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Jacksonville residents gather to welcome Ben Tomlinson at the Jacksonville Public Square

Jacksonville welcomes hometown hero

WELCOMING:
Students of Kitty Stone Elementary gather to receive Tomlinson with special welcome sign

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Ben Tomlinson returns as a hero to Jacksonville after being wounded twice during combat service in Afghanistan.

KARA COLEMAN AND MEGAN ROBERTS
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The city of Jacksonville gathered in the square on Jan. 18, where Mayor Johnny Smith officially declared January, 18, 2012 'Ben Tomlinson' day. "This is the day we've been praying for, for a long time, and we are very glad it's here," said Jacksonville Mayor Johnny Smith.

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Students learn to ski for one hour credit

MEGAN GARGIS
STAFF WRITER

Students usually find themselves trying to fill in one hour credit electives while in college. Most students are unaware that JSU offers skiing as an elective.

Fifteen years ago Dr. Roswell, now retired, started an Appalachian Skiing class as an adapted physical education course while working with the Special Olympics. The course eventually became open to anyone who wanted to take it.

Dr. Kory Hill, who has taken over for Dr. Roswell, instructs two different courses, PE 140 Beginners Skiing/Snowboarding and PE 141 Intermediate Skiing/Snowboarding.

The course is one credit hour and is available only in the spring semester. It involves reading a text book and taking a quiz, but the real test comes with the two needed mandatory lessons at the slope in Boone, North Carolina.

Not including the one credit hour, the cost ranges from \$202 (with own housing and equipment) to \$516 (with single housing and renting snowboarders equipment).

"The cost goes down with the more people going" said Dr. Hill, "The amount of people varies from around 12 to 50."

The ski trip starts at 3 p.m. on a Friday afternoon and students will experience a packed trip with skiing on each day until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Two lessons are taught by the French-Swiss Ski College for beginners, and one for the intermediates.

"If you need an hour credit and you would like to go skiing, it's a good way to earn that one credit," said Dr. Hill.

Jacksonville State offers other many interesting classes such as canoeing, rafting and camping. For more information contact the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.



Milam as she is crowned Miss JSU 2012

Steve Latham/ JSU

Milam crowned Miss JSU 2012

EMILY GLASER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Friday, January 13, eight female JSU students competed in the 2012 Miss JSU Scholarship Pageant. The theme of this year's pageant was "This is My Now". The theme was inspired by the song Jordin Sparks sang when she won the American Idol television show competition in 2007.

Variety was not lacking in this year's pageant. All contestants ranged from freshman to seniors and each had different majors ranging from social work to chemistry.

Emily Towns, Kristin Young, Krystal "Am-

ber" Smith, Cate Ann Davis, Elizabeth "Beth" Milam, Shelby McDonough, Catelyn Swindall, and Hilary Moore were the contestants of the event. The ladies spent the evening showing off their vibrant personalities in four areas of competition.

These four areas include, stage questions, swimsuit, talent, and evening wear.

As the pageant drew to a close, Miss JSU 2011, Whitney Curtis, a music education student and Delta Zeta alumna, took her final walk as Miss JSU.

The crowd anxiously awaited the results, as they took about fifteen minutes to calculate. The hosts kept the crowd entertained though, with a few jokes and interesting facts about the Miss America system, of which Miss Alabama and Miss JSU are apart of.

The hosts informed the crowd that the

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CAMPUS CRIME

Thursday, January 12

- Harassment, Jack Hopper Cafeteria

Friday, January 13

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Stadium Tower
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Logan Hall
- Theft of Property Merrill Hall

Saturday, January 14

- Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Salls Hall
- Theft of Property, Crow Hall
- Theft of Property, Crow Hall
- Rape, Penn House Apartments

Monday, January 23

- Information Report, Stadium Tower

Tuesday, January 17

- Automobile Accident, Beck Circle
- Arrest- Possession of Controlled Substance, Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia, & Carry Pistol w/o Permit, TMB Parking
- Arrest- Possession of Marijuana, Cardinal Lane
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Stadium Tower

Wednesday, January 18

- Property Damage, Duncan Maintenance Shop

Thursday, January 19

- Lost Decal, Salls Hall
- Arrest Criminal Mischief, College Apartments

Friday, January 20

- Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Stadium Tower
- Assist Other Law Enforcement, The Grove Apartments

Saturday, January 21

- Violation of Student Code Of Conduct, Pelham's Bar
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Pelham Road
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, 8th Avenue
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Park Avenue
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Francis Street
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Jacksonville High School
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Campus Inn Parking Lot
- Information Report, Pete Mathews Coliseum
- Trespass Warning, Jax Apartments

Sunday, January 22

- Information Report, Sparkman Hall
- Fire Alarm, Paul Carpenter Village

Monday, January 23

- Information Report, Stadium Tower

From Page 1 "Ben Tomlinson"

Jacksonville's hometown hero and Marine Sgt. Ben Tomlinson finally returned home last Wednesday to a large small-town celebration.

Tomlinson was wounded twice during combat in Afghanistan. During his first deployment in 2009, he was hit by shrapnel from a mortar. In May 2011, Tomlinson was on his second tour of duty when he was shot. By the time his fellow Marines reached him, he showed no signs of life, but his team members were able to resuscitate him. He then spent time in three different hospitals in Afghanistan, a hospital in Germany, the Bethesda Hospital in Maryland, and finally a VA hospital in Florida. Tomlinson returned home to his native Jacksonville with two purple hearts.

Larry Love had the honor of escorting the Tomlinson family for the homecoming.

Though he had never met them prior to the event, he'd followed Tomlinson's story for the past several months. Love was chosen to serve as the escort because he is a veteran himself and now works for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

"I did not know there would be such a large reception, but I was very proud of the citizens who came out to show the respect due a courageous young soldier," he said.

Among those in the crowd were students from Kitty Stone Elementary School. Second grader MaKenzie Oliver explains their role in the celebration.

"Our teacher made signs for us to hold. Mine said 'Appreciation'. Some of them said

'Hometown Hero', and some said 'Freedom.'"

For another Kitty Stone student, Brennen Parrish, his front-row seat for the homecoming was as exciting as a rock concert. "I was beside the car," he said eagerly. "I got to see him get out of the car in his wheelchair. Ben Tomlinson was right in front of me! I started whistling and cheering."

He wasn't the only one. Crowds of people lined the streets all along Highway 21 from the Anniston airport to the Jacksonville square. A large American flag was on display at the Quintard Mall, and the caravan escorting Tomlinson made a stop at Fort McClellan, where he was saluted by the Army National Guard.

Police officers showed their respect by escorting Tomlinson's vehicle as he entered the city of Jacksonville. The crowd cheered as soon as the van's door flung open. Many public officials were there to speak on the behalf of the city and state including Mayor Smith, County Commissioners Eli Henderson and Rudy Abbott, and also State Representative K.L. Brown.

J.D. Reeves, Vietnam veteran and a member of the American Legion Riders, said he didn't know Tomlinson personally but was there to show his encouragement.

"You know, I'm really glad that they're getting support," said Reeves, "because being a Vietnam vet, we didn't get this."

Ron Baker, art instructor at Jacksonville State, was one of many faculty members in attendance.

"Everybody in Jacksonville

knows the Warrens," he said. "The Tomlinsons and the Warrens are Jacksonville traditions here." Baker watched Tomlinson grow up in the family hardware store that used to be on the square. "It almost makes you want to boo-hoo," Baker laughed as he soaked in his surroundings.

For Jacksonville resident and Tomlinson's middle school teacher Denise Batey, the large crowd was no surprise.

"This town is a lot like, you can pick on your brother, but no one else can," she said.

"Everyone knows everyone else. Ben's family is so loved in Jacksonville. He had a close-knit senior class, many of whom traveled to be here. Lots of people were affected."

John Carrasquillo, fellow Marine and classmate, says he's known Tomlinson his whole life. He said he believes the ceremony was "fantastic" and "very much deserved."

"It feels good to know that the hometown that I grew up in takes pride in its citizens and pays its respects to members of the armed forces as well as the police forces. It was touching. I really feel for Ben and everything that he has and will go through for the rest of his life, but he is one of the strongest men that I know and my heart and prayers continue to go out to him and his family. If one thing is for sure, it's that he has enough perseverance and strength to adapt and overcome. He truly is the embodiment of everything the Marine Corps stands for: Honor, courage, and commitment," said Carrasquillo.

JSU CAMPUS EVENTS

Thursday, January 26

Resume Workshop TMB Auditorium, 4 p.m. Sponsored by SGA Contact Bryant Whaley at sga-pres@jsu.edu

Saturday, January 28

Southerners Alumni Guard Reunion, Leone Cole Auditorium 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Sponsored by: Band Contact: Sandy Lynch @ slynch@jsu.edu

JSU Men's Basketball v. SIU Edwardsville, JSU, 4:30 pm

SGA Senate Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 6-7 pm, Sponsored by: SGA Contact: Tory Green @ sgavpss@jsu.edu

Monday, January 30

Freshman Forum Meeting, TMB Auditorium, 7-8 pm, SGA Contact: Jennifer Nix @ jsu9789n@jsu.edu

JSU Men's Basketball v. USC-Upstate, JSU, 5:15 pm

Alpha Kappa Psi Interest Meeting, Merrill Building 250, 6:00-7:00 pm, Sponsored by: Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Contact: John Lesley Morton @ jmorton1@jsu.edu

Project Rebound, Anders Roundhouse, 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by Active Minds Contact Linda Shelton at amurphy1@jsu.edu * Tips on stress management & confidence will be discussed.

Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, February 2

The B.L.U.E. Print Fashion Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Contact John Lesley Morton at jmorton1@jsu.edu

OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS

Paula Deen's shocker



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PAULADEENISMS: "I'm gonna start with 2 cups of sugar...I'm gonna add one cup of packed light brown sugar. I'm gonna add two-thirds a cup of white corn syrup. I'm gonna add two-thirds of a cup of butter – sounds delicious doesn't it? And I'm gonna add one cup of heavy cream."

pauladeenisms.wordpress.com

SARA PETTIT
STAFF WRITER

Paula Deen shocked half of America with the revelation of her diabetes diagnosis on Tuesday, January 17th. The other half of America responded with a loud and clear, "I saw it coming."

The famous southern chef who specializes in all things butter has, according to the New York Times, known of this diagnosis for about three years now. She told the New York Times the reason for her delayed disclosure of her diagnosis was that she "wanted to wait until [she] had something to bring to the table." And bring something to the table she did; Deen is now the spokesperson for Victoza's "Diabetes in a New Light" campaign.

Her positive attitude is displayed in a statement she made on NBC's *TODAY* show: "You can have diabetes and have a piece of cake. You cannot have diabetes and eat a whole cake." She claims she has no plans of changing the foods she eats but rather plans on practicing "moderation," something she has "always said" to do.

Along with practicing moderation, Deen has made some small life changes such as walking every day on the treadmill and even going as far as giving up her sweet tea.

There are many hesitant about Deen's reveal, a fellow chef in particular. Anthony Bourdain, star of the Food Network

television show, *No Reservations*, stated that he believed Deen to be "the most dangerous person to America." He also compared Deen's decision to hide her diagnosis to, "getting into the leg breaking business so I can profitably sell crutches later." But Deen fired right back with her quick southern wit. She reminded the nation and Bourdain that, "not everyone can afford to pay \$58 for a prime rib or \$650 for a bottle of wine. My friends and I cook for regular families who worry about feeding their kids and paying the bills."

Deen's son has also decided to make the best of the current situation. His new show on the Food Network showcases healthier versions of some of Deen's most famous meals.

Deen has been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, a form that usually makes its presence known later in an individual's life. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. Those with poor eating and exercise habits, those who are older are at high risk for this disease making Deen a likely candidate. But according to GERALYN SPOLLETT, a spokesperson for the American Diabetes Association, "you can't just eat your way to diabetes." Heredity is a major influence as well as what she refers to as the "deadly triangle: sugar, fat and salt."

2012 is year of change

MATTHEW TYSON
COLUMNIST

2012 is going to be a monumental year in history. That is something that can be said with no doubt. The event that will take the gold and lock 2012's legacy away forever is unknown, but I have to believe that this year's presidential election is going to be a top contender.

The primaries will soon be over, and Obama will step in the ring to defend his presidential title. The media will begin to tirelessly crank out story after story covering the campaign trail. Conversations at work, church, the dinner table, the store, or anywhere else will revolve around one question: "Who are you going to vote for?"

It's not the most polite thing to ask a person, but we all do it, and many of us never hesitate to tell someone not only who we are voting for, but why.

Every four years we line up like kids waiting to see Santa Claus, and tell our candidates and our government what we want in the next presidential term. We ask for lower taxes, no more war, gay marriage, no gay marriage, health insurance, etc. We ask for all these things that we think are going to fix all the problems we've gotten ourselves into. In fact, I've already complied my own list of I'd like to see in 2012, but you won't find lower taxes and more jobs on my list. Of course, I'd love to see those things, but in order to fix these problems, I think we need to go back further. We need to tell, not ask, our government the same thing that initially sparked the Occupy movements or the recent online activism against the unconstitutional SOPA and PIPA bills.

We need to tell our government to start listening to its people again.

I'm not a revolutionary. You won't find me in the streets protesting. You won't find me trying to organize a paramilitary group. I don't really get Anonymous, and I certainly don't own a Guy Fawkes mask. I just simply do not believe that America operates as the democracy it was meant to be.

When I look at our government, and especially the people currently trying to take office, I see an exclusive group of people with their own personal agenda who hands the public a cookie, pats us on the head, and then sends us to play in our room.

A friend of mine told me that he voted for Obama in the 2008 election, not because of his policies, or agenda, but because he felt that Obama was the candidate who would actually listen to the people, who would set personal agenda aside and work to give the public exactly what they want. Some people may think that Obama was that person, I don't believe he was, but I do believe we should continue searching and striving for not just that type of candidate, but for that type of government.

I've heard it argued that the Mayan's prediction of 2012 wasn't for the end of existence, but for the end of the world as we know it. Who knows, perhaps we just might see that this year. A lot is going to change, that is for sure.

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

MICHAEL BARANICK
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

January 16th was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is a federal holiday in remembrance of one of the great orators and leaders in this country's astounding history. Dr. King was a man that transcended this great nation at a time when it was deemed impossible. He gave a voice to those who had for so long been silenced by the agonies of Jim Crow in the deep South. He was a man who shined during a moment of history that was dim. His actions fundamentally altered the history of both this state as well as this nation.

Dr. King was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a preacher. After graduating college from the Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Divinity degree, he moved to Montgomery, Alabama where he became pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. A few years later he would graduate with his Doctoral Degree in Systematic Theology from Boston University just a few years later.

In 1955, after hearing the news of a young Rosa Parks being arrested in Montgomery for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, Dr. King led a bus boycott which lasted 385 days. The boycott led the US Supreme Court ruling that Montgomery's bus segregation was unconstitutional. Dr. King called the decision a "victory for justice." King then continued to lead peaceful protests across the south over the next several years, resulting in his arrest numerous times.

After being arrested in Birmingham for a protest, Dr. King wrote the famous "Letter From Birmingham Jail," which was a response to eight white clergymen who said his actions were wrong because civil rights should be fought in the courts and not in the streets. They called Dr. King an "outside agitator" because he was from Georgia. Dr. King replied that people had a "moral responsibility to disobey

unjust laws." He also said that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." In the letter, he went on to talk about how America was defying what had been established during the birth of the country. The constitution guaranteed each individual the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. However, America had not been living up to these promises for all citizens.

In August of 1963, Dr. King organized his march on Washington, which culminated in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in front of over 250,000 civil rights protesters on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The march set out the demands for ending racial segregation in schools, protection of civil rights workers from police brutality, and civil rights legislation. The speech captures the eloquence of Dr. King's oratory skills better than any other and is considered one of the greatest speeches in American history. "With this faith we will be able to hue out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation, into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood." The speech brought the movement to forefront of the nation and the president. President Kennedy introduced strong civil rights legislation, but didn't live to see it pass through Congress before his assassination. President Johnson would work to get the Civil Rights Act of 1964 through Congress.

After the speech, King returned to Alabama to continue the fight for equality. In 1965, he organized a group of activists on a march from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to ask Governor Wallace from protection for blacks registering to vote. The first march began on a Sunday morning in March. The marchers were met by police, who were telling them to disband and go home, but they refused. When they continued the march,

they were met pushed and beaten by state troopers. Tear gas was fired at the group by other officers, followed by mounted officers charging into the crowd. The event became known as "Bloody Sunday." Despite being met with adversity, Dr. King organized a second march, which was also met by police resistance and assaults, even one death. Again, King organized a third march. This time, they were aided by a judicial ruling in their favor. Dr. King, with several other key civil rights leaders, including Ralph Abernathy and Fred Shuttlesworth, led the march across the bridge into the state capitol.

Before his assassination in 1968, Dr. King traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to support the public works employees who had been striking for higher pay and better treatment. His flight was delayed due to a bomb threat, but King arrived. A few days later, he gave his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. It was his last ever public speech because he was shot and killed the following day.

Dr. King left an indelible mark on the state of Alabama and on the nation as a whole. His dedication and determination is evident of how just one person can lead a revolution that alters the course of history. He was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 1964 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously in 1977. While many feel that the election of President Barack Obama is the fulfillment of the great Dr. King's dream, it is hard to believe that he would think so. He would keep fighting, as he always did.

So this year, don't consider Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day off. Consider it a day of reflection. Challenge yourself to find the mountaintop that Dr. King so eloquently spoke of. Challenge yourself to dream big. Challenge yourself find a way to transcend America positively once again.

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Opinion

The reference desk: Ask your librarian

What happens if I have research to do and the library is closed?

Well, twenty years ago that might have been a problem, like wanting to rent a movie, but realizing Blockbuster is closed. However, today, students are endowed with a great deal more instantaneously available information. It is true that you could muddle through a Google search, but that would involve a lot of unnecessary searching.

The library has already taken the time to organize the information for you, so why not look at one of the databases or eBooks that you subscribe to by virtue of being a JSU student.

Remember, as long as you have access to the Internet, you have access to the library --in spite of being a lot less fun than hanging out in the actual building itself.

In the library's catalog (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/>) locate and click the tab labeled "databases" and then look for the link which leads to "subject listing". On this page the good people who maintain the library's catalog and links have created a page which arranges the electronic resources and databases by subject. At this point, choose a subject and then browse until you find an interesting title. If you were looking for an article on B.B. King, or any other musician, you might want to look for International Index to Music Periodicals. Once you have logged in to the database using your student I.D. number and last name, you can begin to search as if you were looking on Google; but rather than finding pet blankets embroidered with guitars you will find actually articles that make sense and are appropriate for your assignment.

Yes, it will take some time to master, and yes, it is not going to be as easy, but the information you find will undoubtedly be of better quality and will probably lead you to an A+ instead of a C-.

If this sounds interesting to you or if you'd like to find out more, stop by the reference desk on the 2nd floor of the Library. And always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to stop by or drop a couple of lines.



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Sandra Sudduth remembers a leader

PAMELA HORTON
STAFF WRITER

The SGA sponsored program "Remember a Leader: Dr. Martin Luther King" featured Mrs. Sandra Sudduth as the guest speaker this past Thursday.

Sudduth has attained a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education, a Master's in science, and received her professional studies at Jacksonville State University. Sudduth is a constituent of the Alabama Retired Teachers Association, National Education Association, African American Organization, Phi Delta Kappa, NAACP, Delta Sigma; she has served on the Board of Directors of Alabama executive committee, and is a breast cancer survivor. Yet, Sudduth says that is not what defines who she is.

Sudduth firmly believes she is here for a reason and as her parents always told her she believes anyone "can do whatever [they] want to do, no matter who [they] are."

She is a perfect example of this as she was unable to attend the elementary school located four blocks from her home due to her race. This did not stop Sudduth from achieving success.

Sudduth also remembers her time at Talladega College when sit-ins became. She was a part of one herself and was even arrested. Sudduth was dismissed of those charges but found out years later, through a background check for a job, that the charges were still there.

Many other demonstrations started shortly after the sit-ins, such as the Freedom Riders in Anniston and the Voter's registration of 1963, which made great progress on voting rights for African-Americans. .

Sudduth's memories are not alone. She remembers reading the stories that Margaret Walker wrote throughout her life. Walker wrote about her readings of history books that glorified the white race and described blacks as fools. Sudduth said she hopes that one day she will be able to write books that can stop the hurt and internal suffering this injustice caused to so many people.

Sudduth said that in honor of Dr. King's day, it is important to remember his vision: that all people have the right to equal opportunities. She says Dr. King had a "different kind of greatness."

"He was able to break down barriers that many couldn't. We should all dedicate our lives to empower and lift up our neighbors and community. In order to do this we must make sure to choose leaders that protect these rights that many have worked so hard to get."

Continue to rock the vote

MEGAN GARGIS
STAFF WRITER

"Forty-four million strong, we are the largest generation in history and represent more than one-fifth of the electorate." Stated in Who Are The Young Voters?, RockTheVote.com.

To most people around campus, this is your first chance to get your hands on a Presidential ballot. Before you can do that though, there's a few things you'll have to do, to register. You could try websites like RockTheVote.com, you just fill out paper work, sign and mail it in and if you feel like a mini road trip head down to the Calhoun County courthouse.

Now, where do you live? Let me state that better, where do you legally live? It could be you're parents house, but you could be on your own and in that case put your dorm, apartment, trailer or home address. If it's out of the county, or too out of the way in August and November then you can mail in an absentee ballot.

Are you putting down a certain party on your register? If you are, that means that you're voting for only Democratic or Republican candidates, if you put down independent then you're open to both and every party.

Another important aspect is save the dates!

Tuesday, August 23rd from 7AM to 7PM the polls will be open for the Primary Election and Tuesday, November 6th from 7AM to 7PM the polls will be open for the General Election.

The Primary Election this time around is to pick the Republican nominee for the general election as far as the Presidential Election, the Democratic nominee is the current President, Barack Obama. Currently the lead Republican candidates are Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Ron Paul and Rick Perry.

The people running the nation now will affect our generation the longest, that's a fact. So make sure to have your hand in voting for the next United States President or to continue having the last one.



From Page 1 "Miss JSU"

Miss America system is partnered with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and collectively, the Miss America program has raised over six million dollars for it.

Finally, after much anticipation, the winner was announced. Miss Jacksonville State University 2012 is Elizabeth "Beth" Milam.

Milam's shock was definitely noticeable as she walked to center stage for Curtis to pin her crown on.

Milam, who is from Birmingham, is currently a junior majoring in recreation leadership and minoring in communications. She is very involved on campus at JSU, actively participating with the Baptist Campus Ministries and Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, among many other organizations.

Milam performed "Shy" from the Broadway musical *Once Upon a Mattress* as part of the

talent competition. This was her favorite portion of the pageant, because according to her it's the contestant's time to really shine and showcase what they're good at.

Talent may be her favorite portion, but Milam feels that she did best in the interview portion.

"Being a people person and a communications minor really come into play there," Milam said.

As all of the other contestants, Milam was surrounded by a lot of support. Family and friends including her sorority sisters were on deck to cheer her on throughout the night.

Milam's platform is Think Pink with the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"It hits close to home," she said. "My grandmother, aunts, and great grandmother are all breast cancer survivors."

As the crowd continued to applaud, Milam and Curtis stood in a tight embrace.

Curtis said she couldn't be more proud and excited for Milam and even had words of wisdom for the new Queen. "To work and worry in all of the weeks leading up to June 6th, because when you're there, you just need to enjoy it," said Curtis.

Milam knows there is a big challenge ahead and already has a game plan in mind. "I'm staying focused on school, leaning on my friends for support, continuing my outdoor hobbies, and hitting the gym," she said.

The Miss Alabama Pageant will be from June 6th through the 9th at the Wright Center on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham.

BRIEFS

Beginning this semester, the Gamecock Diner will be open late on Thursdays, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Diners who enjoy lunch fare such as the Blue Ribbon Bacon BBQ Burger, the JSU Quesadilla Supreme and Cocky's Crispy Chicken Sandwich will no doubt enjoy the additional menu items like the Big Ol' Stadium Hotdogs, Hot Wings Extreme and the Double Corndog Madness.

Alpha Kappa Psi will host The B.L.U.E Print Fashion Show to benefit the JSU Wear You're Going Campaign. The event will take place Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Leone Cole Auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is \$1 for students who bring a donated item of clothing, and \$2 for those who do not. All donated clothing goes to local charity. For more information contact John Lesley Morton at jmorton1@jsu.edu.

Over the weekend, JSU was hit with a widespread "phishing" e-mail scam. Users of Gamecock Email should be reminded that JSU will never send any message that asks a user to click a link and share their password and account information. Even if such an email was legitimate, JSU IT would use multiple JSU sources (JSUNews.com, GEM homepage, the JSU homepage, MyJSU, etc.) to promote it before the email was sent. Please safeguard your GEM account. When in doubt about an email, don't click.



THE TEASE

The JSU community is invited to the City of Jacksonville's Annual Black History Program, which will be held on February 12 from 2-4 p.m. at the Jacksonville Community Center. For more information contact Charlcie Vann at cvann@jsu.edu.

The Jacksonville community is invited to attend February's Wellness Wednesday. The event will take place February 8 in Mason Hall at 12 noon. 'Live, Love, Health' will focus on heart health and feature a heart-healthy meal. Chicken, vegetables and chocolate cake will be served, totaling only 600 calories. Contact Lynn Steward at (256) 782-5054 to RSVP.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Anticipated movies of 2012

HEATHER SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

From *The Avengers* to *The Hunger Games*, this year is going to be the best lineup of movies in over a decade. This year is proving to be the year for movie lovers. From romance to comedy to action, this year has something fantastic for everyone.

The Hunger Games is said to blow last year's vampires and werewolves out of the water. It starts out in the ruins of North America, which has now been divided into 12 districts. The Capitol, makes every other district send one boy and one girl to the Games. The Games, a nationally televised event, forces the "Tributes" to fight until there is only one survivor.

Katniss Everdeen, played by Jennifer Lawrence, and Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson, are the unlucky ones picked from District 12.

This terrifying action packed, yet romantic, movie can be seen in theaters on March 23.

Thor, Iron Man, and Captain America have all been introduced in their own movies, but for the first time ever they come together. *The Avengers* has stated to be the "biggest comic book movie of

all time".

When an unforeseen enemy threatens the universe, the director of the peacekeeping organization, S.H.I.E.L.D., recruits Iron Man, Incredible Hulk, Thor, and Captain America to save the world. This non-stop action thriller is coming to theaters on May 4.

Brave is an animated film with a strong female lead. Princess Merida is determined to make her own path in life. She defies a custom, an interest in archery, and turns her Scottish kingdom into chaos. Merida wants freedom but has to pay a price. The princess goes on an amazing adventure to change her fate. This film can be seen on June 22, also in 3D.

The Grey is an action filled drama. When a plane with an oil drilling team crashes, the struggle to survive is epic. Not only are the survivors stuck in the freezing temperatures of the Alaskan wilderness, but they have a pack of hungry wolves hunting them. Can they survive the freezing temperatures in the wilderness and the hungry wolves? Come to theaters on January 27 and find out.

Christian Bale is back in *The Dark Knight Rises*. Eight years after the events of the Joker, the terrorist leader Bane arrives in Gotham City. Bane erupts the city in chaos and forces Batman to resurface. The movie also introduces Catwoman, played by Anne Hathaway. The epic conclusion to the dark knight legend starts July 20.



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New online trends

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STAFF WRITER

While 2011 was the year for Twitter wars and Facebook scandals, there are new ways to express yourself online. More and more people are starting to shy away from Facebook and Twitter and joining new sites such as Tumblr, Pinterest and Google Plus.

Tumblr is a micro-blogging and social networking site that allows its users to as they say "effortlessly share any and everything". Users can follow other users, post texts and other media.

To show your creative style? Pinterest is a site that allows its users to be inspired by the beautiful things that interest them.

Hence the name

Pinterest. However, unlike other social sites you have to be invited by other members, or request to become one.

Google Plus or G+ is a new site created by Google that allows its users "real life sharing". It is an easy way to share just about anything over the internet that you would in real life. It was designed to fit everyone's personality and free them from other social network's hassles.

While the possibility of Facebook and Twitter going under highly impossible, these other sites are definitely giving them a run for their money.

Pinterest

Lawrence and Sherak announce Oscar nominees

PAIGE BAKER
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This year's 84th Annual Academy Awards nominees were announced Tuesday by budding star Jennifer Lawrence and Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president Tom Sherak.

Blogs have been blowing up everywhere because the blockbuster film and final part of the Harry Potter series fared worse than expected.

This year's awards are shaping up to be all about the women. Some of the ladies are no strangers to the nomination list, like Meryl Streep and Glenn Close, however some newcomers, like Melissa McCarthy, may make these old pros sweat in their designer gowns.

Be sure to catch the award show on Feb. 26th, and look for a complete list of the winners in *The Chanticleer*.

Here is a recap of the some of the favorite category nominees:

Best Picture: *The Artist*, *The Descendants*, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*, *The Help*, *Hugo*, *Midnight in Paris*, *Moneyball*, *The Tree of Life*, *War Horse*

Actor: Demian Bichir, *A Better Life*; George Clooney, *The Descendants*; Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*; Gary Oldman, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*; Brad Pitt, *Moneyball*

Actress: Glenn Close, *Albert Nobbs*; Viola

Davis, *The Help*; Rooney Mara, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*; Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*; Michelle Williams, *My Week With Marilyn*

Supporting Actor: Kenneth Branagh, *My Week With Marilyn*; Jonah Hill, *Moneyball*; Nick Nolte, *Warrior*; Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*; Max von Sydow, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*

Supporting Actress: Berenice Bejo, *The*



Lawrence and Sherak announce nominees

Artist; Jessica Chastain, *The Help*; Melissa McCarthy, *Bridesmaids*; Janet McTeer, *Albert Nobbs*; Octavia Spencer, *The Help*

Directing: Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*; Alexander Payne, *The Descendants*; Martin Scorsese, *Hugo*; Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris*; Terrence Malick, *The Tree of Life*

Foreign Language Film: *Bullhead*, Belgium; *Footnote*, Israel; *In Darkness*, Poland; *Monsieur Lazhar* Canada; *A Separation*, Iran.

Adapted Screenplay: Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash, *The Descendants*; John Logan, *Hugo*; George Clooney, Grant Heslov and Beau Willimon, *The Ides of March*; Steven Zaillian, Aaron Sorkin and Stan Chervin, *Moneyball*; Bridget O'Connor and Peter Straughan, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*

Original Screenplay: Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*; Annie Mumolo and Kristen Wiig, *Bridesmaids*; J.C. Chandor, *Margin Call*; Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris*; Asghar Farhadi, *A Separation*

Original Score: *The Adventures of Tintin*, John Williams; *The Artist*, Ludovic Bource; *Hugo*, Howard Shore; *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, Alberto Iglesias; *War Horse*, John Williams

Original Song: "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets," Bret McKenzie; "Real in Rio" from "Rio," Sergio Mendes, Carlinhos Brown and Siedah Garrett.

Documentary Feature: *Hell and Back Again*, *If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front*, *'Paradise Lost 3: Purgatory*, Pina, *Undeclared*

Documentary (short subject): *The Barber of Birmingham: Foot Soldier of the Civil Rights Movement*, *God Is the Bigger Elvis*, *Incident in New Baghdad*, *Saving Face*, *The Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom*

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Arts and Entertainment

Beauty and the Beast in 3D

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“Tale as old as time” is a popular lyric in the Disney hit movie *Beauty and the Beast*, which was re-released in 3D to theaters January 13, 2012.

It was originally released in 1991. Some may remember seeing this movie as a small child at the theater, or from their Disney collection on VHS or DVD.

The 3D features of the film really bring it to life. However if looking for a film where things pop out at you, this is not the film for you.

If you’re questioning whether you should see the movie because of financial circumstances, I recommend visiting your local thrift store and purchasing a VHS copy or buying the DVD for \$14.99 at Amazon.com.

I thoroughly enjoyed the film, and I wouldn’t trade my experience of watching the 3D version. I loved the film as a child, and often watch my own DVD or VHS copy when I’m in the mood for a Disney animated classic.

The film includes an animated short entitled *Tangled Ever After* which tells of the high jinks that ensued on Eugene and Rapunzel’s wedding day.

Pascal and Maximus are at it again, and this time is



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as funny as ever. It was almost worth paying to see the film in theaters to just see this short. They are the ring bearers in the wedding, and when the rings roll through the town, you never know what might happen next.

For those who don’t know or remember the story of the film *Beauty and the Beast*, it is about a girl named Belle who lives in a small town in France.

Belle means “beauty” in French, and Belle is accurately named. She is the most beautiful girl in town who loves to read. Her father is an inventor, and it seems that they just don’t quite fit in. Belle has caught the attention of the young brute, Gaston, who Belle does not have the same feelings for.

Belle’s father, Maurice, becomes lost on his way to an inventor’s convention, and ends up at an enchanted castle. The castle is under a curse because of a young prince’s inability to look past one’s appearance, and he is turned into a beast.

The Beast’s servant’s have been turned into common household items, and they welcome Maurice into the castle when he seeks shelter there, but he is through into the dungeon by the Beast. Belle goes looking for her father, and exchanges her life for his. Could Belle be the one to break the curse? Will Gaston force Belle to marry him?

You can find out by watching Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*: 3D.

Poets’ corner

“Who writes your name in letters of smoke among the stars of the south? Oh let me remember you as you were before you existed.”

—Pablo Neruda

Pseudo Love

—I’ve felt that way before,
I remember.
It seems far,
Yet it lingers.
I too, felt that way before.

Sad and happy.
Unwittingly lonely.
I loved;
I hoped.

He owned the universe,
My beloved —Ersatz king.

Seems not long ago—
I picked up mountain flowers
And delivered rustic baskets of
kisses.
—I loved.

Romantic and forlorn,
I loved once.
I think I was
—ersatz love— too.

—CAMILA

This is a new addition to *The Chanticleer*. We want students to have a creative outlet.

If you would like us to include your poem or short story, please email us at chantytips@gmail.com.

Taking on a new role

One student’s transition from dancer to teacher

EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

While most students enjoyed a leisurely holiday break, Laura Cornwell performed to a sold-out crowd in New York City. As both a dancer and teacher at Gadsden’s Downtown Dance Conservatory, Cornwell danced the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in *Le-Casse-noix Moderne: The Nutcracker*.

Cornwell, a senior majoring in exercise science, began her training at age eight and joined the Conservatory at 14. She originally planned to pursue a career in physical therapy, but now can’t see herself doing anything but teaching ballet. Under the tutelage of director Linze Rickles McRae, Cornwell has taken on new responsibilities.

As expected, passion comes with sacrifice. Cornwell spends her mornings in class and every afternoon and evening in the studio. “This performance was the biggest I’ve ever done, because Linze let me take over some of the choreography and some of the staging,” says Cornwell.

The production was a joint effort with the Etowah Youth Orchestra and the result of two years of planning and practice. With all that preparation, it was still nerve-racking. “I was so nervous. Just because it was New York, and it was people from other states that had never seen us before, didn’t know where we came from, they didn’t



Brooke Bikneris Photography

Cornwell warming up

know that we do original shows, too.”

The production was one of 50 nominated for the 2011 Goldstar Nutty Award. In addition, the Conservatory hosted the world renowned Moscow Ballet in November. Cornwell was invited to perform *The Great Russian Nutcracker* with the touring company at Wallace Hall Fine Arts Center.

So what was more impressive, performing with the Moscow Ballet or New York City? “New York,” says Cornwell. “Because this was all our work, and that means more to me. Getting to show what we do. Moscow was a big deal,” she continues, “but showing what we can do was more fun.”

Still, it all comes back to teaching. “For me, the kids are what I find more pride in than anything. I’m getting to the point where I enjoy seeing them on the stage, doing what they like, more than I can say about myself,” says Cornwell. “And I think that’s how I’m transitioning into teaching, because I care more about them now.”

The Conservatory is known for its edgy performances and music, and past shows have included music from Led Zeppelin, Metallica and Florence and the Machine. On June 3 it will present *Noccalula’s Fall*, an original and contemporary production based on the legend of Noccalula. For more information about the Conservatory, contact (256) 543-2787, ext. 41.



Brooke Bikneris Photography

Cornwell as Sugar Plum Fairy

Top ten on WLJS

1. Codean – “Heaven’s Hero”, ft. J-Chris
2. Great Pyrenees – “Sixth Street”
3. Frontman & the Afterthoughts – “Ctrl + Face”
4. Justin Robinson & The Mary Annettes – “Vultures”
5. Little Shalimar – “Melting”, ft. Killer Mike
6. John K Samson – “Cruise Night”
7. Josh Nichols – “She Should Be Loved”
8. Jessie Baylin – “Love Is Wasted on Lovers”
9. Nine Sons of Dan – “Took My Heart”
10. Reluctant Saints – “Uncle Sam”



What’s happening here in Alabama

- Wilderness Survival 101 Fort Payne | Jan 28, 2012. (256)-782-5697 www.jsu.edu/epic.
- Indoor Motorcross Cullman | Jan 27-28, 2012. (256)-734-0454
- Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival Brundidge | Jan 27-28, 2012
- Culinary Boot Camp at the Hotel at Auburn University Auburn | Jan 27-29, 2012
- Eagle Awareness at Lake Guntersville State Park Guntersville | Jan 27-29, 2012
- Wild Cave Tour Fort Payne | Jan 16-30, 2012
- Junior and Senior Music Recital Birmingham | Jan 31, 2012. www.asfa.k12.al.us.
- Alabama Dance Festival, 15th Annual Birmingham | Jan 21-31, 2012. (205)-602-3599 www.alabamadancecouncil.org

Gamecock Sports



Sportswire

Gamecocks add three football signees for 2012

JACKSONVILLE – Head football coach Jack Crowe announced the addition of three football signees that have enrolled in Spring classes at Jacksonville State.

Desmond Brown and Gavin Ellis both transferred from FBS schools, while Ketrick Wolfe signed out of junior college to play for the Gamecocks for the 2012 season.

Brown was rated as the No. 24 safety in the nation and the 12th best player in Alabama by Rivals.com out of Cherokee County High School as a senior in 2009 and signed with Clemson.

The Centre, Ala., native prepped with current Gamecock quarterback/punter Coty Blanchard and helped the Indians to the 2009 Class 4A State Championship.

Ellis saw action in all 12 games during the 2011 season for Troy and played in six games as a freshman, primarily working on the field goal and extra point units.

Ellis was a first-team All-State selection as a senior out of Cullman High School, where he finished with 1,263 yards on 82 yards to set the school record to lead the state and he also added 16 touchdowns.

Ketrick Wolfe, from Pearl River Community College, started all eight games last year and finished with 49 tackles with seven tackles for loss and two sacks. He had his best game of the year with 13 tackles against Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Crowe also announced that Clarence Jackson has left the team for personal reasons and will not play during the 2012 season, but is expected to re-join the team in the future.

Jacksonville State will begin spring practice on March 15, and will hold its annual J-Day spring game on Saturday, April 14.

-From Sports Wire



Sportswire

Gamecock Rifle downs OVC rival Murray State

OXFORD, Miss. – The Jacksonville State rifle team claimed a 4656-4631 decision over Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State this weekend on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford, Miss.

The 25-point win is Jax State's second in a row as they downed Columbus State last weekend in a dual match and the final aggregate score was a season best for JSU. The Gamecocks posted a 2349 in air rifle and tallied a 2307 in the small-bore portion of the match. The Racers were 15 points shy of JSU in air rifle with a mark of 2334, while they finished smallbore with a 2297.

Senior Andrea Dardas claimed the top spot in air rifle and shared smallbore honors with sophomore Sam Muegge. Dardas, a Essexville, Mich.-native, carded a 591 in air rifle, while she and Muegge shot a 580 in smallbore. MSU's top point-getter in air rifle

was Bill Harvety's 578. JSU freshman Cole Tucker finished air rifle with a personal-best 586. Two other Gamecock freshmen shot a personal best in air rifle as Brent Books and Dan McCall registered a 580 and 579 respectively.

"Today's performance was a large step towards securing a bid to Nationals, being actually six points higher than what we shot at Nationals last year," said head coach Ron Frost. "There's a lot more potential in this team and I truly believe that we will return with strong performances during the remaining matches."

JSU returns to competition next weekend in Murray, Ky. as it participates in the Withrow Invitational on Jan. 28. It will serve as a tune up for the upcoming OVC Championships which will be held on Feb. 4-5 on the campus of UT Martin.

Fast Break



Jax State announces 2012 football schedule

JACKSONVILLE – Five home games and road trips to Southeastern Conference foes Arkansas and Florida highlight the 2012 Jacksonville State football schedule, which was announced by JSU Athletics Director Warren Koegel on Thursday.

The Gamecocks won their 18th conference championship in 2011 and will open the season against the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., on Sept. 1. It will mark JSU head coach Jack Crowe's return to Fayetteville for the first time since serving as head coach of the Razorbacks from 1989-92.

The 2012 season marks the 12th season for Crowe at JSU, and the Dean of the OVC coaches is also the winningest coach in the Ohio Valley Conference. Crowe led Arkansas to the 1989 Southwest Conference title and a 19-14 overall record and he has a career record of 95-82, including an impressive 81-51 mark at Jax State.

"The 2012 football season is going to be very exciting for the Gamecocks," Koegel said. "We feel like we have an exciting football schedule and I know that our fans are going to enjoy visiting two of the top stadiums in the country in Razorback Stadium, and also 'The Swamp' at the end of the season."

Jax State's home opener is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, against one of its oldest rivals in Chattanooga. This series dates back over 100 years to 1904 and has seen the Gamecocks win five of the last seven meetings against the Mocs. JSU dedicated Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium two years ago in one of the most exciting wins of the 2010 season as JSU scored on a 72-yard pass with just 1:16 left in a 21-17 win over the Mocs in front of more than 22,000 fans.

The Gamecocks open Ohio Valley Conference play at Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 22 in a battle of two of the top teams in the conference. JSU will host Southeast Missouri State on Sept. 29, before back-to-back road conference games at Tennessee Tech and Eastern Illinois.

Jax State returns home to host Tennessee State on Oct. 20 and will celebrate Homecoming the following week at home against Murray State. JSU then travels to face UT Martin on Nov. 3, before playing the final regular-season home game against Austin Peay on Nov. 10 when the Southerners will host their annual Reunion.

The Gamecocks will play the final regular-season game of the year on Nov. 17 at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

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2012 Jacksonville State football schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 1	at Arkansas
Sept. 8	Chattanooga
Sept. 15	OPEN
Sept. 22	at Eastern Kentucky
Sept. 29	Southeast Missouri State
Oct. 6	at Tennessee Tech
Oct. 13	at Eastern Illinois
Oct. 20	Tennessee State
Oct. 27	Murray State
Nov. 3	at UT Martin
Nov. 10	Austin Peay
Nov. 17	at Florida

SPORTS



Sportswire

Briana Morrow adapts to change

MADISON A. RHOADS
STAFF WRITER

Briana Morrow has been playing sports for a majority of her life. Her parents were both athletes at Middle Tennessee State University, where her mother played basketball.

She was the one who introduced Briana to the game of basketball. As a child, Briana's mother coached her basketball teams up to the high school level.

"She really had an impact on who I am today," said Morrow on the impact of her mother being her coach. "How focused I am and how I want to be better. My mom helped me become a better player because she was harder on me than my other teammates, which I hated at the time."

She attended Glencliff High School in Nashville, TN where she played volleyball and basketball. She was named an All District and All Region player for both sports for four years.

In basketball, she was also named All State Second Team her junior year and All State First Team her senior year.

During her senior year, she averaged 23 points and seven assists per game. Her basketball team won the district title.

Morrow would go on to be named All District MVP her junior year and All Region MVP her senior year.

Although Briana could have played volleyball in college, she chose to play basketball instead.

When it came to deciding where she would play at, Jacksonville State was a great choice. "I really liked Coach Watts on my visit," said Morrow. "I thought that the program was good, and I really liked the campus."

Annette Watts, head coach of the Women's basketball team, is impressed with Briana's efforts, on and off the court.

"Briana Morrow came to us in August in great shape and ready to take a starting position as a

freshman," said Watts. "Bri works hard in practice and carries that onto the court for games... My staff and I believe Briana will only get better and better as she matures both on the court and in the classroom."

Briana has really adapted to the change in pace of the game. She has earned awards already here at JSU and they reflect her ability and talent for the game.

On the court, Morrow is calm, somewhat emotionless, and thinks about what she is doing. However, this transition was not exactly an easy one. Besides conditioning, Morrow says that you need mental strength as well.

"You have to have a strong head to not get down and be hard on yourself because you're not scoring as much as you used to," she said.

Morrow was named the MVP of the Lady Eagle Thanksgiving Classic, which she was excited about because she wasn't even aware of the

award. She has also been named OVC Freshman of the Week three times this season, along with fellow freshman Candice Morton.

Off the court, Briana is just like any other freshman athlete and it can sometimes be challenging to balance time between homework, tutoring hours, eating, and sleeping.

In her spare time, she like to just relax and hang out with her friends, which normally include her teammates and other Gamecock athletes.

"I am not a mean person, and not cocky. I'm a nice person. I'm just quiet," Briana said when she was asked to describe herself.

Morrow has not decided on a major yet, although a career involving basketball in some way is not out of the picture. "I'd like to coach middle school lead them to the top. Like my mom did for me."

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JSU's 4x400 Relay Team shatters program record to close out Gladstein Invite

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – For the second time in as many weeks, the Jacksonville State 4x400 meter relay team shattered the program's indoor record in the event on Saturday evening at the Indiana University-hosted Gladstein Invitational.

The relay team of Elizabeth Clemmons, Latasha Sturkie, Natasha Sturkie and Shamira Barrett clocked a new school record of 3:44.54 en route to claimed silver in the event behind Miami (Ohio). Last week, the Jax State foursome posted a mark of 3:44.93 at the UAB Invitational.

The record-shattering mark in the relay event capped a productive day for Clemmons, a junior from Marietta, Ga. She claimed her second silver medal of the invitational in the 200 meter dash. Clemmons registered a 25.59 in the finals to claim second place.

In the 60 meter dash, where JSU had a pair of competitors in the finals, sophomore Ebonie Curry turned in a time of 7.73. Curry also competed in the invitational section of the 200 meter dash and finished in 25.29.

The Gamecocks return to action on Jan. 25-26 in Birmingham, Ala. to take part in the Birmingham Invitational.

-From Sports Wire

Gamecocks Annual Fan Day set for Feb. 5 at 2 p.m

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State softball team will host its annual Fan Day on Sunday, Feb. 5 at University Field. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and admission is free for all fans.

Free t-shirts will be among the many giveaways, while soda and popcorn will also be free to those in attendance.

Fans are encouraged to come out and meet and interact with the members of the 2012 JSU softball team, as well as its coaching staff. Also, all members of the Gamecocks' roster will be available for autographs during the day. Cocky will also be in attendance.

The Gamecocks open their home schedule on Feb. 17-19.

-From Sports Wire

Lane-led Gamecocks fall on the road to Tenn Tech 65-59

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State women's basketball team wrapped up its three-game road trip with a 65-59 loss at Tennessee Tech in the Eblen Center on Monday night.

The Gamecocks fall to 4-17 on the season and 1-7 in Ohio Valley Conference play. TTU pushes its season's mark to 8-13 overall and 4-3 in league play. The six-point setback was the eighth consecutive to the Golden Eagles.

In a tightly contested opening half where there were four ties and a pair of lead changes, the Golden Eagles seized the lead for the rest of the way after the contest was even at 19-all after senior Brittany Manning drained a three-pointer with 5:43 left in the half. TTU put together an 8-2 scoring run over the half's final five minutes.

TTU built its halftime lead out to 12 points by the 14:47 mark of the second half and limited the Gamecocks to points off the free throw line until the game clock showed 13:45 left in the game. Including the final five minutes of the first half, JSU was held without a basket for over an 11-minute time frame.

Jax State scored the final two points and first four of the second half at the free throw line. The Gamecocks finished the contest 16-of-25 from the free throw line.

While JSU went cold, the Golden Eagles started knocking down shots and taking advantage of the Gamecocks' turnovers. TTU turned 19 JSU miscues into 16 points on the offensive end along with taking advantage of the paint, scoring 28 points in the post.

TTU took its largest lead of 15 points with just under seven minutes left in the game, but the Gamecocks clawed their way back into the contest after starting to knock down buckets. In the final 13 minutes, JSU hit 11 baskets and matched TTU in the second half with 38 points apiece.

JSU cut the lead into single digits in the final two minutes and got within six points in the waning seconds after a Destiny Lane trey.

The senior duo of Lane and Manning led the Red and White in scoring as they combined for 26 points. Lane led all JSU scorers with 16 points in 38 minutes of activity. Manning turned in her best OVC outing of the year with ten points. Junior Danielle Vaughn scored her eighth double-double of the season and 15th of her career with 11 points and

ten rebounds.

The Huntsville, Ala.-native did most of her damage in the second half as she posted ten of her points in the final 20 minutes and five second half boards. Freshman Briana Morrow nearly had a double-double with nine points and ten rebounds.

With its 50-28 advantage over TTU in rebounds, JSU has claimed the rebounding edge in seven of the first eight OVC match ups.

Senior Tacarra Hayes led a trio of Golden Eagles in the scoring column with 15 points. Molly Heady added 14 points while Jala Harris pitched in 11 points. Rachel Glidden registered eight points off the bench.

After three straight roads games, JSU opens a three-game homestand on Saturday, Jan. 28 against OVC front runner Eastern Illinois. Tip off is set for 2 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

- From Sports Wire



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Destiny Lane (14) led the Gamecocks with 16 points in 38 minutes of play.