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NEWS**

**JSU Softball  
Fan Day  
Feb. 6**

**JACKSONVILLE** – The Jacksonville State softball team will host its annual Fan Day on Sunday, Feb. 6 at University Field. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free for all fans. The 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Champions and 2011 Preseason OVC Favorite Gamecocks will be on hand for a day filled with free prizes and snacks. Free t-shirts will be among the many giveaways, while soda and popcorn will also be free to those in attendance. Fans are encouraged to come out and meet and

## Stephenson Hall Addition in Planning Phase



**By Noelle Millrons**  
STAFF WRITER

Pete Mathews Coliseum will still be used by the physical education department. A portion of the equipment will remain

the project have not yet been acquired. The new addition will be funded by state

soda and popcorn will also be free to those in attendance.

Fans are encouraged to come out and meet and interact with the members of the 2011 JSU softball team, as well as its coaching staff. Also, all members of the Gamecocks' roster will be available for autographs during the day. Cocky will also be in attendance.

Head coach Jana McGinnis is preparing her team for the 2010 season, which begins on Feb. 11 at the All-Alabama Classic in Birmingham.

The Gamecocks open their home schedule on March 10, when they host Kennesaw State at 5 p.m. at University Field.

The Program will hold a reunion for former members of the JSU softball family on Saturday, Feb. 5. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m.

### Spring Preview Days February 5 and April 2

Jacksonville State University will host its annual Spring Preview Days on Saturday, February 5 and Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m. - noon CST. During the browse session, university representatives from all departments and areas will be on hand to assist with any questions you have about JSU.

### By Noelle Millrons STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University's Board of Trustees recently approved the planning of an addition to Stephenson Hall. The addition, which will be open to students in fall 2011, will consist of a new free weights and fitness room.

The new room will have free weights, weight machines and possibly some cardio equipment. Currently, free weights are located in Pete Mathews Coliseum. The new room will be filled with new equipment to meet each student's fitness needs. Once the addition is finished, students will be able to have both cardio and free weights, as well as, other activities in one location. The current cardio and weight rooms in Stephenson Hall could also see a change to become group fitness rooms.

"The new fitness room will give students the option of staying on campus rather than paying at another facility," said Eric Brasher, Assistant Recreational Sports Director.

The current free weights rooms in

Pete Mathews Coliseum will still be used by the physical education department. A portion of the equipment will remain to be used by the senior adult wellness program. The space will also be used for group fitness activities such as aerobics and yoga.

Director of Recreational Sports, Mark Jones, has seen many changes to the recreational sports program and Stephenson Hall over the years he has been at JSU, recalling when Stephenson was home to the National Champion 2A gymnastics team and recreational sports and physical education was located in Pete Mathews Coliseum. He urges that JSU is in need of a new recreational facility, but concedes that the budget does not support it. On his wish list for the recreational sports program is a lighted outdoor facility whose main purpose is for the recreational and intramural sports.

"This is the first step to a new facility," Jones said.

The architect on the project is Godwin-Jones Architecture & Interior Design, Inc. Bids for construction on

the project have not yet been acquired. The new addition will be funded by state appropriations that have already been received by JSU.

Dr. John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies is chairing the committee overseeing the project. He states that the new facility will be beneficial to faculty, staff and mostly, the students. As of now, the times that students can use the free weights in Pete Mathews Coliseum is limited due to the hours it is open. After the new addition is built, students will be able to use the room anytime Stephenson is open, which is seven days a week.

SGA President, Tim Long, sounded off on the new project stating it was "long overdue" and is following the same theme the university has seen lately in new facilities and renovations for university buildings that began with the renovated JSU Stadium which opened in September 2010.

"It is another example of how JSU is moving forward," Long stated.

## INSIDE

**Wacky Tacky and True. Check out the weirdest stories around!**

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## Lauren Gentry and Levi Hulsey JSU's Ambassadors

From news reports

Jacksonville State University announced the 2011-2012 Jacksonville State University Ambassador Administrators: Lauren Gentry and Levi Hulsey.

Lauren is a sophomore majoring in Communication. She is from Albertville, Alabama where she was a 2009 graduate of Albertville High School. Lauren is the daughter of Mike and Meg Gentry of Albertville, Alabama. As a freshman, Lauren was a member of Freshman Forum: The Elite 45 and

served as Financial Vice President for her sorority Alpha Xi Delta. She currently serves as Public Relations Vice President for her sorority. She became an Ambassador in the spring of 2010.

Levi is a sophomore majoring in Pre-Business. He is from Fruithurst, Alabama where he was a 2009 graduate of Cleburne County High School. Levi is the son of Terry and Tresa Hulsey of Fruithurst, Alabama and Don and Denise Roxby of Gurley, Alabama. Levi is a member of the 2011 Gamecock Orientation team,

Circle K International, and Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society. He became an Ambassador in the spring of 2010.

Ambassador Administrators play a vital role in the selection process of the 2011-2012 JSU Ambassadors. They also mentor the Ambassadors in several areas throughout the upcoming school year. Ambassador Administrators are required to serve as Ambassador for at least one year prior to applying for this position.

## Distance Education

Are you a graduate of or a student currently enrolled in a Distance Education program at JSU? If so, then the Office of Distance Education at JSU is looking for you!

The Office of Distance Education is holding a "casting call" for DE students and graduates. If you are interested in being considered as the face of Distance Education, please submit an application by Wednesday, February 9, 2011. The selected student(s) and/or graduate(s) will be notified by March 1, 2011.



Photo by Steve Latham

### Gamecock Men At Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. - Facing the toughest field it will see this spring, the Jacksonville State men's golf team sits in fourth place after the first two rounds of the Jacksonville University Invitational at the at Sawgrass.

# Page 2

COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Wacky, Tacky, but True!

### What Do You Do With An MA In Beatles Studies?

No, we didn't misspell beetles, and we're NOT talking about a degree in entomology.

Former Miss Canada finalist Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy is officially the first person in the world to graduate with a Masters in Beatles Studies!

That's right! The Liverpool Hope University student received an advanced degree for her study of the legendary musical group. Here's what she had to say about it: "I am so proud of my achievement. The course was challenging, enjoyable and it provided great insights into the impact the Beatles had and still have to this day across all aspects of life."

For those of you who are totally intrigued and want to know more, the course "looks at the studio sound and composition of the Beatles and how Liverpool helped to shape their music. The MA examines the significance of their music and how it helped to define identities, culture and society."

Here's what the founder/leader of the Beatles MA at Liverpool Hope University Mike Brocken had to say about his first grad's accomplishment: "Mary-Lu now joins an internationally recognized group of scholars of Popular Music Studies who are able to offer fresh and thought-provoking insights into the discipline of musicology."

Congratulations, Mary-Lu! Looks like you're ready to make a name for yourself in the music industry...or be a REALLY knowledgeable associate in Best Buy's media department. LOLz. Would U like to pursue an MA in Beatles Studies?

### New Study Finds That More Children Operate A Smart Phone Before They Can Tie Their Own Shoes!

Well, isn't this just terrifying? A new study has found that more young children know how to play with a smartphone than know how to tie their shoes!

According to the research on children and technology, done by AVG, 19% of children from two to five years old - in the US, Europe, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand - can play with a smartphone app, while only 9% know what to do with their effing laces.

Furthermore, more children in that age range can apparently open a web browser than swim on their own, and more can play computer games than ride a bike!

AVG CEO J.R. Smith explains: "Technology has changed what it means to be a parent raising children today—these children are growing up in an environment that would be unrecognizable to their parents. As our research shows, parents need to start educating kids about navigating the online world safely at an earlier age than they might otherwise have thought."

Well, that's good and fine, but we think that you also need to educate kids on navigating the REAL LIFE world, AKA learning skills that will help them engage in physical activity and knowing how to be a functional human being! Just saying! BALANCE, people! Help your kids find a balance!

Former Student Makes  
\$250K At College Job. Too Bad

## One For All

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

*-Alexandre Dumas*

By Logan Huggins  
Staff Columnist

I saw something the other night that was quite profound. It wasn't any grand epiphany or anything; but it certainly reassured me of something I have come to know as a definite fact of the universe. Actually, I saw two definite facts.

The first fact was that reaching out to someone -for example, including them, noticing them, making them feel special, etc- can, quite literally, revolutionize their world.

The second fact I was reminded of was my personal fascination with the sound of young girls yelling and squealing.

Allow me to explain. The other night, my younger sister was finally accepted as a bid into a sorority here at JSU. Now, image in your mind the average overexcited, freshmen girl who really desires to join a sorority. Double that, and you're pretty close to the level of anticipation my sister has had for several months now. She's already talking the talk, walking the walk, redesigning her already thorough fashion sense just to prepare herself when she got accepted.

Well, my sister's time finally came the other night.

Earlier that day, I was notified that a secret plot was afoot. A handful of the sorority sisters were planning to come and vandalize, oops, I mean "decorate" my sister's room then surprise her when she came home and found the colorful scene.

To tell a long story short, the evening when without a hitch. I let the "assailants" into our house. They obliterated her room with color-coordinated streamers, balloons and other staples of sorority girls' sense of decoration. We all hid. She walked right in at the perfect

What that evening reaffirmed to me was how important, how life-altering, it can be when we reach out to someone else, especially those who are younger, or who look up to us.

I still remember being seven or eight years old and thinking it was the coolest thing in the world when a 15 year old friend of the family played "Super Mario Brothers" with me. Whether he let me win or not is still unknown, but I didn't care. I remember in middle school, as an eight-grader, my life changed forever when a older, and most beautiful, senior girl told me once that I was, "Sweet." Talk about a confidence booster!

I'm sure all of you can remember at least one, if not several, instances where your little world was turned upside down by something an older kid, someone you looked up to, did or said to you.

The really cool thing about that is, we are those kids now.

No matter who you are, how old you are, or what your social circle may look like; some one is looking up to you. You are an influential role-model to somebody out there, whether you know it or not.

But like Uncle Ben from the spider-man movies put it, "With great power comes great responsibility."

Now, its our turn. We must remember those people who look up to us. We must continually realize the significance of the sometimes life-altering replications that our actions can have over others. Its our responsibility to bless those under us with unsolicited attention; rather it be a note of appreciation, a friendly conversation, letting them win at "Super Mario Bros," or even covering their room in sorority swag.

Congratulations, Mary! You're like you're ready to make a name for yourself in the music industry...or be a REALLY knowledgeable associate in Best Buy's media department. LOLz. Would U like to pursue an MA in Beatles Studies?

## Pour Some Kool-Aid in Your Toilet — Really

We've heard of using Kool-Aid powder to temporarily add some color to your hair, but we never knew it could be used to clean household items.

Looks like some people use Kool-Aid as a cleanser which even works on toilets!

Turns out the citric acid in the orange Kool-Aid works well to clean the bowl.

To get it to work, simply: "Sprinkle the contents of the package in before you head to bed, swirl it around with a toilet bowl brush, and let it sit overnight. The acid in the drink mix will go to work cleaning away tough stains and build up if you don't have the best water conditions."

While we agree it's an eco-friendly option and will definitely smell better than bleach, we're not too sure how effective it'll be at cleaning the bowl or getting rid of the germ

Have U ever tried it?

them engage in physical activity and knowing how to be a functional human being! Just saying! BALANCE, people! Help your kids find a balance!

## Former Student Makes \$250K At College Job. Too Bad It's Illegal

Instead of a leisurely position in his dorm's mail room, former North Carolina State University student Robert Harrell Bass Jr. started an enormous marijuana-selling business on campus, and made \$250,000 in sales in the past year!

Robert was caught by an Oklahoma state trooper while transporting 26 pounds of marijuana from California to Raleigh, North Carolina.

When Raleigh police searched the former student's home, they found \$26,123 in cash, nearly 60 grams of marijuana, and other drug paraphernalia. Yikes!

He currently faces a drug trafficking charge, and his bail has been set at about \$25,000.

Wow, Robert! We're thinking you need to face the music, deal with the consequences, and then utilize those business skills of yours for good...not evil. Crazy!

Compiled by MJ Ortiz, courtesy Perez Hilton.com

To tell a long story short, the evening when without a hitch. I let the "assailants" into our house. They obliterated her room with color-coordinated streamers, balloons and other staples of sorority girls' sense of decoration. We all hid. She walked right in at the perfect time. They all jumped out, and an overwhelming amount of laughing, screaming, and general "OMG!"-ing pursued.

After all the smoke had settled, and everyone was done hugging and crying, my sister was whisked away to an evening of grand adventure with her new sisters.

under us with unsonneted attention, rather it be a note of appreciation, a friendly conversation, letting them win at "Super Mario Bros," or even covering their room in sorority swag.

**THE POINT:** This week, try to realize the amount of influence you have on others and act accordingly. It doesn't matter how we endow others, just that we do.

Until next time,  
Logan

## Oops, We Did it Again!

The Chanticleer Staff wishes to apologize for the misspelling of "Diner" on the front page of our Jan. 20 issue. We spelled it "dinner" and we saw that you noticed!

Thank you for being loyal to "The Chanty" and for bringing it to our attention. We have learned our lesson and we are making sure that we do not make the same mistakes again.

# Calendar

## FEB 17

The JSU Drama Department presents:  
AIDA Music by Elton John Lyrics by Tim Rice Book by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls & David Henry Hwang Opens February 17th!

## FEB 25

The JSU Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society proudly presents the 2011 Winter Workshop on February 25 from 8:15 a.m. - noon at the JSU McClellan Center, 100 Gamecock Drive, Anniston

## FEB 5

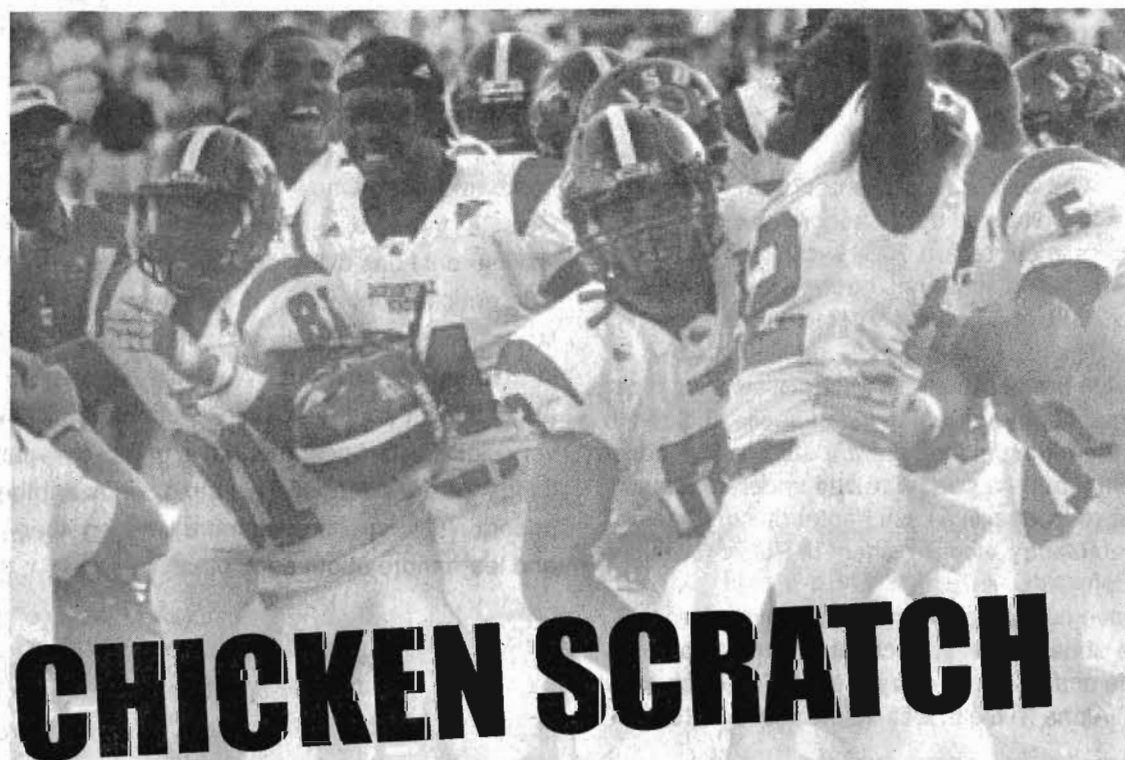
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# OPINION

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

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## CHICKEN SCRATCH

DJ B-Radd = Shameless  
hack

Things Max Cleland Can't Do:  
Play Pinball

Apparently soliciting girls for  
sex over Facebook is an ac-  
ceptable practice at JSU now

Worry not. We noticed you  
misspelled "diner" on the front  
page headline, we are just  
used to it. ;)

Ben Roethlisberger vs. Aaron  
Rodgers: The Battle of the  
D\*\*\*\*\* Bags

I still haven't had a chance to  
go check out the Gamecock  
"Dinner" (Editor's note: LOL)

Great job on last week's  
Chanticleer! You are forgiven.  
:)

Why are there empty condom  
wrappers in the stairwell of  
the HCL??? (Editor's Note:

Jacksonville! Use him for all  
your Wedding, Party, or Event  
needs! You can find him on  
Facebook! <3

RM <3 BJ

Poor Little Tink Tink is coming  
to JSU

Mikey, Take off the Hat!

Senior Skip day, Wed. Feb. 9

Do it to it Lars...My pleasure  
Tony.

Get on the scale...Get off the  
scale.

Lunch has been cancelled  
due to lack of motivation...  
deal with it.

Can't wait to go to LA to see  
the Powerline concert.

Watching the XXX Games on  
ESPN.

Taco Bell's taco meat is  
only 36% meat... WTF Taco

I'm not calling him dad. Ever!  
Not even if there's a fire!

On a scale of Anne Frank to  
Osama Bin Laden how was  
my hiding place?

Can't wait for Lupe's album,  
March 8th

Happy Birthday Kyle Bryan

February 4th is National Britt  
Granthum Day!!!

Your new haircut makes you  
look like Justin Bieber, Mikey.

I am embarrassed to say, my  
Dixie wrecked.

Who is Wesley and why does  
he get a foundation?

BCM girls are gorgeous

Girls that play black ops...  
LIKE

Duke lost to an unranked  
team. That made my day.

## AIDA at JSU

By Tiara Corder  
Staff Writer

The Drama Department's spring show "Aida" is set for opening night Feb. 17. The musical is a classic love story, and it has a mixture of different genres of music by Elton John. This will definitely be a show for everyone to see.

Aida is a Nubian Princess. With the rest of Nubia, Aida is taken into slavery in Egypt. Radames, the Egyptian leader, falls in love with Aida. He is not aware that she is the daughter of Amonasro, the King of Nubia. Radames and Aida face the struggle between love and their cultural differences.

Director Eric Traynor wanted a musical that was diverse. "I wanted something new and different. Aida is culturally diverse." Traynor explained. He said that the audience will enjoy the music because it combines gospel, pop and rock.

Stage Manager Ellen Peck spoke about how she is looking forward to this production. "Im excited about the choreography and the look," she said. This is her second semester at JSU, and she is very thrilled with how much talent there is on campus. "The cast is stepping up. I'm excited about what's next"

Mick'ael McNeil is playing her first major role as Aida. "Aida is a great love story. I love how everything ties together," McNeil said. "I think everyone will love it. The cast is very energetic. We're all like a family."

McNeil spoke about trying to multi task, "I'm not a dancer. I have to learn how to balance singing and dancing. I love it."

Freshman Alex Bates is excited about her first JSU production. "I love the music and the story. Aida is like another Romeo and Juliet story," Bates said. Her character Nehebka is the right hand to Aida. The talented cast is packed with energy as they learn the choreography. "Everyone is excited to be here and contribute," commented by Katie Daniels, who plays one of the Egyptian women.

"Aida" starts Feb. 17-20 and Feb. 24-27. For ticket information (256) 782-5648

Great job on last week's Chanticleer! You are forgiven. :)

Why are there empty condom wrappers in the stairwell of the HCL??? (Editor's Note: Mmmm... Because people only get 15 minutes between classes?)

If Facebook has a language selection for Pirate, why don't they have one for Ebonics?

If your syllabus has only weeks and no dates, it is useless.

DJ B Radd is the best DJ in

Can't wait to go to LA to see the Powerline concert.

Watching the XXX Games on ESPN.

Taco Bell's taco meat is only 36% meat... WTF Taco Bell?!?!?!?!?

WHAT IN THE BOX?!?!?!?!?

Does anyone know if they fixed that toilet at Daugette?

How did Mila Kunis not get nominated for an Oscar?

This house is for learning doctors

BCM girls are gorgeous

Girls that play black ops... LIKE

Duke lost to an unranked team. That made my day.

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# Entertainment/Health

NEWS ABOUT ART, MOVIES AND MORE

## ALPHA XI DELTA'S ATTEND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**By Ed Moore**  
Staff Writer

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta attended at the annual Area Wide Leadership Training Program this weekend at The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. They, along with 12 other chapters across the Southeastern United States, convened at the Georgia research university as a chance for newly installed officers within Alpha Xi Delta to be better educated in their positions as leaders.

"We learned how to better our Chapter by implementing new techniques & programs that have worked for other chapters," said Maggie Fletcher, Chapter President of Alpha Xi Delta. "We learned how to better lead within our chapter and on

campus as well as have the opportunity to meet Alpha Xi Delta executive councils from our other chapters in our region."

The mentoring event has been held annually since 2000, and has been going strong ever since. The JSU chapter of Alpha Xi Delta also met with professionals and specialists from their national head-quarters in Indianapolis, Indiana to help them train in their current offices. "We hoped to gain a better knowledge and understanding of our responsibilities as chapter officers," said Lauren Gentry Vice President of Public Relations for Alpha Xi Delta.

"It gave us the opportunity to not only learn more about leading our chapter, but it also gave us the chance to meet sisters from other chapters." Alpha Xi Delta was first founded in 1893 in

Lombard College, now called Knox College, in Galesburg Illinois.

The sorority has over 150,000 members with 113 different chapters across the United States. As far as Jacksonville State's chapter, it has been in existence since 1968. "We were very excited about this trip," added Gentry. Our chapter has a very close sisterhood and that is one of the many things we are proud of. This trip gave us another opportunity to spend even more time together and learn more about each other."

## American Idol has lost its edge

American Idol is in a very precarious position. If it doesn't have a great season, the show is in danger of ending. It was once the show everyone was dying to see. It rocked the ratings and demolished competition. Musicians from across the country were auditioning for their shot at stardom, even if it was only five minutes in the audition episodes. Now, it features two new judges: Steven Tyler from Aerosmith and



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## Jacksonville State University gets a facelift of intellectual sort

By **Boyace Pope**  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

This may be late news, but it is news all the more. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges has granted Jacksonville State University's application to move from a Level IV institution to a Level V.

At Level IV the university was allowed to service students with Master's degrees and Education Specialist Degree. By being granted Level V accreditation the university can now offer 3 or fewer Doctoral Degrees, which Jacksonville State University will be offering Fall 2011. That semester will be the first the one that begins Jacksonville State University's Doctorate in Emergency Management.

The Doctor of Science degree requires a total of 60 semester credit hours. Required coursework includes 42 hours in administration and policy, practice areas, and research methods and statistics, plus a minimum of 18 hours of dissertation credit.

In addition, applicants must hold a Master's degree. While courses are delivered online, students are required to participate in a weeklong seminar on campus once each academic year. With this degree students will be able to work in a variety of growing related fields.

Dr. Jane Kushma, was contacted for more information concerning the future of the program but was unavailable for comments at the current time.

Kaci Ogle, Director of Alumni Relations, stated: "This is a great time to be a part of Jacksonville State University. It is growing and the addition of this Doctoral Program makes every degree received from this university more valuable."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a worker with a Doctorate degree will earn \$37,200 more than a person with a Bachelor's degree and \$27,100 more than someone with a Master's degree.

Musicians from across the country were auditioning for their shot at stardom, even if it was only five minutes in the audition episodes. Now, it features two new judges: Steven Tyler from Aerosmith and Jennifer Lopez. The problem is that people are starting to move on.

People are saying Idol should try to lose the tough judge image and survive without Simon Cowell, a man who at times was hated by viewers. Let's face it though, he was one of the best parts of the show. He was brutally honest and didn't care about the singers' feelings: Many times he gave them the exact motivation that they needed to prove themselves.

The fact is that he was real. He said what was on his mind. The music industry is a vicious business. It's not a feel-good atmosphere where people who give their best shot get signed to record deals. I'm sorry, that's not how it works.

Now that Idol has less of an edge judge-wise, we might not have the artists pushing their limits as much. Think about it. If someone says to you "Yeah, it was good, but it's not quite there," you'll probably work a little harder on it, but if someone tells you point blank "That was awful, there was no passion and I didn't like it," you're going to go home furious and come back with an energy to prove yourself like no one knew you could.

The music industry already has a number of people who are good but not great. Don't get me wrong, I respect anyone who has the courage to write his or her own music and put it out there because that takes an amazing amount of guts. No matter



## MOVIE REVIEW

# Logan Huggins: "The Social Network" Scores an A

From what I can tell from history, generations are usually remembered by a few select things: by what wars they fought, by what music they listened to, and by what technological advancements they brought into the world. Think about it. Our grandparents had Vietnam, the Beatles, and colored TV's. Our parents had the end of the Cold War, Michael Jackson, and cable TV. Our generation is no different. I believe our generation will go down in history for fighting the War on Terror, listening to Lady Gaga, and logging on to Facebook.

If you don't agree with my prediction, allow me to persuade you. According to the Alexa Traffic Rank, 38.69 percent of all global internet users visit it regularly- roughly around 500 million users. If the pure numbers are not enough; then check out their bottom line. Experts at Forbes.com estimate that Facebook's revenue was somewhere between \$300 and \$500 million in 2009 alone.

That's a lot of poking...

The film "The Social Network" traces the origins of the internet phenomenon. And introduces us to the few handful of people who made it happen.

In a brilliant non-linear fashion, the film constantly bounces back and forth from lawyer-filled boardrooms, to a lowly Harvard dorm room. As the story gets volleyed back and forth in between locations and flashbacks; we find creator of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg- fighting.

In one, we find him fighting for the attention of the exclusive clubs and social circles of the Harvard high society.

The other, we find him in a legal fight for his life with the same high society he had so-desperately wanted to be a part of.

Mark Zuckerberg is meticulously played by Jesse Eisenberg. With lightning quick hacking skills and a sarcastic wit that is even faster, Eisenberg is overwhelmed by the character. As a man on the defense between

two huge corporate lawsuits, he explodes with sharp, sarcastic intelligence with every verbal retort. He also delivers a down to earth awkward weakness that makes Zuckerberg easy to relate to. Even when the character is in the background, out of focus, you can still feel the intensity of Zuckerberg's slightest mannerism. It's no surprise that Eisenberg is nominated for this year's Oscar in Best Actor in a Leading Role.

Eisenberg isn't the only one that got away with a Oscar Nomination. The film racked up eight nominations altogether, including Best Editing, Cinematography, Original Score, Adapted Screenplay, and Sound Mixing, as well as Best Director, and the big one, Best Picture.

Oscar Nominated director, David Fincher, (who was also nominated for his work in "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button") carefully leads the audience back and forth with absolute precision as the plot swings from flashback to flashback.

The supporting cast equally impressive. Andrew Garfield plays Zuckerberg's CFO and best-friend turned rival, Eduardo Saverin. Garfield gives a powerful performance as the corporation he helped create slowly turns on him.

One performer who surprised even my expectations was Justin Timberlake. This teen heartthrob turned actor has come a long way

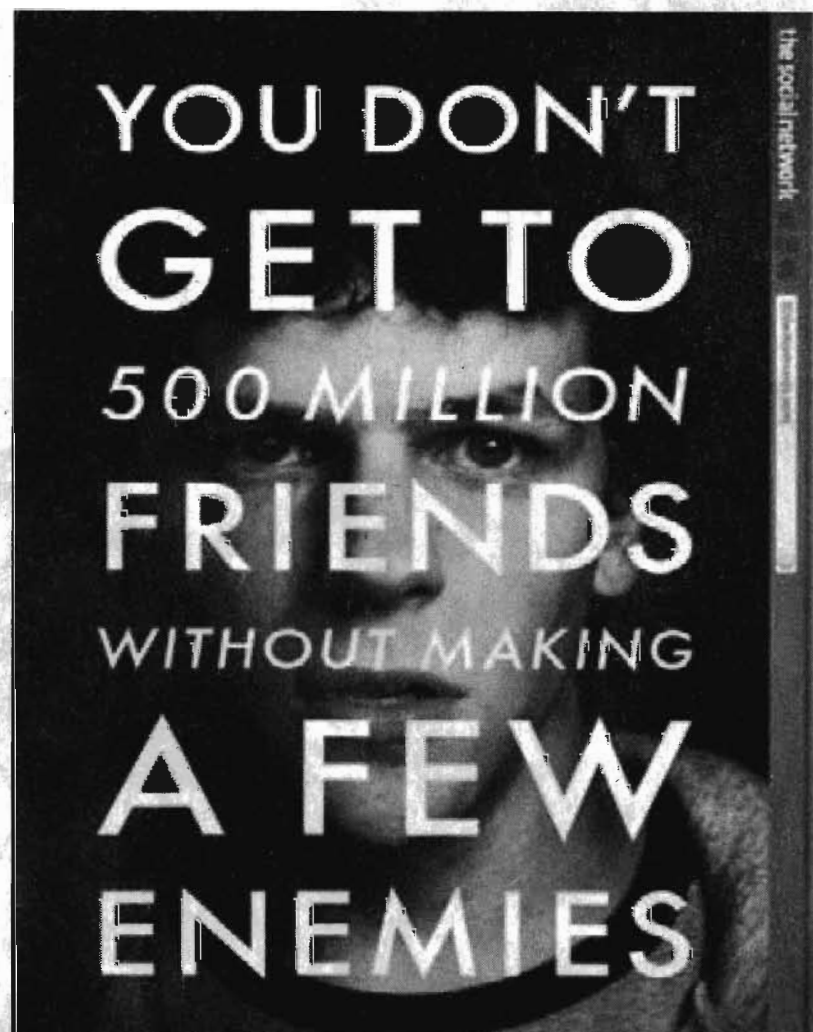
from the Micky Mouse Club. He's the perfect antagonist that encourages Zuckerberg and company to push the limits of what Facebook could be.

The only misstep the film may have is it's blurry line between actual history and Hollywood fiction. Although the film is telling a true story, it takes several creative liberties to occasionally spice up the story.

Then again, if I wanted to watch a straight up documentary, I'd watch the History Channel.

Over all, "The Social Network" will go down as a slightly dramatized snapshot of history in the making. A absolutely captivating, mostly true story about the website that has re-defined our generation, and the people who made it what it is today.

**FINAL SCORE: A**



## Idol

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American Idol is in a very precarious position. If it doesn't have a great season, the show is in danger of ending. It was once the show everyone was dying to see. It rocked the ratings and demolished competition. Musicians from across the country were auditioning for their shot at stardom, even if it was only five minutes in the audition episodes. Now, it features two new judges: Steven Tyler from Aerosmith and Jennifer Lopez. The problem is that...

to move on.

People are saying Idol should try to lose the tough judge image and survive without Simon Cowell, a man who at times was hated by viewers. Let's face it though, he was one of the best parts of the show. He was brutally honest and didn't care about the singers' feelings. Many times he gave them the exact motivation that they needed to prove

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# Sports

## JSU's Curt Porter Named to NFL Players Association Game



Former JSU Football player Curt Porter (77) celebrates during a game.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – The NFL Players Association Game announced that Jacksonville State offensive lineman Curt Porter has been selected to participate in its fifth annual all-star challenge set to kick off at 1:00 pm CST in San Antonio's Alamodome on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Porter was a first-team All-American selection by the Association Press, and a second-team selection by The Sports Network at offensive line. He was also a first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference

in 2010 after leading the Gamecocks to a 9-3 record and into the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

Porter graded out at 92 percent for the season, and led the team with 81 knock-downs from his offensive tackle position.

He becomes the second Gamecock to play in the game, joining former OVC Player of the Year Ryan Perrilloux's 2010 selection.

*From wire reports*

## JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS RIFLE TEAM



## Encouraging Athletes in the Classroom

**BY Jared Simpson**  
Sports Writer

The athletic programs are making great strides in the classroom.

Last semester, the overall grade point average for the athletic program was 2.984, which is the highest it has been. According to the Athletic Academic Advisor Janet Moore, there has been a collaborating approach with all the coaches, assistants and faculty to improve and encourage these athletes to learn in the classroom.

"We are all working together as a team to help these student athletes improve in every aspect of learning," Moore said.

All of the coaches maintain high expectations for their athletes and they also provide mandatory study hall for learning together as a team. Coaches have been keeping record on attendance of their athletes going to the study halls and making sure that they all are participating and learning.

This year, the football program installed a tradition already being used by other programs by selecting an academic captain to be a leader in the locker room. The coaches also collect progress reports on each athlete.

Moore says that the faculty has been very helpful in this process by "giving



JSU's Rifle Team Posing for a picture at Rowe Hall . Photo by Sports Information Desk

# Gamecock Rifle Team Aims for Championship Season

**By Derrick Robinson**  
Sports Writer

With a second place finish at the Withrow Invitational, the Jacksonville State University rifle team looks to continue riding the wave of success into the upcoming conference tournament.

"This season has been going really well and the team is on track for going to nationals," Coach Ron Frost said. Frost is in his seventh year as head coach of the JSU rifle team. During that time the rifle team has won five conference championships. Overall, JSU has become a legitimate contender as the Gamecocks have won six conference championships over the last eight years, winning five in a row from 2005-2009. The Gamecocks finished second last year to conference champs Murray State by four points.

"Murray State is still the team to beat," Frost said. Murray State finished first at the recent Withrow Invitational, however the Gamecocks look to improve on last year and look to their leaders to do it.

Juniors Brian Carstensen and Andrea Dardas lead the senior-less team. Both Carstensen and Dardas have played key roles in the programs success since their arrival to the rifle team in

2009. Carstensen won the 2009 NCAA Smallbore Individual title.

Carstensen and Dardas medaled in the Smallbore event of the 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and both were named First-Team All OVC in Smallbore. Carstensen finished as the OVC Smallbore Athlete of the Year. Dardas was the OVC Rifle Athlete of the Month this past December.

True freshman Sam Muegge is coming along well and has been contributing to the team's achievements this year. Muegge, along with Carstensen and Dardas have the JSU rifle team looking to finish the season strong and ready to compete in the conference tournament.

The OVC tournament starts February 5th. Afterwards, the Gamecocks will compete in NCAA sectionals the weekend of February 12th. JSU has finished in the top five at the NCAA Championship three times in the last seven years. The highest finishes came in 2005 and 2007 when the Gamecocks finished second place both years. In 2009 the team finished in third place.

Frost and the rifle program are hoping that 2011 is the year they finish number one.

leader in the locker room. The coaches also collect progress reports on each athlete.

Moore says that the faculty has been very helpful in this process by "giving more information and better evaluations of the students." These evaluations help tutors determine which particular areas of the subject students need to improve on. Tracy Broom and Mike Davis are assistants to Moore and help evaluate the progress reports.

Broom and Davis know who is doing well and who may need tutoring. With more athletes attending sessions, there is a 150 percent increase in the use of the Academic Center of Excellence. Tutor Trainer Ann Poe plays a big role by scheduling the tutoring sessions for each athlete that needs it.

"Students should think about their futures not just four years from now, but forty years from now," Moore said. Moore wants to keep improving accountability and structure for student athletes.

Career counseling will be very helpful to student athletes in thinking about their future in areas other than sports. There are thoughts on creating a senior mentoring program for the students getting ready to graduate. Installing this program will prepare exiting students for fields they are entering and most of all, life itself.



JSU Men's Golf team in action. Photo courtesy Sports Information Desk.

## Gamecock Men In Fourth After Day One At Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Facing the toughest field it will see this spring, the Jacksonville State men's golf team sits in fourth place after the first two rounds of the Jacksonville University Invitational at the PLAYERS Stadium Course at the TPC at Sawgrass.

The Gamecocks stormed out of

the gates to start the spring on Monday morning, carding a six-over 294 in the morning round to put them in second place behind No. 1 Florida. JSU then turned in a 298 in the afternoon round to give them a 16-over 592 after 36 holes, allowing No. 51 North Florida (586) and No. 42 Liberty (590) to move ahead of

the Gamecocks.

Freshman Matthew Wallace is in a tie for 10th on the individual leaderboard.

Tuesday's final round will tee off at 9:48 a.m. CT. Live scoring is available through Golfstat.com.

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