

## IT'S ARBOR DAY:

HUG A TREE, THEY HAVE LESS ISSUES THAN PEOPLE



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## in THE NEWS

### JSU Rifle Bound for NCAA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – For the tenth time in the program's history, the Jacksonville State rifle team will compete for a national championship as the Gamecocks were selected as one of the eight teams to vie for the 2011 NCAA Rifle Title. Hosted by Columbus State University, the championships will be held March 11-12 in Columbus, Ga., at the Frank G. Lumpkin Jr. Center on the Columbus State campus and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning. The top eight teams in both the smallbore three-position and air rifle events were selected based on the average of the three highest regular-season aggregate scores with no more than one match at any given site. The average

# 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

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 of 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.





three-position and air rifle events were selected based on the average of the three highest regular-season aggregate scores with no more than one match at any given site. The average of the three highest scores was added to the aggregate scores from the designated qualifiers to determine the top eight teams. Joining Jax State will be defending national champion Texas Christian University, Alaska-Fairbanks, Kentucky, Ohio Valley Conference foe Murray State, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and West Virginia.

## Harbin Earns OVC Pitcher of the Week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Jacksonville State pitcher Tiffany Harbin has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Pitcher of the Week for her performance in last week's Jacksonville University Invitational, the conference office announced on Monday. Harbin, a freshman from Hazel Green, Ala., earned all three of the Gamecocks' wins in the tournament and posted a 0.37 earned run average to go with her 3-0 record. She is the second Gamecock in as many weeks to earn one of the league's weekly awards, following Abbey Stepp's Player of the Week nod last week. Harbin started the weekend with a complete-game two-hitter in a 2-1 win over Central Michigan on Friday, a game that saw her strike out six batters in seven innings to earn her first collegiate win.

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 years at Jacksonville High School he volunteered to be matched with a "little brother" from the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program of Northeast Alabama, a program he stayed involved with throughout his high school and collegiate careers. From that program Cunningham said he learned to be appreciative of those things and persons he had that were making a positive impact in his life, a lesson he seems to be dedicated to teaching as a member of the Atlanta Braves Baseball Organization.

Since then Cunningham has picked up an old art form that he was taught in high school. He explained, "it's one of those random things that I started doing in the off season. It's kind of funny how it all came around, if you ask my mom, dad, and brother; I don't sit around too long to come up with some kind of crazy idea to get into.



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?"

talked to him about making a nation push for it and starting a website. "So, right now the possibilities are endless," he said.

FLOW is currently only available at Java Jolt in the square of Jacksonville Fun fact: he doesn't sign his name to any of the pieces but instead uses the Chinese symbol for the number 3, being Todd Cunningham III. "For me it solidifies the fact that it is not about me, but about giving back to the community. People are always considering and talking about going halfway around the world to help tribes they've never heard of; when it's things that they could be doing here. To me, it's kind of crazy to think that if everyone took a vow to take care of the person standing beside them, starting community by community, the world could be much better."

To learn more about FLOW visit: Java Jolt and to learn more about how to volunteer for Big Brothers, Big Sisters visit: [www.bbbsneal.org](http://www.bbbsneal.org) or call: 1.256.546.5079

## 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.

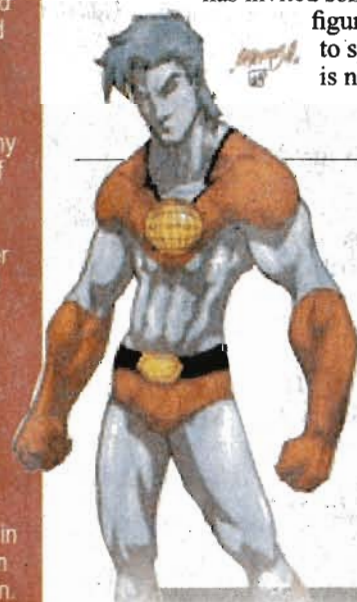
"We look for people that have a name in the profession (journalism), people that have experience in the profession and are well-known," said Communication Department

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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## inSIDE

To celebrate Arbor Day, can you find Captain Planet?



Photo by Steve Latham

## 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.



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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE



## Wacky, Tacky, but True!



### Flavor Flav is Coming Back To TV! And Heading To High School!

And just when we thought he'd been off the grid long enough to be out of our lives forever!

Former Public Enemy rapper Flavor Flav has already touched our lives in bizarre and uncomfortable significant ways with his appearances on such reality shows as *The Surreal Life* and *Strange Love*, and now, he's ready to take the Billy Madison route and go back and try to earn his high school diploma - on a reality TV show called *Flavor Flav Goes 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, as to not disrupt the teens' normal schedule during the

come first in these scenarios, and as much as we want to see you succeed, you may have to do so in a night-school setting!

Fingers crossed, either way!  
Thoughts??

### Bush Cancels Trip Abroad In Fear Of Arrest

It looks like President George W. Bush has cancelled his trip to Europe out of a growing fear that he'll be detained for violating torture laws.

Remember the whole water-boarding uproar? This is mainly about that, and it's extremely interesting to see the backlash even after all this time.

Not only that, but an American President is unable to travel abroad due to legal ramifications! How crazy is that??

We absolutely agree with human rights activists out there that the torture of another human being is despicable, no matter what the intent or the ends will be!

What are your thoughts on all of this?? Should Bush be in trouble abroad??

### MORE Violence At a Chuck E. Cheese!

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

Last 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.

## One For All

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

*-Alexandre Dumas*

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 BJCC.

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 phases 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 bows for your curtain call, the audience remains completely silent. No applause, no cheering - a silent curtain call. Could you imagine? All those hours and



Goes 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, as to not 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

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Last 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 childrens' b-days got into arguments that progressed into fighting.

According to Topeka police Capt. Bill Cochran, the fight started in the childrens' 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.

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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 a firm stand against. Whatever my reason was, I stuck with it, defying my own mother.

Thinking back, it almost seems like a boxing match...

Ding Ding!

"In the blue corner, wearing the blue jeans and Pokemon shirt..."

There I was, a six year old, equipped with nothing but my light-up Mutant Ninja Turtle sneakers, a Michael Jordan digital watch, and a new haircut.

"In the red corner, sporting the big-rimmed glasses and body bag-sized purse..."

I was up against my mom, who was fully equipped with all the mom essentials: lightning-quick, spanking-inducing hands, the threatening ability to slowly count to three, and fingernails, just barely dull enough not to break the skin when she latched onto your arm.

.Ding Ding! "Get it on!"

The more I refused, the more she insisted. Once it became apparent that neither of us were going to back down, my dear sweet mother, whom I love with all my heart, surprised me.

She calmly turned back to the

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 bows for your curtain call, the audience remains completely silent. No applause, no cheering- a silent curtain call. Could you imagine? All those hours and hours of practice and hard work, for what?

Now, I saw "Aida" last Saturday, and it deserved more applause and cheering than my hands and voice could stand. I was just using them as an example.

Gratitude includes, but is not limited to occasionally saying "Thank You." (Although, for many that would be a great starting point.) True gratitude isn't completely verbal; instead, it should overflow from our mouths and into our actions. Famed American author, William Arthur Ward once said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

This week, look for people in your life who you can give the gift of encouragement to by the simple act of gratitude.

The Point: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciate is not to utter words, but to live by them." - President John F. Kennedy

Thanks!

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# Calendar

## TODAY

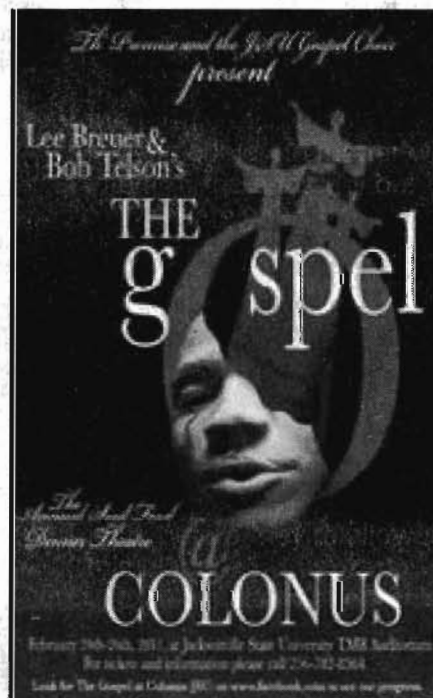
### THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS

Where: TMB Auditorium

When: 6:00 (Dinner), 7:00 (Show)

Sponsors: Th' Promise and the JSU Gospel Choir

Admission: \$10 for students, \$20 for individuals and \$35 for Couples



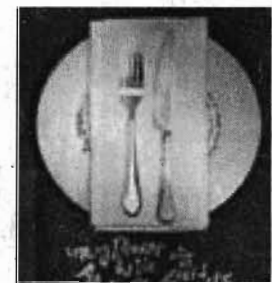
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### Spring Etiquette Dinner

Where: TMB

When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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## MARCH 9

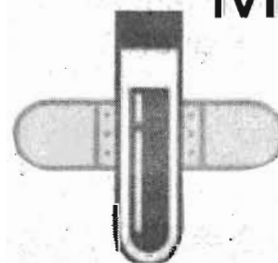
### JSU Blood Drive

Where: TMB Auditorium

When: 10:30-4:00 pm

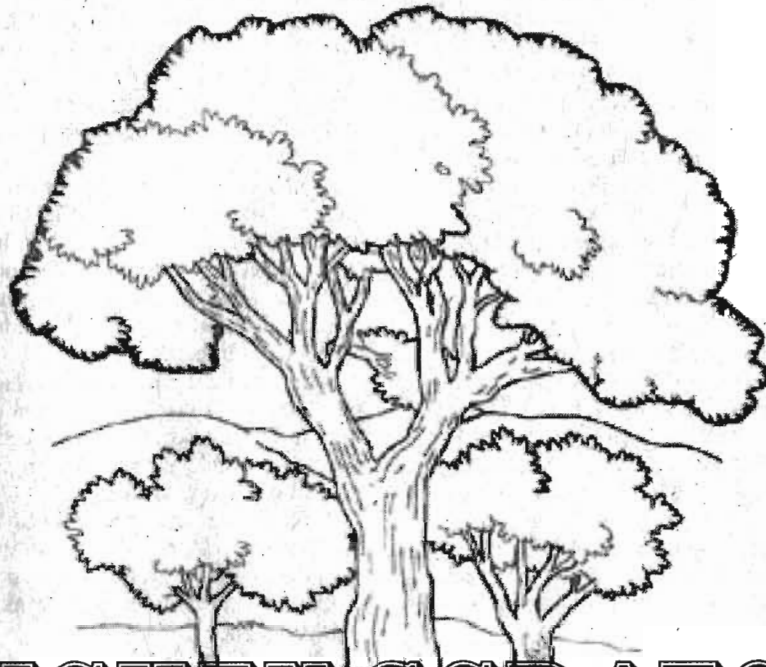
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# OPINION

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



## CHICKEN SCRATCH

Emma Sansom High, in Gadsden, ruled!!!! Gadsden city high??

Why no articles on the vagina monologues? (Editor Note: It was front page on last weeks paper!

There should be a blog in the my.jsu to help students and staff keep in touch with what is happening on campus.

Q: How do you kill a purple elephant? With a purple elephant gun. How do you kill a pink elephant. Hold his nose till he turns purple and shoot him with a purple elephant gun.

It's ok to talk to yourself and it's ok to answer yourself. However if you ask yourself what you just said then you have problems!!!!

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

NEVER FORGIVES. ANONYMOUS NEVER FORGETS.

JSU bookstore never have what ya need for classes in stock!

JESUHHHRSS

Amber!!! I LOVE YOU BABY!!!

I like TURTLES!!!

Hey you naive little girl. He is cheating on you wake up and smell the roses.

No, seriously... You don't even know what love is. It's been 3 weeks.

Chuck Norris says: Support The Gospel at Colonus or face his wrath.....

Oompa Loompas are the sorriest excuse for dancers how lame!!!!

Today, I realized that I was a procrastinator and I fully intend to change that..... tomorrow

mouth when i walk outside.

I honor of Black History Month I vowed to watch as much BET as possible.

Boyace is the Man!!! But Don't tell anyone.

I wonder why when people don't know something they ask, "Have you been living under a rock?" What if I say: Yes. Then What?

If you are tired of this warm weather we are having, then move to Alaska.

If my trash is your treasure then I hope smells better for you.

Did you watch the Daytona 500 on Sunday? If not, know this: A rookie won it so anything is possible.

It's a party in my head and you're not invited.

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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 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 restaurateur, 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



what you just said then you have problems!!!!

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 nuvaring on it.

Karla, I love you! you want some candy?

WE ARE ANONYMOUS. WE ARE LEGION. ANONYMOUS

Oompa Loompas are the sorriest excuse for dancers how lame!!!!

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Take a picture it will last longer.

I been wondering: My love, do you ever dream of candy coated raindrops?

I wish it would rain outside. I am tired of tasting dust in my

this: A rookie won it so anything is possible.

It's a party in my head and you're not invited.

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Remember that in the beginning I said I had sat in an economics class at JSU? I'm an alumnus. I wanted to find out how I could help my alma mater by throwing my money in their bucket, even though Java Jolt is someplace I'll visit again. I drove the 30 miles back to my computer and investigated the JSU website, with an eye to calling someone in the know who could tell me where the visitor parking places are, and who we register our vehicles with. There are a great many places to visit on the JSU website; none helped me. I read that President Meehan still thinks that JSU is the "Friendliest Campus in the South"; I'm not so sure anymore. All the other campuses I've visited in Alabama, and in other states, for that matter, had my "Visitor" parking place ready and waiting for me. They were absolutely delighted that I had come to visit them, and perhaps to throw some money in their bucket.

Finally I found the telephone number for JSU's Public Relations Department. The telephone was answered by a young lady in a rush who had to get to a meeting but if I left her my number, she would definitely call me back.

Sincerely,  
Roberta Dempster



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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 Tanniehill, 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. "The production was good. I think it was a success. I'm excited and looking forward to our next show."

The clothes were provided by Oxford retailers such as Center of Hope, Dillard's, JcPenny's and Annabre-

cia's Grace Vitaliano.

Tiffphanie Hall, President of The Lambda Pi Chapter, emphasized the importance of group participation when organizing events such as this. "All of our girls contribute ideas in a big melting pot," she stated. "FYMT did an excellent job as well. We couldn't have done it without them."

Hall added that she hopes the campus will acknowledge the significant level of innovative effort and aspiration that was put forth into bringing an event of this distinctive nature into existence.

"I just hope that the JSU campus recognizes us trying to do something different. Things that haven't been done on campus before."

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 Ryies. "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







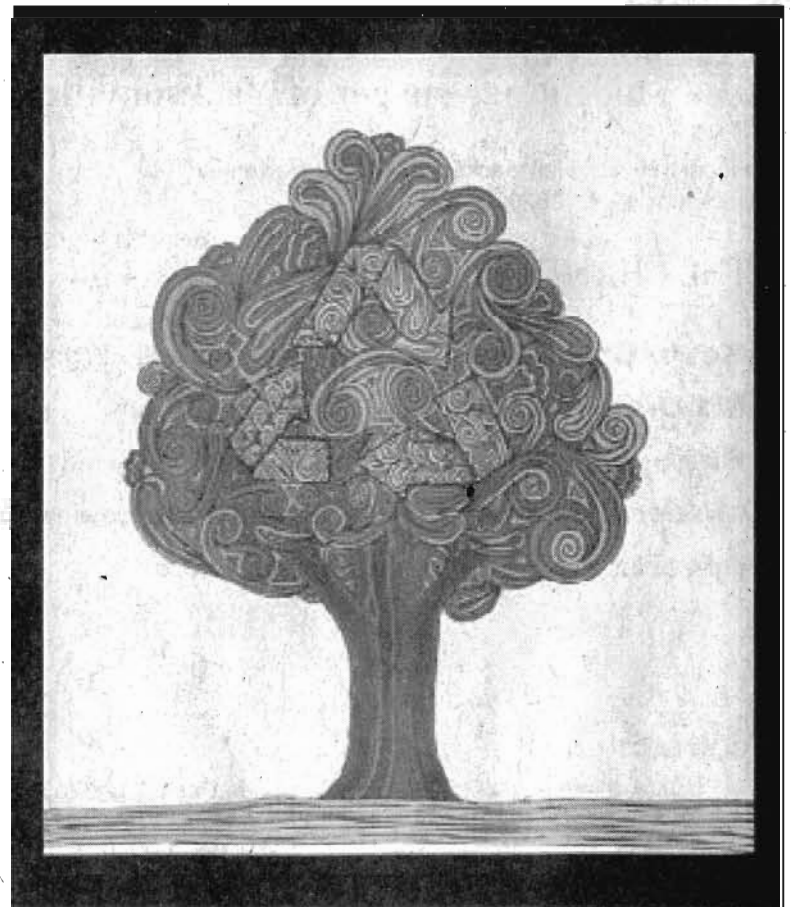
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and The Forever Young Modeling Troupe presented The Pink Carpet Affair.  
**Photographs by: Milea Hanner**

## Celebrate ARBOR DAY

Today @ 3:30 pm  
On the JSU Quad.

It's a new day at JSU---  
We're becoming a Tree Campus USA!

Tree planting & ceremony a partnership of JSU and City of Jacksonville.  
Organized by JSU Earth Club, SGA, and Jacksonville Scout Troop 19.  
Arbor Day poem winner will be announced by JSU Writers' Club.  
Everyone is welcome!





# 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 apart 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.

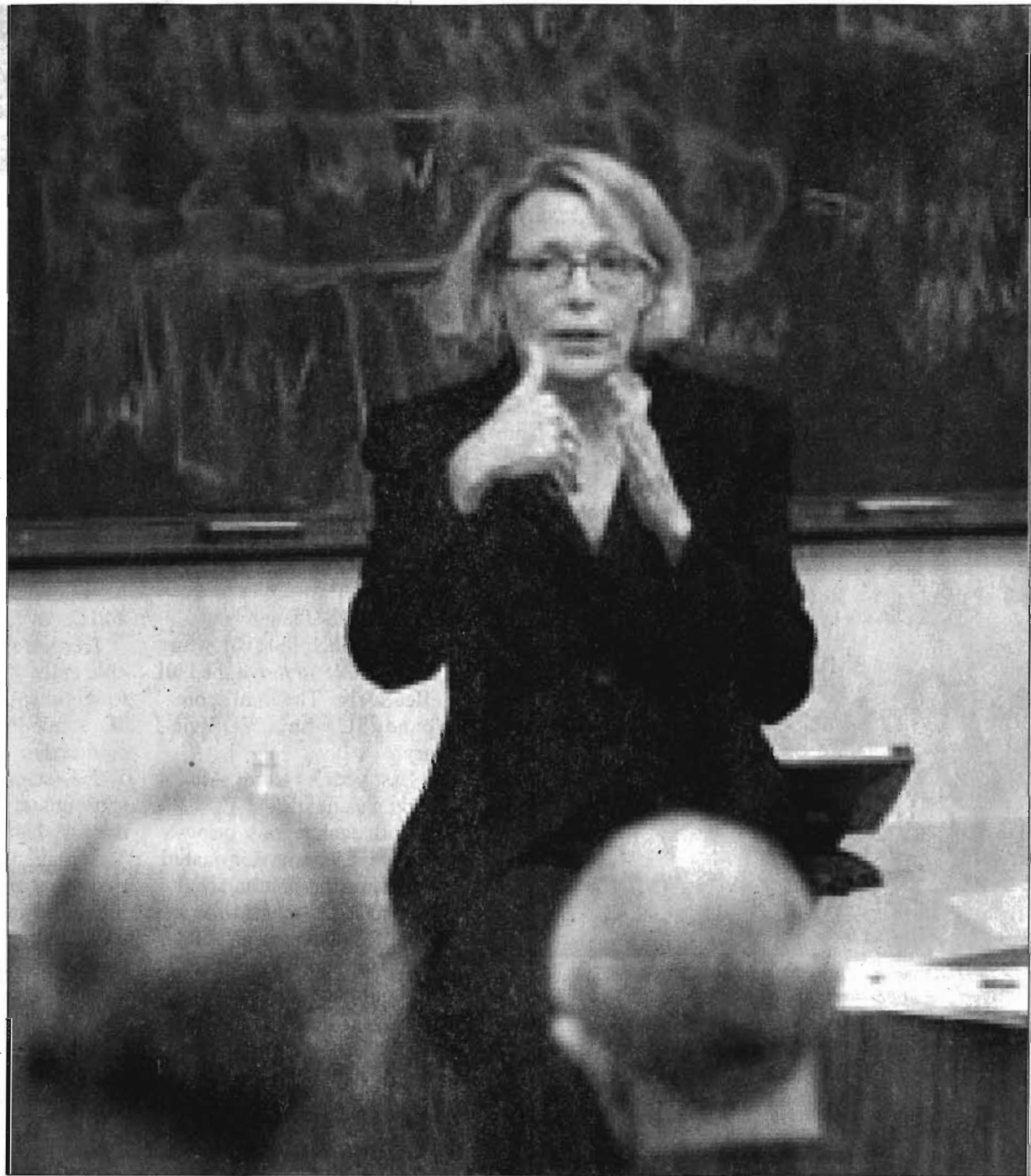
"They can bring it to the forefront. It is a still a phenomena that everyone is hush-hush about," said Madaris.

"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.

**Arbor Day Celebration**  
**3:30 p.m. today**  
**JSU Quad**



Jackie Northam will address the JSU community today at the Ayers Lecture Series. Photo courtesy Jackie Northam

## Ayers Lecture Series continued from Page 1

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 difficult to. 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.

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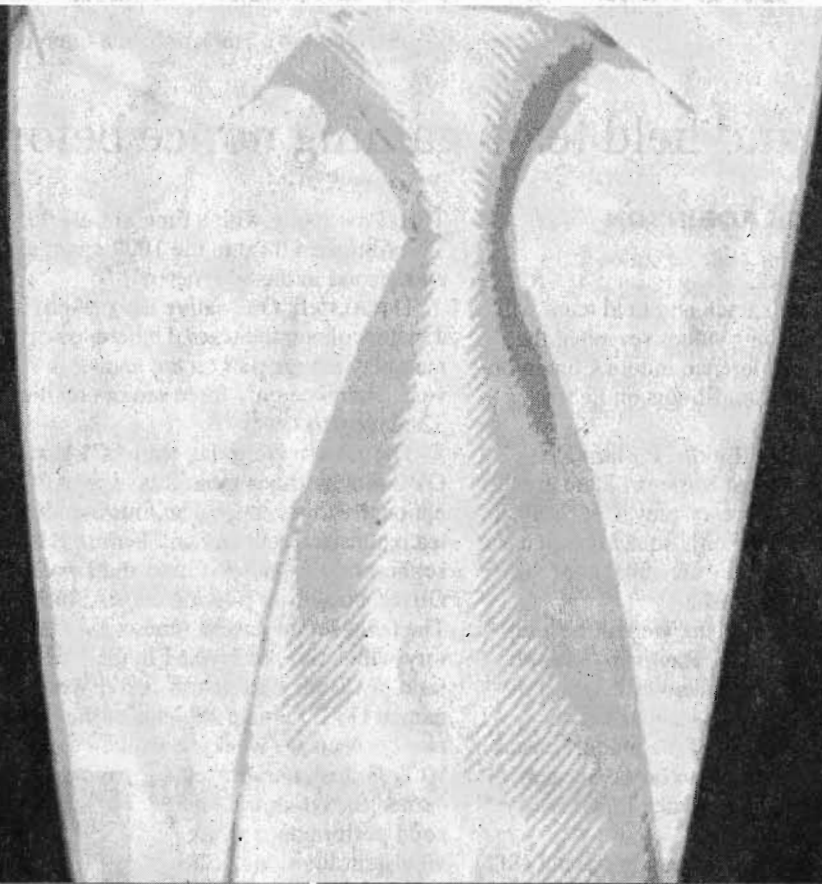
## Wednesday, March 2

All Students Are Encouraged To Attend!

Dress For Success.



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### morning session

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Back by popular demand - A spring career fair. Meet with companies seeking entry level employees from all majors. Bring multiple copies of your resume. Companies attending will be listed online at [www.jsu.edu/careerservices](http://www.jsu.edu/careerservices). All students and alumni are invited to attend. Stop by to pick up business cards, network, and drop off resumes.

When: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Merrill Hall

Hosted by:  
Career Services

[www.jsu.edu/careerservices](http://www.jsu.edu/careerservices)

### afternoon session

#### ANNUAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER FAIR

Local, state and federal agencies will be available to talk about careers within their respective professions. This event is for criminal justice majors and it occurs every spring semester. Anyone hoping to have a career in any field of criminal justice should attend and bring copies of their resume to this event.

When: 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: 1st Floor, Brewer Hall

Hosted by:  
Criminal Justice Department

[www.jsu.edu/criminaljustice](http://www.jsu.edu/criminaljustice)

### 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



# Sports



## 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 Ala-

bama 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."



BCM flag football members pose for a picture after placing 2nd. Photo by Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

## 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





JSU Women's Track and field team pose **Photo by Sports Information Desk**

## 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 25th.

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 200-meter and the 400-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 womens 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.

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However, the night was not only about a basketball game, as members of the JSU Zeta Tau Alpha chapter teamed up with the Lady Gamecocks to support breast cancer awareness in a night dubbed "Pink Out The Pete."

"It was an amazing experience and I am honored that they asked us to help out," said ZTA member Emerald Dukes.

Everyone in attendance supported by wearing pink clothing, ribbons, and giving donations.

In competition, the Lady Gamecocks turned what was a blowout in the first half into a close intense game in the second. Playing great defense with applied pressure on APSU gave them a good opportunity to try and pull out a victory, but they lost in a nail biter with the final score 56-53.

Although they did not come out with a win, they still understood what the night was all about.

"We are wanting to share information about breast cancer with everyone we can come in contact with," said Head Coach of JSU Women's Basketball Annette Watts.

JSU's ZTA chapter has raised over \$9,000 for its Think Pink Week in the fall and are continuing to raise money this spring by putting on their annual Big Man On Campus male talent show.

## 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.