

**SPORTS:**  
FCA HONORS JSU ATHLETICS

**WACKY TACKY:**  
THE GOVERNATOR IS BACK



# THE CHANTICLEER

The Student newspaper of Jacksonville State University since 1934

Volume 59, Issue 24

April 7, 2011

## inTHE NEWS

### Herbert Kohn to Speak at Holocaust Remembrance April 7

The annual Jacksonville State University Holocaust Remembrance will be held April 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., Stone Center Theater, Jacksonville State University. This event is free and open to the general public.

Keynote speaker will be Holocaust survivor Herbert Kohn. The Holocaust Remembrance began in 1982 as a project of the JSU Wesley Foundation. Over the years, attendance at the event has grown from a short event attended by 25 people to the current annual programs which often have an attendance of several hundred from the campus and surrounding communities. The annual Holocaust Remembrance is made possible by the JSU Holocaust Remembrance



Photo by Boyace Pope / THE CHANTICLEER

# The Genius of Compassion

By **BOYACE POPE**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Honors Program Service Initiative Capstone Event was held Wednesday,

Each member goes through an interview process and is required to request extra

Romich Company were in attendance as they aimed to show the advancements that



to the current annual programs which often have an attendance of several hundred from the campus and surrounding communities. The annual Holocaust Remembrance is made possible by the JSU Holocaust Remembrance committee in cooperation with the JSU Student Government Association. Faculty, students, and community members participate in order to remember Holocaust victims and in the hope that, through education, an event such as the Holocaust can be prevented from

# THE GENIUS OF COMPASSION

By **BOYACE POPE**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Honors Program Service Initiative Capstone Event was held Wednesday, March 31st at Leone Cole Auditorium. The Honors program, which only has 16 members in it, has only been around for two years. The requirements for the program are intense as only eight students are selected each year for its full scholarship. Each member must meet strict requirements such as earning a score of 30 or above on the ACT and must have and maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average.

Each member goes through an interview process and is required to request extra assignments in each of their academic courses to receive the Honors credit. As members, they must also work on a community service initiative.

The JSU Elite's Honor Students have gone above and beyond this year partnering with the East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy Foundation to raise money and awareness of the disease. Many companies such as PepNet and Prentke

Romich Company were in attendance as they aimed to show the advancements that had been made to tailor the needs of those with cerebral palsy.

Activists such as the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and Forbes Rehab Solutions who aid with the communication functions and the educational rights of individuals with cerebral palsy were in attendance to show their support as well.

Students sold wristbands and business

See "Compassion" page 5

## inSIDE



### Chicken Scratch:

Get the last on chicken scratch... You know you want to!

## Women's History Celebrated

By **CAITLIN HARRIS**  
STAFF WRITER

The TMB launched a Women's History month program last Wednesday at 5:30 pm. The program was hosted by Garret Counseling and Consulting. The speaker, Ashley Garret, started with a story about her mother's experiences and how she overcame circumstances to become an empowered woman. This led into a small group discussion where the audience was encouraged to participate and answer questions like "Does gender play a role in empowerment?" "Can

empowerment be a negative thing?" and "Define empowerment." Many different views were expressed, from both men and women of different races. When asked about how they learned to be empowered, the audience responded with answers like "my environment and family," "church" and "my upbringing" as well as simply "life." Garret spoke about how people spend hundreds of dollars on classes about how to be empowered. Audience participation was reward-

ed with door prizes at the end of the program.

Next, Garret presented her "Survival Skills 101", including essential skills she thought young women should have in order to be successful. She suggested building a network with other professionals, which she said was different than a social support network. She also suggested young women learn to think critically, speak clearly, and make decisions. "Being indecisive will only get you so

See "Women" page 5

## inTHE NEWS

### 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



Photo by Steve Latham

### Lady Cocks Get Third Straight Win

**JACKSONVILLE** - The Jacksonville State women's tennis team will carry a three-match winning streak into the final weekend of regular season as they topped Mercer, 4-3, in final home match Tuesday.

## inSIDE

The Gospel Choir's annual spring concert is this Sunday  
**Page 4**



VISIT [WWW.THECHANTICLEERONLINE.COM](http://WWW.THECHANTICLEERONLINE.COM) FOR THE LATEST IN JSU NEWS



# Page 2

COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Wacky, Tacky,  
but True!**



## Arnold returns as.... The Governator

He'll be animated!

And the curveball award of 2011 goes to Arnold Schwarzenegger for choosing animated TV show/comic book *The Governator* as his next project!

Here's what Arnie had to say about his upcoming collaboration with X-Men/Spider-Man creator Stan Lee:

"When I ran for governor back in 2003 and I started hearing people talking about 'the Governator,' I thought the word was so cool. The word Governator combined two worlds: the world of politics and the movie world. And [this cartoon] brings everything together. It combines the governor, the Terminator, the bodybuilding world, the True Lies..."

"I love the idea of a control center below my house with a path so that boats and submarines can go right into

Imposters Racketeers Liars & Irredeemable Ex-cons (or G.I.R.L.I.E. Men, for short)."

Ha! We have a feeling this is gonna be REALLY popular when it comes out. Sounds like fun!

Will U watch and/or read *The Governator* when it comes out next year?

### Would you pay to listen to video game music???

If we were gonna throw down that much money to experience a video game in person, we'd just go see the Broadway version of *The Lion King* video game. And yes, *The Lion King* WAS a video game! Google it. LOLz.

Disney-video-game-adaptations aside, we're not 100% sure that we think it'd be worth \$65 - \$175 to go see a live performance of video game music, but we could be wrong.

The Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) is def hoping we're wrong, because this weekend they'll be featuring *Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy*, which will showcase compositions from the hit video game series performed live to "state-of-the-art HD videos and stills shown on a massive screen highlighting the games' most memorable sequences."

We ARE aware the *Final Fantasy* fans can be pret-ty hardcore, so maybe this event will end up being a hit!

Will U go to BAM to experience *Final Fantasy* music live?

### What's going on here? Vanilla Ice signs on for Adam Sandler film.

Wow! He's really taking the acting thing seriously. no?!

## One For All

*From General Washington's struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history.*

- President Ronald Reagan, 1983

By Logan Huggins  
Staff Columnist

This week I have decided to take a slight detour from my usual form of column. Whereas I would usually take this space to try to share with you some sort of advice or encouragement, I have decided to utilize this power of the pen- as well as my constitutional right- in order to share with you something very close and personal to my heart.

The sole purpose of this piece is not controversy, offense, or conversion. I only wish to clearly share my opinion; doing so without coming across as pious, judgmental, or worse, like one of those pink-haired loons from the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Among all the holidays and national observances we celebrate and enjoy, one in particular has slowly become the center for all sorts of controversy, especially within the past couple of years. This holiday is the National Day of Prayer.

Despite the false Internet-based rumors of cancellation, the National Day of Prayer is set to officially occur on Thursday, May 5th, 2011. According to the official National Day of Prayer website, this year will mark the 60th annual observance of the NDOP.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional. The Judge reasoned that, "[The] sole purpose [of the

President Truman first enacted the NDOP as an official observance. These origins can be seen through numerous instances throughout American history.

On March 30th, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating April 30th, 1863, as a day of "national humiliation, fasting and prayer." In this, he hoped that God would respond by restoring "our now divided and suffering country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

John Adams, second president of the United States, also advocated a day of nation-wide prayer. In 1798, he declared "a day of solemn humiliation, fasting and prayer," during which citizens of all faiths were asked to pray, "that our country may be protected from all the dangers which threaten it." America was fighting the "Quasi War" with France during this time.

Even before the birth of our nation Americans saw the importance of prayer.

In 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the first National Day of Prayer as the initial positive action they asked of every colonist. The Congress issued a proclamation recommending a "day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer," be observed on July 20, 1775. Once the Revolutionary War began, a national day of prayer was proclaimed every spring until peace finally came eight years later.



tor combined two worlds: the world of politics and the movie world. And [this cartoon] brings everything together. It combines the governor, the Terminator, the bodybuilding world, the True Lies..."

"I love the idea of a control center below my house with a path so that boats and submarines can go right into the ocean. In the cartoon, my house is much closer to the beach than where we live, but, you know, it's a cartoon."

And here's what Stan Lee had to say about it: "The Governor is going to be a great superhero, but he'll also be Arnold Schwarzenegger."

"We're using all the personal elements of Arnold's life. We're using his wife [Maria Shriver]. We're using his kids. We're using the fact that he used to be governor. Only after he leaves the governor's office, Arnold decides to become a crime fighter and builds a secret high-tech crime-fighting center under his house in Brentwood."

Here are some other deets that have been revealed about The Governor:

- He'll have a closet filled with "Super Suits" that give him the ability to do "super stunts" and fly

- Sidekicks include "Zeke Muckerberg, the precocious 13-year-old computer whiz who acts as the Governor's cybersecurity expert."

- One supervillain will be "Gangsters

## What's going on here? Vanilla Ice signs on for Adam Sandler film.

Wow! He's really taking the acting thing seriously, no?!

Vanilla Ice is on his way back into the limelight, as we reported that the former rapper was would be getting involved in a pantomime production of Peter Pan next December, and now, we've gotten word that he's been cast in the upcoming Adam Sandler comedy, I Hate You, Dad!

The flick will focus on

Sandler, who moves in with his son (Andy Samberg) and future daughter-in-law (Leighton Meester), only to immediately start butting heads with her!

Ice will surprisingly not be playing himself, but instead, the substantial supporting role of Antonio, a gay wedding coordinator from Long Island!

Meanwhile, James Caan is in talks to play Leighton's actual father!

Holy shiz! Pretty impressive cast!

Sounds as though it has a lot of potential - if they don't eff it up!

Here's hoping Ice can hold his own! He may not have much experience, but if he pulls it off, we have a feeling he may have quite the lucrative acting career in front of him!

Best of luck!!!

Compiled by Kevin Brant courtesy Perez Hilton.com

National Day of Prayer website, this year will mark the 60th annual observance of the NDOP.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled the National Day of Prayer unconstitutional. The Judge reasoned that, "[The] sole purpose [of the NDOP] is to encourage all citizens to engage in prayer, an inherently religious exercise that serves no secular function."

Here's a line from President Lincoln's proclamation creating Thanksgiving Day. "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens [...] to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." If a holiday that encourages prayer is unconstitutional could the same be said of one that encourages gratitude?

This view of the National Day of Prayer is short-sighted and fails to grasp what the holiday really is.

If we are going to fully understand what exactly the National Day of Prayer is, what it stands for, and what it creates, we must take a look and see how the tradition came to be.

The origins of a nationwide day of collective prayer can be found long before 1952, when

issued a proclamation recommending a "day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer," be observed on July 20, 1775. Once the Revolutionary War began, a national day of prayer was proclaimed every spring until peace finally came eight years later.

Throughout our history America has always sought divine intercession in times of peace, war, economic downturns and national tragedies. Is the time we find ourselves in now any different?

Today America finds herself among several critical situations: two wars, a catastrophic debt, environmental disasters, and other global crises (some of which we have never dealt with before).

Has there ever been a time in American history when we needed divine guidance more?

The National Day of Prayer is not just a "religious exercise" that suggests people of all faiths and beliefs cover our nation in prayer, although that is part of it. The National Day of Prayer also reminds us of the long history our country has had relying on The Divine for wisdom, guidance and direction.

Amen.

# Calendar

## April 8, 2011

Block Party : Where: TMB Lawn

When: 1-4 pm

Sponsored by: SGA Contact: J. Beason @ sgavpsa@jsu.edu



## April 13, 2011

"Alive" Mental Health Fair

Where: TMB Lawn

When: 12:30-5:30 pm

Sponsored by: Active Minds, Counseling & University Housing Contact: Linda Shelton @ lshelton@jsu.edu



## April 10, 2011

JSU Gospel Choir Spring Concert :

Where: TMB Auditorium When: 6-9 pm

Contact: Dr. Myrtice Collins @

mcollins@jsu.edu



# OPINION

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



power wolves sit at your door  
hear them stalking

when the smoke has cleared  
the devil is in the mirror

i need some breakfast...

wheres my mirror?

tap.baneslayer for 5 damage,  
then play phyrexian rebirth to  
wipe the board and get a 5/5  
token

Who turned on the strobe  
light!!!!

This one time.. in Dixon...

yeah, febreze don't fix stank  
Albino Kangaroos are kewl

Logan Maddox is the coolest  
person EVER

First Watch saved my life

Did you hear that frog?

If you like that then you'll love  
this!!!

Cheese stinks

Logan cleaned his room!!!!!!

Lost: they were found, then  
they got lost again, and then....  
they were found to get lost  
some more

I wish they would create a  
show called Found

DJ Funky Fresh says hello

Will JSU Housing please  
LEAVE THE AC ON!!!

Who is Debo Robinson?

Who loves Orange Soda?

FACT: Strangers always have  
the best candy.

Hi, Welcome to Abercrombie  
our sizes are small, extra  
small, anorexic, bulimic and  
malnourished.

The awkward moment: when  
someone deletes their com-  
ment of facebook and it looks  
like you are talking to yourself.

True laziness is being excited  
when plans get cancelled.

Dear Monday: I wasn't born  
with enough middle fingers to  
let you know how I feel.

news about foxes. Sincerely,  
unimpressed.

I can't curse? ok, well you're  
a motherfucking corksucking  
icehole!!!

Ok Summer, I get it....you're  
playing hard to get.

a fool is a 25-foot window-  
washer who steps back to  
admire his work

I wanna meet this bridge-  
jumping friend my parents  
complain about.

My bed and I love each other  
but my alarm clock won't let us  
be together

Facebook should change  
friends to people I have made  
eye contact with

If you are reading this in class  
then you know who you are  
and that I am still here.

if we are what we eat, are can-  
nibals the only normal people?

The smurfs are not cool. Just  
Saying!!!

Kevin Brant: Co-Editor: kbrantassoc.editor@gmail.com  
MJ Ortiz: Co-Editor: mjnewsed@gmail.com

## Icons & Legends

By: Boyace Pope  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Saturday night, March 26 was a bit historic for the city of Birmingham. Why? Simply stated, Alabama was finally able to secure enough star to hold an event at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Arena.

Chrisette Michelle, Erykah Badu, Ron Isley of The Isley Brothers and Rickey Smiley performed at the evening that had Alabamians driving far and near to support great talent coming back through Alabama on their tour stops. A point that was accented and heavily repeated during the course of the show.

Fans of Michelle, Badu and Isley were able to shed a few tears of joy as they laughed at jokes from the locally and nationally recognized comedian, Rickey Smiley. Smiley, pulled out all of his signature characters such as Lil' Darryl and the Church-mother Jenkins but he also brought with him a new sense of humor that had his native Birmingham fans falling back in love with him. In addition to the classic yo' momma jokes, Smiley also held a fashion show in which he paraded members of the audience in front of the stage as he gave his ideas, thoughts and jokes of what they may do in their free time. He was a true crowd pleaser and kept the people abed as the anticipated the first performer, Chrisette Michelle who came on stage noticeable late.

When Michelle came to the stage there was no ditz

person and promised that the next album would be full of happy, love songs. She performed her hits such as: "Girlfriend", "I'm a Star", "It's over", "All in what you do" and her true-to-self love ballad, "The Goodbye Game".

Following the performance of Christette Michelle, there was a light show and a heavily rehearsed intro cadences from a band and finally after moments of head bobbing and foot tapping; an entrance from the one and only miss Erykah Badu. In typical Badu fashion there was education intermingled with the performance. She performed something from all six of her multi-platinum studio albums. The song that received the most crowd response was "Tyrone", from Baduism Live. "Tyrone" is the story of a gentleman Badu dated whom never gave anything but always asked for too much; a story each of the women patrons were oh too glad to sing along with. With her eccentric style of dress; vocal and rhythm patterns reminiscent of old school jazz and blues singers, she sung her way through several stories that each person sitting in a sit could relate to and would make for an excellent show.

The last performer of the evening was the man, the myth, the legend Ronald Isley of The Isley Brothers. He entered the stage on one of his most successful songs, "In between the sheets." a vocal performance



Did you hear that frog?

If you like that then you'll love this!!!

Cheese stinks

Logan cleaned his room!!!!!!

Anne Marie Hester!!! You are my hero!!!!!!

Jesus saves

harry potter is in mason hall

Give me that sodding cell phone!!

4,8,16,23,42

ment of facebook and it looks like you are talking to yourself.

True laziness is being excited when plans get cancelled.

Dear Monday: I wasn't born with enough middle fingers to let you know how I feel.

Pandora tells me what music I like, Netflix tells me what movies I like, Refrigerator: Why are you such a slacker?

Dear Idiots, I've never read a tombstone that read: died from not forwarding a chainletter to 10 people. Sincerely, Get-A-Life

Dear Fox News, so far no

then you know who you are and that I am still here.

if we are what we eat, are cannibals the only normal people?

The smurfs are not cool. Just Saying!!!

(ANY VIEWS OR OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE OPINION SECTION OF THE CHANTICLEER ARE THOSE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WRITING AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OR OPINIONS OF THE CHANTICLEER, WLJS, OR JSU OR ANY OF IT'S AFFILIATES OR EMPLOYEES.)

they may do in their free time. He was a true crowd pleaser and kept the people abed as the anticipated the first performer, Chrisette Michelle who came on stage noticeable late.

When Michelle came to the stage there was no glitz and glam of a light, no heavy rehearsed intro cadences from the band and no extremely futuristic fashion faux that would expect from a performer of her caliber; it was just a vocalist and a microphone, which proved to be all she needed. Her first song was one noticeably not one of her own but one she was sure the crowd would know, "Aston Martin Music", a single off Rick Rose's newest album The Teflon Don; and as she had hoped the crowd melodically sang along with her every word of the well-known hook and cheered as she finished and introduced herself. Michelle, before going into her set first, offered an apology for being such an angry

excellent show.

The last performer of the evening was the man, the myth, the legend Ronald Isley of The Isley Brothers. He entered the stage on one of his most successful songs, "In between the sheets," a vocal performance that could easily been saved for a crowd of deaf people. Isley's look was very much the same, smooth and sensual but his voice obviously did not get that memo. Isley sounded like he could have used a few more hours of sleep. Period, there was no in between; if it had not been for the crowd knowing all the words to his songs we would have not heard much of the Isley tunes.

Despite Chrisette Michelle not having a band; Erykah Badu being too much of a performer to be in that particular show and Ron Isley sounding like his age was catching up with him - it was a great show and one well-received by Alabamians.



Listen to WLJS DAILY  
for your chance to

WIN!!!

(256) 782-5592

(256) 782-5571

919fm.webs.com

# THE CHANTICLEER

The Student newspaper of Jacksonville State University since 1934

Room 180 Self Hall, Jacksonville State University  
Jacksonville, AL 36265

## THE CHANTICLEER STAFF

**Kevin Brant Co-Editor:** kbrantassoc.editor@gmail.com

**MJ Ortiz Co-Editor:** mjnewsed@gmail.com

**Boyace Pope A&E Editor:** bpope.chantynews@gmail.com

**Maurice Winsell Sports Editor:** mauricewinsell@yahoo.com

## CONTACT US

http://www.thechanticleeronline.com  
Editor-in-chief: 782-5701  
News Desk: 782-8192  
Online Desk: 782-8521

Sports Desk: 782-5703  
Advertising: 782-8191  
News fax: 782-5932

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

The Chanticleer welcomes letters to the editor. Letters for publication must be limited to 300 words and must be typed. Letters may be hand-delivered or sent through campus mail to our offices in Room 180, Self Hall, or to the mailing address. Letters may also be e-mailed to kbrantassoc.editor@gmail.com or mjnewsed@gmail.com.

The Chanticleer will not print letters which are libelous or defamatory.

Letters may be edited for style, brevity or clarity. The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission. Letters must be received by noon on the Monday before the desired publication date.

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.

# Arts and Entertainment

## Taster's Fair a Real Treat During ISO-Sponsored International Week



ISO President and international students. Photo by Kevin Brant/ THE CHANTICLEER

By ED MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Jacksonville State University and the International Student Organization brought a successful close to the annual JSU International Week with the International Day Taster's Fair. The program, with over 40 different dishes from around the globe, served up appetizers, entrées and deserts originating as far across the land as Honduras to Kenya and Jamaica to

Sweden. Drawings of flags were impeded throughout the auditorium, in which they represented the country of that particular dish. As they were serving their particular dishes, students of the International House proudly wore the attire of their native land. A diverse assortment of elegant, international attire filled the room as guests waited in line to be served. "It was wild in the International House kitchen," chuckled International House Director Dr. John Ketterer. "We had been running for the past

3 days. Students contacted their mothers; some had even gone to Atlanta to get some of the ingredients. The talent show was excellent, and those who were there could feel the good will and hospitality offered by our ISO. It's a good event for the university." The ISO had been planning not only the Taster's Fair, but the entire International Week since last semester. Eva Aguilar, coordinator for the International House since 1999, declared with content her satisfaction with the fair. "It's all different," she affirmed. "I always enjoy it so much. We all get to know more and more differences."

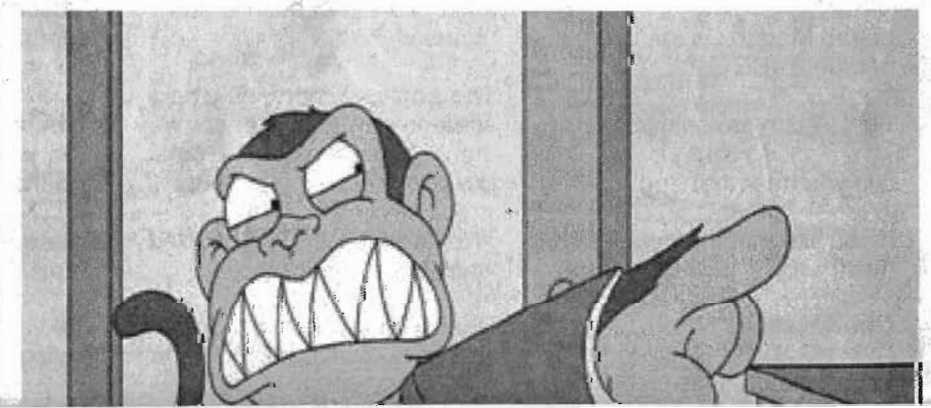
The attendees of the fair not only had a diverse gathering among students, but of alumni of Jacksonville State as well. Dr. Carol Sedlacek and Mr. Bruce Windom, both 1970's graduates of Jacksonville State, read about the fair through their online subscription of The Chanticleer. "We just like the different cultures and we like the food," said Sedlacek. "We just came for the whole thing." "It's not common to get the opportunity to try something from Morocco," responded Windom. "We try to support the university to the degree we can. We're proud of JSU for the type of university they are to support international students." Freshman, Ashley Smyre, felt she possessed a more personal connection towards the event. "My minor is international studies," she explained. "So that makes it all the better. I'm really good friends with students that are either in the

international house, or were there at some point in time. One of my real good friends is from Saudi Arabia, so I'm really looking forward to trying some of their food."

The organizers of the event administered special care and attention towards the table serving the Japanese food with the recent earthquake tsunami tragedy that occurred in the country on March 11. Donations were made possible to the Japanese table through management from The Reserve at Jacksonville apartments and Dr. Charles Notar, Associate Professor of Secondary Education. "I was having a conversation with the managers of the Reserve," explained Ketterer. "We wanted to make a special effort for the Japanese table." Sachio Arai, is a Japanese student who served at the table. He expressed his deepest feelings of gratitude with the Chanticleer. "I am so grateful," he began. "I didn't expect this kind special attention or treatment. I was amazed at how the community knows about the tragedy." Arai informed us he received no familial casualties in the Japanese devastation.

The end of the program composed of honorary awards for all seven members of the ISO. This event was not only the last of the 2011 JSU International Week, it was the event that completed their tenures as ISO officers for the 2010-2011 academic school year. "This board has only one job left," explained Ketterer during the presentation. [And] that is to elect their replacements."

## Beauty More than Skin Deep





# than Skin Deep

By: **BOYACE POPE**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Whoever coined the phrase, "beauty is only skin deep", never was sitting in an office across the table from three women determined to get their message out.

Last week, on March 31, I had the opportunity to sit down with the founders of the Alabama Naturals Network, Rochelle Tolbert-Dorsey & Amina Morgan. I also spoke with one of its members, Aziza Jackson for a candid conversation that included a few questions about their push for women to go "natural". For those of you unfamiliar with the organization, it was founded by two women who met during the course of their own "natural journeys." The mission is simple: to encourage natural women to enjoy the journey of embracing what GOD gave you. A message that they took to the world of media through Facebook. During the course of the conversation, things got heated due to the fact that they are truly passionate about what they do.

BP: What is "going natural"?

ANN: "Going natural is the process in which we cut out all the perms and processing that has been done to our hair; to then allow it to grow back naturally and beautifully."

BP: Is the natural lifestyle limited to the hair?

ANN: "It generally starts with the hair but then something amazing takes shape; we started to love and respect ourselves more, our self-worth increased and it inspired me to eat more naturally and build a stronger relationship with GOD. It allowed to stop viewing myself with Americanized standards of beauty and look at myself perfectly as GOD created me. The hair is just a brief yet bold proclamation of what is taking place on the inside."

BP: What do you mean by "Americanized standards of beauty"?

ANN: "Commercials, shows, newspaper and magazine ads are always showing us this cookie-cutter one-sided view of beauty, not to say

that those women aren't beautiful but I don't think they ever show anything that appeals to the reality of women. Women are all shapes, sizes, colors, heights and hair types and by showing not only us but men this one-sided view of beauty, that is what they have grown to expect and because we all strive to be in happy healthy relationships we seek to give our counterparts what they see as beauty - knowing that their perception of beauty is merely based off what they have been exposed to."

BP: What have you discovered since "going natural"?

ANN: "How distorted the perceptions in America are, how parents aren't doing their jobs and we as women have not taken control of the definition of beauty; we have allowed others to define what beauty is for us."

BP: What do you have to say to those who believe that this "natural state" is just a fad like it was in the 1970s?

ANN: "We have to encourage women to stick to their guns and do something that makes them feel good in their own skin. We are by no stretch of the imagination saying, any woman who does not present themselves naturally is not beautiful; we are; however, saying that we as women do not need to feel like we have to change ourselves and fit into the mold of beauty; beauty is an experience, it has no one right shape, form or fashion - we create beauty."

BP: So how do we get the message out, how do we tell women that what GOD gave them is more than enough, that it is beautiful?

ANN: "It is going to take women believing in themselves, accepting and loving themselves and realizing that beauty is more than skin deep; it is what on the interior that is attractive, the exterior simply catches the eye."

You can find out more about the Alabama Naturals Network by visiting their facebook page.



The moment you are done monkeying around with your talents you can bring them to The Chanticleer.

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

For more information contact MJ at [mjnewsed@gmail.com](mailto:mjnewsed@gmail.com) or Kevin at [kbrantassoc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kbrantassoc.editor@gmail.com) Editor's Desk: (256) 782-5701. News Desk: (256) 782-8192

## JSU Gospel Choir Concert Coming Soon

By: Ed Moore III  
STAFF WRITER

The Jacksonville State University Gospel will have their annual Spring Concert this Sunday which will feature the Birmingham Community Mass Choir along with other special guests including gospel recording artist, Vanessa Bonner of Anniston. "I'm excited about doing the concert," expressed JSU Gospel Choir director Myrtice Collins. "Rehearsals have gone very well. We've had a community pastor that been coming in working with us on our music. These are the songs in the African American community that have been well enjoyed over the years. These songs are very inspiring." Along with a program filled with inspirational music, during the program, The Birmingham Mass Community Choir will be receiving a special proclamation from Governor Robert Julian Bentley. "The BCMC is internation-

ally known," added Dr. Collins. "They are great ambassadors for our state." Randall Nunn, Vice President of the JSU Gospel Choir, agrees in the efforts that have been placed towards this concert. "We are indeed looking forward to a great experience in worship," he said. "We have all been working hard in our rehearsals and trying our best to produce a sound that will be first pleasing to God, then secondly to the audience. We are looking to have a mighty good time in the Holy Ghost."

The JSU Gospel Choir Spring Concert will be held this Sunday @ 6pm at The Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. JSU Gospel Choir CDs will be sold following Sunday night's program for \$10.





Ashley Garret, speaker. **Photo by Kevin Brant/  
THE CHANTICLEER**

## Women

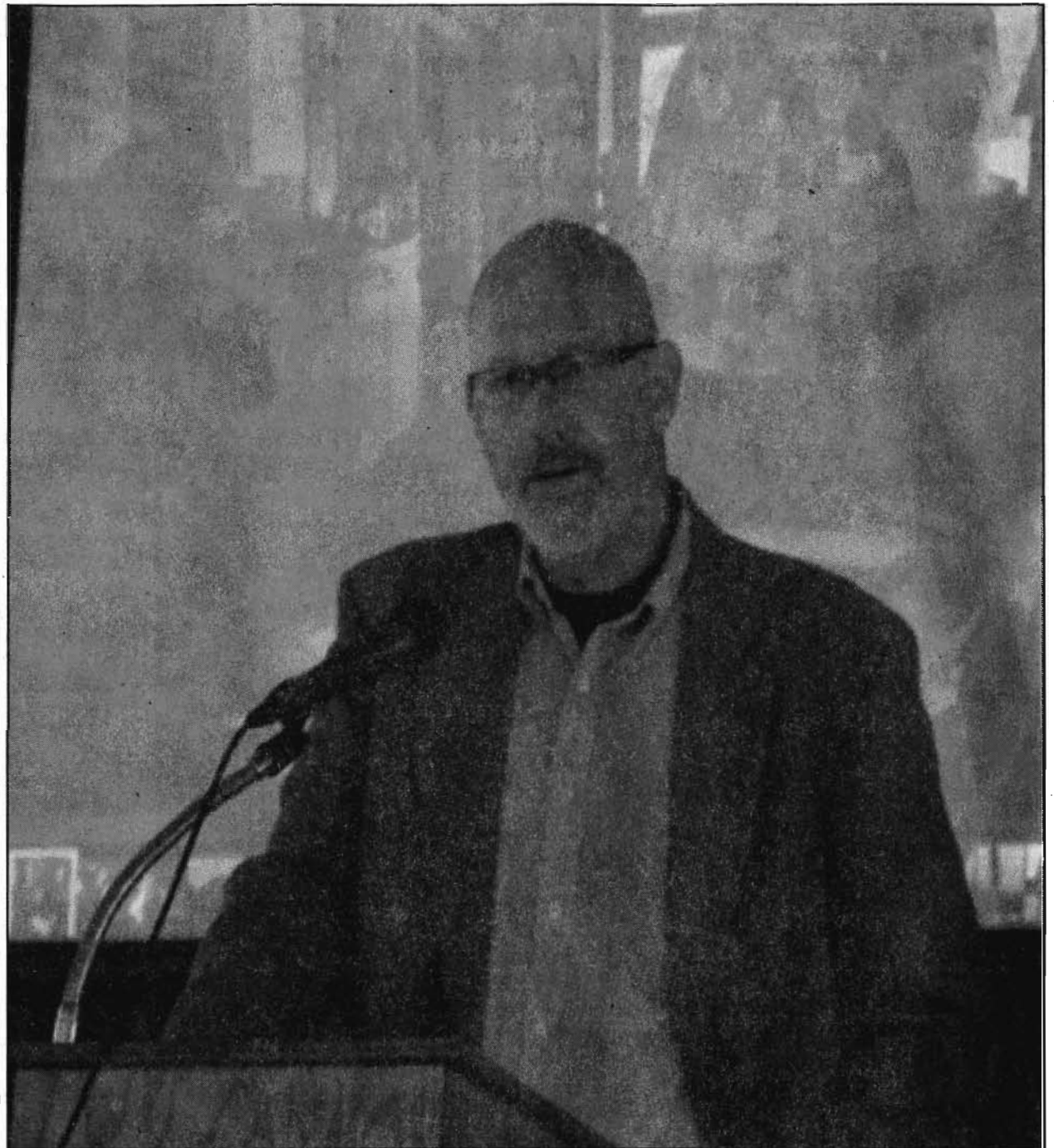
from Page 1

far," she said. "Making no decision is still making a decision." She also stated that learning to do proper research would "come in handy in professional situations" and that women should also learn basic accounting and writing/research skills, and how to relax while still setting boundaries.

After the small group discussion, Garret explained that she would be discussing women from history that she found to be inspiring, even those who are usually seen as controversial. She also explained that these women embodied her essential "survival skills" as well as other attributes. She started with Ursula Burns, the chairman and chief executive of Xerox, who Garret described as "analytical" and being an engineer over a businesswoman. Garret stated that the message that female professionals, like Burns, are sending is, "you can do the math. You can do the science; these are fields for both genders."

Garret went on to describe other influential women such as Susan B. Anthony, Marlee Matlin, Lucy Stone and Gertrude Belle Elion; each woman listed by Garret had an attribute attached to them, such as "strong-willed", "open minded" and "innovative".

"We can empower ourselves as much as we want," Garret said. "But if we keep it in our own little world, it isn't going to do any good." Garret also went on to state "Empowerment is making decisions effectively, learning how to take risks, refusing to buy into stereotypes and being an agent of positive change." She also suggested



T.R. Pearson at the JSU Honor Society Lecture.  
**Photo by Boyace Pope /THE CHANTICLEER**

## Compassion

from Page 1

discount cards to raise funds that would later be donated to charity. A lecture followed the exhibition featuring keynote speaker and author, T.R. Pearson. The lecture was organized with the assistance of the Honors Students advisor, Dr. Steven Whitton.

Pearson, whose most recent book *Year of Our Lord: Faith, Hope and Harmony in the Mississippi Delta*, is a true story about Lucas McCarty, a white man who was born with cerebral

of us have been blessed with an extraordinary gift and opportunity and so has Lucas," said Pearson. "He invited us into his world and there we learned of love, true compassion and acceptance."

Pearson spoke of his first encounter with Lucas and his church, "I knew it would be a different experience for me when the Bishop said to me concerning Lucas, 'GOD don't make mistakes,'" said Pearson. There at Trinity House of

and Harmony in the Mississippi Delta is available to be purchased at [www.alabamabooksmith.com](http://www.alabamabooksmith.com) and all proceeds from the purchasing of the book will be donated to the outreach ministries of the Trinity House of Prayer and the Lucas McCarty Foundation.

While the Honors Program is something new for JSU, they have made an incredible impact on the community. With the intentions of raising awareness and money each year as part of this



by Garret had an attribute attached to them, such as "strong-willed", "open minded" and "innovative".

"We can empower ourselves as much as we want," Garret said. "But if we keep it in our own little world, it isn't going to do any good." Garret also went on to state "Empowerment is making decisions effectively, learning how to take risks, refusing to buy into stereotypes and being an agent of positive change." She also suggested "good habits are just as hard to break as bad ones."

After the program, Debbie Taylor, the SGA advisor who organized the event, had this to say: "I just wanted this program to be about these influential women... I just wanted the audience to see these faces." Ashley Garret, when asked what her final thoughts on the program were, replied with "I wanted the message of the program to be 'We need to step outside of ourselves.'"

with the assistance of the Honors Students advisor, Dr. Steven Whitton.

Pearson, whose most recent book *Year of Our Lord: Faith, Hope and Harmony in the Mississippi Delta*, is a true story about Lucas McCarty, a white man was born with cerebral palsy and found in the most unlikely of places, a southern black Pentecostal church, deep in the bayou of Mississippi - a place of growth, development and acceptance. McCarty would be a special guest during the presentation.

Both Pearson and McCarty spent time with the students before the lecture; leaving them with this joined consensus, "each

ceptance.

Pearson spoke of his first encounter with Lucas and his church, "I knew it would be a different experience for me when the Bishop said to me concerning Lucas, 'GOD don't make mistakes,'" said Pearson. There at Trinity House of Prayer, Lucas found a place where he would not be ogled for his lack of speech ability. No one looked down on him as he drooled and no one thought he was out of place as he belted "aaaaayyyyyyyyy" from the choir loft. "He was accepted there; he wasn't Lucas McCarty, cerebral palsy patient. He was just Lucas" said Pearson.

*Year of Our Lord: Faith, Hope*

ministries of the Trinity House of Prayer and the Lucas McCarty Foundation.

While the Honors Program is something new for JSU, they have made an incredible impact on the community. With the intentions of raising awareness and money each year as part of this program, it is easy to understand the definition that Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary gives for a genius: A person who influences another for good or bad. In the case of JSU's Honors program it is clear that there are no mad geniuses here, but only intelligent people trying to spread awareness in order to help others.

# GAMECOCK

S O C C E R

## FREE

### SOCCER CLINIC!

Open to all boys and girls ages 6-14

Sat April 9th 10am-Noon @ JSU Soccer Field



Free raffle to win  
soccer prizes!

Meet the team,  
free poster signings!





# Sports



Check out  
[www.thechanticleeronline.com](http://www.thechanticleeronline.com)  
 for more JSU stories!

## Sprinting for number one

Track and Field Team win "Gem Of The Hills Invitational"



Ericka Markiewicz takes aim at the pole vault event this past Saturday. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer.

By JARED SIMPSON  
 SPORTS WRITER

Clear blue skies allowed the sun to shine bright on Saturday, April 2nd as the JSU Track and Field Team hosted the Gem of the Hills Invitational.

"The weather is nice, but it's really windy and we are ready to compete," said sprinter Laveeta Oliver. Each team was ready to compete for the top spot and the Lady Gamecocks sprinted their way to a first place finish in the 4x100 meter event with sprinters Elizabeth Bond, Shamira Barrett, India Boyd and Oliver. "With this wind, we have to make sure we focus on our handoffs so we can run smoothly," Oliver stated.

They were clocked at 46:46 letting other sprinters know that they were untouchable at their home event. "It feels good to finish first, but I know we could have done even better on our time," said India Boyd.

Oliver also finished top among all in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. She won gold with a time of 11:87 in the 100-meter and 24:35 in the 200-meter. Barrett earned the bronze medal in the 400-meter dash while Bond placed just ahead of her in the same event timed at 56:71.

In other running events, The Sturkie Sisters placed first and second in the 400-meter hurdles. Natasha turned in the top time at 1:01.82, while her twin Latasha was right behind her with a time of 1:03.24. Ericka Stam helped

JSU's cause by winning the 5000-meter run with her time at 18:20.72 boosting their point totals up as Georgia State University squad was trying to take the number one spot.

In the field events, Ericka Markiewicz, and Chelsea Denson finished at the top two spots on the pole vault. Markiewicz set her mark at 3.25 and Denson set her mark at 3.10 as they both showed great determination. Andrea Hoke lead the field in the javelin throw with a toss of 34.48 meters.

Trailing GSU by a few points, it came down to the last event of the day, which was the 4x400 meter. The Lady Gamecocks 4x400 team had to win to bring victory to the squad.

Oliver, Bond, Barrett, and Sturkie claimed the number one spot in the event showing they have what it takes to come through in the clutch. They put on a show by shattering the old record at JSU by more than four seconds being clocked at 3:44.51. JSU Lady Gamecocks ran down victory lane with 175 points to top all other schools as GSU, Albany State, Beville State, and Tennessee Tech finishes out the top five in team standings.

The Lady Gamecocks will return back to action this weekend in the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. and Boston Moon Classic in Nashville, Tenn.



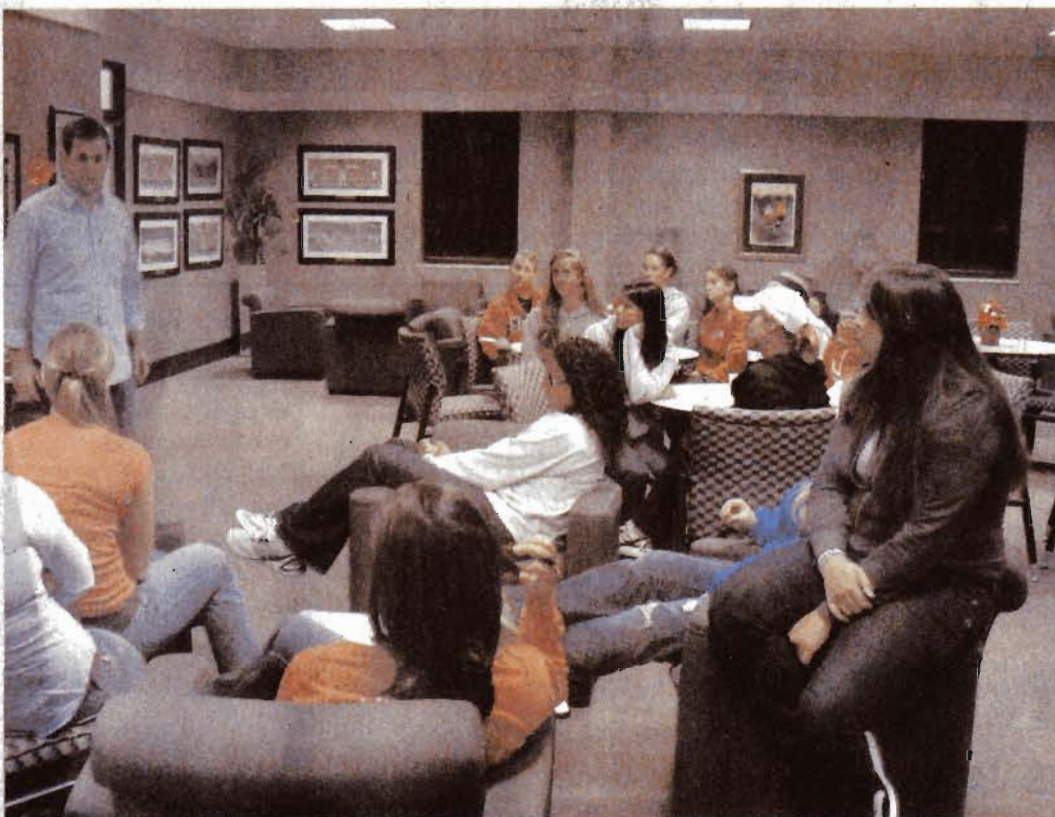




Lacretia Horton runs away from the competition during the meet. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

In other running events, The Sturkie Sisters placed first and second in the 400-meter hurdles. Natasha turned in the top time at 1:01.82, while her twin Latasha was right behind her with a time of 1:03.24. Ericka Stam helped

the top five in team standings. The Lady Gamecocks will return back to action this weekend in the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. and Boston Moon Classic in Nashville, Tenn.



Coach Kane Wommack speaks to JSU's FCA at last week's fellowship. Photo By Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

## FCA Honors JSU Athletics

By **DERRICK ROBINSON**  
SPORTS WRITER

Recently the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) honored Jacksonville State's softball team, women's track and field team and baseball team at their weekly bible study.

The FCA has weekly bible study sessions in the Gamecock Field House inside the J-Club room on Thursday nights, and once a month the FCA honors a different selection of athletic programs here at JSU. At these monthly bible study sessions the FCA provides food and refreshments for everyone who comes and there is an allotted time for everyone

to mingle before bible study begins.

"This is a great place for students to come and fellowship and focus on their Christian walk in life," stated Jamie Strange. Strange is over the player development here at JSU and is also a part of the local FCA.

The FCA is an organization of student athletes and coaches on all levels of sports. They use athletics as a medium to glorify and spread the work of Christ.

Though it is called the Fellowship of Christian Athletics, "Anyone is welcome," said leadership team

member Chelsea Pelletier. Pelletier, who is a member of the JSU soccer team also stated "This is all about serving our teams, letting them know we appreciate them."

The guest speaker for the evening was Coach Kane Wommack. Wommack is the defensive line/linebackers coach here at JSU. His testimony drew inspiration from life experiences over the years as a struggling freshman playing football at University of Arkansas to the present as a coach at JSU and engagement to his longtime sweetheart.

"God has an awesome plan for me," said Wommack. "He is molding me into the man he wants me to be." The main theme during his speech was on how he wanted to "change college football culture for Christ."

When asked how he wanted to go about accomplishing this goal Wommack stated that he wanted to use his title as coach to influence young men and lead them by example. "As your platform grows, you should use it to glorify God," said Wommack. He encouraged everyone in attendance to get to know Christ.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 8

WSOC vs Samford  
6 p.m.

Apr 12

SB vs TENNESSEE STATE  
4 p.m.

BB vs Troy  
6:30 p.m.

Apr 14

SB vs UAB  
6 p.m.

MTEN vs TBA  
TBA

WTEN vs OVC Tennis Championships  
TBA