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NEWS**

## Gamecock Dinner Set to Open Soon

**TRACK  
BEATS  
RECORD**

CARBONDALE, Ill. – The Jacksonville State women's track and field team opened the new calendar year by shattering a school record this past weekend at the 2011 Saluki Open, hosted by Southern Illinois. Sophomore Laveeta Oliver established a new JSU indoor record by claiming the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.56. Oliver's time is currently the top time in the Ohio Valley Conference in the event. The Gamecocks also had couple of third place finishes in the meet with freshman Kevyn Tracy in the 800 meter run (2:21.67) and the 1600 meter relay team (Liz Bond, Oliver, Nichelle S...



One of a variety of food dishes available at The Gamecock Diner located at the Gamecock center.  
**Photo by Kevin Brant Co-Editor The Chanticleer**

**By ED MOORE**  
STAFF WRITER

on all you can eat buffet which will include a soup and salad bar." The menu will also include fried chicken, lasagna, and hamburgers. "We had a focus group meeting with students

here and eat. If the café is full, it can catch the overflow. We have a lot of visitors on campus."

Scott Williams, Manager of Sodexo here at Jacksonville State says that the new dining establishment will have more of a restaurant feel. "All the food is cooked to order," he says. "We have a new touch screen menu system that will allow you to choose the option of receiving a text message or your order will appear on a monitoring screen. It may be 5-8 minute wait for your food. It's worth it." The facility has been in construction since September of 2010. Due to the inclement weather the opening of the diner was further postponed, the anticipation of the grand opening is quickly growing. "I'm hoping there will be a lot of excitement on the newness of it," says Mr. Williams. The Gamecock Diner is expected to have 95 seats. "I would probably compare it to a Ruby Tuesdays," says John Cash, Operations Manager for Sodexo. "It's not a fast food concept at all. The food is absolutely incredible. I think the students will be pleased when they see what two partners like Jacksonville State University and Sodexo can do when we try to work for the same goal."

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meet with freshman Kevin Tracy in the 800 meter run (2:21.67) and the 1600 meter relay team (Liz Bond, Oliver Natasha Sturkie and Shamira Barrett) clocking a 3:58.22. "We did have some spotty performances at SJU but, due mostly to the weather, we simply have not had an opportunity to get in a lot of work with our girls, especially the field event personnel," said head coach Steve Ray. "Once we get a long stretch of good conditions we've got to get to work and play catch-up". Jax State will travel a partial squad to this upcoming weekend's Indiana University's Gladstein Invitational (Jan. 21-22).

### 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.

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The students and staff of Jacksonville State University will soon receive the benefit of a brand new option for their dining needs. Contracted through the giant food service company, Sodexo, Jacksonville State University's Dining Services is looking upon the grand opening of the campus' newest dining establishment, The Gamecock Diner.

The Gamecock Diner is located right next to Stephenson Hall. "It's not like the café," says Linda Griffin, who will be the new supervisor for the Gamecock Diner. Many may have seen Griffin working the cashier during the morning shift at the café. "You can come in and order your own food." The new establishment will feature selections such as the Gamecock Blue Ribbon Bacon Bar-B-Que Burger, The Gamecock Steak House Fries, Cocky's Crispy Chicken Sandwich, JSU Chicken Quesadilla Supreme, plus a full

on all you can eat buffet which will include a soup and salad bar." The menu will also include fried chicken, lasagna, and hamburgers. "We had a focus group meeting with students last semester and they gave their input on the kind of in there. The diverse group composed of about 15 students."

Griffin says with the opening of this new diner, healthier options will be available. "Instead of fries with burgers, you can do fresh fruit cups." Students will be able to use their current meal plans will be accepted at this new dining establishment. They may either scan a meal off their meal plan or use their flex dollars. "I'm excited," said Griffin on the opening of the Gamecock Diner. "I'm a little bit nervous; I have to admit. I guess I'm kind of anxious as to whose going to show up. My anticipations are to pack this place out." Griffin also placed emphasis on the location of the new dining establishment. "It's located right next to the campus' recreational sports facility so we hope to be able to draw membership for the gym. They can come over

State University and Sodexo can do when we try to work for the same goal."

The Department of Institutional Support Services handles all of the auxiliaries at Jacksonville State. "This is an additional service to the students," says Department Head Joe Whitmore. "Now that on-campus students are required to purchase a meal plan, we want to have as many options as possible. It keeps students and faculty from not having to go to the same places all the time. I am very pleased with the way it turned out. We've had an executive chef here to help us with our menu items. We have something that students and faculty will both be proud of. We're counting heavily on the students' feedback to know in which direction to take it." Students and faculty will also be thrilled to know that the menu will not be the same every day. "Portions of the menu will rotate on a daily basis," says Whitmore. "They won't be stuck with the same thing. I want them to realize that this is a restaurant. It's a nice place to just go have lunch." The official grand opening day will be Tuesday, January 18 at 11 a.m.

## inSIDE

**The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools clears way for JSU doctorate program in Emergency Management in Fall 2011.**

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*From news reports*

JSU Campus Wellness Center will be participating with hundreds of other organizations in a statewide weight-loss program called "Scale Back Alabama." The program is designed to capitalize on those New Year's resolutions and create a fun atmosphere for weight loss and physical activity. We're asking employees interested in

losing weight to form teams of four individuals (including a captain) and to sign up during the week of Jan. 22 - 28. The goal of the contest is to get each individual on a team to lose one pound per week for a total of 10 pounds during the contest.

For every individual who completes the 10-week contest and loses at least 10 pounds, his/her name will be placed in a drawing for one of 50 statewide

prizes of \$100 each. For the team that maintains all of its original team members throughout the contest with each team member losing at least 10 pounds, the team name will be placed in a drawing for one of three grand prizes (first team drawn will win \$1,000 each, second team drawn, \$500 per team member, and the third team drawn will win \$250 per team member).

## Keep Those New Year's Resolutions

## Calling All Singers!

The Calhoun County Civic Chorale is looking for new members for its Spring 2011 season. On Monday, January 24, 2011 the Calhoun County Civic Chorale will begin rehearsals for its spring concert. The featured work will be the cantata The Seven Last Words of Christ by Théodore Dubois. There will also be other smaller seasonal works on the program.

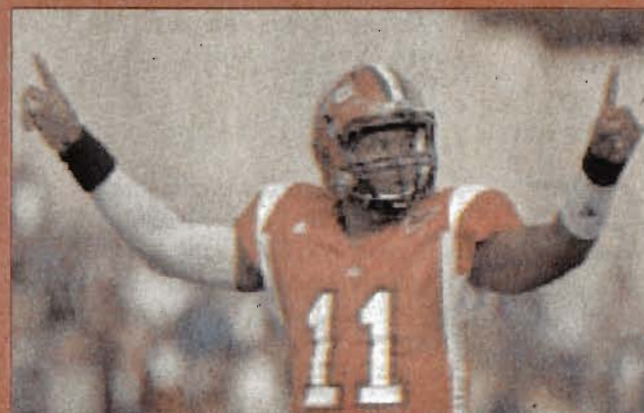


Photo by Steve Latham

## Giants Sign Perrilloux

The New York Giants announced the signing of seven players to reserve future contracts, including former Jacksonville State All-American Ryan Perrilloux.

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Wacky, Tacky, but True!

### Don't panic! Your sign's the same

That was scary! A few days back, there was end-of-the-world-style panic on Facebook when we "learned" that our zodiac signs had pretty much all changed! We learned wrong.

You can keep those Scorpio tattoos, because the discovery of a new 13th zodiac sign, Ophiuchus, does NOT apply to Western astrology, and almost definitely doesn't apply to you. Here's what tarot.com astrologer Jeff Jawer had to say about it: "When we look at the astrology used in the Western world, the seasonally based astrology has not changed, was never oriented to the constellations, and stands as... has been stated for two millenniums."

"Astrology is geocentric. It relates life on Earth to the Earth's environment, and seasons are the most dramatic effect, which is why we use the tropical zodiac." That was a close one! How are you supposed to pick someone up by talking about their zodiac sign when you can't even pronounce it? We're glad we don't have to worry about U, Ophiuchus! Did U get caught up in the zodiac panic?

### A Real Life Kick-Ass!

martial arts background, and we're well aware of what it costs to do what we do." That's some serious commitment! We just hope that these guys actually do know what they're doing, and don't get in over their heads!

### Woman Stabs Boyfriend over Facebook

Oh, just wonderful. Indiana police were reportedly called to the scene of a domestic dispute recently after a woman allegedly stabbed her boyfriend with a kitchen knife - when he would not allow her to view his Facebook page! According to the Indianapolis police report, Maurice Davenport told authorities that he "had gotten into a verbal altercation over a Facebook page" with Shemicka McVey "because McVey was attempting to view his webpage and he was attempting to keep her from viewing it."

They then moved the argument downstairs - because their two-year-old child was asleep upstairs (even better!) - which is when it became physical, and McVey slashed Davenport's left bicep with a kitchen knife! McVey also suffered a punch

## A Day in the life of a JSU Student Snowed In



JSU students waiting for their turn to sled down the hill near the football field on January 10, 2011. Photo by Kevin Brant Co-Editor of The Chanticleer.

### By Kevin Brant Co-Editor

A major winter storm that dumped over four inches of snow and ice fell at JSU; January 9-11 2011 will not be forgotten for a long time. As a student facing being snowed in, I decided to do what I could to prepare as best as possible.

Sleet started to fall not long after I returned to my dorm with plenty of groceries. Not long after that, freezing rain started to fall and shortly snow began to fall as well.

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that the roads closed; as for me, as well as for most of the students on campus, there was only one thing

roads passable again and checking for ice on the power lines to keep down power outages. By the end of the night many of the maintenance slept at various dorms.

By Monday, the only buildings open were those of essential nature such as UPD, the residence halls and the cafeteria. My car was iced shut and I could not drive it anywhere. One would think students would be awfully bored but they all still found plenty to do. A lot more snowmen were spotted at various parts of the campus and sledding was still quite the popular activity. Anyone from the South knows that snow is not very usual here; real sleds are hard to find. However, that did not present itself as an issue for students who used plastic lids off of plastic totes, floor mats from cars

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## A Real Life Kick-Ass!

Holy crow! This is so insane! Residents of Seattle, WA may sleep a little more soundly at night, because there are reportedly not just one, but a TEAM of super heroes, called The Rain City Superhero Movement, patrolling the streets and fighting crime! One such man, known as Phoenix Jones, is actually opening up to the press about his crime fighting! He explains: "When I walk into a neighborhood, criminals leave because they see the suit. I symbolize that the average person doesn't have to walk around, see bad things, and do nothing. I don't condone people walking around on the street with masks. Everyone on my team either has a military background or a mixed

They then moved the argument downstairs - because their two-year-old child was asleep upstairs (even better!) - which is when it became physical, and McVey slashed Davenport's left bicep with a kitchen knife! McVey also suffered a punch to the head, but either party charged no domestic abuse.

Oh, and they're still both Facebook friends! Aw, good! Glad to know they resolved their issues! WTH is wrong with people? Here's some food for thought: If you wrote or posted something on your Facebook page that you don't want someone - like your significant other - to see, chances are it's NOT APPROPRIATE to be published on a social-networking site AT ALL. But seeing as a majority of the public apparently thinks now that their every thought is interesting enough to share with the world, we're not surprised that incidents like this happen! Ugh. Deplorable! Thoughts??

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Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that the roads closed; as for me, as well as for most of the students on campus, there was only one thing to do, to go play in the snow. By 9 o'clock Jacksonville was covered with at least four inches of snow and it kept coming.

While most students were still looking at the snow with awe, others were not slow in trying to find whatever they could use to sled down the hills. I walked around to see the impact of the snow and ice on campus. As I got near Crow and Dixon Halls, I saw at least 50 students involved in a major snowball war. Anyone near that area was subjected to getting hit by numerous snowballs - myself included. I kept my distance but still managed to stumble across two snowballs. All the while, other students were building snowmen of various sizes and using household things as props for the snowmen.

However, while the students were having fun playing in the snow, the JSU maintenance department was driving around in their vehicles and plows to get the

spotted at various parts of the campus and sledding was still quite the popular activity. Anyone from the South knows that snow is not very usual here; real sleds are hard to find. However, that did not present itself as an issue for students who used plastic lids off of plastic totes, floor mats from cars, kneeboards, snowboards, cooking pans, a canoe, and a backboard off a basketball goal.

While most students were enjoying the snow, other students spoiled the fun when they decided to drive down the closed roads of JSU in Jeeps or pickup trucks and throw snowballs at unsuspecting people. Most of which were through with enough force that hurt people. I had to dodge a few cannons myself.

Later in the day, we found out that classes were going to be cancelled on Tuesday as well. The roads were very slushy and not safe. The football field was getting to be very muddy from all the sledding. That did not stop people from sledding down it.

Compiled by MJ Ortiz, courtesy Perez Hilton.com, Associated Press

# 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

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. Come join the excitement as we welcome Spring 2011 with our Preview Days!

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# OPINION

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Drazy Hoops

I'm gonna get 'cha my pretty!  
 (Editor's note: Oh my...)

This is not a search box!  
 Hahaha

Teen runs into house

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understand?

Can someone tell me how to get to Sesame Street?

Ernest P. Worrell survived the electric chair.

I'm living la vida loca... NOT!

Dude! Shuuut uuup!

The Gamecock diner is awesome!

I like big butts and I cannot lie.

Pitcher's got a big butt, oh yes he does!

Myyyyyy prreeeeecious!

Dang it Jim I'm a Doctor, not a physicist.

Katy Perry will be in the upcoming Smurfs movie... I didn't know she could act...

I'm so tired, I'm so tired, OH MY GAAAAWD!

If you fall down and you hurt yourself put a little dirt in it...  
 Make 'ya feel betta!

GO GAMECOCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Why am I so thirsty today if I drank so much last night?

Bob Barker is the man!

Would it KILL you to flush the toilet?

Wa wa wee wahhh! And there you have it...

What you call a dog with no legs? Don't matter what you call him, he ain't gonna come.

I have a PhD in Ninja!

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## Diet Causes Obesity, Not Fast Food

By Karen Ingram  
 UWIRE

People have been crying foul about fast food for years, blaming it for America's obesity problem. While McDonald's has been adding healthier items to their menu here in America and pumping out commercials encouraging an active lifestyle, they've decided to go all out on gluttony in Japan. According to a Jan. 12 Wall Street Journal article "Beefing up McDonald's," the Japan branch of the mega fast food chain is launching a series of limited edition burgers in their aptly named "Big America 2" campaign this month. These burgers, with names like "Idaho" and "Miami," range anywhere from 542 to 713 calories apiece. What does that translate to? Well, the "Texas 2" is 645 calories, which is slightly more than the caloric content of 12 Oreo cookies. That's a lot, and that's not even going into other unhealthy aspects of it, such as the fat and sodium content.

While I am personally grossed out by the idea of eating something like that, I'm amazed at all the comments and criticisms on the web from people who are terrified at the inevitable fat fate Japan faces because of evil companies like McDonald's. Japan is in better shape than America, health-wise. In 2004, the same year that Morgan Spurlock's documentary "Super Size Me" was released, the World Health Organization stated that 23 percent of Japanese citizens were overweight. That's less than a quarter of the population. Compared to America, where 67 percent of the population was rated overweight in 2006, Japan is doing just fine. Their obesity rate is increasing, but it's still nothing compared to America's waistlines.

Critics should bear one thing in mind, though, before they start screaming bloody murder about McDonald's again: It doesn't matter how many fruit bowls and salads you put on the menu. People don't go to fast food restaurants to eat healthy, they go to get a big, greasy heart attack with a side order of gravy. Because it's yummy and oh-so cheap.

We Americans love our freedom, and one of those freedoms we throw around as much as our weight is the freedom to make personal choices. In 2004, nearly a quarter of McDonald's customers here in

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STATE BASKETBALL!

Hey Ashley... run Forest  
runnn!

Release the Kraken... (Editor's  
note: That's what she said...)

"Love Never Fails"

What part of no do you not

Dang it Jim I'm a Doctor, not  
a physicist.

Katy Perry will be in the  
upcoming Smurfs movie... I  
didn't know she could act...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MJ!!! I wuv  
you!

Car service: If it ain't broke,  
we'll break it.

If you're happy and you know  
it clap your hands! (Clap  
clap!)

I have a PhD in Ninja!

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We Americans love our freedom, and one of those freedoms we throw around as much as our weight is the freedom to make personal choices. In 2004, nearly a quarter of McDonald's customers here in America visited the restaurant three to five times a week, according to Spurlock's documentary "Super Size Me." Do you think any of them noticed or cared when they added oatmeal to the menu? I doubt it.

Nobody in their right mind believes for a second that eating fast food is good for you, and the Japanese are very smart people, so I'm sure they are well aware of this fact. People who claim McDonald's in Japan is playing on the Japanese love for limited time offers have obviously never seen the hordes of ravenous people right here in the States every time the McRib makes an appearance.

There's no trickery involved here, people. The choices we make in our diet are no more confusing to us than they are in Japan. If they choose to eat fish and rice and keep a slender figure, that is their decision. If they wish to gorge on deep fried burgers and fries, they will get fat and that is also their decision. Just like it is yours. Bear this in mind next time you are trying to decide what Dollar Menu items to get after class. A bag of frozen veggies is less than 2 bucks and would last you longer.

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# Entertainment/Health

NEWS ABOUT ART, MOVIES AND MOVIES AND MORE

## Filling in the Gaps of the Periodic Table: Element 117 is created

**By Laura Dolbow**  
UWIRE

Vanderbilt physics professors Dr. Joseph Hamilton and Dr. A.V. Ramayya were a critical part of a team of American and Russian scientists that discovered an element that fills in the last remaining blank on the periodic table.

Element 117, which was created by smashing together calcium-48 and berkelium in a particle accelerator in Dubna, Russia, is a stepping stone towards the discovery of more massive elements, which have the potential to depart from expected

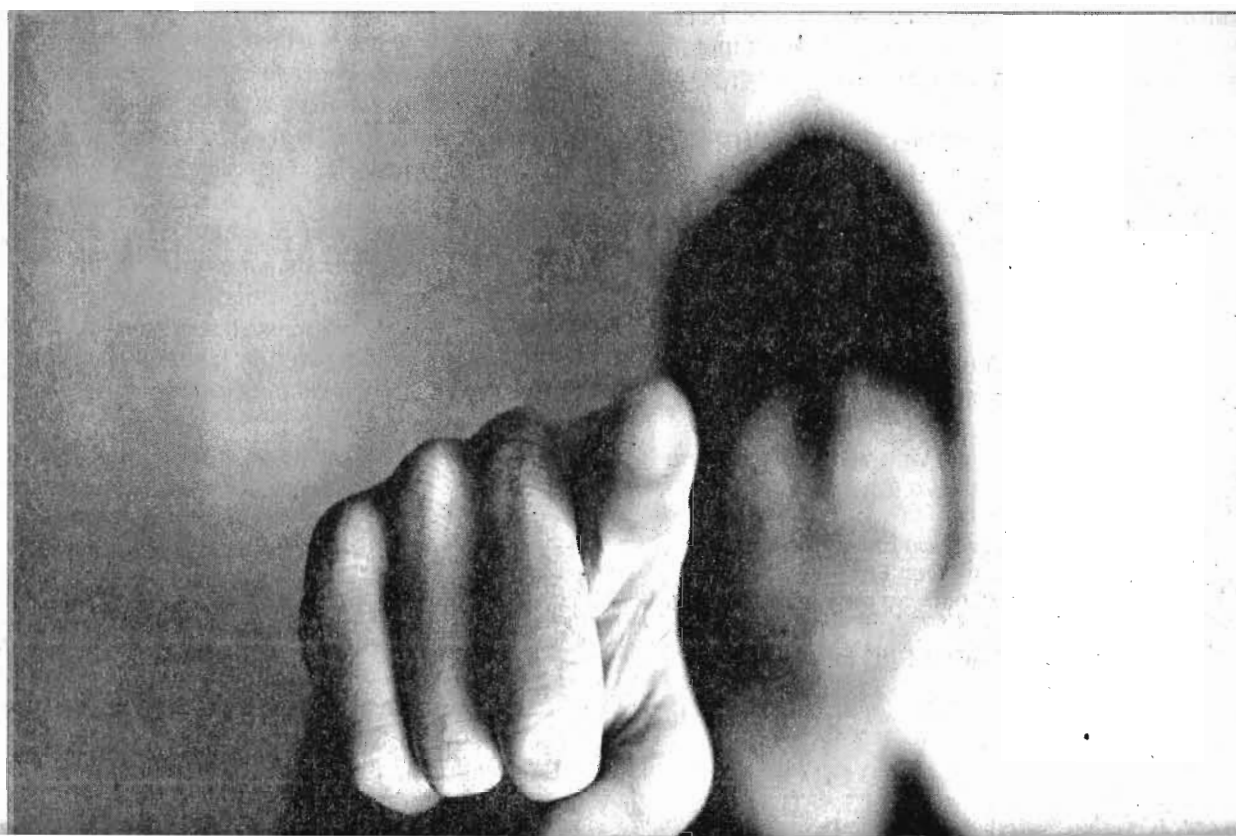
chemical behavior and to unlock new theories about nuclear structure.

"Our 117 discovery is very important in developing and verifying our theoretical understandings of how elements are formed in nature and the behavior of nuclear matter in the nucleus under extreme conditions," said Hamilton.

Hamilton and Ramayya went to Russia on several occasions for experiments and continuously monitored the results via the Internet. The radioactive berkelium was created in a high neutron flux reactor laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN.

Element 117 gives evidence that a theorized

"island of stability" may exist as new elements continue to get heavier by adding more neutrons. "The predictions are that if you could get an element with 184 neutrons, it would be a spherical, magical number that would give great stability to a nucleus, so much that it could be long lived enough to perhaps exist in nature," Hamilton said. With 177 neutrons, element 117 is the closest anyone has come to this number, and its lifetime is the longest of any of the superheavy elements.



## Should you Teach for America?

**By Egu Ramanathan**  
UWIRE

Entrance into the "real world" is daunting for anyone, especially for those without job prospects. With employment particularly difficult to come by, Teach For America presents a promising alternative for new graduates.

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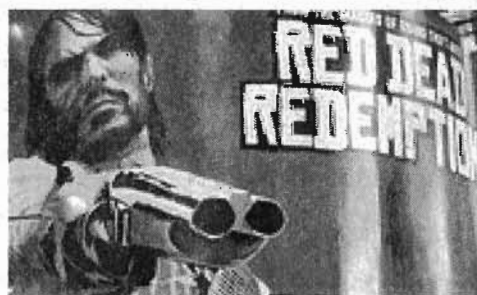
### 'HALO REACH'

"Halo" did what people expect of "Halo": solid single-player campaign mixed with some awesome multiplayer. Given all that, "Reach" was still the best in the series by adding armor abilities that mix up the core gameplay and keeps it fresh and engaging at the same time. Bungie added just the right thing for their game and the maps they put in were really memorable.

### 'RED DEAD REDEMPTION'

In short, this game can be described as "Grand Theft Auto" meets cowboys. Playing cowboys is still as much fun as it was when you were a kid. This game has great graphics, killer gameplay and more of the awesome story elements Rockstar has been putting into their games. Put in some multiplayer, and you have yourself the game of the year.

— UWIRE



## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS ALCOHOL USAGE IN SPORTING EVENTS

### UWIRE

Eight percent of Americans leave professional sporting events legally drunk, according to a study conducted by the U. Minnesota School of Public Health. The study showed close to half of professional baseball and football game attendees consumed alcohol during the sporting events. Researchers funded by the Substance Abuse

Policy Research Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation gave breathalyzer exams to 362 adults from 13 baseball and three football games. Tailgaters were 14 times more likely to be legally drunk, and those with the highest blood alcohol content readings on average consumed about seven alcoholic drinks. Erickson, a professor of epidemiology at the University, said

if the results accurately represent fans at professional sporting events then on average, close to 5,000 attendees would be above the legal BAC limit of .08 at any given NFL game. "That's a lot of drunken individuals who could be involved in traffic accidents, assaults, vandalism, crime and other injuries," Erickson said.

Entrance into the "real world" is daunting for anyone, especially for those without job prospects. With employment particularly difficult to come by, Teach For America presents a promising alternative for new graduates.

In 1990, Princeton University alumna Wendy Kopp founded Teach For America. With ambitious goals in mind, Kopp established a two-year program for recent college graduates to teach at urban, low-income public schools scattered across the nation. Because the program does not require participants to have degrees in education or the subject they teach, TFA is an option for a wide range of educated young people.

But, depending on your commitment to teaching, TFA might not be the job for you.

A college degree and an impressive GPA do not a capable teacher make, and being inspired by Hilary Swank's character in "Freedom Writers" is not enough to ignite a genuine desire to educate. At the risk of sounding like a broken record from the Obama campaign, you must have the drive for change if you plan on entering this program.

Unfortunately, not all TFA teachers seem to have this drive. The program has a 50-percent turnover rate after two years, and an 80-percent turnover rate after three years, according to a study by U. Texas education professor Julian Vasquez Heilig and California State U's Su Jin Jez.

These findings imply TFA workers' commitment to teaching is fleeting at best, and self-serving at worst. While TFA hopes its teachers will make a lasting impact on their school system, an alarming percentage of the program's members complete the required two years and essentially abandon ship for either grad school in unrelated fields, or to pursue a different career path altogether.

To be sure, TFA can open doors for those who care deeply about bridging the achievement gap that has plagued the U.S. public education system for decades. The statistics are undeniable. America, one of the world's most powerful nations, lags behind a majority of the developed world in its public school students' math and reading aptitude. Texas public school students rank 49th in verbal and math SAT scores and have the 36th-lowest high school graduation rate.

It is distressing that participating in a program with such noble goals is so difficult. TFA now accepts fewer than 20 percent of applicants, and a recent article in The New York Times compares TFA acceptance rates to those of Ivy League colleges. Perhaps for those genuinely interested in improving American public education, however, the stiffened competition for acceptance into TFA is a blessing in disguise.

With so much talk about TFA's selec-

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'The Green Hornet' Plays Hero but Falls Short

By **Steven Kwan**  
UWIRE

"The Green Hornet" has the attitude and dialogue of boys who love comic books and cool gadgets, and are just starting to discover girls. In an effort to have this pulp hero from 1936 make sense and be more relatable 75 years later, the movie often stumbles over itself and comes off as awkward as preteen boys.

Seth Rogen plays Britt Reid, who wanted to grow up to be a hero to people. He stands to inherit a successful newspaper empire from his father, who sees his son as a dreamer and a hedonist. Britt spends his nights trashing hotel rooms and his mornings trying to remember who is sleeping next to him. His father dies from an apparent allergic reaction to a bee sting while smelling the roses, and Britt cannot withstand the burden of his father's reputation and legacy.

The day after his father's funeral, Reid notices his superb morning latte tastes awful. This

leads to a meeting with Kato (Jay Chou), one of his father's servants who seems to not only be proficient at making espresso and espresso machines, but also a master of martial arts, chemical weapons, and customized crime-fighting cars. They talk while getting drunk and then decide to play hero in a city where the crime rate is supposedly dropping.

Rogen is all over "The Green Hornet": In addition to playing Reid, he is also an executive producer and a co-writer. While that proved to be a winning approach in his previous movies "Pineapple Express" and "Superbad," it doesn't quite help here. That there is a man-child sense of wonder and amazement at how awesome everything the duo is doing throughout the movie can either be annoying or fun to watch.

Rogen and co-writer Evan Goldberg, who also helped co-write "Pineapple Express" and "Superbad," are cheekily aware of how goofy the original character and certain action movie conventions

can be. Reid and Kato both try to win the affections of Cameron Diaz's Lenore Case. Their total misread of her actions lead to a funny payoff late in the movie. Christoph Waltz politely nibbles on each of his scenes as the composed, old-fashioned crime lord of vague Eastern European origins who seems to be suffering a mid-life identity crisis.

Michel Gondry took on directing duties for "The Green Hornet" and his influence can be seen in the movie's fascination with fanciful gadgets, especially with a custom-made espresso machine that merited two montage scenes. The Green Hornet and Kato get the Black Beauty, which is outfitted, of all things, with a vinyl record player in the backseat and the standard hero armaments of machine guns, missiles and beanbag bullets — all homemade, of course.

As if the gadgets weren't enough, the fight scenes employ "Kato Vision" where time slows down to a snail's pace and a situation is quickly analyzed to the hero's advantage. It's amazing

to watch, especially in 3-D. (Of course, there is a scene late in the movie that mocks this effect as well.)

Given that "The Green Hornet" depends heavily on the relationship between Reid and Kato, some early reviews found the chemistry between Rogen and Chou to be lacking. With Reid portrayed as a sheltered person and Kato as a seeming super genius in anti-crime gear, Rogen and Chou are able to convey their gawky part-

nership through back-and-forth dialogue that works more often than not.

Seeing "The Green Hornet" in 3-D can be rather disappointing. There are some car chase scenes where bullet shells fly toward the audience, and the 3-D effects can make some of the nicely choreographed fight scenes pop out so that audience members can feel as if they are in the thick of it. But these still don't justify the ticket cost. With his amazing work with sets,

it's surprising that Gondry wasn't able to make 3-D work in "The Green Hornet."

Trying to appease fans while reaching a larger audience with an established character can be a great challenge. (Just ask writer-director Kevin Smith, whose rejected script for this remake was instead adapted into a comic book series last year). It's a shame Rogen couldn't meet that challenge with "The Green Hornet."

Grade: C+



## TEACHING

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tivity, U. Texas has still has an impressive showing. Eighty students from the UT class of 2010 will begin teaching in the fall, and the program ranks UT No. 1 among large colleges for our student contribution to the program. Such a strong representation in the program is beneficial for Longhorns with a genuine interest in working toward TFA's goal.

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The background features a large, detailed illustration of a tree with many leaves. In the lower right, the JSU logo is displayed in a stylized, outlined font. Below the logo, the text 'JAMES SPRINGFIELD UNIVERSITY' is faintly visible.

# Spring Preview Days

Saturday, February 5, 2011  
Saturday, April 2, 2011

# Sports

## JSU's Manning Tabbed Adidas OVC Newcomer Of The Week

*From wire reports*

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — For the second straight week, Jacksonville State's Brittany Manning has been named the Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week, announced by the league office on Monday.

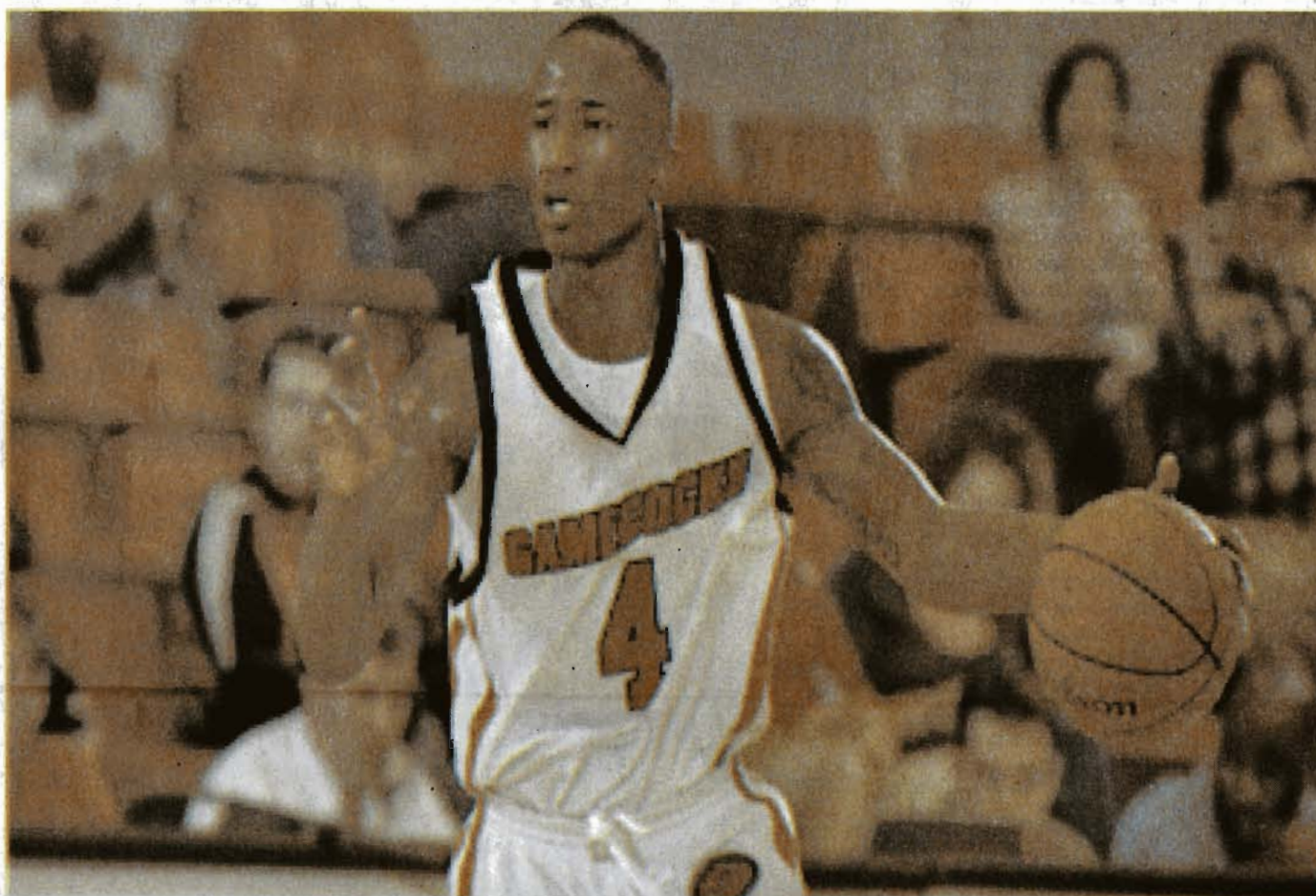
Manning claimed the weekly honor last week after aiding the Gamecocks to road wins at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. The Huntsville, Ala.-native continued her impressive performances

this past weekend against Murray State and UT Martin. Manning sparked the JSU offense with 39 points in the two games, averaging 19.5 points. She turned in a career-high 25 points in the loss to UT Martin. Against the Skyhawks, Manning was 8-for-18 from the floor with five of the eight buckets made coming from beyond the arc. She also pulled down a season-high five boards against the Skyhawks. She put up 14 points versus Murray State.



JSU's Brittany Manning (20) in action earlier this season.

## JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS VS. UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIN



## Jax State Track & Field Records Top Finishes At SIU Open

CARBONDALE, Ill. — The Jacksonville State women's track and field team opened the new calendar year by shattering a school record this past weekend at the 2011 Saluki Open, hosted by Southern Illinois.

Sophomore Laveeta Oliver established a new JSU indoor record by claiming the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.56. Oliver's time is currently the top time in the Ohio Valley Conference in the event.

The Gamecocks also had couple of third place finishes in the meet with freshman Kevyn Tracy in the 800 meter run (2:21.67) and the 1600 meter relay team (Liz Bond, Oliver, Natasha Sturkie and Shamira Barrett) clocking a 3:56.22.

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Dominique Shellman (4) communicating a play to fellow teammates during recent game vs. UT Martin. Shellman had 8 points in the game that JSU lost 63-60, With the loss, JSU is now 2-16 overall. **Photo by Sports Information Desk**

# UT Martin Edges JSU In Men's Basketball

**By KEVIN BRANT**  
Co- Editor

JSU Men's Basketball competed against UT Martin at Pete Matthews Coliseum on Jan. 15. In a matchup that had 12 lead changes and 9 ties, it was a close game throughout the contest but JSU could not hang on for the win.

JSU won the opening tip off and UT Martin in the first 3:16 of the first half started the game going on an 8-2 run.

The ball went back and forth between the two teams resulting in no score. Then JSU went on a 5-0 run to make the score 8-7 UT Martin.

The ball changed possessions between the two teams several times resulting in scores. JSU took the first lead in the 1st half 12-10 with 13:00 to go in first half.

Numerous shots were taken. As the half progressed there were numerous lead changes and ties in the game. With 4:12 to go in 1st half, the score was 27-23 UT Martin.

Things then started to get interesting. After a long period of either being behind in score or being tied with UT Martin, JSU regains lead over UT Martin 29-27 with 2:14 to go till halftime. Both teams had possession changes with scores. The score at halftime was 34-30 UT Martin.

JSU started 2nd half with possession of the ball. The ball changed possessions several times resulting in scores mainly for UT martin. With 15:48 to go in 2nd

half, the score was 38-33 UT martin.

JSU then stormed back and scored a lot of points making the score 47-44 with 7:38 to go in 2nd half. JSU then regained lead by 5:48 to go in game with the score 48-47n JSU.

A highlight of the game was an alley oop Slam Dunk by #2 Stephen hall. This Dunk occurred with 1:10 to go in game, and the crowd went nuts. This made the score 60-58 JSU. The score remained close the rest of the game. JSU had opportunity to win the game in the final seconds but ends up losing. Final score UT Martin 63 JSU 60.

JSU had two players score in double digits. #13 Nick Murphy had 15 points and #14 Jeremy Bynum had 13 points. JSU went 23-52 or 44.2 percent shooting 2 point shots. JSU was also 4-13 on 3 point shots or 30.8 percent. In free throws, JSU went 10-15 or 66.7 percent.

Nick Murphy #13 for JSU commented after the loss to UT Martin. "It was a wonderful game," Murphy said. " We had our opportunities to win it but it was tough and we should have pulled through and won."

UT Martin led by as much as seven points at one point during the contest. The largest lead for JSU was only two points.

The JSU men's basketball team will play several games on the road over the next couple of weeks. They will return for the next home game on Feb. 3 This next game will be versus Morehead State. Game time will be at 7:45 p.m. at the Pete Matthews Colisum.

"We did have some spotty performances at SIU, but, due mostly to the weather, we simply have not had an opportunity to get in a lot of work with our girls; especially the field event personnel," said head coach Steve Ray. "Once we get a long stretch of good conditions we've got to get to work and play catch-up".

Jax State will travel a partial squad to this upcoming weekend's Indiana University's Gladstein Invitational (Jan. 21-22). The competition begins at noon on Friday and concludes with the 1600 meter relay on Saturday afternoon.

## Baseball Showcase Camp Rescheduled for January 22

Jacksonville State baseball has moved its annual Winter Showcase back one week and will now host the event on Saturday, January 22nd. The camp was originally scheduled for January 15th, but has been moved due to weather.

The camp is open to High School athletes in the graduating classes of 2011 - 2014.

The showcase camp will run from 9:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. Along with the evaluation portion of the camp, instruction on all phases of the game will be included with this camp. The cost of the camp is \$110.

Please call Coach Janssen at (256) 782-8141 or (256) 343-5949, or email him at [jsubaseball@jsu.edu](mailto:jsubaseball@jsu.edu) with any questions.



FormerJSU Football Quarterback Ryan Perrilloux signaling a play from the line of scrimmage during Gamecock football game.

## Former Gamecock QB Ryan Perrilloux Signs with New York Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ - The New York Giants announced the signing of seven players to reserve/future contracts, including former Jacksonville State All-American Ryan Perrilloux.

Perrilloux was an All-America quarterback for the Gamecocks in 2009 and was also named the Ohio

Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year after leading the conference in passing efficiency (172.58) and ranked fourth nationally in points responsible for (18.6 points/game).

He finished the season with 2,350 yards, which was the third best in school history, and his 42

career passing touchdowns is third, while his 61.0 completion percentage is also third in school history.

The signal caller won Offensive Player of the Week honors seven times in 2009, which is an OVC record, and he claimed the honor nine times during his two-year career

— *From wire reports*