Cycling club seeks students for organized rides

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Dr. Carmen Di Biase is calling all cyclists to join the JSU Cycling Club on its many rides.

“We have organized rides—it’s always an enjoyable time with other people. And the rides start from right outside campus. So it’s not more than a five-minute walk,” said the English professor.

“Use the trail to start the ride, we use the trail to end the ride, but we’ll visit country roads and explore some of the countryside around here.”

So what exactly is an organized ride?

“It’s mainly to stay on. And to be with people well. And you meet a lot of people that you like. Because everyone you meet is trying to be, and to stay, healthy and happy.”

“I think that’s really the goal, for the people that I know that are cycling. So they’re generally happy. They’re generally positive.”

The cycling group brings together people from different backgrounds, such as veterinarians, dentists, teachers, scientists, mechanics, salesmen and women, and even professors are all present.

“There are a lot of different people taking part in this. Almost anyone can join, as long as you’re feeling good and working hard on the bike. So it’s good for the group as a whole working well and doing what they’ve supposed to do.”

“There’s no time for pettiness, disagreements. We’re not a group of most of us do this to forget away from all of that. So it’s a very good sport.”

Everyone has to have a helmet. Otherwise, we won’t see our brains at the finish line.

On its most recent outing in March, the group made an overnight trip to Guntersville, and then to the police station in Weaver, and kept a slow pace with wires as a social ride. They stopped to eat breakfast before continuing on to理工., then continued the 80-mile ride over the next day. The weather was good, the roads were excellent, and the roads were chosen with mind to the weather, a different kind of beautiful every few miles, sometimes very green and thick-wooded, sometimes wide open with grassy, green fields.

“We got to town such as Cedartown and Rockmart. Planes are now being made for a fall ride, from Georgia Springs to the Rockmart and to the Cole Family Church.”

Cycling club likes the end of the trail.

The JSU Cycling Club enjoys the end of the trail. 

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A & E EDITOR

Rosalynn Martin to attend Women and Power at Harvard

Ms. Rosalynn Martin, JSU Director of Human Relations was recently selected by the Harvard Kennedy Executive Education Administration Committee to attend Women and Power from May 4, 2012, to May 5, 2012.

Women and Power 
focuses on heightening women in senior positions; develop effective leadership strategies, with an emphasis on creating successful all-female and emerging leadership structures. As its core, the program is an intensive, interactive experience designed to help women advance to positions of influence and understand their roles as leaders.

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 and practical frameworks for analyzing political and strategic management issues in the public, nonprofit, and corporate sectors.

- Consider the most recent research on women's leadership and the application of the workplace.
- Develop skills and strategies for negotiation, coalition-building and influencing political processes.

Ms. Rosalynn Martin, with learned women from diverse professional backgrounds and similar levels and heights of career achievement. The program allows participants to learn with renowned women from diverse professional backgrounds and similar levels and heights of career achievement.

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

“Monty”

CALENDAR

Friday, April 6
Hosuing Slip & Slide
Where: behind Sparkman Hall
When: 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Matthew Russell at mfrussell@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: Jentemy Jones at jones54@jsu.edu

Tuesday, April 10
One Day without Shoes
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 12 - 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Freshman Forum
Contact: Noelie Millisons at (256) 782-5493

Wednesday, April 11
Majors & Minor Career Fair
Where: Loose Cole Auditorium
When: 2 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Career Services & Academic Advisement
Contact: Michelle Green at mgreen@jsu.edu

Mock Trial of Charles Jones
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 6 p.m.
Sponsored by JSU Criminal Justice Dept.
Contact: Criminal Justice at (254) 782-5335
*Come and be a member of the jury!

Thursday, April 12
Education Fair
Where: Stephens Hall
When: 1 - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Career Services
Contact: Tawana Roberts at (254) 782-5482
*Students majoring in Education should dress professionally and bring 20+ copies of their resume.

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

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, morris31@jsu.edu.

The 30th annual Jacksonville State University Holocaust Remembrance will be held April 19 at 7:30 p.m., Stone Center Theatre, Jacksonville State University. This event is free and open to the general public. Keynote speaker will be Holocaust survivor Max Herzel. This will be Mr. Herzel’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 Wolfe Foundation. For more information, please see the Remembrance Committee’s website 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
I enjoyed reading Matt Tyson’s article about lifting the prohibition of marijuana. I thought it was very well written 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, mis- ter 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 medical reasons. I think that the laws regarding medicinal use of mari- juana should remain in place for the sake of the public good.

The War on Drugs is the best example to bring this country since the beginning of the time. Marijuana prohibition has turned pot smoking into a revolutionary act.

All in all, the drug war is not one we can or should go on. You can’t just go down to the corner pharmacy and buy a bag of medical Cannabis, nor could you in the earliest days of prohibition.

And, as was once the case in 1919, prohibition has driven the cannabis community underground and obtaining it requires some network of sorts by definition, is illegal. So participate at your own risk, as there are definite consequences to this be- havior.

R e - m e m b e r that ag­ gressions against the po­ lid­ ic­ y are oft­ en d i­ sic­ h­ in­ g. That we’re dealing with the st i­ t t e r s d r e a d s and the h e a­ d p o n c h o c h o u d b e a n u­ n ­ d e r­ g r a d­ u e A D A c t. Con- versely, that cop in the D.A.R.E. shirt could be the deepest drug in town. You have entered a realm of ambiguity and danger. You’re an outlaw, an anar- chist. You’re making your own rules. Chances are that you’ll eventually find what you’re looking for. In the midst of your eupho­ ria, you’ll think to yourself, “Wow. This is great, I can’t believe this is happening.” Then you’ll get away.

People would take the herb for granted. It would be ultimately bastardized through a thousand bad ads and would grow by the same mul­ tional conglomerate that own- everything else in America today. No one would save anyone else, more except that people who already have the re­ tta huts.

The war itself is finally vanquished. That there would be peace on earth and no more wars. Everyone, you and I just ain’t gonna happen like that.

The Heads of State are not going to sit down in a circle and pass the herb through a pipe. But they will do their best to make sure that mari- juana loses whatever sub­ stantive edge it has. It will become just another opiate of the masses, like orga­ nized religion and television sports, and we might become a nation of complain­ d pompoms.

I can’t imagine anything more revolting. It’s better for the re­ mains of the woe­ laws, party on the brink. Yea, the marijuana prohibi­ tion is unjust. But it’s a con­ stant 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, other crimes and anti­ cop­ ulice have been vanquished forever, and once every­ one finally learns to respect each other and our country — then it’s fight to make marijuana not only legal but available for free to ev­ ery citizen on this planet. In the meantime, the burning in your lungsＤＥＲＥＥＤ by the flame of righteous outrage in your breast.

Jeff Martin
Delta Zeta raises awareness through fashion

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On Thursday, March 22nd the ladies of Delta Zeta held a fashion show 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 camp for the weekend before Spring Break. 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 encoreing the night. She was also dressed head to toe in Quality Shoppe. Attendees were free to choose their money will be directly to the charity. Also, people had the opportunity to bring their old prom dresses to donate as well.

Finally, Delta Zeta, they will be hosting their annual Turtle Tug on Thursday April 5, 2012 at 6:30 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 Jello. All are welcomed to join in the fun and entertain their students can rest easy knowing that their money will be supporting a great cause.

Desoto State Park held magical spring break events

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The beautiful Desoto State Park held events for kids and their families throughout the month of March. The kids skipped and ran around the park giggling. Parents smiled and held their kids’ book bags and stacks of books.

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 Fairies, Growing Up Wild for Preschool Children, and River Fairy Family Fun Programs. Fairy Tales & Fun was a free event held on Saturday, and people brought their own blankets, chairs, and snacks and sat around the campfire circle.

The staff members of Desoto State Park told fairy tales stories and afterwards watched a fairy tale film. Spring Fairy House was an educational event for the kids on Saturday, and was led by Desoto State Park in association with JSU’s Field Schools.

This event had a charge of $5 per child, and it helped children to open up their observation skills to 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 animals. The 3,502 acre Desoto State Park is located 6 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 nine 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, mini-golf, animals, and the hiking and bike trails.
**Gamecocks place fourth at ASU Red Wolf Intercollegiate**

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

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

**Gamecocks win OVC series at Murray State**

**MOREHEAD, Ky. — Ben Waldrip and Hunter Rivers combined for a two-run comeback to lead the Gamecocks to an 8-7 win over Murray State Sunday.**

**Sturkie's 76 gives her a total score of 223. The final round was the Lady Bulldog Intercollegiate, the third outdoor meet of the season and a full contingent competing in multiple events.**

**Seniors Anem Demetrion and Kylé Smith both returned to action April 10-11 in their final tune up before the OVC Champions in late April. The Gamecocks next event is the Lady Bulldog Intercollegiate, hosted by Samford at Limestone Springs in Ocoee, Ala.**

**In the men's match, TU gained the edge after posting the doubles point. After the two teams split at No. 2 and 3 doubles, the point came on No. 1. Tech's tandem of Alan Chen and Srijan Abraham edged JSU's pairing of Axel Sundberg and Nacho.**

**The Commodores went on to claim the 11-2 victory over JSU.**

**JSU's Jordan Cowling and Lige Santos moved to 3-1 in OVC play with an 8-2 win over Vasily Eremin and Artem M. Raisa Guasti's four-point victory over the Red and White fell to 3-2 in the conference.**

**Salomoney Raki's Gaucan lead the Gamecocks win over the Racers in singles with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Chen.**

**Narcea commercialized 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.**

**JSU's Jordan Cowling also kept his unblemished OVC record intact with a 6-7, 6-4, 6-0 win over Chen.**

**Junior Andres Schonbaum led the Crimson Tide contingent as he hosts the annual Global Meet Intercollegiate on Monday, held at the Silver Lakes Golf Course in Clinton, Ala.**

**The Commodores are back on the court April 10-11 at the crossbow of the nation's top 25 teams.**

**In the middle of the game, TU gained the edge after posting the doubles point. After the two teams split at No. 2 and 3 doubles, the point came on No. 1. Tech's tandem of Alan Chen and Srijan Abraham edged JSU's pairing of Axel Sundberg and Nacho.**
**Gamecocks Sports**

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

MOREHEAD, Ky. - Jessica Cayo and Limehouse each recorded three hits to lead the Jacksonville State softball team to a 7-4 final against the University of Tennessee-Martin on Sunday.

Three of the Gamecocks five runs scored in the first six innings against the Rangers, with Cayo providing two of them.

The game was played in the rain, with numerous weather delays, and was called after six innings due to the threat of severe weather.

The Gamecocks improved to 11-21 on the season and 1-7 in conference play, while the Rangers fell to 7-19 and 5-11 in OVC play.

**Kennesaw State downs JU; streak ends**

KENNESAW, Ga. - The Jacksonville State men's tennis squad scored a come-from-behind victory over Kennesaw State 4-3 Sunday afternoon.

The Gamecocks were down 3-1 at the start of the match and were trailing in the doubles, but came back to win two of the final three singles matches to take the win.

JSU is now 7-10 overall and 2-3 in OVC play, while Kennesaw State improved to 12-0 on the season and 4-0 in conference play.

**JSU Track and Field earns OVC Sportmanship Award for indoor season**

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - The Jacksonville State track and field teams have been awarded the Ohio Valley Conference's Sportmanship Award for the 2013 indoor season.

The award is given to the teams that best represent the conference in terms of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

"We are delighted that our peers felt us worthy of this year's award," said Head Coach Steve Ray.

**Gamecocks golf place fourth in FAU Spring Break Championship**

LAKE WORTH, Fla. - The Jacksonville State men's golf team finished fourth in the FAU Spring Break Championship after carding a 291 in Sunday's final round.

The Gamecocks finished tied for third after 54 holes, but fell short in the final round.

The team was led by sophomore Matt Owen, who finished tied for 27th with a 223.

"We're happy with our performance, but we want to see how we can improve," said Head Coach Steve Ray.