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Driven to Succeed
For Todd Cunningham Charity Starts at Home

By BOYACE POPE
ART AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Every few years you come across a person who could be deemed as extraordinary; a person who blessed with a tremendous amount of talent, driven to succeed and is selfless. Todd Cunningham is one of those people.

When one mentions the word professional athlete a few images come to mind but this young man is well outside all expectations.

Last year, Cunningham much like a lot of gentlemen his age was a student enjoying his last season of collegiate baseball regionals versus Auburn University at Auburn and while that game was taking place so was the Major League Baseball 2010 Draft. He lost that game but on the second day of the MLB draft he won something greater; the Atlanta Braves drafted him as the first pick. For most people this would be the point from which every conversation would start but for Cunningham it is just one of the many extensions of who he truly is.

During Cunningham’s early days in the game he decided to create something more than just baseball. Todd Cunningham is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and is a two-time Big East Player of the Year. Cunningham used his platform to inspire others.

During this off season I picked up swimming. I’ve never been a really big swimmer, so my goal was a mile and when I built up to a mile I started making t-shirts to celebrate it.”

When asked how it all started Cunningham said, “in ninth grade we had to do this thing for English class where you dropped and droplet of ink and used a straw to create a piece and then write a Haiku about what it looked like and it was just one of those high school projects that I was thinking about one and wanted to see if I could do it still and how far I could take it. So I started messing

Cunningham says his father was the catalyst that made him think of useful ways to do with his art. He would also need the help of Mrs. Young, the owner/operator of Java Jolt, he talked to her about the possibility of setting up a few pieces and selling them there. “I finished a collection of about thirteen pieces, made a book and a mission statement for the project I call: FLOW and now the pieces are selling for $10 a piece and all the proceeds go to Big Brother, Big Sister of Northeast Alabama.”

Cunningham said that he chose this program because, “it is super experimental; I have no idea what I am doing but I am taking it and running with it.”

So far, Cunningham has gotten enough encouraging responses; locals have looked into it and purchased a few pieces. Cunningham spoke at a Big Brothers, Big Sisters event where some one the coordinators and committee talked to him about making a nation push for it and starting a website. “So, right now the possibilities are endless,” he said.
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Scratch One art by Todd Cunningham

around with and had three or four pieces I was done with and my dad asked me, "What are you going to do with these? You are just making a mess. Are you going to try to do anything with them?"

JSU lecture to feature NPR's Jackie Northam

By EMMANUEL HARBOR
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University will host the annual Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers Lecture Series today at 1:30 p.m. in the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Since 1988, The Ayers Lecture, sponsored by the Communication Department of JSU, has invited some of the more notable figures in journalism to speak and this year is no exception as

National Public Radio (NPR) Foreign Affairs correspondent Jackie Northam is the guest of honor.

Northam's name is just an addition to the long line of distinguished journalists that have attended the lecture. Among these is Pulitzer Prize winner and Piedmont native Rick Bragg, New York Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr., former President and CEO of NPR Kevin Klose, and many more.

"We look for people that have a name in the profession (journalism), people that have experience in the profession and are well-known," said Communication Department head Dr. Kingsley Harbor, in reference to the talented list of journalists. "That is the caliber of people we invite for the lecture every year."

As the latest of these invitees, Northam takes no backseat to her predecessors as far as resume is concerned.

Presently, she is the leading Foreign Correspondent for NPR and her job has taken her to all the top events in the last twenty years. Northam was in Iraq covering the fall of Saddam Hussein, Lebanon in 2006 during the Hezbollah/Israeli conflict, and recently

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Women's Golf Eight Shots Out of Lead

KIawah ISLAND, S.C.—Lucia Fernandez Valdes leads the Gamecocks with a 3-over 75 and is tied for 24th place.
Wacky, Tacky, but True!

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

Several years ago, while I was still in elementary school, my mother and I went to get my hair cut. At first, this event seemed pretty straightforward. However, earlier that week I had been issued an ultimatum.

I was promised that if I behaved, did good in school, and didn’t “act up” that I would get to see a monster truck rally that was coming to Birmingham that Saturday.

Now, the prospects of seeing a monster truck “extravaganza” might not appeal to you and your mature, college-educated intellect as much as other, more mentally stimulating, activities (such as reading “Chicken Scratch”) but to a six or seven year old, it was quite an exciting proposition.

Well, up to the time of the haircut, I had it nailed. I was doing fine in school, no major incidents; everything looked like I was on my way to the BICC.

Then it happened.

Apparently, I was unimpressed by the amount of time it was taking the hairdresser to cut my hair. The more she snipped my hair, the more I became exceedingly bored and agitated, as all young kids are known to get occasionally. As the appointment went on, the immense amounts of boredom had taken its toll on me, and more importantly, my manners.

Finally, the hairdresser finished. I remember my mom, after paying the lady, asking me to thank her for the haircut. I don’t exactly remember why—maybe it was the boredom, or possibly the 90’s haircut I had just received—but I remember refusing any such appreciation.

I really can’t remember why I decided to turn such a tiny gesture—a simple “thank you” into something I, as a six year old, took

lady at the counter, apologized, paid her for the haircut, and we exited the building. All this with a speed and smoothness that only experienced mothers can muster. It happened so fast that I was stunned silent. I obediently followed my mom, out of the store, through the parking lot, and into the car. It was here, in the privacy of her own car that my mom decided to lower the boom on me.

She turned to me, with a mixture of frustration and sternness in her eyes, and informed me that I would not be going to the monster truck rally that weekend.

“T.K.O.!” “Mom is the Winner!”

The lesson I learned from this slightly dramatized memory is something I will never forget. Actually, it was two things: Number one: Always do what your momma tells you. And, Number two: The importance of gratitude.

Out of all the words and phrases of the English language, very few are as powerful as “Thank You.” In those two words, there can be enough power and encouragement to help someone make it through a particularly hard time. Showing appreciation is one of the fastest ways into somebody’s good graces. Conversely, failing to show someone how much you appreciate them is the quickest way to alienate, aggravate, or discourage them.

We can all think back to a time when we achieved some great feat or goal, then not get any sort of recognition for our accomplishment. Imagine if you were a cast member of JSU’s production of “Aida.” You put in all those months of practice, all those late night rehearsals, and all those exhausting dance practices, then perform the show to a full house. As you and your cast members bow for your curtain call, the audience remains completely silent. No applause, no cheering- a silent curtain call. Could you imagine? All those hours and
Go Back To High School!
The rapper will attempt to attend school in Clinton, Iowa, and sources close to production have learned that they're attempting to pay students to stick around and film with him after hours, in order to disrupt the teens' normal schedule during the day.

However, Clinton School System Superintendent Deb Olsen has yet to be fully receptive to the idea, and thinks that his presence will bring "a substantial disruption to the school day" and could have "an adverse effect on students."

Flav has already met with Olsen and a member of the school board, and is expected to speak in front of all the officials in the upcoming weeks.

He explains:
"I want this show to be able to influence people my age, that if you dropped out of high school when you were young it's never too late to go back to get your diploma."

Very true, and we'll admit, he certainly sounds as though he's committed to actually doing it, camera crews or not!

But don't be disappointed if they turn you down, bb!

The well-being of the kids has to

AGAIN?!?!?!? Maybe they need to start giving people personality tests before they're allowed into this place.

Last week we heard about this establishment, a woman was attacked in a ladies bathroom by a 16-year-old boy at a Murietta, CA Chuck E. Cheese.

This weekend, there was more violence at a Topeka, KS Chuck E. Cheese, where two groups of adults celebrating their children's birthdays got into arguments that progressed into fighting.

According to Topeka police Capt. Bill Cochran, the fight started in the children's themed restaurant and made its way out into the parking lot.

Fortunately, police were able to break up the fight before anybody got seriously hurt. Adults were issued citations for "fighting and disorderly conduct."

We really can't understand what it is about Chuck E. Cheese that attracts so much trouble!

Even worse though, we can't understand the thought process of these adults who would put their children in harm's way by engaging in violence around them. It's upsetting and baffling to us.

The well-being of the kids has to

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Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 10:30-4:00 pm
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Contact: Debbie Taylor
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Chanticleer Editor,

Back when I sat in a classroom at JSU, my economics professor had a phrase that always made us wince; “It’s a simple matter of economics” he would start. Then he would proceed to produce the most convoluted cash flow/business loss problem that he could imagine. Back then the facts so confused me that I was hopelessly lost way before he made his point.

Fast-forward to 2011. These days, I not only get it, I understand it well enough to explain it. I’m going to use Jazzman’s as my example.

Operating an eatery is chancy business. Ask anyone who has given it a shot. It’s a lot like a big empty bucket that you must fill with money every month. If you have a few people throwing money in your bucket, each person has to throw lots of money in to fill your bucket. But if you have lots of people throwing money, each can throw just a little. A big, overflowing bucket of money is the sign of a successful restaurant.

Now enter two ladies from out of town who drive 30 miles each way with no thought other than to throw money in your bucket. You, the successful restauranteur, want to make your bucket easy for those ladies to reach. You want their journey to be easy and their stay to be pleasant, so that not only will they throw money in your bucket today, but they will return to your bucket with more money and friends. But not Jazzman!

This is how Jazzman thinks economics works. The ladies drive the mentioned 30 miles, only to find a huge parking lot that asks for colors. Now the first lady to arrive takes the parking place of a leaving vehicle. She knows that her vehicle is neither silver nor gold, but dark green. Not seeing any dark green signs, but eager to throw money into Jazzman’s bucket, she goes inside the restaurant, where she is met with a sign that says “All Visitors Must Register”. Believing that registration requires an automobile tag number, she leaves Jazzman, without having an opportunity to even see the bucket, and goes to her car to record her tag number. Meanwhile, the second lady has arrived from another compass point, and is circling the huge parking lot looking for a parking space designated “Visitor”, as she also does not have a silver or gold car. Finding no visitor parking space, she parks a long way from any other car in the huge lot, and calls the first lady. “Where are you?”, she asks. “I’m in the parking lot looking for my car. I have to write down the tag number.” “Why?” “Because we have to register.” “Where?” “Geez, I don’t know.” “Well, how about you find your car and we go downtown and eat on the Square, where they don’t care what color our cars are, and we don’t have to register?” “Good idea.”

Remember that in the beginning I said I had sat in an
The girl in the BY102 class thinks you’re mocking her. just because she doesn’t look good in the morning doesn’t mean you can make fun of her in the newspaper.

If you like it then you should put a ruvaring on it.

Karla, I love you! you want some candy?

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The AKA's Pink Carpet stays Forever Young

By ED MOORE III
STAFF WRITER

Thirty-four talented students ripped the runway last Tuesday night at The Leone Cole Auditorium during the first ever Alpha Kappa Alpha Fashion and Awards Show. The fashion show was just one of a series of events that happened during last week's annual “AKA Week.”

The show included students from the Lambda Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, The XI XI Chapter of The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and The Jacksonville State University Forever Young Modeling Troupe.

Cheers roared in the auditorium as modeling participants strutted the pink carpet representing a variety of classy attire donated from retailers across Calhoun County.

“I think it was a great turnout,” said Jelisa Tan-niehill, Public Relations Manager for the Lambda Pi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. “I am very grateful for the Forever Young Modeling Troupe stepping in at the last minute. They took our vision and ran with it.”

The FYMT were contacted by the sorority to participate in the event. A show of this magnitude has been the first of its kind for the modeling ensemble.

“This is why we wanted to start a modeling troupe,” said DeAunna Harris, President and Founder of the Forever Young Modeling Troupe. “I think it's a great asset to the campus. This dream became a reality. This is something you will see again in the future.”

Many of the female models in the show were also escorted by members of the XI XI Chapter of The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The show, however, consisted of more than just modeling. Awards were given throughout periodic intermissions of the program. These awards granted special titles such as “Mr. GQ,” “Ms. Perfect” & “Best Dressed Man.”

“We did nominations for students at the TMB,” said Ra'Shundra Johnson, Business Manager for The Lambda Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. “This was the first year we’ve ever done it. All the hard worked really paid off. The models were great. The decorations were great. Everything turned out perfect. Hopefully we can make it better.”

FYMT is on the map,” said Beonce’ Cooper, Vice President of the FYMT. “I learned how to coordinate.

Many of the participants mentioned how the efforts that went into this event have undoubtedly improved their modeling skills. “It enhanced my experience all the way around,” said model Empress Ryles. “I learned how to coordinate.

The models strutted to an extensive variety of R&B and Hip Hop while exhibiting all types of attire which included evening gowns, denim jackets, fashion from the 80’s, assortments of pink and green wardrobe, hats & leopard prints.

“I hope to make this an annual event,” said Johnson. “We want to continue bringing service and excitement
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SOAR Sponsors Red Flag Event

By TORI POPE
STAFF WRITER

Statistics show that one out of four women will be abused in their lifetime and that domestic violence kills more women in the United States than cancer. Women are also abused by their partner every nine seconds.

These are just some of the many startling facts Melody Madaris, a speaker for Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, gave in her speech for The Red Flag Campaign. The Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships group sponsored this event as part of Healthy Relationships Month.

Students met in the Houston Cole Library on February 15 to listen to Madaris speak about the red flags in relationships. Students learned that domestic violence is not only physical but emotional too, and you do not have to be married to be a victim.

In fact, statistics show that people between the ages 14-24 are at a higher risk for domestic violence.

Madaris made listeners aware that men are the fastest growing group being abused on college campuses and gave examples of the many common red flags in unhealthy relationships, such as jealousy, explosive anger, name-calling, isolation, and cheating. However, students seem lost when reaching out to those who can help. Madaris stressed the importance of being vocal as a victim.

“They can bring it to the forefront. It is a still a phenomena that everyone is hush-hush about,” said Madaris.

“It is something that we keep in the families, and we don’t talk about it. Too many people are raised that way, so we need to start talking about it.”

Identifying red flags in the beginning can help to prevent this cycle before it is too late. An abuser will not show his or her true colors until the victim forms a relationship and attachment with the former.

If you or someone you know is being abused, you can call 1-800-650-6522.

Ayers Lecture Series

The earthquake disasters in Haiti that ravaged the country. Even before joining NPR, she covered the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the Rwandan Genocide in 1994.

“It can be the most wonderful thing, because you can watch history unfold, you can report it,” said Northam on the privilege of covering so many events. “The other thing, though, is that it can be incredibly stressful and it can be incredibly dangerous, I assure you.”

As exotic as the task at hand may be, the zeal and passion of covering foreign events has and continues to fuel Northam to greater experiences and has enabled her to perform her job at an elite level. Yet this enthusiasm is only the first step that leads to the most necessary characteristic Northam says is the key to her successful career thus far and is one of the points she hopes to drive home in the upcoming lecture.

Northam plans to make sure people understand the hard work and commitment that are involved with this type of career.

“I had a dinner party, planned for nine people and it was the last time all my Australian friends were going to be together and I had to cancel it, I had to go,” Northam said. “For anyone doing international work it takes a lot and not something you can do with out working a lot of the time.”

Northam’s career has encompassed many individual awards, including those from the Associated Press, the Edward R. Murrow award, and others from NPR.

She has also displayed incredible versatility and value in being NPR’s National Security Advisor for the better part of the last decade.
Arbor Day Celebration
3:30 p.m. today
JSU Quad

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Where: 1st Floor, Brewer Hall

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evening session

Strengthen your professional interviewing skills, learn tips on professional dress and take home a tip book to use as a reference when preparing for important interviews. A guide to dining etiquette will be presented by Mrs. Millie Chastain; the cost is only $10 and covers one meal. Dinner will consist of three courses; salad, baked chicken, and dessert. This event is open to ALL JSU STUDENTS. Students MUST make reservations by pre-paying at the JSU Alumni House no later than noon on Monday, February 28.

When: 6:00 p.m.
Where: TMB Auditorium

Hosted by:
Alumni Relations/STAT Club

www.jsu.edu/JSU/AlumniHouse
BCM finishes second in state tourney

By KEVIN BRANT
Co-Editor

The Baptist Campus Ministries men's flag football of JSU traveled to the University of Montevallo Feb. 18th to participate in the two day State BCM Flag Football Tournament.

"We want to bring the championship back to JSU's BCM," said Devonte Isom, a member of the team.

JSU began against the University of Montevallo on Feb. 18. JSU quickly dominated the game onto a 35-13 win, which was highlighted by an interception ran back for a JSU touchdown in the first half.

The next day had JSU playing against Troy.

A competitive first half found JSU only leading by six with a half time score of 20-13. JSU's defense was too much for Troy who were unable to move the ball effectively. The final score found JSU with a 27-13 victory.

Last year's champ, Alabama was next.

With each team scoring quickly, Alabama dominated the rest of the first half and jumped out to a half time lead of 21-7 Alabama. JSU would attempt a comeback but could not shut out Alabama in the second half and fell to the Crimson Tide to a score of 28-21.

A double elimination tournament found JSU facing Troy again in the loser's bracket.

Troy jumped out to a quick lead and the JSU players looked confused as they were shut out in the first half and down 21 points.

Despite some questionable calls, JSU would go on to win the game 35-34 after Troy failed the two point conversion.

JSU started off by quickly scoring and taking a 7-0 lead over Alabama. The Crimson Tide played catch up and tied the score at 13 going into halftime.

Alabama started the second half and after a lead change by both teams, the score was tied at 20. Things went downhill for JSU as turnovers and a lack of offensive production resulted in a loss with the final score 32-20.

Scottie Simpson a junior who played on the BCM team shared his thoughts after they lost the championship. "It was a hard fought game," Simpson said.

"We played a lot of games and we just got worn out," he added. "We will be better conditioned next year."

While JSU placed second, members of the team simply enjoyed competing.

"I think it's a great activity that Montevallo has for us," Matt Coby said, one of the team captains. "We get together as fellow believers in Christ to have great competition."

Running Over Records

Teaming Up For Breast Cancer Awareness

By JARED SIMPSON
Sports Writer

On February 17th, the JSU women basketball team faced off against Appalachian State University at Pete Matthews Coliseum.

However, the night was not only about a basketball game, as members of the JSU Zeta Tau Alpha chapter teamed up with the Lady Volunteers to raise money for the fight against breast cancer.
Track and field team gaining notice before indoor season finale

By DERRICK ROBINSON
Sports Writer

JSU women’s track and field team will be closing out their indoor season at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Charleston, Illinois on February 26th.

While Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, and Southeast Missouri State are the top teams in conference play, Coach Steve Ray feels that if the JSU squad competes at a level he knows they are capable of they will have a good finish.

“If we don’t mess up, we will be a top four team,” said Ray. Ray is in his sixth season as head coach here at JSU and in his 30th year overall as a coach.

During the course of the indoor season, the team has managed to break five school records and also gain notice for their 1600-meter relay team.

Senior Veronica Citireag broke the JSU record in the 600 meters at the Gladstein Invitational held at Indiana University. Citireag, who hails from Oradea, Romania, clocked in at 1:38.7, surpassing the old JSU record by 3.89 seconds. Citireag also runs the 800-meter distance medley relay on the team.

Freshmen Kevyn Tracy broke the JSU record in the 1000 meters at the Clemson Tiger Paw Invite with a time of 3:02.90. Tracy finished third in the 1000 meter even and second in the 800 meters.

The Austell, Ga., native has played a major role on the team. Underclassmen play a huge part on the team this year. There are only three seniors on the 32-player roster.

The 1600-meter relay team is first in the OVC and has been ranked as high as 36th nationally this season. The four-member team consists of freshman Shamira Barrett, sophomores Elizabeth Bond and Laveeta Oliver along with junior Natasha Sturkie. The team set the fastest time in JSU history with a time of 3:49.61 in the 1600-meter relay. Both Barrett and Oliver were named OVC Female Athletes of the Week two consecutive weeks in a row.

True freshman Barrett earned the honor after a solid performance at the Gladstein Invitational. She claimed the top spot in the 400-meter and the 200-meter races while also finishing in second place on the relay team.

Laveeta Oliver received the honor the following week after her impressive performance at the Tennessee State Invitational. Oliver clocked in a top speed of 7.56 seconds to win the 60-meter dash. That time is the fastest time in the OVC this season in that event.

Elizabeth “Liz” Bond has also been a key factor for the program since joining the team last year. Bonds qualified for the USA Track and Field Junior Championship last year as well as being named OVC athlete of the week honors during the year. Bonds continued her success this year turning in respectable finishes.

The JSU women’s track and field team will be hosting the Gem of the Hills Invite on April 2nd. “We only have one home meet and we want everybody to come out and support our girls,” said Coach Ray.

Intramural Basketball Season Comes To An End

By Ashley Conn
Staff Writer

Champions were crowned last week as the intramural league basketball season came to a close.

The Takers took on Da Savages in the independent men’s league championship game. A heated contest between both teams led to a half time score of 23-17 in favor of the Takers.

A game of high intensity followed in the second half as Da Savages mounted a comeback. The Takers soon found themselves in foul trouble and Da Savages extended their lead to eight and The Takers never did recover. Da Savages won over the Takers 41-33.

The independent women’s championship showcased the Black Diamonds taking on The HasBeens. The game featured many missed opportunities by The HasBeens due to numerous turnovers.

However, it was the exceptional play of Joi Watts for The HasBeens that allowed them to be competitive. With the Black Diamonds failing to capitalize, The HasBeens quickly added to their lead. With five seconds left and a lead of 34 to 27, the Black Diamonds allowed the clock to run out handing the championship over to The HasBeens.

The Fraternity Conference Championship was next as members of Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Chi filled the auditorium.

What followed was an extremely close game with only a point separating each team throughout a game of several lead changes. The last minute of the game was crucial as Pi Kappa Phi scored the game winning lay up with 20 seconds left.

Delta Chi could not score and had to foul allowing Pi Kappa Phi to clinch a 48-45 victory. “It was a good game,” said Tres Buzan of Pi Kappa Phi. “It’s great to have the title for three years running.”

The sorority league ended the night with another close game between Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi.

Lydia Berkley played hard to keep Alpha Xi close, however; ZTA managed a couple three pointers in the second half to keep Alpha Xi at bay. ZTA would go on to win 34-32.