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Cycling club seeks students for organized rides

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NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Carmine Di Biase is calling all cyclists — especially students — to join the JSU Cycling Club on its many group rides.

"We have organized rides — it's almost always faculty and other local people. And the rides start from here, from campus, at the kiosk near the fraternity and sorority houses. So it couldn't be more convenient," said the English professor.

"We use the trail to start the ride, we use the trail to end the ride, but we'll get off on the country roads and explore some of the countryside around here."

So what exactly does the group offer?

"It's mainly to stay fit. And to be with people we like. And you meet a lot of people that you like. Because everyone you meet is trying to be, and to stay healthy," said Di Biase.

"I think that's really the goal of nearly all the people that I've met who are into cycling. So they're generally happy. They're generally positive people."

The cycling group brings together people from all walks — or rides — of life. Veterinarians, doctors, teachers, scientists, policemen, mechanics, lawyers, and car dealers are all present.

"There are really all kinds of people taking part in this. And they come because everyone's working hard on the bike and trying to enjoy their bodies working well and doing what they're supposed to do," said Di Biase.

"There's no time for pettiness, disagreements or arguments. Actually, most of us do this in part to get away from all of that. So it's a very good sport."

Di Biase himself cycles about 150 miles per week during the semester, and when he has more time, sometimes 250 to 300 miles. And in this month's upcoming Cheaha Challenge, Di Biase plans to start in front.

"I'm not going to take any big risks, but I am going to start in the front because the first 25 miles, if you start in the front, you can get in with the fastest pace line," he said. "In that way

you go very fast, but you don't have to work that hard to keep up that speed because you're in a vacuum."

But he admits, "I'm not going to finish in the front — I can tell you that right now. Because there's always some people there who are actually downright professional, or could be if they wanted to."

Di Biase and most other members participate in events such as the Cheaha Challenge and the Woodland Century Challenge, for the main benefits of health and camaraderie. But he doesn't want these events to give the wrong impression about the cycling club's group rides.

"The organized rides are not like this. They are not painful, they're enjoyable. And we don't drop anybody. We'll go at a pace, whatever pace we have go at, to keep the whole group together," he said.

"So 99 percent of the riding we do is not competitive."

The roads are chosen with care, so as not to meet much traffic, and one rule is strictly enforced.

"Everyone has to have a helmet. Otherwise, we won't let you come because we don't want to see your brains on the ground," said Di Biase.

On its most recent outing in March, the group made an overnight trip to Hiram, Ga., and back. They left from the police station in Weaver, and kept a slow to moderate pace since it was a social ride. They stopped to lunch at Frankie's in Rockmart, then continued the 80-mile ride to stay the night at the Country Inn.

In an email, Di Biase wrote, "We took it easy on the way over and all stayed together. On the way back we split up into three groups. The weather was perfect. The trail was beautiful, a different kind of beauty every few miles, sometimes very green and thick-

ly wooded, sometimes wide open with views of fields and cattle or donkeys.

"In Georgia it got more populated, more people on the trail the closer we got to towns such as Cedartown and Rockmart."

Plans are now being made for a family ride, from Germania Springs to the

Solid Rock Cafe in Piedmont and back.

"About 19 miles in all, and all very slow — about 12-14 mph average. No one gets dropped," said Di Biase.

Although a specific date has not been set, anyone interested in the upcoming ride or the JSU Cycling Club can contact Di Biase at cdbiase@jsu.



Members of the JSU Cycling club enjoy the local trails.

Dr. Carmine Di Biase/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER



The JSU A Cappella Choir on March 18, 2012 when they performed at First Presbyterian Church in Anniston where along with the Chamber Singers they presented their Spring Concert.

Making a joyful noise

KARA COLEMAN
A & E EDITOR

Before Dr. Patricia Corbin came to JSU thirteen years ago, she was teaching at a public school in New Jersey. Though the high school she had attended as a student did not have a music program, Corbin studied music in college and is now the Director of Choral Activities at Jacksonville State.

"My high school did a musical and I was involved in that every year, but they didn't have a lot of the stuff that kids have now. So I'm a little envious," she says. "But I still loved music and I took piano lessons, so that's what kept me involved. I've always liked to sing. I got that from my mom, who always was singing."

Dr. Corbin knows all about singing. She administers scholarships, is a voice teacher, is responsible

for an Honors Choir program for middle and high schoolers, and directs three of the five choirs at JSU. The groups under her direction are the A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers, and Calhoun County Civic Chorale. Each choir usually performs once each semester.

Just prior to spring break, the A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers performed a joint concert at First Presbyterian Church in Anniston.

According to Corbin, the performance room in Mason Hall is not ideal for vocalists, so her choir concerts are usually held at a church.

They rotate between three Anniston churches: St. Michael and All Angels, First Methodist, and First Presbyterian.

On April 15th, the Civic Chorale, which is composed of community members

as well as JSU students, will hold a concert at First United Methodist in Anniston. The program is titled "Make a Joyful Noise: A Celebration of Psalms", and will also feature the FUMC Bell Choir, under the direction of Kathy Murphy.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 3:00 that afternoon, but audience members can come at 2:30 to hear a lecture by retired JSU professor Dr. Anne Johnson Cody. She will be lecturing on Psalms and psalmody.

Corbin claims that the repertoire for her choirs is mostly classical, but that she does like to present her students with a variety of music.

"It's the kind of stuff that if somebody was in All State choir in high school, it's a continuation of that," she says of her usual fare. "It's kind of standard choral

repertoire. Last year, the Chamber Singers did a jazz program, so sometimes we do something different. We do all musical time periods, all musical styles, for the most part."

Students do not have to be music majors to audition for any ensembles, vocal or instrumental, at JSU.

Scholarship auditions for both incoming and returning students take place every spring, and general auditions are usually held right before classes begin each semester.

"We have choirs here for everybody, and if anybody's interested in coming and participating, it's never too late," according to Corbin. "All of my colleagues and myself are interested in getting anybody who wants to sing, to come and sing."

Rosalynn Martin to attend Women and Power at Harvard

Ms. Rosalynn Martin, JSU Director of Human Resources was recently selected by the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Admissions Committee to attend Women and Power from May 6, 2012 - May 11, 2012.

Women and Power focuses on helping women in senior positions develop effective leadership strategies, with an emphasis on creating successful alliances and enduring partnerships.

At its core, the program is an intense, interactive experience designed to help women advance to positions of influence and use them well.

Program participants will engage with Harvard faculty and other dynamic women leaders in the program to explore strategies for enhancing influence and authority in organizational and political contexts.

The course uses the Harvard case study method to examine leadership challenges faced by individuals and organizations, and to consider how to apply lessons to present-day professional situations.

The course also facilitates sharing lessons from personal experiences to address common challenges.

Specifically, participants will:

- * Explore new conceptual frameworks for analyzing

ing political and strategic management issues in the public, non-profit, and corporate sectors.

* Consider the most recent research on women



Rosalynn Martin

NewsWire

and leadership and its application in the workplace.

- * Develop skills and strategies for negotiation, coalition-building and influencing political processes.

- * Compare lessons learned with women from diverse professional backgrounds and similar levels of career achievement.

Ms. Martin, along with a diverse and accomplished group of peers, will be immersed in a challenging and stimulating learning experience.

- NewsWire

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

“Monty”



Emily Hayes/THE CHANTICLEER

BRIEFS

Celebrate Earth Day at the Canyon. The JSU Field Schools, Little River Canyon National Preserve and DeSoto State Park will host a day filled with fun and educational programs on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Programs include Fly Fishing for Beginners, Build Your Own Bluebird House and Junior Ranger Day. For more information, email JSU Field Schools Coordinator Renee Morrison, rmorrison@jsu.edu.

The 30th annual Jacksonville State University Holocaust Remembrance will be held April 19 at 7:30 p.m., Stone Center Theater, Jacksonville State University. This event is free and open to the general public. Keynote speaker will be Holocaust survivor Max Herzl. This will be Mr. Herzl's third keynote speech at the JSU Holocaust Remembrance, the last time being in 2002 for the 20th anniversary program. The Holocaust Remembrance began in 1982 as a project of the JSU Wesley Foundation. For more information, please see the Remembrance Committee's web site at <http://www.jsu.edu/holocaust/>.

Jeffrey A. Parker, executive in residence in the Jacksonville State University College of Commerce and Business Administration, will be a featured speaker at the Association of Health Care Journalists National Convention in Atlanta, which takes place April 19-22. Parker will speak during the Friday, April 20 morning session on "Moves to Address Access to Dental Care." Former President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter and the American Cancer Society Chief Medical and Scientific Officer Otis Brawley, M.D. will be the keynote speakers. More than 500 journalists are expected to attend the conference.

CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, March 19

- Arrest for Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia, Crow Hall
- Arrest for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor in Jack Hopper Cafeteria
- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia, Round House
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall

Tuesday, March 20

- Domestic Dispute, Logan Hall Parking Lot

Wednesday, March 21

- Rendering False Alarm & Criminal Mischief, Dixon Hall
- Parking in Handicap, Stadium Tower Parking Lot
- Theft of Property, Crow Hall
- Rendering Criminal Mischief (2), Paul Carpenter Village
- Automobile Accident, Carlisle Building

Thursday, March 22

- Gas Leak, Sparkman Hall
- Medical Emergency, Mason Hall
- Arson, Paul Carpenter Village
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Alumni House
- Information Report, Salls Hall

Friday, March 23

- Theft of Property, Dixon Hall

Thursday, March 29

- Suspicious Person, Martin Hall
- Information Report, Off Campus
- Information Report, JSU Campus

Sunday, April 1

- Theft of Property, Stadium Tower

CALENDAR

Friday, April 6

Housing Slip & Slide
Where: behind Sparkman Hall
When: 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Matthew Russell at mdrussell@jsu.edu

Monday, April 9

STD & AIDS Awareness Rally
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority
Contact: Jasmyne Jones at jjones14@jsu.edu

Silent Auction

Where: International House
When: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sponsored by International Student Organization
Contact: Jeff Clark at (256) 782-5674

Tuesday, April 10

One Day without Shoes
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 12 - 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Freshman Forum
Contact: Noelle Millirons at (256) 782-5493

Wednesday, April 11

Majors & Minor Career Fair
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 2 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Career Services & Academic Advisement
Contact: Michelle Green at amgreen@jsu.edu

Mock Trial of Charles Jones

Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 6 p.m.
Sponsored by JSU Criminal Justice Dept.
Contact: Criminal Justice at (256) 782-5335
*Come and be a member of the jury!

Thursday, April 12

Education Fair
Where: Stephenson Hall
When: 1 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Career Services
Contact: Tawana Roberts at (256) 782-5482
*Students majoring in Education should dress professionally and bring 20+ copies of their resume.

Take Back The Night

Where: JSU Quad
When: 5 - 9 p.m.
Sponsored by Counseling Services
Contact: Julie Nix at jnix@jsu.edu

OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS

Letter to the Editor: The burning in your lungs

I enjoyed reading Matt Tyson's article about lifting the prohibition of marijuana. I thought it was very well put together and was also very well written. He presented a solid case and was very persuasive in his argument.

My intent is not to critique Mr. Tyson's article, but just to add to it. When it comes to medical marijuana, mister Tyson and I are in complete agreement. Marijuana should be available to patients who would benefit from its use. This is beyond dispute.

Where Mr. Tyson and I may disagree, however, is that I believe it should only be legalized for medicinal use. I think that the laws regarding recreational use of marijuana should remain in place for a very good reason.

The War on Drugs is the best thing that's happened to this country since the British tried to tax our tea. Marijuana prohibition has turned pot-smoking into a revolutionary act.

Ah, but it's not so easy. You can't just go down to the corner pharmacy and buy a tin of American Cannabis, like you could in the earlier part of last century.

And, as was once the case with alcohol, prohibition has driven the cannabis commerce underground and obtaining it requires some networking that by definition, is illegal. So participate at your own risk, as there are definite consequences to this behavior.

Remember that appearances are often deceiving. That woman with the stinky dreads and the hemp poncho might be an undercover DEA agent. Con-

versely, that cop in the D.A.R.E t-shirt could be the biggest doper in town.

You have entered a realm of ambiguity and danger. You're an outlaw, an anarchist. You're making your own rules. Chances are that you'll eventually find what you're looking for. And in the midst of your euphoria, you'll think to yourself, "Wow. This is great. I can't believe this is illegal."

Then you'll get angry.



You'll recall all the anti-drug propaganda disseminated by our government. You'll think of all the peaceful people who have been jailed -- caged like animals -- simply for growing this benevolent plant.

And who foots the bill? You, of course. You pay for it with your tax dollars and in your stoned epiphany, you will come to realize that the government, the establishment, and the authorities can't control you anymore. This is your rebellion and your way to thumb your nose at the government.

Because marijuana is illegal, you've been forced to make new friends, participate in the counterculture and question authority.

Furthermore, because of the scarcity of the marijuana, and the risk involved with obtaining it, you're bound to appreciate whatever you get and you'll use it frugally. You'll value it more.

If marijuana was decriminalized across the board,

people would take the herb for granted. It would be ubiquitously marketed through a thousand banal ad campaigns. It would be grown by the same multinational conglomerates that own everything else in America today. No one would save roaches anymore, except the people who already save their cigarette butts.

Stoners like to dream of a world where everyone gets high, and war itself is finally vanquished. That there would be peace on earth and no more wars. Sorry everyone, but it just ain't gonna happen like that.

The Heads of State are not going to sit down in

a circle and pass the water-pipe. But they will do their best to make sure that marijuana loses whatever subversive edge it has. It will become just another opiate of the masses, like organized religion and televised sports and we might become a nation of complacent dopers.

I can't imagine anything more revolting. It's better that we remain angry outlaws, partyin' on the brink.

Yes, marijuana prohibition is unjust. But it's a constant reminder that we live in an unjust society, under the thumb of an oppressive elite. Legalization should be our last priority. Once everyone has the opportunity to earn a decent living, once racism and prejudice have been vanquished forever, and once people finally learn to respect each other and our environment -- then let's fight to make marijuana not only legal, but available for free to every citizen on of the planet.

In the meantime, may the burning in your lungs be exceeded only by the flame of righteous outrage in your heart.

- Jeff Martin



Media created assumptions beyond known facts in Trayvon Martin case

By The Lariat Editorial Board
The Lariat, Baylor U. via UWIRE

No matter who ends up the victim in the Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman case, the media is going to go down in history as the bad guy.

Once the sensational nature of the story began to die down, various news outlets began turning on each other to reveal shortcuts and manipulations that they took to skew the events of the night Martin died.

One of the most noticeable is the selection of photos almost every news syndicate used when the story broke. A smiling, young Martin appears in stark contrast to a frowning Zimmerman wearing a distinctly orange shirt. The photos carry a heavy suggestion of who is the victim and who has committed a crime.

Add the appearance of the sullen-looking Zimmerman to the 911 call transcript NBC's Today Show provided. In the transcript, Zimmerman said Martin looked suspicious because Martin was black, and the case reveals itself as at least fueled by racism, if not a hate crime.

As it turns out, however, that transcript was selectively edited. On Monday NBC told The Washington Post that it has launched an internal investigation into the editing decisions made for the story. Zimmerman never said Martin looked suspicious because he was black. The only time Zimmerman described Martin's race was when the dispatcher directly asked that question.

The shooting occurred on Feb. 26 but did not appear in the national media until March 10 when Martin's parents appeared on Good Morning America. That's when the discussion of a racially-charged crime first hit the news stands.

Unlike the first story that appeared, the facts in the Feb. 26 shooting are not black and white. From the first news reports, a relatively informed citizen could have reasonably believed that Zimmerman, acting as a vigilante neighborhood watchmen, took his job a little too seriously and shot a young black man in a hoodie who was on his way home with some candy.

As more information has come to light, it is harder to assume such a simple story line. Conservative news outlets have published pictures and tweets that show a less innocent Martin than his mug might suggest. Jewelry and traces of marijuana were found in the backpack Martin was carrying when he was shot.

Again, these details neither confirm nor deny that Martin was anything other than an average teenager who made harmless, though possibly poor, decisions.

Nobody but Zimmerman knows what happened that night, but it isn't the role of the media to fill in gaps in the timeline with conjecture. Unfortunately for the entire institution, that is exactly what seems to have happened. If the gaps have not been positively filled in, the possibilities for the missing pieces have been altered by selective editing and biased photo choice.

It might be the case that Zimmerman acted aggressively because he racially profiled the young black man walking home late at night.

It might also be the case that Martin decided to pick a fight with an armed night watchman living in a stand-your-ground state who exercised his right to shoot his attacker.

It has not ever been, and never will be, the role of the media to determine which of those scenarios took place. It is instead the role of the media to report accurate facts gathered from reliable sources and presented fairly so that the public can stay informed and draw its own conclusions.

It's time all news syndicates, conservative or liberal, get back to that model of journalism.



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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Models in the Delta Zeta fashion show pose for a photo op.

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Delta Zeta raises awareness through fashion

SIERRA TILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, March 22nd, the ladies of the Delta Zeta sorority gave a fashion show at the Leone Cole Auditorium to support one of their national philanthropies, The Painted Turtle.

The Painted Turtle is a national volunteer organization that supports children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, and hosts summer camps for them. The camps are made 100% free to those children through the support and fundraising from

organizations such as Delta Zeta.

For this event, Delta Zeta teamed up with Jacksonville's locally owned Quality Shoppe.

The owner of the Quality Shoppe, Rena Johnson Comisac, provided all the outfits worn for the fashion show. Models included Miss JSU 2012 Beth Milam, JSU football player Devontae Walker, President of Delta Zeta, Brittany Gaskin, and eleven other men and women from multiple sororities and fraternities.

The event was coordinated by Senior Lauren Wink. Delta

Zeta member, Miss JSU 2011 and current Miss Rocket City 2012 Whitney Curtis kept the energy high while emceeding the night. She was also dressed head to toe in Quality Shoppe.

Anytime word can get out about an organization like the Painted Turtle is great for continuing to grow support, and that's exactly what the ladies did.

The cost of getting into event and the raffle tickets that audience members could purchase to win prizes all went directly to the charity. Also, people had the opportunity to bring their old prom dresses to

donate as well.

Delta Zeta, they will be hosting their annual "Turtle Tug" on Thursday April 5, 2012 at 4:30 in the village on campus at Jacksonville State. This event also supports the Painted Turtle Camp.

The Turtle Tug will feature games, a cook out, and tug of war over a pool of green Jell-o.

All are welcomed to join in the fun and festivities, and students can rest easy knowing that their money will be supporting a great cause.

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Desoto State Park held magical spring break events

EBONEE ROSTON
STAFF WRITER

The beautiful Desoto State Park held events for kids and their families the weekend before spring break.

Kids skipped and ran around the park giggling.

Parents smiled and held their kids' book bags and snacks.

Desoto State Park brought a lot of fun memories where people would want to spread the word and recommend others to visit.

The special events that took place involved *Fairy Tales & Fun*, *Spring Fairy Houses*, *Growing Up Wild for Preschool Children*, and *River Rhythms Family Fun Programs*.

Fairy Tales & Fun was a free event held on Friday, and people brought their own blankets, chairs, and snacks and sat around the campfire circle.

The staff members of Desoto State Park told a fairy tale story and afterwards watched a fairy tale film.

Spring Fairy Houses was an educational event for the kids on Saturday, and was led by Desoto State Park in association with JSU's Field Schools.



Renee Morrison/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Children enjoyed the festivities and scenery that Desoto Park had to offer over Spring Break.

This event had a charge of \$5 per child, and it helped children to open up their observation skills to view nature in another perspective.

Growing Up Wild for Preschool Children is held on the fourth Saturday

of every month and features fun nature activities at no cost.

The kids are educated on how to reserve, find, and build. Food, water, and shelter are the main three essentials provided and installed with

knowledge of what to do in certain situations.

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs is also held every month, and includes hiking, games, discussions of nature, and crafts.

The 3,502 acre DeSoto State Park is located 8 miles northeast of Fort Payne, in Northeast Alabama.

It has many great views that will leave visitors feeling relaxed and just enjoying the sights.

There are plenty of colorful wildflowers that have nice scents and rushing waterfalls.

Not only are there beautiful sights, there is a lodge, a restaurant, cabins, campgrounds, meeting rooms, and motel rooms around the park. Weddings have even been hosted there.

Children enjoy the picnic area with the playground, swimming pool, seeing the animals, and the hiking and bike trails.

SPORTS

JSU Track and Field closes out FSU Relays with 4x400 win

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Jacksonville State's 4x400 meter relay team claimed gold, while Laveeta Oliver and Latasha Sturkie claimed individual wins on the final day of the Florida State Relays on Saturday on the FSU campus.

In one of the biggest meets thus far on the season, JSU finished strong in just its third outdoor meet of the season and a full contingent competing in multiple events. After the 4 x 1 0 0 meter relay team claimed victory Friday along with Giselle S l o o t - boom's record-breaking mark in the steeplechase, the Red and White finished with high marks.

The 4x400 meter relay team, who currently own the school record in the event, consisted of Oliver, Sturkie, Natasha Sturkie and Shamira Barrett, clocked a time of 3:41.84. A mark of almost four seconds faster than

Morgan State's time of 3:45.27. JSU finished ahead of Florida A&M and host-FSU. JSU's second team in the field claimed sixth place. The quartet of Elizabeth Clemmons, Ebonie Curry, Shira Butler

and Lecrsha Horton finished with a time of 3:49.63. Oliver won the 200 meter dash after crossing the finish line in 24.27, while Barrett turned in a top-10 marking after a time of 24.55. Sturkie and sister Natasha Sturkie claimed gold and silver respectively in the 400 meter hurdles event. Latasha Sturkie tallied a time of 59.72, just ahead of Natasha Sturkie at 59.94. Keayn Tracy finished fourth in the women's 800 meter run with a time of 2:13.56. Jax State returns to competition on April 7 as it hosts the annual Gem of the Hills Invitational on the JSU campus.

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- Sportswire

JSU women's golf finish seventh

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. – The Jacksonville State women's golf team finished seventh in the John Kirk Panther Intercollegiate, carding a final-round 309 on Tuesday.

Senior Astrid Parsson led the Gamecocks in the 54-hole event, after her final-round 76 gave her a three-round total of 223. The score put the Malmo, Sweden, native in a tie for 13th in the field of 62. Maryland won the 11-team event, while East Tennessee State's Gabriella Wahl claimed medalist honors on the par-72, 6,047-yard Eagle's Landing Country Club.

Sophomore Lourdes Lopez Caballo finished in a tie for 21st for JSU after a 77 on Tuesday gave her a 54-hole score of 227. She was two shots better than senior Lucia Fernandez Valdes, who carded an 81 on Tuesday to finish tied for 25th with a 229.

Junior Luz Armijo-Fernandez finished in a tie for 33rd after an 81 on Tuesday gave her a 54-hole score of 234, while junior Ornella Arrizon bounced back from a tough opening day to shoot a team-best 75 in the final round. The score gave her a total score of 239 and moved her up into a tie for 45th.

JSU will return to action April 9-10 in its final tune up before the OVC Championships in late April. The Gamecocks' next event is the Lady Bulldog Intercollegiate, hosted by Samford at Limestone Springs in Oneonta, Ala.

- Sportswire

Gamecocks place fourth at ASU Red Wolf Intercollegiate

JONESBORO, Ark. – Four members of the Jacksonville State men's golf team finished within three shots of each other on Tuesday, when the Gamecocks wrapped up a fourth-place finish in the Arkansas State Red Wolf Intercollegiate.

The Gamecocks carded a 290 in Tuesday's third and final round on the par-71, 6,473-yard Ridge Pointe Country Club, tying with Troy for fourth place in the 22-team event with a 54-hole score of 871. Arkansas Little-Rock fired a 10-under 274 on Tuesday to finish with an 848 and win the tournament by nine shots over Austin Peay.

Vanderbilt joined UALR as the only teams under par on Tuesday with a three-under 281 that put the

Commodores in third place. Four players tied for medalist honors atop the 121-player field, including Vandy's Charlie Ewing and Will Snipes, Arkansas State's Sawyer Radler and UT Martin's Graham Sleigh. The quarter finished the 54 holes at 209, four under par.

Junior Andres Schonbaum led the Gamecocks in the event, using a final-round 73 to give him a three-round score of 216. the Cordoba, Argentina, native used the three-over par score to tie for 15th but was only seven shots off the medalists. Senior Tom Robson also carded a 73 on Tuesday but finished two shots back of Schonbaum. The Portsmouth, England, native's 218 put him in a tie for 25th.

Senior Alfonso Otoya and freshman Tomasz Anderson each tied for 29th with a six-over 219 in the event. Otoya wrapped up his tournament with a 75, while Anderson led JSU on the final day with a one-under 70. Freshman Dylan Shephard rounded out the JSU lineup in a tie for 94th after bouncing back from a pair of 79s with a final-round 74 on Tuesday.

The Gamecocks have one more match before the OVC Championships at the end of April. They will host the annual Grub Mart Intercollegiate on Monday and Tuesday at Silver Lakes Golf Course in Glencoe, Ala.

- Sportswire



Laveeta Oliver

Sportswire



Latasha Sturkie

Sportswire



Sportswire

Hot streak: The women's tennis team is on fire after winning 4-3 over SE Missouri.

JSU Women claim third OVC win in a row; Gamecock Men fall to Tennessee Tech

GADSDEN, Ala. - The Jacksonville State women's tennis team won its third Ohio Valley Conference match in a row with a 4-3 decision over Southeast Missouri on Sunday at the Gadsden Tennis Complex.

The JSU men dropped a 5-2 OVC affair to Tennessee Tech.

After dropping its first three league matches, the Gamecock women have rallied off 4-3 wins over Eastern Illinois, SIU Edwardsville and SEMO.

Sunday's win positioned Jax State for a spot in the OVC Tournament later in April with three conference matches left.

On the men's side, the Golden Eagles of TTU remained perfect in league play, while the Red and White fell to 3-2 in the OVC.

Sophomore Raisa Guasti's straight sets, 6-3, 6-4 win over SEMO's Nikole Novikova clinched the match for JSU. Jax State took the early lead in the match with the doubles point.

Guasti and Raphaela Lima blanked SEMO's duo of Novikova and Melissa Martin, 8-0. Aleksandra Cmilijic and Kelly Tomlin teamed up to edge Elizabeth Nyenwe and Lauren Schaper, 9-7.



Jordan Cowling seems untouchable in OVC play.

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Cmilijic made quick work of her singles opponent, Laura Garcia, 6-1, 6-1. Cmilijic moved to 3-1 against OVC foes. Lima posted a 6-3, 6-2 victory over SEMO's Martin.

In the men's match, TTU gained the edge after posting the doubles point. After the two teams split at No. 2 and 3 doubles, the point came down to No. 1 doubles.

Tech's tandem of Alex Chen and Syrym Abdukhalikov edged JSU's pairing of Axel Sundberg and Nenad Marcec, 9-8.

JSU's Jordan Cowling and Igor Santos moved to 3-1 in OVC play with an 8-2 win over Vasily Eremeev and Artem Tarasov.

Santos notched the Gamecocks' first point in singles with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Chen.

Santos moved to 14-2 on the season at No. 2 and remained perfect against OVC competition with his Sunday win.

Freshman Jordan Cowling also kept his unblemished OVC record intact with a 6-1, 7-6 win over Tarasov at No. 4.

Nenad Marcec saw his 11-match winning streak halted with a 6-0, 6-4 setback to Alex Augusto.

Both JSU squads travel to Murray State and Austin Peay next weekend.

JSU will visit the Racers of MSU on Friday, April 6 before a Saturday, April 7 duel with Austin Peay.

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Gamecocks win OVC series at Morehead

MOREHEAD, Ky. – Ben Waldrip had four hits and drove in three runs as Jacksonville State claimed a 10-4 win over Morehead State as the Gamecocks won their second straight Ohio Valley Conference series on Sunday.

Hunter Rivers (1-3) had seven strikeouts and scattered six hits in 5 2/3 innings on the mound to earn his first win of the season.

Blake Smith gave up six runs and eight hits to suffer the loss for the Eagles.

The Gamecocks (10-17, 4-2 OVC) had a season-high 17 hits and also scored a season-high 10 runs vs the Eagles, led by Waldrip's four hits, while Coty Blanchard and Kyle Bluestein each had three hits.

Cal Lambert and Kyle Stone each added a pair of hits for the Gamecocks.

Morehead State took a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Gamecocks in the second after Stone knocked in a pair of runs with a single up the

middle to give JSU a 2-1 lead.

Duran Elmore hit a solo home run for Morehead State to tie the game at 2-2 in the home half of the second, before Jax State added two runs in the third inning on an infield grounder and Erik Underwood had a RBI single to give the Gamecocks a 4-2 lead.

Luke Bainer scored on a ground ball for Morehead to cut the lead to 4-3 in the third inning, but the Gamecocks added two more runs in the fifth inning on a RBI single by Wal-

drip, who later scored on an error by the Eagles as JSU built a 6-3 lead.

Waldrip drove in his second run of the day in the seventh inning, as Bluestein and Lambert each also drove in a run to extend the Gamecocks lead to 9-3.

Blanchard scored on a RBI single by Waldrip in the eighth inning to give JSU a 10-3 lead, before Taylor Pickens hit a solo home run in the ninth inning for the final margin.

Bluestein also extended his hitting streak to a team-high 10 games, while Eberle now has a season-long hitting streak of seven games.

Jacksonville State returns to action on Tuesday when the Gamecocks travel to face Auburn. Game time is set for 6 p.m. at Plainsman Park and the game can be heard on the JSU Sports Network.

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Hunter Rivers earned his first win of the season.

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Gamecocks grab 7-4 softball win from MSU in series finale

MOREHEAD, Ky. – Jessica Guy and Sara Borders each recorded three hits to lead the Jacksonville State softball team to a 7-4 win over Morehead State in Sunday's series finale.

Guy, a junior from Vancouver, Wash., and Borders, a freshman from Alexandria, Ala., each went 3-for-4 for the Gamecocks (16-20, 10-5 Ohio Valley Conference) to help them salvage the final game in the series at the Eagles (10-19, 4-10 OVC).

Guy reached in all four plate appearances, including a two-run single in the first that jump-started the Gamecocks to an early 3-0 lead.

She singled again in the third and doubled before scoring in the fifth.

Borders started the game with a leadoff triple and finished with singles in the fifth and sixth frames.

Borders Triple started the first and Guy's single finished it, just before the Eagles plated one in the bottom half of the inning.

A two-out solo home

run from senior Kaycee Crow staked JSU to a 4-1 lead in the third, but MSU would rally to tie it in the bottom of the same frame.

Back-to-back doubles from Kayla Ashbrook and Kayla Brill evened the game at 4-4, but not for long.

The Gamecocks jumped back on top for good in their ensuing at bat, when back-to-back singles from Borders and freshman Savannah Sloan set up a costly throwing error by MSU centerfielder Elizabeth Wagner that plated Borders from second.

JSU grabbed two more in the fifth, the first on a double from sophomore Hayden Crawford that

scored Guy, and the second on a single from Borders that drove in Crawford.

Sophomore Tiffany Harbin (8-4) pitched a complete game to earn the win in the circle for JSU. The Hazel Green, Ala., native allowed four runs, three earned, on nine hits, while striking out four.

Brittini Champan (0-2) suffered the loss in two innings of relief for MSU, allowing three runs, two earned, on four hits.

Jami Whitcomb started the game and surrendered four runs on six hits in the first 2.2 innings.

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The Lady Gamecocks made it look easy during the series finale against Morehead State.

Gamecocks golf place fourth in FAU Spring Break Championship

LAKE WORTH, Fla. – The Jacksonville State men's golf team finished fourth in the Florida Atlantic Spring Break Championship after carding a 296 in Sunday's final round at the Fountains Country Club.

The Gamecocks finished the 54-hole event on the par-71, 6,876-yard layout with a score of 860, seven shots behind Northern Illinois in third place.

No. 22 Florida State won the 15-team event with a 23-under 829, 19 strokes better than Ohio State in second place.

JSU's third-round was nine shots worse than any other in the three-day event, which saw the Seminoles shoot an 11-under 273 on Sunday to run away with the event.

FSU's Brooks Koepka, also ranked No. 22 in the nation, fired a 63 on Sunday to win medalist honors by nine shots.

JSU's top individual finisher was Senior Tom Robson, who shot a final-round 74 to finish with a 54-hole total of 212.

The Portsmouth, England, native's one-under par total tied him for 11th in the 90-player field. Freshman Tomasz Anderson tied for 24th after a 76 on Sunday.

The Herfordshire, England, native ended the tournament in 217 shots.

Senior Alfonso Otoy finished tied for 30th after a final-round 78 gave him a 218, while junior Andres Schonbaum bounced back after a tough two rounds to shoot a three-under 68 on Sunday.

He ended up with a 222 to tie for 47th. Freshman Dylan Shephard rounded out the JSU lineup in a tie for 63rd after a final-round 80.

JSU will return to the links on April 2-3, when they travel to Jonesboro, Ark., for the Arkansas State Red Wolf Intercollegiate at Ridge Point Country Club.

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Kennesaw State cools down JSU; streak ends

KENNESAW, Ga. - The Jacksonville State men's tennis squad saw its five-match winning streak come to a halt on Friday with a tough 4-3 setback to Kennesaw State. KSU topped the JSU women, 5-2 to complete the sweep.

The Gamecock men (8-10) had put together a string of five wins together, including a three Ohio Valley Conference wins during that stretch. JSU, standing at 3-1 in OVC play, will host Tennessee Tech on Sunday at the Gadsden Tennis Center. Match time is set for 10 a.m.

The Jax State women will host Southeast Missouri as well on Sunday in Gadsden, Ala. JSU will be looking for its

third consecutive OVC win after winning a pair of road league matches last weekend at Eastern Illinois.

In the men's match on Friday, the deciding factor came down to a pair of third set matches at No. 2 and 5. Igor Santos lost for just the second time at No. 2 this season. After dropping the first set to KSU's Alex Toliver, 7-5, Santos rebounded to force a third and deciding



JSU men's tennis saw their five game winning streak end.

set. Toliver escaped with a 10-8 super tie breaker-third set win to even that team score at 3-all.

The match came down to a third set at No

5 as JSU's Felipe Watanabe and Gokalp Ozdemir battled in the deciding match. Watanabe claimed the first set, 7-5, but dropped the second

set, 6-1. With the super tie breaker knotted at 9-all, Ozdemir won consecutive points to claim the win.

JSU jumped out to a 1-0 lead after claiming the doubles point. The top Jax State tandem of Axel Sundberg and Nenad Marcec ousted KSU's pairing of Michale Browder and Simon Janik, 8-3. Santos and Jordan Cowling dispatched the Owls' duo of Gianni Kubin and Alexander Pena, 8-2.

Nenad Marcec continued his winning ways at No. 3 with a dismantling of Janik in singles play. Marcec, who was named

the OVC's Male Athlete of the Week earlier in the week, extended his winning streak to 12 straight with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Janik. JSU grabbed the point at No. 6 after Felipe Wenzel topped Pena 7-6, 6-2.

In the women's tilt, the Gamecocks posted their pair of points at the bottom of the line up. Freshman Danielle Kerindi turned back KSU's Kelsey Kennedy, 6-3, 6-0 at No. 5. Alexandra Cmiljic wn by default at No. 6.

Freshman Zoe Bizinos, the current OVC Female Athlete of the Week, suffered a three-set defeat to Therese Lagerkvist.

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JSU Track and Field earns OVC Sportmanship Award for indoor season

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – After finishing third at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships late February, the OVC has awarded Jacksonville State with the 2011-12 Team Sportsmanship Award for indoor track.

Voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports, the team awards are bestowed upon the Conference squads deemed to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

Included in the areas for evaluation are the conduct of student-athletes, coaches, staff and administrators and fans.

"Without sportsmanship there are truly no meaningful victories," said Beth DeBauche, OVC Commissioner. "The recipients of the OVC Team Sportsmanship awards should accept this award with great pride for their fellow competitors have made it clear their teams exemplify the best in intercollegiate athletics. In receiving this prestigious honor other competitors are saying these student-athletes compete with class, respect their opponents and value fair play. That is quite a compliment as those are all traits that will lead to true victories throughout the course of life."

the 2012 edition of the OVC Indoor Championships, won the men's team award.

The 2011-12 school year marks the seventh year the team sportsmanship honors have been awarded, and sixth year the indoor track and field awards have been distributed.

This marks the second indoor track and field sportsmanship award for both programs. "Just like any other coach and program in the conference we are delighted that our peers felt us worthy of this year's award," said Jacksonville State head coach Steve Ray.

"The OVC is full of teams and coaches that strive to be at their best on their respective playing fields as well as off. Knowing that the honor could have been given to a host of others - we consider ourselves very fortunate to be the recipient of this year's award."

Implemented in August 2005, the team honors are the most recent addition to an awards program that recognizes



JSU's Track and Field team has demonstrated excellent sportsmanship over the indoor season this year.

es and celebrates sportsmanship within the Conference.

In 1998, the league established the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, presented annually to a male or female student-athlete of junior or senior status who best

exemplifies the characteristics of the late Morehead State student-athlete, coach and administrator.

Five years later, the Conference added the OVC Sportsmanship Award, presented annually to the member institution selected by its peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

In 1995, the Ohio Valley Conference implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsman-

ship Statement," a policy promoting principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent.

The statement answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics, and has become a model for others to follow across the nation.

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