ticket sales are at their lowest levels in years.

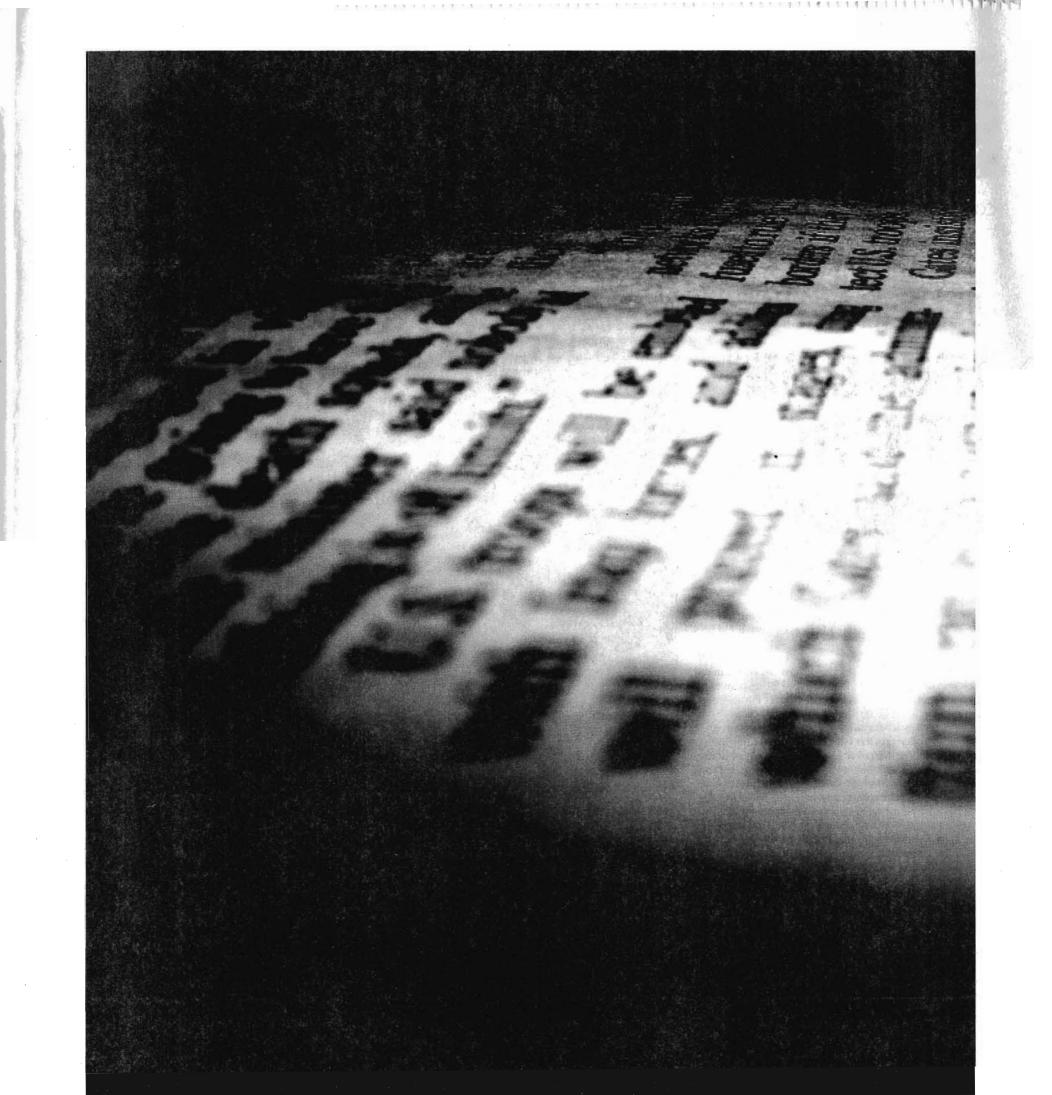
This anomaly can be explained by skyrocketing ticket prices. For the most part, audiences aren't as willing to surrender their hard earned cash as they use to be.

For example, in today's economy, would you be willing to blow \$12 on a movie at the theatres? Or would you rather rent it a few months later for a buck? Think about it.

For the most part, several of 2010's summer blockbusters fulfilled exactly what we've come to expect of Hollywood. As we make the transition into the fall season and prepare for the Christmas movie rush, we can look back over the summer of 2010 and see a silver lining: originality overcomes repetition. Substance outweighs spectacle.

And in the end, the good guys always win.

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Jax State takes out UT-C in opener

From the Sports Information Dest

JACKSONVILLE – The first game in the newly remodeled and newly named Burgess-Snow Field was worth the wait.

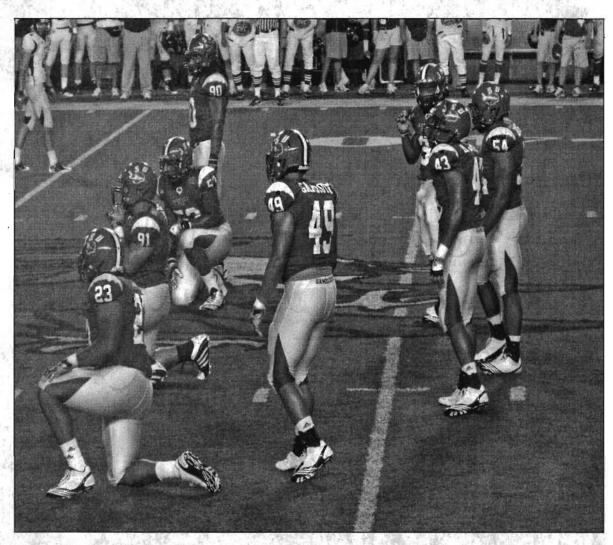
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One week after the second-largest crowd to ever watch JSU play saw the Gamecocks (2-0) rally for a double-overtime win over Ole Miss, the largest home crowd in Gamecock history saw junior Marques Ivory find junior James Shaw for a 72-yard touchdown strike with 1:16 remaining and hand the Mocs (0-2) their second heartbreaking loss in as many weeks.

JSU, who added hall of fame coach Bill Burgess' name to its improved home in a pregame ceremony, got off to a slow start, turning the ball over three times in the first half and mustering just 93 yards of total offense before taking a 10-0 deficit into the locker room at the half.

After a pair of touchdown drives that cut a 17-0 UTC lead to just a three-point advantage, JSU got the stop it needed on defense and then used its longest scoring play of the season to provide the fireworks. The scoring drive was the Gamecocks' seventhstraight possession in the fourth quarter or later that resulted in a touchdown and gave Jax State its first 2-0 start since the 2004 season.

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Jacksonville State University"s Burgess-Snow Stadium was packed for last week's football game and dedication service. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

27 of his 149 passing yards coming before the half. Tailback Errol Wynn ran for 98 yards against the JSU defense on 13 carries.

Junior corner A.J. Davis and senior linebacker Antonio Bonner each recorded eight tackles to lead the JSU defense, while junior Brannon Byrd added seven tackles and two sacks.

Turnovers proved to be the Gamecocks' achilles heel early in the game, as their first three possessions ended in an interception. Ivory, who entered the game without throwing a pick since the 2009 season opener at Georgia Tech (50 attempts), threw the first two, while Blanchard tossed the second.

The Mocs were only able to parlay those picks into three points, a 27-yard Jeff Veres field goal with 11:37 remaining in the first quarter. Veres was set up for a 26 yarder later in the quarter, but his attempt sailed left clock. The Gamecocks finally forced a Mocs turnover on the ensuing kick, one that ended with James Powell stripping the ball from returner Brian Sutherland and James Shaw coming up with it at the bottom of a pile on the UTC 32.

The drive stalled when Blanchard was sacked for a loss of 12 on third down that forced James Esco to attempt a 46-yard field goal. His first unsuccessful attempt as a Gamecock missed left and gave UTC the ball back with just over three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

JSU cut the Mocs' lead to three midway through the final quarter, thanks to a 17-play, 97-yard scoring drive that was capped by a nine-yard pass from Blanchard to Jeffrey Cameron with 7:50 on the clock. The Esco point after put JSU within a field goal at 17-14.

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His freshman backup, Coty Blanchard, was 2for-3 with an interception and a touchdown pass, a nine-yard strike to senior Jeffrey Cameron that cut the UTC lead to three with just under eight minutes to play. The Centre, Ala., native also ran for 45 yards and a score on seven carries before a 12-yard loss to run the clock on the Gamecocks' final play left him with 33 yards on the night.

Senior John Houston Whiddon led the Gamecock offense with a career-high seven catches for 68 yards, while senior Alphonso Freeney led the ground attack with 54 yards on just seven touches.

UTC quarterback B.J. Coleman's stats went in the opposite direction as Ivory's. The junior from Chattanooga went 10-for-22 on the night with all but without throwing a pick since the 2009 season opener at Georgia Tech (50 attempts), threw the first two, while Blanchard tossed the second.

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UTC's defense put points on the board itself with 6:20 left in the first half, when a Chaz Moore hit knocked the ball from Jamal Young's hands. Jaron Norfleet scooped up the loose ball and went uncontested into the endzone to put the Mocs up 10-0.

UTC struck early to start the second half, when Coleman found Joel Bradford on a 14-yard slant route that put the Mocs up 17-0 with 12:19 remaining in the third. They needed just 54 yards to score, after a personal foul on the Gamecocks after the kickoff set up UTC with a short field.

The Gamecock offense finally put together a scoring drive on its first possession of the second half. Blanchard used a three-yard scoring keeper to cap a 69-yard drive that took 15 plays and 6:21 off of the the third quarter.

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JSU took over with 2:20 to play and worked their magic, when the sixth play of the drive saw Ivory find Shaw for the winner. Griffin Thomas pooched the ensuing kickoff and watched it slip through Shane Heatherly's hands. Jawaan Booker recovered the loose ball, and JSU ran all but six seconds off the clock, not enough for the Mocs to make a last attempt.

JSU will look to continue its magical start on Saturday, when they travel to Atlanta to take on the upstart Panthers of Georgia State. Kickoff is set for 12 p.m. CT in the Georgia Dome.

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