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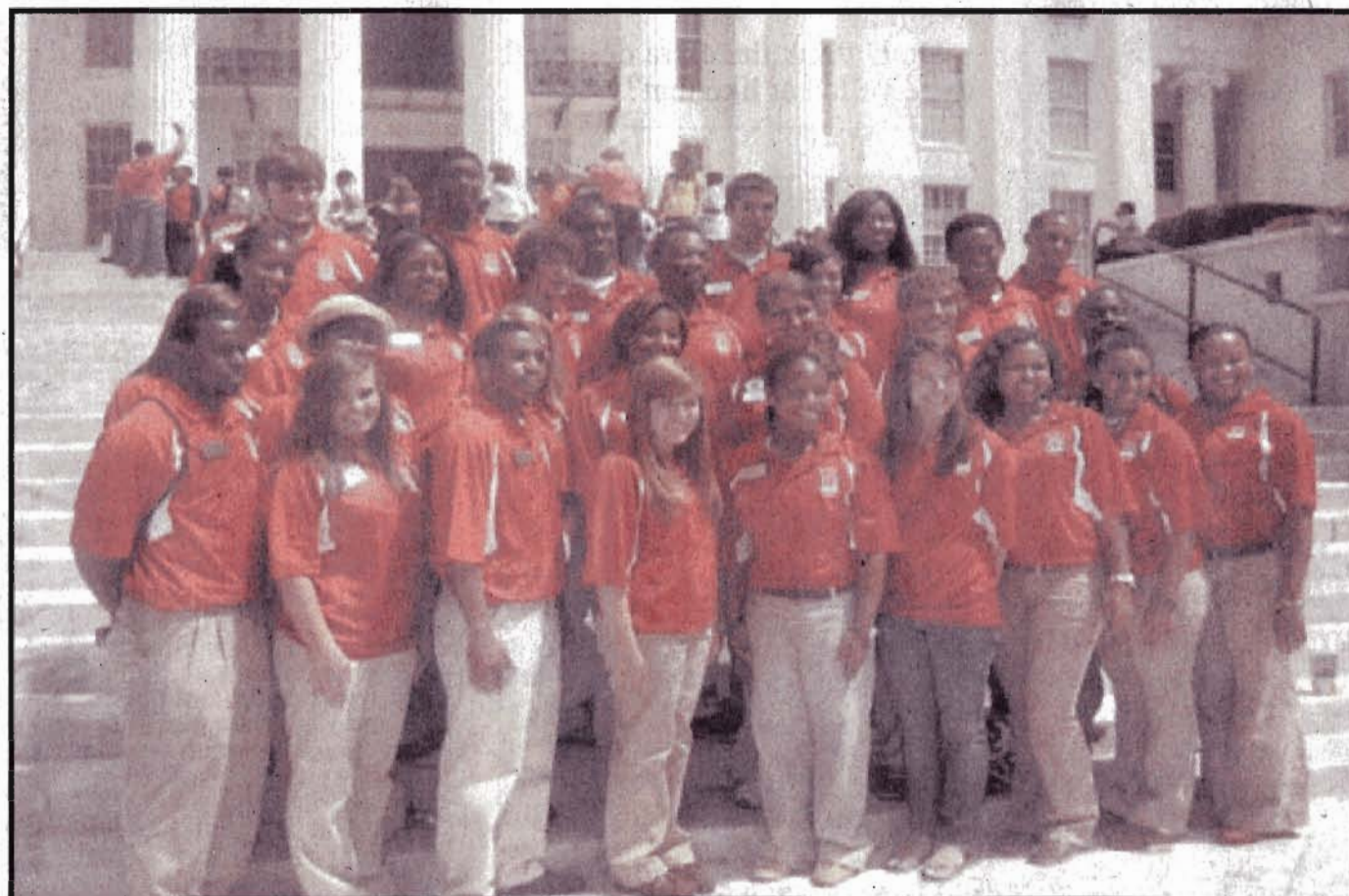
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Gov. Robert Bentley to Deliver Spring Commence- ment Address

Jacksonville State University's Spring 2011 Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, April 29 at JSU Stadium at 6:30 p.m. The commencement address will be delivered by Alabama Governor Robert Bentley.

Candidates for Graduation may find complete information on the Office of the Registrar website.

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Freshman Forum members posing on steps of State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama **Photo by Brittany Bryant The CHANTICLEER**

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By **ED MOORE**
STAFF WRITER

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Over 300 Jacksonville State University students boarded seven Alabama charter buses last Thursday morning, as they headed to the state capital to participate in the 13th annual Higher Education Day Rally. JSU students were accompanied by over 1,700 other college students that represented all 13 four-year public universities across the state of Alabama. "Higher Education Day is sponsored by Alabama's 13 four year universities through the Higher Education Partnership," explained

JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan. "Students will be able exercise their freedom of expression, learn first hand about State Government and express their opinion in support of their higher education."

Established in 1997, The Higher Education partnership is an advocacy organization that represents higher education in the state of Alabama. Every year, students from universities across the state convene in Montgomery to advocate higher education funding with Alabama legislatures.

"Jacksonville State University wants our students to reach out to state leaders," stated Rebecca Turner, Provost & Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. "We want them to persuade them that higher education is an important and crucial piece of the state's education budget."

Students marched down Washington Ave and South Union Street as they reached the home of state legislatures, The Alabama State House. Upon their ar-

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Emmanuel Harbor tells us about library hours during final exams week.

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Holocaust Remembered at JSU

By CAITLIN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

JSU presented its annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program last Thursday in the Stone Center Theatre. This program was started by the Wesley Foundation in 1981 and attendance exploded. This is no exaggeration as last week's event was standing room only. All the seats were filled and students sat on the stairs to hear the keynote speaker, Mr. Herbert Kohn.

The program started with a welcome speech, invocation and a candle lighting ceremony. The

"Imagining the Holocaust Writing Contest" winners were announced and read excerpts from their winning pieces. After a performance of "For You There is No Song" by Leslie Adams and sung by Dr. Nathan Wright, Mr. Kohn was welcomed on to the stage.

His speech started strongly. "Why are we here? Why should we remember the Holocaust?" he asked the audience. He spoke of the importance of education about the issues that caused the Holocaust, which he described in four

words: discrimination, segregation, persecution and extermination. With a faint accent, he said "We cannot afford to be bystanders."

Mr. Kohn then went on to tell his story. He was born in Germany in 1926. He was raised in an upper middle class family as a German Jew- not a Jewish German, as Mr. Kohn insisted- and both his father and grandfather served in the German army during WWI.

Hitler took power when Kohn was only a first grad-

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Dr. Monica Trifas Receives Grant for Assistive Technology

Dr. Monica Trifas in the MCIS Department recently received a grant to fund her research project entitled "SEE: Math in Action from the AASD-STEM mini-grant program at Auburn University. The grant monies will purchase assistive technology for visually impaired students, such as screen magnification for people with low vision, tools to make reading and writing easier, tactile graphics, and speech recognition software as a writing tool. The goal of the project is to increase students' independence in studying and problem solving. This will increase student success rates in entry-level mathematics courses.

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OVC Tennis Draws Set

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - The 2011 Ohio Valley Conference Men's and Women's Tennis Championship bracket is set as the league the pairings for this weekend's championship in Paducah, Ky.

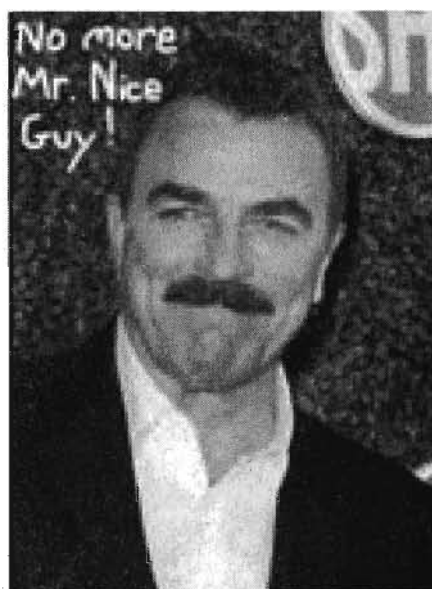
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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

Wacky, Tacky, but True!



Tom Selleck LOSES IT On Extra For Pointing A Prop Gun At People On Set

Note to future extras on TV show *Blue Bloods*: Do not piss off Tom Selleck!

The notoriously nice actor, who is a board member of the National Rifle Association, lost his shizz at an extra on set when the man picked up a REAL gun and started pointing it at people.

According to sources, Selleck yelled:

"Hey, YOU! What the HELL are you doing? That

Our guess is that this guy won't be picking up another gun on set ever again until the director yells, "Action!"

Do U think the extra deserved to be yelled at like that?



Most Expensive Bottle Of Champagne Ever To Be Sold in London Goes For £80,000

Yikes! Bet that bottle also gives the most expensive hangover ever...

Check out the photo (above) of

One For All

"All for one, one for all, that is our device."

-Alexandre Dumas

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

Looking back on my childhood, I remember getting into my fair share of "nerdy-ness," especially within the world of video games.

I'm proud to describe myself as a former-gamer. I was a gamer back when games had more to them than head shots and frag grenades.

One of the sweetest memories I've ever had involved my mom waking me up to the sound of "Super Mario World," then playing it with me on our Super Nintendo. I also remember trying to piece back my mind after it was completely blown away by the incredibly realistic 3-D graphics of "Star Fox 64." I also remember regularly losing sleep trying to decipher the complex puzzles of "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past." And to be completely honest, I still can't figure out how Nintendo got the laser gun from "Duck Hunt" to work as it did. (And yes, I still have mine and it still works).

But as we all know, as years pass, so do personal interests.

As I made my way through high school, my intense love affair with such activities waned.

By the time graduation neared, I had almost gotten to the point of complete embarrassment of my younger self. Being surrounded (and slightly intimidated) by more athletic, competitive, or physically-able classmates, I became increasingly uncomfortable with my personal history.

low church member's home. Then they have a group leader (me) lead the kids in fun activities, including the occasional Bible study.

Not having ever done this before, I was just hoping and praying for a batch of calm, well-behaved, little boys.

What I got was slightly different from what I asked for; yet absolutely what I needed.

Out of my gang of sixth grade boys, about half had some element of ADD, ADHD, or ADOS (Attention Deficit- Oh Shiny!). The other half was just as wild, just without the prescription.

I always knew God had a sense of humor.

I knew that if I was going to connect with these kids and make the weekend worthwhile, I would have to relate to them. So I began to explore what kind of things my kids were interested in.

Apparently -like some sort of divine object lesson- each kid in my group was rather a fanatic video game fan, or enjoyed some other nerdy passion, of which I had some experience with.

Perfect.

Throughout the weekend, I was able to use my knowledge of all things nerdy to not only gain my group's attention, but to communicate with them in a way no one else could have.

It was through this experience that I began to understand an absolute truth of the universe.

No matter what your childhood may have involved or what kind of person you currently may be, you still bring an incred-

set when the man picked up a REAL gun and started pointing it at people.

According to sources, Selleck yelled:

"Hey, YOU! What the HELL are you doing? That gun's NOT a toy — stop waving it around! Look at you... your finger's STILL ON THE TRIGGER!"

The frightened extra, who was playing an onscreen cop in a scene, then squeaked out, "Is the gun really loaded?"

Selleck then set this dope straight and answered:

"No, it's not loaded. But when you handle a gun it's common sense to assume it IS loaded, and NOT point it at people!"

We're totally with Tom here!

Guns are no joke! We highly doubt a loaded gun would be left in the care of an extra on the set of a television show (or on set period!), but it never hurts to be safe.

Yikes! Bet that bottle also gives the most expensive hangover ever...

Check out the photo (above) of an oversized Armand de Brignac (Ace of Spades), which is the most expensive bottle of champagne ever to be sold in London!

The bottle, which is referred to as a "Nebuchadnezzar," sold for £80,000 at a new members' club in London last Thursday!

Only two such bottles exist IN THE WORLD, and each one takes six months to make...so if you pick one up, make sure you're drinking to something REALLY special! LOLz.

Ludicrously-expensive-bottoms-up!!!!

gotten to the point of complete embarrassment of my younger self. Being surrounded (and slightly intimidated) by more athletic, competitive, or physically-able classmates, I became increasingly uncomfortable with my personal history with gaming. "Why was I such a nerdy kid growing up?" I thought, "Why didn't I grow up playing sports like everyone else?"

These nagging, self-inflicting questions would occasionally pop up from time to time, aggravating my self-image and frustrating my self-confidence. That is, until a few months later when I had the largest mental, emotional, and physiological growth spurt I had ever had. I went to college.

As I began my new, fresh life at JSU, opportunities arose that helped me fully appreciate my slightly nerdy upbringing. One of the biggest instances involved a trip to Louisiana.

Sometime during my sophomore year, I was invited to come and help lead a D-NOW about five hours away in St. Francisville, Louisiana.

For those who don't know, D-NOW is a sort of weekend-long, Vacation Bible School for kids K-12. The boys and girls are divided into small groups and spend the weekend at a fel-

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No matter what your childhood may have involved or what kind of person you currently may be, you still bring an incredibly valuable worth into this world; especially when you chose to use who you are to bless and uplift others.

It is within this humility and submission to others that we find true fulfillment in who we are and why we are here. The experiences and life lessons that have slowly crafted us into who we are today, can and should be used for good.

As I discovered that weekend in St. Francisville, there is no greater good than using who you are (whoever that may be) for the benefit of others.

The Point: When we use them to bless others, even our deepest hurts, habits, and hang-ups can become our greatest strengths.

Nerd-fully Yours,
Logan

(Loganhuggins1@gmail.com)

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OPINION

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



CHICKEN SCRATCH

Some days you feel like the girl; other days you feel like the cup

Car boots make lovely centerpiece for my dining room table made entirely out of gold parking signs

Knight jumps queen! Bishop jumps queen! Pawns jump queen!

Dear JSU: How's that housing shortage going for you? Sincerely, Glaznell, Luttrell, Weatherly, Rowan and Abercrombie Halls

I wish eating a twix would pause the world like it does in the commercials

My favorite quote from my math teacher "Nah Nah Nah Nah This won't be on the test"

...soon you'll please their appetite, they devour...

Abercrombie also sells size skeletal!

Smurfs ARE cool! They turn purple when you choke them

YAY!! LAST WEEK of CLASS!!

Seriously, can't wait till a certain someone is gone after next week, art students rejoice!!

TEAM ELA is awesome!

Heather Marie Olsen, the 6 minutes we dated on facebook once was the best 6 minutes of my life. I let's get together.

Through others may have been a 3-way tie, Viviann Lin you are so out these simpletons league.

There's only one Bill. Hurry back here please!

Just because you have a picture of your significant other as your facebook profile doesn't mean you're faithful.

I've been asking myself, "Where can I found a good woman?" Then I found two the Sturkie Twins and neither of them will date me. EPIC FAIL.

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I think animal testing is bad, they might get nervous and get the wrong answers.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you but its still on the list.

Children: you spend the first few years teaching them to walk and talk and the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut up!!!

Today I won the lottery, came home and told my wife to pack her bags. She asked: "Where are we going?" I said, "We aren't going anywhere, YOU'RE moving out!!!"

Never hit a man with glasses, hit him with a baseball bat.

There is a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they don't get away.

If winning isn't everything then why keep the score?

Hello MDW, I know that you were looking for one so here.

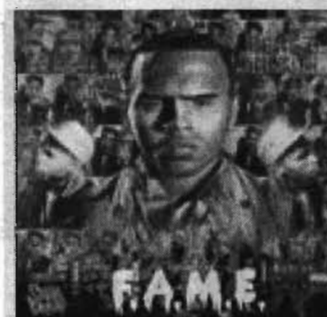
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Chris Brown is back!

By: Angel Paro
STAFF WRITER



Chris Brown's F.A.M.E. album opens with "Deuces", a reggae style break up song that we can only guess is about "you know who". One of the lines that stings the most: "Like Tina did like in the limo, it finally hit me". Perhaps it's too soon for visuals like this after Brown's alleged beating of Rihanna back in February of 2009. Even though the incident was over two years ago, it was really the most defining moment in his career. Ask anyone what first comes to mind when they hear his name. It will more than likely be him in the court room with his lawyer pretending to look remorseful as he pled no contest or Rihanna's 20/20 interview when she stated "he had no soul in his eyes".

Even though it sends the wrong message, "Deuces" is easily the best track on the album.

On his fourth album

song reminiscent of the Ludacris and Trey Songz track "Sex Room". Not very original but I've talked to several friends of mine that actually love this song. "No Bull ****" basically follows the same format, it's just not as sexually graphic. My favorite song on the album is "She Ain't You" which samples Michael Jackson's "Human Nature" and SWV's "Right Here". The most popular song is the hip-hop track featuring Lil Wayne, "Look at Me Now". It has gotten the most radio play and the video is currently a staple on 106 & Park.

"All Back" is the track that will remind the most of the old Chris Brown. Its a romantic ballad where Brown talks about the love of his life and how "you never miss a good thing till it's gone". He even tries to connect with a younger audience on the song "Next 2 You" featuring Justin Bieber. I don't know how Brown's more mature audience would feel about this song though. It doesn't really seem to fit in with the rest of the album.

The formula must have worked because F.A.M.E. was his first album to debut at #1 on the Billboard charts, selling 300,000 units.

...soon you'll please their appetite, they devour...

Abercrombie also sells size skeletal!

Smurfs ARE cool! They turn purple when you choke them

YAY!! LAST WEEK of CLASS!! Good luck on Finals everyone!!

I do!! I do!! I like orange soda!!

How many times must you attempt to open, push, shove, bang, and turn the doorknob of a locked bathroom before you realize it's occupied?

Starkie Twins and neither of them will date me. EPIC FAIL.

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If you die in an elevator be sure to push the UP button.

Wanna hear a joke about my broken pencil, nevermind its pointless.

Never go to a doctor's office whose plants have died.

if winning isn't everything then why keep the score?

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Can I get an "amen"??

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On his fourth album Brown seems to be abandoning his r&b roots and turning to a more electro-pop dance influenced sound. The album's first single "yeah 3x" and "Beautiful People" reflects that with its repetitive pulsating beats and lyrics about nothing more than dancing in a club with a pretty girl. The song "Wet the Bed" featuring Ludacris, is his effort at showing us that he is not the 16 year old that we came to know when he first appeared on the music scene. Its a mid-tempo

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An interesting fact is that Brown said F.A.M.E. is an acronym for "forgiving all my enemies". After his recent outburst on the Good Morning America set where he broke a window and stormed off set after being asked a question about Rihanna, I think the question is "Have we forgiven him?"

I give the album 3 out of 5 stars.



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Community News

JSU History Club Takes Trip to Montgomery

By: Kevin Brant
CO-EDITOR



Union Soldiers and 557 Creek Indians died on the day of Battle March 27, 1814. This was also part of the war of 1812 or the Revolutionary War.

Marjorie Harper a freshman at JSU shared why she wanted to go on this trip. "I really love history," Harper said. "I went on this trip to enhance my history

learning experience."

After being on the old battlefield, the group went into the museum there on site and saw various artifacts from the battle.

Next stop was two forts, Fort Toulouse and Fort Jackson. These forts provided just a small glimpse of how the settlers lived during that time of history.

Once the group got to Montgomery, the first stop was the historical Confederate White House. This house not only has artifacts of the confederacy, but also a way of life. The house was lived in by Jefferson Davis and his wife during the time of the Civil War. Background information on the Civil War was also given. After the war, it was unused for a while. Through collaborative efforts, the house became a historical landmark.

After this, Jason A. Sumner who is President of the History Club shared his thoughts on the trip. "I hope that stu-

dents will take a cultural and historical appreciation from the sights we visited during the trip," Sumner said. "I hope that these students who went on the trip will share their experience with other students at Jacksonville State."

Next stop on the trip was the Alabama State Capitol. The group was given a tour of the Capitol and learning some history along the way. One key point of interest at the Capitol was the Rotunda. The group learned how far from the ground was the rotunda. They also saw where the Old House of Representatives met to do their business. The same was true with the State Senate.

One thing of note, the Governor usually gives the State of the State Address from the old House of Representatives room. It was in the old Senate Chamber that the state of Alabama seceded from the USA during the Civil War.

During the final part of the tour, information was shared with the group mentioning that as of the year 2011, the Alabama State Capitol building was 160 years old.

The final stop of the day was to see a play at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. The group saw the play Moonlight and Magnolias. This play is a humorous play that focuses on the making of the movie Gone With the Wind. Everything that could go wrong in making that movie could go wrong. New people have to be hired and they have one week to have everything ready to shoot the Gone with the Wind movie.

Dr. Llewellyn Cook who is a history professor at JSU and also faculty

advisor to the History Club shared his thoughts on the trip. "The trip was a successful," Cook said. "I have done similar trips for the last 20 semesters and we have never had any problems.

Cook then shared a little more about the History Club. "We do a trip every semester and they usually are day trips and we are back in the evening," Cook said. Some of the other trips the History club has been to are Savannah Ga. for St. Patrick's Day or New Orleans for Mardi Gras.

Cook then shared one point of importance about these trips. "These trips are not just a bunch of boring facts or the just the history stuff," Cook said. "The road trips are fun and it helps students form friendships and to improve their connection with JSU."

Cook has been faculty adviser of the history club since 1999. Being in the History Club has very simple requirements. All you have to be is a JSU student who likes history. There are no GPA requirements. Annual dues are \$10. The History Club meets once a month with either a movie night featuring history based movies, or a guest lecture. "With the JSU History Club, we try to emphasize that history should be fun, social and a learning experience," Cook said.

During the fall 2010 semester, the History club visited Civil War Battlefields in Georgia and Tennessee.

For more information on the History Club at JSU contact Dr. cook by email at lcook@jsu.edu





Photos of JSU History Club members outside of State Capitol in Montgomery, at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and listening to a park ranger tell about the history of the battle of Horseshoe Bend. These were just several of the stops the JSU History Club made on April 9, 2011

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Join our team in the fall. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in room 180 of Self Hall.

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JSU student Amber Duncan at Higher Ed Photo by Brittany Bryant/THE CHANTICLEER

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rival, they were greeted with the musical talents of bands from Alabama State University in Montgomery and the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

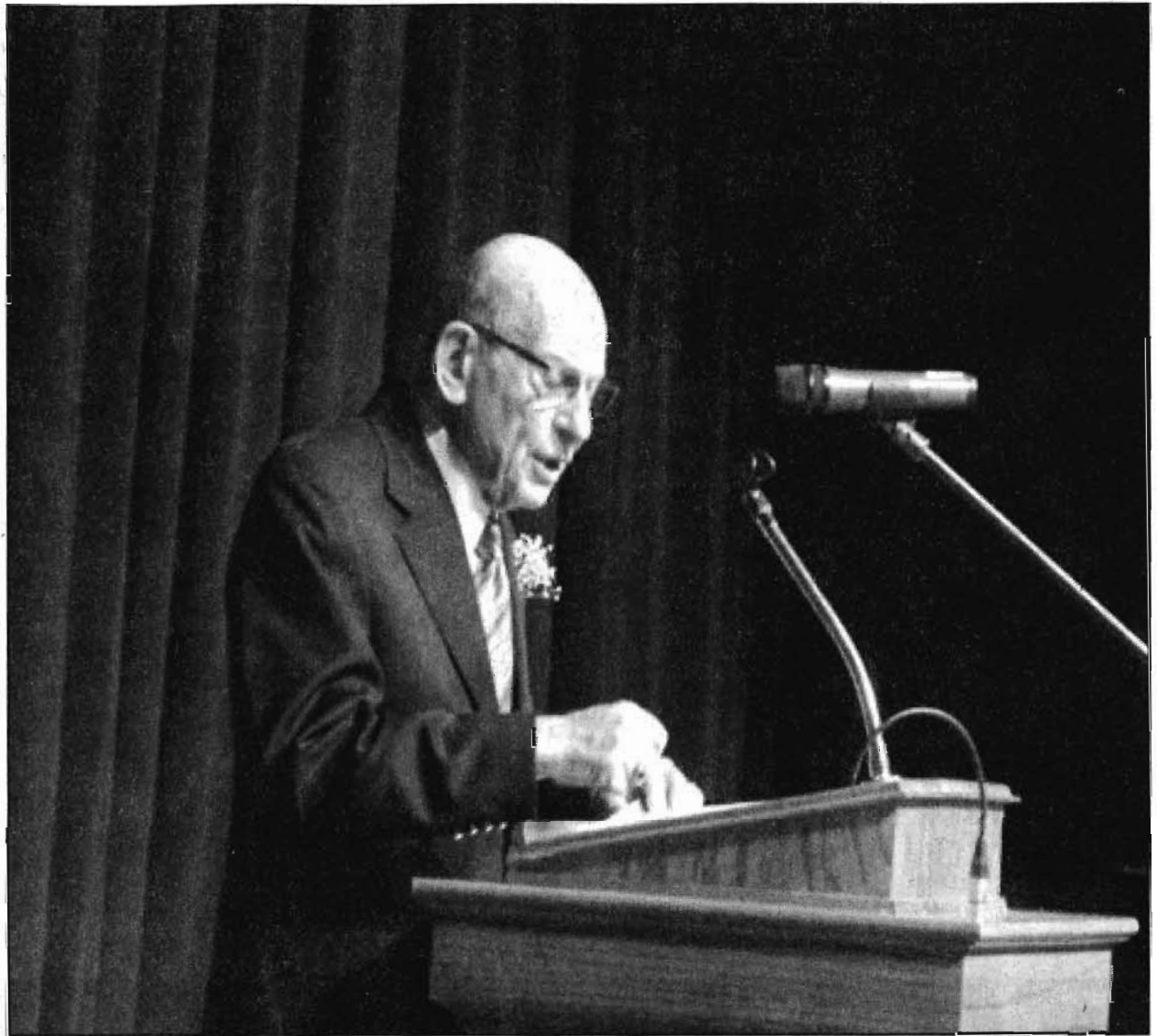
The event, hosted by Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, allowed many state dignitaries to be brought to the platform. These dignitaries brought issues to the table that promoted the aspect of increased funding for higher education in the state of Alabama. "We want to ensure state legislators give equal funding to higher ed as they do for K-12," expressed Jason A. Sumner, Vice President of Student Senate.

Other speakers included Speaker of the House, Mike Hubbard, Representative Jay Lowe of

raised. "We actually are going to increase next year's budget for higher education from this past year. We're going to support all the universities across the state, whether they're major universities or regional universities."

The event had representation not only from government leaders, but of university student leaders as well. Reporters were sprawled across the South Lawn of the State Capitol as television networks from across the state strolled in for coverage of the event.

JSU's Director of Publicity, Jessica Younce, mentioned that the raise in tuition doesn't line up with the payment of jobs after graduation. "I feel we make a lot of difference in this state," she expressed. "[Raising tuition]



Herbert Kohn Holocaust survivor.

Photo by Kevin Brant /THE CHANTICLEER

Holocaust

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er, and he was asked to leave school. Even when he was asked to leave, he recalls "I was more concerned about how I would get home because I had never walked home by myself before." He said that classmates that had been friends the day before had been "converted" over night and treated him badly.

Soon, his concerns grew more serious than merely walking home alone. He and his family managed to escape before the "Final Solution" stage, but not without their fair share of hardship. Leo Kohn, his father, lost his job. When the Nuremberg Laws were passed around the same time, he knew they had to leave. He made a family tree and began to send letters to family all over the world. The Kohn family was able to contact a third cousin here in Alabama who agreed to sponsor their visa to the United States. Due to emigration laws, however, the visa would not be valid for a length of time.

In November, 1938, Kohn was twelve years old. This is when the infamous Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass, occurred. Kohn witnessed this first hand. A Nazi stormtrooper knocked on their door and pushed his mother to the ground, demanding all Jewish males between the age of

They arrived in Demopolis, Alabama and learned how to farm. Kohn saw the discrimination of African-Americans that was still strong at this time and that is when he decided he wanted to fight for equality for people all around the world. He joined the United States army and arrived back in Germany only two days before the war ended. He was disappointed he was not able to fight but was there to see the liberation of Nazi concentration camps. He described the prisoners there as "living, breathing skeletons."

Kohn returned to America and remained a soldier in the Army Reserves, eventually gaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He attended Auburn University and earned an agriculture degree, later becoming a certified public accountant. "Don't ask me how you go from milking cows to a CPA," he joked, and the audience laughed. He had the chance to visit Auschwitz, the most infamous of the Nazi "death factories", and Dachau. There, he saw the gas chambers and boxes of gold fillings, eyeglasses and coins collected from visitors. This, he said, is evidence that the killings happened despite denial.

"It will never happen again," he said in conclusion. "Don't stand by, stand up to

for K-12, expressed Jason A. Sumner, Vice President of Student Senate.

Other speakers included Speaker of the House, Mike Hubbard, Representative Jay Lowe of Montgomery, and the Honorable Governor Robert Bentley. "As we develop the budget this year, I would make sure higher education was adequately funded," he began. "That is the essential part of economic development in this state." Bentley emphasized on the fact that the funding for universities across the state will be

ounce, mentioned that the raise in tuition doesn't line up with the payment of jobs after graduation. "I feel we make a lot of difference in this state," she expressed. "[Raising tuition] wouldn't be as big of a deal if the payment for jobs came up."

Governor Bentley closed his remarks by expressing his gratitude for the efforts of everyone's travel and their substantial presence at the occasion. "I appreciate so much all of you coming down," he stated. "Thank You."

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In November, 1938, Kohn was twelve years old. This is when the infamous Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass, occurred. Kohn witnessed this first hand. A Nazi stormtrooper knocked on their door and pushed his mother to the ground, demanding all Jewish males between the age of sixteen and sixty six. Kohn's father was arrested and taken to Buchenwald concentration camp. The family did not know where he had been taken but they knew that if he returned, they had to leave right away. Leo Kohn did return, three weeks later and thirty pounds lighter. He had been released on account of his service with the German army during WWI, after guards found an award certificate in his wallet issued by Hitler himself.

The Kohn family escaped to England shortly after, until their visa to the US was valid. The English consulate issued transit visas for the whole family, which Kohn said saved their lives. In April 1940, they left for America. "We started life from the beginning," Kohn said. "America gave me the opportunity to reach my potential."

me how you go from milking cows to a CPA," he joked, and the audience laughed. He had the chance to visit Auschwitz, the most infamous of the Nazi "death factories", and Dachau. There, he saw the gas chambers and boxes of gold fillings, eyeglasses and coins collected from visitors. This, he said, is evidence that the killings happened despite denial.

"It will never happen again," he said in conclusion. "Don't stand by, stand up to make this place a better world. With God's help it shall never, ever happen again."

After his speech, Kohn took some questions from the audience. One student asked him if he could ever forgive the rest of the world for standing by while the Holocaust happened. Kohn told a story about his return to Germany four years ago. He said that Germany had changed, and while he could not forgive the people who carried out the Holocaust, he did forgive their grandchildren and ancestors. He added that he wanted to take the words hate, revenge and retaliation out of his vocabulary.

The program ended with the Kaddish, a traditional Jewish prayer recited by mourners, said in memory of those killed in WWII by Rabbi Irving Bloom and the members of Temple Beth El in Anniston.

Houston Cole to Extend Hours for Finals

By EMMANUEL HARBOR
STAFF WRITER

The Houston Cole Library, on the campus of Jacksonville State University, will extend its normal working hours, during finals week, in order to give students an adequate place and time to prepare for final examinations.

From Sunday, April 17 through Thursday, April 21, 2011, the library will be opened until one a.m., two hours passed its usual eleven p.m. closing hour, giving students a wider range of hours and proper venue to study for finals. "It's something I wanted to do when I came into this position," said Mr. John-Bauer Graham, Dean of Library Services. "I know students are looking for that place to study and looking for that extra time, every little bit of time (to study)."

For the past three years, the library has administered surveys for JSU students, to gage the urgency of the students' need for an environment that would provide the necessary ability and resources to make ready for the toughest grade of the semester. "When I came into this position in 2008," said Graham, "we heard the students and I think there was an SGA resolution, at one time, for the library to have extended hours. Last summer we did a pilot study of how many students came

into the building. We counted how many people came into the building from nine p.m. to eleven p.m. and we got those numbers, even during the finals period. To be honest, I thought it wouldn't be that much, but the numbers were up there... and the numbers showed that a lot of students were coming here after ten o'clock, after nine o'clock at night."

Student interest was not the only factor that played into the decision to extend library hours into the early morning. Providing a secure facility and finding volunteers from among the library staff to assist the students were top priorities.

"The first thing is security, added security to the building - that has always been a concern," Graham said. "Just recently, about two years ago, we got cameras for the front doors of the building; there are cameras in the front doors, the back doors, and the

loading docks. So we have an added level of security now... and having that extra level of security is important, to be able to trust to operate and feel comfortable to stay open that late."

"The next step would be the administrative part of it, getting the volunteers, studying the schedule. I have a wonderful faculty and staff; we're here to help, we're here to provide the service for you guys (students). There is actually an old saying in our profession, 'consumed in the service of others' which is the motto of librarianship. We're here for you, we're here for your needs, and this is a step in that direction." As a result of the late hour, several library services will not be available. These include the

Jazzman's Café and the check out desk, both of which will close at its standard eleven p.m. time. Yet, other means will be present to sustain students and faculty for the extra two hours.

"SGA, the Office of Student Life, they've been involved; they're going

to sponsor a snack table Monday night. We'll have other people sponsoring snack tables; Dr. Turner (VP of Academic and Student Affairs) has shown interest in sponsoring a table. Hopefully this will expand and maybe when we do it again in the fall semester, we will have other people sponsoring tables."

All computers, including those in the tenth floor computer lab will be open to students for use. Meanwhile, faculty present will canvass the entire library every fifteen minutes to assist and observe student needs and behaviors, in order to access the environment of this inaugural program.

The most important goal for Mr. Graham and the library faculty and staff, in extending library hours during finals week, is enabling students to achieve higher rates of success on their test scores. However, if there is not a proper turnout for the additional study hours, there is no promise that this service will be provided in the future.

"We'll see how this goes this semester," Graham concluded, "and then we'll adjust and adapt whatever we need to, and hopefully it will warrant us doing it again in the fall and in the spring."



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2011 OVC Men's & Women's Tennis Championship Draws Set

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The 2011 Ohio Valley Conference Men's and Women's Tennis Championship bracket is set as the league office announced the pairings for this weekend's championship in Paducah, Ky.

The Jacksonville State women, who claimed a share of the regular season title after topping UT Martin this past weekend, will be the top seed in the women's draw by virtue of their win over the Skyhawks. JSU and UT Martin finished the regular season with 7-1 league marks. The Gamecocks will await the winner of the Austin Peay and Morehead State duel, which opens the three-day event on Friday, April 15 at 10 a.m. The APSU-MSU survivor will take on Jax State at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The OVC Women's Championship match is set for Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m.

JSU will enter the postseason tournament as the hottest teams in the OVC as it carries a five-match winning streak. The back-to-back OVC Regular Season Champion Gamecocks moved to

11-10 overall on the season with the regular season finale win at UTM.

On the men's side, the Gamecock men earned the No. 4 seed in the six-team field and will square off with Morehead State on Friday at 2 p.m. JSU finished 4-3 in conference play and 9-12 overall. Jax State and the Eagles will meet for the second time this season after the Red and White claimed a 4-3 win over MSU in Morehead, Ky. on April 1. The winner of the JSU-MSU tilt will face top-seeded Eastern Kentucky in the semifinal round on Saturday at 2 p.m. The OVC Men's Championship match will follow the women's match at 2 p.m.

The three-day event will be hosted by UT Martin and will be held at the Larry J. Heflin Tennis Center in Paducah, Ky.

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JSU's Women's soccer team come together for their three game spring season.
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Gamecocks Claim Third in Golf

JONESBORO, Ark. – Freshman Matthew Wallace turned in his second 69 in as many days to tie for fifth and lead the Jacksonville State men's golf team to a third-place finish at the Arkansas State Red Wolf Intercollegiate on Tuesday.

A native of London, England, Wallace used a five-birdie round to turn in a three-under 69 in the second round on the 6,563-yard Ridge Pointe Country Club. Originally scheduled as a 54-hole tournament, the event was shortened to 36 holes after several weather delays

Lady Gamecocks Wrap Up Spring Season

JSU's Women's soccer team come together for their three game spring season.
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Lady Gamecocks Wrap Up Spring Season

By Derrick Robinson
Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State University women's soccer team closed out their three game spring mini season last Friday night at home against Samford in a tough 6-1 loss.

The Lady Gamecocks jumped out early scoring the first goal of the game, which allowed them to set the tempo of the game in their favor. Samford came right back to score a goal of their own and one more before the half, switching the momentum in their way.

"The game started off well," said Coach Carlson. "We got the early goal which gave us some confidence, but we settled in a little bit too much. We got comfortable and the momentum of the game changed." Getting too comfortable in games is one issue Carlson and the team worked on this spring. Carlson stated that a lot of focus has been geared toward working with the offense and finishing games. The Gamecock offense has shown signs of promise during each game this spring.

The Gamecocks went into the half in a tight game with Samford trailing 2-1. Entering the second half, JSU started off noticeably different from the first half. A difference could be seen in the half time adjustments made by Carlson and the coaching staff. Things were turning around early in the second half until the injury bug bit the team.

"Injuries were an issue tonight" said Carlson. "More so than they were last weekend. They took a lot of our key offensive players out of the game."

One key player that suffered a slight injury was Junior forward Chelsea Pelletier. Though her injury was unknown at press time, Pelletier sat out a significant amount of time in the second half. Due to injuries in the past few games, Carlson has been forced to do a lot of mixing and matching when it comes to putting players in new positions.

"We're playing a lot of people in the off season that we didn't play much in the fall" said Carlson. "Giving them an opportunity to show us (coaching staff) what they've learned and how much they've developed."

Though injuries are tough on any sports team, the brighter side is that other players on the team get valuable experience and playing time that they wouldn't normally get. "It hasn't been an easy spring, but competition I think was good to evaluate players that we haven't been able to see much last fall," said Carlson.

The Lady Gamecocks soccer team seems to be heading into the right direction for the fall season. Given the experience they've gotten this spring and with the addition of the 11 new recruits, the fall season is going to be exciting for Carlson and the soccer program. "Our kids have worked hard. They are a very hard working group," said Carlson.

The fall season kicks off for the Lady Gamecock soccer team on August 13th in an exhibition game at Kennesaw State.

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The Gamecocks coupled a second-round 288 with Monday's 284 to finish with a five-under 571.

The Gamecocks were the highest finishers of five Ohio Valley Conference schools in the field.

After a two-under 70 in Monday's first round, junior Tom Robson shot an even-par 72 on Tuesday to finish with a 142 and in a tie for 19th with sophomore Andres Schonbaum.

Schonbaum carded a 71 on Tuesday after an opening round 72 to account for his 142. Freshman Dorian Fernandez (73-76-149) tied for 55th, while senior Gonzalo Berlin (74-77-151) tied for 55th in the 102-player field.

The Gamecocks will wrap up the spring schedule on April 25-27, when they travel to Dickson, Tenn., for the OVC Championship at Greystone Golf Club.

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Gamecocks Win Ninth Straight Series with 10-9 Win at Murray State on Sunday

MURRAY, Ky. – Kyle Bluestein went 4-for-5 and scored four runs as Jacksonville State rallied for a 10-9 win over Murray State as the Gamecocks won their ninth straight series on Sunday.

The Gamecocks improved to 22-10 on the season and 6-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference to remain in first place.

Hunter Rivers (5-1) pitched three innings of relief and allowed just three hits and had three strikeouts to earn the win, while Todd Hornsby recorded the final six outs to pick up his

ninth save of the year.

The Gamecocks jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning as Ben Waldrip drove in two runs.

Scott Underwood then hit a solo home run in the fourth inning to give JSU a 7-5 lead, but Murray pushed across four runs in the home half of the fourth inning to take its first lead of the day.

Jax State scored a run in the fifth on an Andrew Bishop RBI single, and then scored two more in the seventh inning when Bluestein scored on a

wild pitch and Coty Blanchard had a RBI single up the middle to give the Gamecocks the lead.

Scott Underwood and Blanchard each had two hits to go along with Bluestein's four hits as the Gamecocks finished with 13 in the game.

Jacksonville State returns to action on Tuesday against in-state and nationally ranked Troy. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m. at Rudy Abbott Field.

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Kyle Bluestein gets four hits vs Murray State on Sunday
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