Bible as literature class looking at split

By CRYSTAL THOMPSON
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There are stories within the Bible that most people know or are at least familiar with. Two of the more famous are the parable of the prodigal son and the parable of the good Samaritan.

But what about the lesser known writings, ones that aren’t necessarily taught in Sunday school? The man so shocked that he paused himself in the gutter? The Old Testament law that says parents can have a stub born son stoned to death? Song of Solomon’s strong emotions?

Students learn these stories in the English Department’s Bible as Literature class, and now there is a split on whether or not these stories will be offered in two sections. Starting next semester, The St. John’s Record as Literature from debut.

Spiritical roots aside, all biblical tales are at their heart. works of literature. This is what English instructor Jennifer Foster wants students to focus on beside his name.

“I think this book unequivocally has affected and impacted Western culture more than any other piece of art or literature,” says Foster.

The writer of this book is a type of poet, Foster believes, one who wrote in the format of a poem or song. Foster says that she sometimes looks at the website during a semester, and is able to find feedback on how tests will be to better prepare herself. As far as reviews, it seems few write unless they love or hate the professor.

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RateMyProfessors.com is the largest online destination for professional ratings, founded in 1999 by a software engineer out of California. It is used in more than 150 countries, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. It also consists of over 600,000,000 student-generated comments and ratings.

The website allows students to communicate, with one another by searching a professor by name. There can find out how to be the teacher of a really good or even a really hot. “Hot or Not?” feature, indicated by a chili pepper icon beside the name.

“I’ve found the information to be extremely helpful, especially in regards to deciding the personalities of the classes,” says Senior Morgan Wherestone. “I respond well to professors that are passionate about the material they are teaching, and RateMyProfessors usually provides substantial descriptions to help me select the right courses accordingly.”

Numerous students say they do not base their decision on how “hot” the professor is, but it’s definitely an added bonus.

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Dr. Robert Felgar, head of the English Department, doesn’t take the site too seriously, either. He believes it is nothing more than a popularity contest, and that it’s more important to focus on the IDEA survey that encourages students to take.

“The problem with the IDEA system,” says Senior Ben Numaly, “is that it means to provide feedback for the professors, not the students. Does JSU have the resources? No, students need some way to communicate with each other and professors is the most popular way to do it.”

Stedham says his biggest disappointment is the effect the review does in this regard. It is corrosive. “It’s the greatest miscarriage of justice currently on the Internet.”

Religious beliefs about the Bible. “She only rates real good until we ask about the human state” said any perspective by stepping outside those beliefs to abandoning them. Those who remain in the class tend to agree.

Junior Daniel Hughes admits he was wary network. “We are in the practical aspects to such a deeply personal topic, but now feels no doubt has joined only of all other students. Her technique encourages students to decide which questions are the most important.

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Unconnected campus

By JORDAN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

“Webpage is not available...connected with limited connectivity...Windows cannot find any networks.” These are words students at Jacksonville State read on a daily basis. JSU is facing a problem with the Internet in campus housing. Steven Cones, a sophomore at JSU described the Internet as ‘horrible’. ‘It goes out at least once a day,’ says, ‘When it’s working, it’s some of the best that I’ve had.”

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The Internet affects more than just students. Visitors here on business face the same issues. Ed Muscatelle is the best way the administrator for the Student Union and covers football games from the press box, it’s an issue. ‘I’ve lost the press use the same Internet as the resident of Stadium Tower, and experience the same is. Students and newer laptops usually have the same 3G network everywhere we go, so I don’t run into the problem that you may face President before we got these, I did experience lagging,”

Mike Stedham says that the university housing department is aware of the issue and is in joint effort with other departments of the administration to resolve it. According to Kevin Hout, Director of University Housing and Residence Life, the issue is that there isn’t enough bandwidth to meet the demands of the students. ‘This can be resolved by the university administration,’ says Hout, referring to the Information Technology Center located in DuBose Hall. ‘We’ve done some things with our network to try to modify that, but I think ultimately it won’t be completely resolved in the near future.’

As Vice President of Information Technology, Hout also spoke about the university’s plans to add dorms not already on the Wi-Fi network. ‘With JSU’s comparatively small campus, we can cover our wireless network so that wireless is available throughout the hallways and different buildings and classrooms,” says Hout. “We are open to suggestions and we’ll try to accommodate the best we can.”

Would adding all of those dorms to an already overcrowded network just make matters worse?

According to President Meehan, the transition will not be the problem worrisome. The university is planning on drastic improvements to the Internet, a process that could be complete as early as Spring 2012. According to President Meehan, the transition will cost $800,000.
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CAMPUS CRIME
Saturday, November 19

- Reckless Endangerment & Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Nelson Avenue
- Criminal Mischief at Stadium Tower (still pending)
- Theft of Property at Dixson Hall (still pending)
- Theft of Property at JSU Dump (still pending)
- Frauds/Use of Debit Card at Stadium Tower (still pending)
- Harassment at Stadium Tower (still pending)

Tuesday, November 22

- Arrest for Disorderly Conduct at Trustee Circle
- Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle (still pending)
- Threat Assessment at Martin Hall (still pending)
- Medical Emergency at Hammond Hall
- Lost Property at Jack Hopper Dining Hall (still pending)

Wednesday, November 23

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at University Estates
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct on Goodloe Avenue

Sodexo and the JSU SGA are teaming up to collect perishable items for donation to the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center as part of the Helping Hands Across America campaign. Beginning November 28 through December 8, the organization, department or team with the most pounds collected will win a free pizza party for its group. A donation box will be set up in Jack Hopper Dining Hall (the Cafe), or you may call ext. 5555 and arrange for a pickup in your department. Please have all items turned in by noon on December 8. Winners of the pizza party will be announced at 2 p.m.

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...is important,” says Hughes. This instead of an instructor teaching religion from a pulpit was a relief.

But the class work isn’t a free-for-all. There is method to her madness, so to speak. In addition to the typical reading assignments, group discussions and presentation, a portion of each week is spent studying an ancient text is deeply intertwined with today’s technology. The University’s Blackboard system and the instructor’s Facebook page are heavy- ly utilized. Each student maintains a weekly online blog, in which the author poses a literary question and answers it.

This teaching style is known as challenge-based learning. “I don’t give exams. I do assess students, but my assessment, I think, is a higher level of thinking,” says Hughes. “What I’ve allowed my students to do is to come up with their own projects. After I’m reading these blogs and I’m learning so much through the students’ challenge of themselves. It’s amazing to me; when I graduated, gosh it was drudgery. I hated it. Now I’m captivated by these things students are writing every week.”

Jenifer Katie Cleveland says, “Even before the class began, Mrs. Foster was already warning us not to expect theological debates. I’m sure some hesitate in allowing this class to be taught because the professor might preach to the students or it might make someone mad that the Bible isn’t being fenced on in a holy book.”

Because the Bible is so vast and detailed, Mrs. Foster requested the course be split.

The Old Testament, literature and The New Testament as Literature. As of this writing, The New Testament has passed curriculum review and is expected to be added to the Spring 2012 class schedule.

Cleveland believes no one could do a better job teaching this class than Foster. “I’ve gone through this whole semester with her and still don’t know her religious beliefs, which is just the way it should be, considering it’s a literature class.”

CAMPUS EVENTS

Saturday, December 10

Little River Canyon Center, 11 a.m. - Noon. Nassau, but bee-keepers are encouraged by RSVP by Field Schools.
BY MINNIE MARRUBY
STAFF WRITER

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I opened in theaters November 16, and Breaking Dawn, Part I is a continuation of the famous Twilight saga book series, by Stephenie Meyer, that has been adapted to film and is the first half of the final installment. The movie explains what every fan has been waiting on since the last trick of Eclipse.

Bella and Edward are finally married and starting their life together. The fans questions are answered as the movie begins. Bella is changed into a vampire. It also fulfills the viewer’s expectations as far as the love story that encompasses Bella and Edward.

The movie finally fulfills the most anticipated event in Bella and Edward’s relationship. The movie does a good job of showing a very tasteful and PG-13 valentine scene after their wedding day, of course. The movie also shows a very gore and scary bath scene, as Bella and Edward welcome their half-human, half-vampire child into the world.

Breaking Dawn, Part I introduces more into the personal relationships more than previous installments that were filled with action packed fighting scenes, but the intensity is still there. Breaking Dawn, Part I topped in an impressive $579.5 million in box offices opening weekend. It did not do as good as New Moon, the second installment and series record, which made $412.8 million.

Part I is expected to remain number one at the box office.

I personally loved Part I because it builds the anticipation for Part II. This movie revealed more of the relationship between Edward, Bella, Jacob and the Volturi.

We get to see Bella at her most vulnerable moment as she decides to give birth to her immortal baby, even though, she knows it may kill her. She struggles in her decision to have the baby, no matter how much she loves her family and tries to talk her out of it.

The movie itself draws in the audience by leaving everything begging for more. The anticipation builds as the audience is left with the cliff hanger ending, which keeps people questioning what is to come.

We experience the emotional roller coaster of Bella, Edward and Jacob as they all come to grips with Bella’s decision to keep her child and her decision to be turned into a vampire.

The ending makes the viewers question the future of Bella and the direction that her life is headed. I recommend this movie for any true Twilight fans or anyone curious about the famous saga.

In the end it was really worth the wait. This is the reason it will be worth another year’s wait for the conclusion of the Twilight saga, Breaking Dawn, Part 2.

The Sleaze: Updates on Juicy Celebrity News

BY EBONEE RONTO
STAFF WRITER

Baby, Baby, Baby NO!

Justin Bieber has dealt with recent allegations of fathering a child with concert attendee, Mariah Yeater. The Seventeen year old pop singer had a paternity lawsuit filed against him in San Diego, California. Twenty year old Yeater claims Justin is the father of her three month old son, Tristan Yeater. Yeater claims she met Bieber at a concert in Los Angeles.

Yeater claims that Bieber sent two security guards to get her to meet with him backstage. Bieber and Yeater got acquainted, partied, and shared a couple of drinks backstage at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. She says she indulged in sex with Bieber on October 25, 2010 when she was nineteen and he was sixteen.

Yeater said, “Justin suggested that I go with him to a private place where we could be alone; after walking away from the other people backstage, Justin found a place where we could be alone...a bathroom.”

Bieber’s legal team issued the following statement: “While we haven’t yet seen the lawsuit, it’s said that someone would fabricate malicious, defamatory, and demonstrably false claims.”

“We will vigorously pursue all available legal remedies to defend and protect Justin against these allegations.”

Yeater withdrew her paternity lawsuit last week. Although he did not have an obligation to, Bieber decided to take a DNA test anyway, which proved exactly what everyone suspected; Bieber you are not the father!

Kim Kardashian’s Quicksie

Kim Kardashian married NBA star Kris Humphries August the 20th in a lavish ceremony in Montecito, CA. The wedding is rumored to have cost as much as $10 million.

Kardashian filed for a divorce from Kris Humphries on a Monday morning after only seventy-two days of marriage. Humphries claims to have no knowledge of the filing. Humphries wanted to move to Minnesota while Kardashian wanted to stay in L.A. with her family, friends, and said that it would be best to stay in that town for her career. The date of separation was listed for October 11, 2011. Kardashian stated that she would pay for her own lawyers’ fees and expect Humphries to do the same. She wants the court to reject any moves by Humphries which involves getting spousal support. The couple has an unfavorable agreement.

iTunes Top 10 Songs

1. I Will Rain, Bruno Mars
2. Keep on I Know It, LMFAO
3. We Found Love, Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris
4. Good Feeling, Flo Rida feat. Snoop Doggy Dogg
5. Moves Like Jagger, Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera
6. The One That Got Away, Katy Perry
7. Somewhere Like You, Adelle
8. Without You, Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera
9. Stronger, Keri Hilson & Lily Allen

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Singing and Signing for Hearing Foundations

KARA COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday night, seven teams of JSU students performed karaoke-style songs for a panel of judges, and the winner received a $150 Walmart gift card. This event was the culmination of any other talent show/audition held at any school across the nation, but there was a catch: teams had to utilize sign language and choreography in their performances.

The Sing and Sign was sponsored by Delta Zeta, whose philanthropy program is speech and hearing. Teams paid a fee to enter their group in the competition, and audience members were charged $1 to see their performance. Delta Zeta philanthropy chairman Angela Marino speculated that the event raised about $300.

Proceeds are to be split between the Starkey Foundation and the House Research Institute. The Starkey Hearing Foundation goes on "global hearing missions," according to the world, from Nashville to Port Au Prince to Cairo. On these trips, a team of audiologists and volunteers fit hearing aids for hearing-impaired children and adults. Starkey's Hear Now program helps Americans obtain hearing aids who otherwise didn't have the resources to pay for them. Their Listen Carefully program enlists volunteers to pass on their hearing loss by turning down the volume on their headphones when they listen to music.

The Sound Matters campaign promotes regular ear and hearing tests to prevent hearing loss by employing healthy listening habits. For about $20, you can see the House Ear Institute, the House Research Institute has been working for over sixty years to improve quality of life for people with hearing problems. Minority children in the United States receive over 1,200 hearing-impaired kids annually, and their doctors work with researchers to integrate science and medicine, on top of educating the public on healthy hearing.

Both groups and individuals received a scorecard on how well they sign and sing, and the winners were presented with trophies.

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These will be the last two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. However, readers may begin another two-week series publication of articles, editorials, or letter to the editor.
#5 JSU rifle alums and claims Gamecock invitational title

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State University rifle team claimed the overall laurels this past weekend at the Gamecock Invitational, hosted by JSU at the Jacksonville State Rifle Range. The fifth-ranked JSU squad posted an aggregate score of 4641, 38 points better than second-place Memphis, 4603. The invitational field included three other teams ranked in the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association Top 20 Poll – the No. 9 Tigers of UM, No. 18 North Carolina State and No. 20 University of Tennessee at Martin in career goals.

Senior Andrea Dendar posted a 576 in small-bore and a 584 in air rifle, finishing 9th and 6th respectively. Freshman Dan McClure shot a personal best in aggregate and small-bore. McCrane, from Mt. Pleasant, Md., tallied an 1149 aggregate and a 572 in small-bore. Sophomore Sam Mueggge added a 572 in small-bore and a 583 in air rifle for a total of 1155.

JSU returns to the range on Jan. 14, 2012, hosting the Cougars of CU.

-From Sports Wire

Pelletier earns CSODA ESPN The Magazine academic all-district honors

JACKSONVILLE – For the seventh time in her career, Jacksonville State’s Chelsie Pelletier has earned academic all-district honors. Pelletier, a member of the Weekend Magazine Women’s Soccer All-American team, was recognized on Friday by the College Sports Information Directors of America organization. Pelletier was selected to the District 4 Second Team as she completed her senior and final season as a student-athlete.

To be nominated a student-athlete must have a 3.20 grade point average or better, be a sophomore or older player and must have competed in at least 25 percent of the team’s total contests.

Pelletier, a five-year player, was named to the District 4 Second Team in 2008 and 2009. She was also an Academic All-American in 2009. As an eighth grader in 2008, she was an All-GT Tournament selection for JSU’s state team title.

Pelletier is a two-sport athlete and has been named a co-captain for the district’s All-District team in both soccer and softball. Pelletier has a perfect 4.0 grade point average in communications and a minor in marketing.

Pelletier is one of four senior athletes that have claimed their third on the CSODA ESPN The Magazine Team. The Gamecocks have at least one Academic All-American participant in each of the four years.

Pelletier was named an Academic All-District Honorable Mention three times and a member of the Academic All-District Team twice.

-From Sports Wire

Gamecock Sports

Gamecock Skiing at the USGC Championship

Thanksgiving Classic Coverage: Southern Miss down JSU, 75-58

BATTLESCREES, Miss. – A 22-2 second-half scoring run propelled Southern Mississippi to its 75-58 opening day win over the Lady Eagle Thanksgiving Classic on Friday at Reed Green Coliseum in Starkville, Miss. The Lady Eagles take on Georgia Southern at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the conclusion of the tournament. Missouri Tech won 92-58 decision to Stephen F. Austin in the first game on Friday.

After trailing by two, 29-27, at the halftime break, and down 37-36 with 17:28 left in the contest, USM’s defense turned up the heat as its full court press played havoc with Jax State. USM used its defensive tenacity and turned it into a one-point game, 39-38, after the defense sparked a 22-2 scoring run to push the lead out to 16 points at 59-43 with just over seven minutes in the contest. Turnovers plagued the Tigers in the second half as they had 13 of their 26 miscues in the second half.

USM turned those 14 second-half turnovers into 23 points on the other end. USM’s defense, which was limited to one basket in the first 20 minutes, scored 12 of its 14 points in the second half.

The Black and Gold pushed the lead out to as many as 25 points, 65-45, with 4:59 left before claiming the 17-point win. USM connected on 42-46 (55 percent) from the floor and 18-23 (60 percent) from the free-throw line and 12-16 (75 percent) from beyond the arc.

In the opening half, the Lady Eagles changed seven times, including JSU’s largest lead of 23 points at 23-17 with 5:55 left in the first half. Brittaney Manning, who led the Red and White with 11 points, scored six of those points in the opening half. Junior Danielle Vaughn recorded her third double-double in the last four games with a 10-point, 11-rebound effort against USM.

Senior Dominique Omokwu added nine points and six rebounds in 33 minutes of floor action. Freshman Briana Morrow dropped in eight points and three rebounds. The Gamecocks had ten of their 11 players score at least two points.

The season will get underway at home on Feb. 10, when they face Lipscomb inside the NATIONALS from North Carolina and the AHSAA state championship.

“These are the top-three districts. Both have championship teams. We have a five-year period. inking out-

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Shamrock Classic coverage: Gamecocks storm back but fall to Weber State

GAMECOCKS FALl TO WEBER STATE

MOROCCO, Calif. — The Jacksonville State men's basketball team almost overcame a big first-half run by Weber State, but a 21-point advantage in the second half was too much for the Gamecocks to overcome.

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