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The students and staff of Jacksonville State University will soon receive the benefit of a new dining option at JSU Chicolla Hall. This is a result of a contract with Sodexo, Jacksonville State University’s Dining Services. The new establishment, The Gamecock Diner, is located right next to Stephenson Hall. "It’s not like the cafe," says Linda Griffin, who will be the new supervisor for the Gamecock Diner. Many may have seen Griffin working the counter during the morning shift at the cafe. “You can come in and order your own food.” The new establishment will feature selections from the Gamecock Blue Ribbon Bacon Bar-B-Que Burger, The Gamecock Steak House Fries, Cockey's Crispy Chicken Sandwich, JSU Chicken Quesadilla Supreme, plus a full buffet which will include a soup and salad bar. The menu will also include fried chicken, lasagna, and hamburgers. Griffin says that 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 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 expectations 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 and enjoy the menu while staying in shape.”

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.

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

### Keep Those New Year's Resolutions

**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 the 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).
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 were 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:

"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!

A Day in the life of a JSU Student Snowed In

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 puncture wound as well.

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 to do: head out to the residence halls and sled! As the snow and ice started to pile up, we realized that 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 crews slept at various dorms.

By Monday, the only buildings open were those of essential nature such as the 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 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 tubs, floor mats from cars...
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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

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Calendar

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!

For more information, please contact Becca Turner, Director of Career Services, at ext. 5485.
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

The Daugette RAs are JSU tickets and boots to ppl at Teen runs into house Katy Perry will be in the upcoming Smurfs movie... I didn’t know she could act... Why am I so thirsty today if I Me” was released, the World Health Orgar... (Editor’s note: Oh my...)

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 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.

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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 Japan went for the limited edition $2.50 “Big America 2” burger. "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.

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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 horde 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.
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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VIDEO REVIEW

"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.

"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.

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.

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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 last-darting 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-
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 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 trashng 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" in 3-D can be rather disappointing. There are some car chase scenes where bullet shells fly toward to 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

From Page 4

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.

Kopp once said, "In order to have a real impact, you have to influence the consciousness of the country. You will have to influence the priorities of a generation."

As TFA's target audience, we must ask ourselves where our priorities lie. Do we want a moving 24-month experience before pursuing a completely unrelated career, or do we want to work beyond the two-year commitment toward improving a flawed system? If our generation and its ever-increasing cynicism fails to follow up on our idealism, who will?
Kopp once said, "In order to have a real impact, you have to influence the consciousness of the country. You will have to influence the priorities of a generation." As TFA's target audience, we are called to not only recognize the need for reform, but also to actively work towards improving a flawed system. As our generation and its ever-increasing cynicism fails to follow up on our idealism, who will?
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.

JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS VS. UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIN

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.

“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 team,” said JSU head coach Ron McNeal.
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 possession several times between the two teams resulting in scores. JSU took the 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 possession 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 Coliseum.

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 jsu_baseball@jsu.edu with any questions.

Former Gamecock QB Ryan Perriloux 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 Perriloux.

Perriloux 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.

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