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The new addition to Stephenson Hall features top-of-the-line strength training equipment, a Cybex machine weight room and group fitness classes.

All photos by Kystrin Taylor

THE CHIRPSLEER

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The new addition to Stephenson Hall officially opens on March 5, and doesn’t go unnoticed.

EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

"Each of us are our stories," according to Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Schultz. When she first began writing her column nearly a decade ago, her editor gave her this advice.

"He said, 'You've got to mix it up. You've got to write personal columns, too. Even if they're just weird."' She's a Republican and I'm a Democrat, but that's how I like to write," Schultz said. She noted that "it's just the way it goes." She added that "it's the way I like to write."

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

First Presbyterian Church in Anniston the JSU A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers will present their Spring Concert on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Both choirs are under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, JSU Director of Choral Activities, and will be accompanied by Meg Griffin. First Presbyterian Church is located at 1701 Henry Road. This concert is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact the JSU Choral Activities office, (256) 782-5544 or Dr. Corbin.

BRIEFS

Circle K International is a fun, new, community service organization in search of new members. Meetings are every other Monday including March 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Center room 120. From its website: “Circle K International (CKI) are organized and sponsored by a Kiwanis club. It is a self-governing organization and elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings and determines its own service activities. Projects include the Six Cents Initiative, CKI’s International fundraiser that aims to provide water to the 2.2 billion children worldwide who lack safe drinking water.

The JSU Honors Program is again selling business discount cards for $5. New businesses are included and good until March 13. To purchase a card, please email Janet Whitmore at the Honors House or see any of the Elite Honors students. To view businesses featured on the card, visit JSU/News.com.

CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, March 5
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Fourth Avenue
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Wal-Mart
- Lost Decal, Ramona Wood Parking Lot
- Information Report, Salls Hall
- Missing Property, Stone Center
- Information Report, Fitzpatrick Hall

Tuesday, March 6
- Information Report, Ayers Hall
- Assault, Jack Hopper Calathia
- Possession of Marijuana, Stadium Tower

Wednesday, March 7
- Lost Decal, TMB Parking Lot
- Medical Emergency, Pannell Hall
- Automobile Accident, Merrill Hall
- Theft of Property, Curtis Hall

Thursday, March 8
- Information Report, Bibb Graves
- Arrest for Obstruction of Governmental Operations & Possession of Marijuana, Kenanner Hall Parking Lot

Friday, March 9
- Information Report, Crow Hall
- Arrest for Possession of Marijuana, Colonial Arms Apartment

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15
SGA Applications Due TODAY
Where: Office of Student Life
Contact: Alex Rainwater at sgapsa@jsu.edu

Sue Walker - Ali Poet Laureate
Where: 1103B Houston Cole Library
When: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Friends of Houston Cole Library
http://www.jsu.edu/library/friends/programs.html
Contact: Lynn Vanoul at lvanoul@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5255

Friday, March 16
Central East Regional Technology Fair
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Technology & Engineering
Contact: Terry Marbut at matthews@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5294
SGA on Ice
Where: TMB auditorium
When: 7 - 10 p.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: Alex Rainwater at sgapsa@jsu.edu

Saturday, March 17
St. Patrick’s Day Paddle at Terrapin Creek
Where: Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center
When: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fee: $30/person (rental kayak included); $25/person rental canoe (double only); $25/person to bring your own canoe or Kayak
Pre-registration is required
Contact: Renee Morrison at mmorrison@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5679

*Bring chili/sandwich lunch. Not recommended for children under 12 years.

Monday, March 19
SGA Candidate Speeches
Where: TMB auditorium
When: 7 p.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: Alex Rainwater at sgapsa@jsu.edu

Wednesday, March 21
Women’s History Month: Managing Stress & Good Mental Health
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 6 - 7 p.m.
Sponsored by STA/Multicultural Programming
Contact: Debbie Taylor at dtaylor@jsu.edu

Reggae Mix
Where: Leon Cole Auditorium
When: 7 - 11 p.m.
Sponsored by African American Assc.
Contact: Chad Rhodes at crhodes@jsu.edu or (678) 326-0902
CONNIE SCHULTZ
CREATORS.COM

On the evening of Super Tuesday, a radiant Ann Romney stepped up to the microphone at a Boston rally and took her best shot at changing the subject.

“Do you know what women care about?” she said. “Women care about jobs. Women care about the economy. They then ask about your children, and they care about the debt.”

Translation: Please, please, please ask my husband about Rush Limbaugh.

Sandra Lee is top among my husband’s fans. It’s simply, exact Republicans always tiptoed around afraid to alienate!”

Rush Limbaugh called 30-year-old law student Sandra Fluke a “slut” and a “prostitute” and asked her to post online video of sex line.

Fluke’s response — “It’s not the language I would have used” — didn’t exactly close the distance between some of the millions of mothers who was her on.

We wanted fealty otherwise. He gave us a CEO chime.

I am still trying to figure out what exactly Republican presidential candidates think that we will lose if they criticize Limbaugh for publicly trash a woman young enough to be their daughter. What part of their base are they afraid to alienate? Or claim, ever?

Now, it could be I’ve just spotted — being from Ohio and all.

Here in Cleveland, Dan Gilbert — the majority owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the founder and chairman of Quicken Loans — was one of the first to drop his advertising on Limbaugh’s show, for the good of the school’s fans.

Yes, it’s fair to ask what too him so long, but I always have told my kids you can’t ask someone to change and then to help him the chance to do it. I’m living the lecture here.

Secondly, I grew up with a dad who liked to sit on the front porch with a baseball hat on but his lap whenever a boy showed up to date one of his daughters. He never used it. Then again, he never had to. He laid the ground rules early. It used to drive me crazy, of course, to have every boy so afraid of my dad. I still, I did feel that special brand of adolescent teenage confidence born of fatherly love and boyhood paranoia.

In retrospect, a blissful time.


I’d be the first to admit at least one Republican acknowledgment that.

However, we women are complicated creatures, capable of holding any number of thoughts in one head. At the same time, too. Nothing but trouble for the Romney’s of the world.

We’re also good at connecting the dots. I’ll go so far as to say we’re annoyingly good at it, which is why our concern for the economy (dot) finds our dollars for affordable health care (dot) that includes low-cost contraception (dot), which is way cheaper than a full-term pregnancy (dot), not to mention what it costs to raise a child to 18 years of age (dot).


And the majority of us believe abortion should remain legal (dot) because we trust women (dot) to make our own decisions (dot) about their bodies (dot). Dot. Dot. Dot. Dot.

We’re on fire, I swear.

And I’m just talking about the women in Ohio, where we’ve had a decade under the wing of the state Legislature’s attempts to reclassify us as a handful of atoms. I argue Mrs. Romney’s attempt to focus on jobs, but we already heard that campaign promise in 2010. Two months later, we had pregnant women exposing their bellies for ultrasonic “testimony” in the Republican-controlled state House.

They’re all yours, Mitt Romney. Welcome to the circus.

One more thing you should know before you come back to Ohio. We’re big on dogs here, and I’m afraid we know all about post roof- stepping’ Sears.

I think you know where I’m going with this. I’m not going to harp, I leave that to New York Times columnist Carl Collins, a fellow native Ohioan.

She’s done our state proud, with her hard knocks connect-the-dots stick-to-it stuff.

There I go again, bragging about our woman.

Connie Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and an essayist for Parade magazine. To find out more about Connie Schultz (con.schultz@yahoo.com) and read her columns, please visit her Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

THE CHANTICLEER

Thank you, Connie Schultz

EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

We’ve obviously devoted a great deal of this issue to last week’s Ann’s Lecture and in its speaker, Connie Schultz. But for good reason. The woman is a force in our society.

I listened to her lecture this weekend as if it were an audiobook, and the point that most struck a chord with me was this: We all have something in common.

As someone who’s been blogging for the past several years, I’ve always tipped around all things political and religious. Facebook is another story, but with my blog I’ve built a decent readership. Quite simply, I don’t want to lose that.

It never occurred to me that people might stick with me because they like my posts about my fear of turning 30, or my rant. However, we women are complicated creatures, capable of holding any number of thoughts in one head. At the same time, too. Nothing but trouble for the...
One man’s pursuit of greatness

BEN NUNALY

James Green arrived Thursday at the Gadsden State Community College Library in a car, but the breathing along with the planes, trains, and other automobiles for the ride. Gadsden State is known for a wide range of interests and activities, everything from fine arts to applied sciences. Beyond Green’s work as a writer, he is a Past President of the Southeastern History Association, a former Gadsden State professor, and is the author of a number of books and articles on Alabama history. Green is also an avid reader and collector of antique books and manuscripts.

Green’s work is recognized by his peers and the general public. In 2011, he received the William M. Minor Award from the Alabama Historical Association for his contributions to the field of Alabama history. In 2013, he was inducted into the Alabama Historical S

The Gadsden State Community College Library is a hub of activity, with students, faculty, and staff working alongside each other in a variety of settings. With a collection of over 200,000 books and a staff of 12 librarians, the library provides a comfortable learning environment for students and faculty alike. The library is located on the 1st floor of the Gadsden State Community College Center, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jax Opera presents Romeo and Juliette

COURTNEY KAY

The Jax Opera is an important part of the Jacksonville community, offering a wide range of performing arts experiences. The company was founded in 1980 by two Jacksonville residents, and has since grown to become one of the leading opera companies in the Southeast. The Jax Opera produces a variety of operas each year, ranging from classical works to contemporary productions.

The production, sung completely in English, is based on Shakespeare’s The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. For many of the cast members, this is an opportunity to perform a challenging role and share their talents with the audience.

There’s a lot of language work, and when we’re doing French especially,” said Eric Wilcox, who is playing Romeo. “In French, there are a lot of sounds that don’t exist in English, so it’s kind of a judgment of the accent and of being able to do that and have some confidence in it. This role is really heavy, and it’s important. It’s easy for me now, but it would have been impossible for me a year ago.”

Wilcox is a senior and music major in JSU. Kaylin Gilley, a senior and Music Education major at JSU, is playing the role of Juliet. Jill Tyler, Juliet’s cousin and enemy of Romeo. Gilley says that being able to learn the opera, the school, and work has been a challenge for everyone.

“I have reason to believe, though, that the music will be the best operation in this production, ever produced,” said Gilley. “Even though it might be such a little thing in some culture, we have students in this school who have this wonderful and unique talent to put this show together. I have a lot of faith in them and the production staff, as well as all the students working behind the scenes putting this together.”

The role of Juliet is played by Estefania Wilcox, the real-life girlfriend of her brother, Eric Wilcox, who is playing Romeo. Estefania Wilcox graduated with a B.A. in Voice from JSU in 2010, began her graduate work in the spring of 2011 and is working on her master’s degree. Her major is voice, with a minor in music education. Her favorite part about doing this show is being able to perform with her brother and share this beautiful music and getting to sing it with my husband,” said Estefania Wilcox. “This music is very moving. There are many interesting elements, and I’m excited to get it out there.”

The production is scheduled to open at the Kulekoch Cultural Center on March 15, 2012. Tickets are available online or by calling the Box Office at 256-543-2787. For more information, visit the Jax Opera website at www.jaxopera.org.
Coach Carlson introduces new defender

JACKSONVILLE -- Head coach Julie Davis Carlson has announced the addition of Nicole Heiser to the 2012 roster. Heiser, a 1.705 yard long jumper, will join the Gamecocks for her senior season.

Heiser joined the Jacksonville State program after spending the 2011 season at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The 6-foot defender is a native of Calson, Fla. and attended St Johns River High School. Heiser has been a part of the Gamecock program for the last year, played four seasons at JSU for Head Coach Brian Strongs.

She helped the Mustangs finish fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2010 and reached the state final in 2011.

Heiser started all 21 games as a junior with 29 starts and was the team's total leader in the 2011 OVC regular season and Tournament.

JORDAN SMITH SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State swept Eastern Illinois Saturday to take the lead at University Field to begin conference play.

The Gamecocks drew first blood, scoring three runs in the first inning from Shelfly Holley in the bottom of the first inning. JSU led 1-0.

In the bottom of the third, freshman savannah Silon hit a grand slam to put the Gamecocks up 5-0. This was Silon's first career home run.

The Panthers would draw closer in the top of the half. A double by Ashleig h O'Della l and Shelby IOiii ey scored Tawny Wee r on a sac-fly. By the weekend, she capped her way back into the game and recorded 11 strikeouts. Holley earned her first star of the season after besting a hand injury.

The Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns faced the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday night in a game that saw the Cajuns score six runs in the third inning of the second game.

The Gamecocks took the lead in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Abby Wood. JSU led 2-1.
**JSU Basketball: Morrow, Vaughn earn postseason accolades**

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville State's Brittany Morrow earned another postseason honor by being named to the Ohio Valley Conference's All-South Team. Morrow, a 5-11 forward from Nashville, Tenn., led the Gamecocks in scoring with an average of 18.4 points per game.

Morrow ranked third in league scoring and seventh in the OVC in 2012, and she is listed among the OVC's top 40 offenders based on bombs per game. In the 19 conference games, Morrow pulled down 19.6 rebounds and 4.6 offensive rebounds. Morrow's final numbers were just shy of Murray with 104 points per game and the team with 92.1 field goal percent.

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**Eastern Kentucky sweeps Jay State Tennis**

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The Jackson State women’s tennis team finished third at the Southern Miss Invitational after a final-round match against the University of Southern Mississippi. The Gamecocks win came in doubles.

**Women Finish third at USM Lady Eagle Invitational**

The Jackson State men’s and women’s tennis teams played Ole Miss Valley Conference matches at Eastern Kentucky on Saturday at the Gaffney Tennis Center. The JSU men lost 5-2 to Eastern Kentucky, while the women’s team lost 6-0 to Eastern Kentucky.

**Gamecocks finish sixth at NCAA Rifle Championships**

The Gamecocks won their second straight title in the NCAA Rifle Championships on Saturday after competing in the air rifle portion of the event. JSU finished third in the team standings, despite losing the three individuals. The highlight of the day came from JSU, as four individuals competed in the NCAA competition: Gisselle Silbottie, who won the individual title and was the Binghamton confident in better than Murray with 104 points per game and the team with 92.1 field goal percent.

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