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EVELYN HAYES (CRONICLE)
Beginning her eighth and final year as a student of the Sugar Hill, Walker talked about what matters most to her. The special event, hosted by JSU and the Friends of the Hocotee Library, was held at the campus library.

Walker is a political science major and Minor of English at the University of Alabama, where she teaches English as a second language. Her work includes eight published books of poetry, several hundred literary anthologies, publications in poetry journals, and more than 40 published critical essays.

Additionally, Walker has served as an editor for the journal Literature and the award-winning play/Writing competition for the African American National Heritage Project based on the life of Mobile's Madame Octavia LeVert, Walker read excerpts from several of her books, one being the 2007 "Whatever remains Unpublished: An Anthology of Alabama Poetry." From it she read Langston Hughes’ “Daybreak in Alabama.”

“When I get to be a composer I’m gonna write some music about Daybreak in Alabama.”

Walker didn’t write her first love poems until she was working on her doctorate at Tulane University. “This occurred when I was working on my Ph.D. thesis, and I was so tired of it. I thought, I can’t stand this. I’ve got to write something, so then I wrote...”

“I don’t think there’s a better Alabama poem in the whole world than that one,” said Walker, “and I wanted to begin with that particular poem.”

Dr. Joanne Gates, faculty member of the English Department and chair of the Department of English at the University of Alabama, explained the introduction, “In the several occasions I have had the opportunity to hear her, mostly in workshop events, Walker continues to dazzle her audience with wonderful and crisp insight, that in many cases are instigated from the most ordinary, everyday happenings and encounters.”

And I didn’t think there’s a better Alabama poem in the whole world than that one,” said Walker, “and I wanted to begin with that particular poem.”

Walker did not say much about the poem, but she did say that she loved the line from Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451, “which he talks about the books. ‘To leave something behind. Something of your own hand. Something of your own heart.’”

The theme was continued and so Walker wanted to leave an anthology of Alabama poetry behind, because she felt that the creative process is really an art form. Last week she was an ambassador of love, as well.

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EMERALD DUKES SENIOR STAFF WRITER
Windows down, radio tuned up, barefoot and beach bound. This is on each college student mind right now. Spring Break only comes once a year and is considered “right of passage” for many college students.

Spring Break for most colleges and universities is the third week of March. Students will load up and road trip to the closest beach. Upon reaching the beach, they attempt to find a spot to place the towels, chairs and the cooler.

Flags representing every school are in full view. Every school comes together for one week to celebrate... well, who knows what they are celebrating. Jacksonville State University students will not get to experience this glorious Spring Break celebration this year. JSU’s Spring Break was moved to the last week of March.

This change was made so that JSU’s Spring Break would be the same as the local elementary, middle and high schools. Many JSU students are not happy about this change.

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

PHOTO OF THE WEEK
“the simple life”

BRIEFS

Freshman Forum is hosting ‘One Day without Shoes’ at JSU on Tuesday, April 10. There will be activities, games and crafts on the TMB lawn from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., with a rally at 2:45 p.m. A barefoot parade around Trustee Circle to raise awareness for TOMS. One for One Campaign will immediately follow. Students can pledge by visiting a table in the TMB lobby on April 4th, 5th, 6th or 9th. Pledged students will be entered to win great door prizes, which will be given out after the parade.

The Jacksonville State University Small Business Development Center (SBA) and the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce will offer one-on-one counseling for prospective and existing small business owners at no charge on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Chamber office. It is necessary to schedule an appointment. For more information, or your small business owners at no charge on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Chamber office. It is necessary to schedule an appointment. For more information, or your appointment, please call (256) 927-8455.

CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, March 12
• Automobile Accident, Stone Center Parking Lot
• Automobile Accident, Stephenson Hall
• Arson, Crow Hall
• Medical Emergency, Fitzpatrick Hall

Tuesday, March 13
• Theft of Lost Property, Ayers Hall Parking Lot
• Towed Vehicle, Martin Hall
• Lost Property, Off Campus
• Automobile Accident, Houston Cole Library Parking Lot

Wednesday, March 14
• Medical Emergency, Stadium Tower
• Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Crow Hall
• Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Bonny Brook
• Information Report, Pelham Road North
• Violations of Student Code of Conduct, Steed Circle

Thursday, March 15
• Information Report, Dixon and Crow Hall
• Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency & Threat Assessment, World Wide Web
• Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Bibb Graves Parking Lot
• Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall
• Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Campus Inn Parking Lot

Friday, March 16
• Disorderly Conduct, Curtiss Hall
• Brush Fire, JSU Dump Site
• Accident with Damage, Stadium Tower Parking Lot
• Automobile Accident, Wallace Hall Parking Lot
• Theft of Property & Criminal Mischief, Dixon Hall Parking Lot

Sunday, March 18
• Minor in Possession of Alcohol & Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Stadium Tower

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 24
River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Fairy Houses
Where: Little River Canyon Center, Fort Payne, AL
When: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: $5/child; pre-registration is encouraged
Sponsored by JSU Field Schools
Contact: Renee Morrison at rmorrison@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5697

Monday, April 2
Free Cookout
Where: Behind Sparkman Hall
When: 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Matthew Russel at mdrussell@jsu.edu

Tuesday, April 3
Gamo2x
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Matthew Russel at mdrussell@jsu.edu

Wednesday, April 4
Free Housing Car Wash
Where: TBD
When: 12:00 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Matthew Russel at mdrussell@jsu.edu

SGA Candidate Debates
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: Alex Rainwater at sgavpsa@jsu.edu

Saturday, May 12
End of the Year Blowout
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by University Housing - Resident Appreciation Week
Contact: Brooke Bell at bbell@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5449
*More details to come*

Thursday, April 5
“Occupy the OccuPAST: Echoes of Dissidence in the Underground Newspaper Collections”
Where: Houston Cole Library
When: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: Alex Rainwater at sgavpsa@jsu.edu

SGA Elections
Where: Online
Visit your my.jsu.edu account in order to vote for SGA Officers
Prohibition is ludicrous

Evelyn for a clear childhood friend, AOL Instant Messenger

ADAM ARMIN

One piece of my childhood died last week. I used to spend hours pecking furiously at the computer screen as hours raced by while I communicated with friends, family and other citizens of the Internet. AOL Instant Messenger became a gateway for a new enterprise of communication. I was often online and staying in contact with friends and family from all over the world. I still hurt to know something so precious to me became history. I've never believed we need to communicate with another person besides picking up the phone. The future of instant messaging is still hurting to know something so precious to me became history. I've never believed we need to communicate with another person besides picking up the phone. The future of instant messaging is hated to know something so precious to me became history. I've never believed we need to communicate with another person besides picking up the phone. The future of instant messaging is
JSU students hit the ice

KARA COLEMAN A & E EDITOR

Temperatures may have been in the low eighties last week, but inside the TMH auditorium Friday night, JSU students were ice skating. The Student Government Association hosted SGA on Ice, where students could borrow a pair of skates and try their hand at skating across an ice-like surface that wouldn’t melt. They also served free popcorn, soda and free cones for those in attendance.

Skating on the synthetic surface proved to be a challenge for both novice and experienced skaters. “I only have my balance,” said Faith Martin, “I couldn’t even stand up.”

The skating surface was provided by Spiritz Entertainment from Asheville, North Carolina. It was composed of organic, plant-based materials and coated with a liquid substance that was half water to make the surface stick.

The SGA hosted the event a couple of years ago, and Rainwater decided to bring it back this year because of positive feedback from students. “I think it was a good experience for those who haven’t been around this environment,” said student Jeremy Potts. “I heard that there was SGA on Ice in the past, but as a freshman last year, I wasn’t able to experience it.”

Rainwater was pleased with the number of students in attendance on Friday night. “People were complaining about not having anything to do on the weekend,” she said. “This is kind of a warm-up, a test to see how many people will show up on the weekends, and for Fridays and Saturdays from now on.”

Despite the difficulty of skating on the “ice,” the students were enjoying themselves. “Even though I don’t know how to ice skate, it’s a lot of fun,” said Jade Wagner. “I would do it again!”

A taste of “Hunger”

COURTNEY RAY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

As many of you may know, The Hunger Games movie makes its highly-anticipated debut in theaters across the nation tonight at midnight. And, as an avid fan of the book series by Suzanne Collins, I am so anxiously excited to see it. My friends and I got tickets for the premiere a few weeks ago, and we weren’t the only ones getting a head start. Advanced tickets were available on Fandango one month before the film’s release. On that day the movie’s sales accounted for 83% of the website’s totals, breaking the record previously held by the third film in the Harry Potter series.

With statistics like that, it’s no secret that The Hunger Games is quickly becoming the next pop culture phenomenon. With that being said, however, can this film live up to the hype that has been compared to the likes of the Twilight and Harry Potter films? This writer believes that it can and will.

Merchandise promoting the film is already everywhere. There are shirts, a cookbook, jewelry, laptop decals, nail polish collection, a workout routine. Prod case... The list goes on and on. Soon enough we’ll be seeing “Jenifer Lawrence” and “Tina Fey” shirts on teenage girls everywhere.

This, unfortunately, is one aspect of the sensation that is The Hunger Games.

Lander’s not a stranger to the restaurant business, though. He previously owned Qutuzos Subs in Oxford, Alabama for seven years before he ventured off into starting Effina’s. Every move he made was well thought out, from the menu and even to the vibe customers feel when they walk in. He said that he was playing off the rural land and rolling hills of Alabama when he grew the concept of the feel that is Effina’s. He wants customers to feel simple, rural, old Italy. According to Lander’s Effina’s is “A place where you can come for both fine dining and comfort food.”

Even though he is the owner, Lander’s still likes to get his hands dirty. He cooks fish, stirs pasta, makes dough, and whatever else is needed. His heart and soul is in the restaurant.

The restaurant’s number-one selling meal is chicken parmigiana. What separates theirs from others is that their chicken is not frozen. But even Lander’s wouldn’t give out too many secrets, but he did say that Effina’s employees clean the chicken and pound it out themselves. Also, each meal is breaded and made to order.

Looking down the road, Lander sees very many constraints in Jacksonville in terms of growing the business. However, in the future he does have thoughts of branching out and opening another Effina’s in Rome. “I’m not looking to come around this area again.”

In closing, many ladies give their men a hard time every now and then about cooking and opening another Effina’s in Rome. “That’s for sure.”

Looking at the success of Effina’s in a college town like Jacksonville than one could ever have ever imagined.
Publishing for the digital domain

Ben McNally
STAFF WRITER

Brad Sewell talks about a quick burst of business from an established author, about how a writer needs to write a million words before he or she can comfortably fit his or her dog in the bathtub. Sewell is past 100,000 words now, hoping to add another 250,000 by the end of the year.

Sewell is a 2007 JSU history graduate who spends his time divided roughly between work, writing, and everything else. He looks like a writer, with long hair, glasses and a drab green coat over blue jeans. There are old pictures of him sitting the same outfit, sitting next to a typewriter: “I want to be a novelist, to have a bookshelf of my books,” he says.

Sewell’s three stories are all about zombies, and have a distinct, tongue-in-check mark. Finding an agent is like a writer of pulp science fiction. Sewell is edging his way into the door: With film, digital cameos in the movie The Door. With publishing, digital cameos in the e-book world. Instead of submitting a novel to a publisher, a writer submits the book itself. And possible rejection letters from writers forums are potential word processing files for an e-reader and sometimes the material. The writer or author can get the short book or short story usually less than 10,000 words online within two days. Readers can download the new e-book as soon as it’s live.

“Before,” said Sewell, “if you didn’t have a publisher, you either just had a file in your computer or a stack of papers next to the typewriter.”

Crime fiction writer John Locke is the first self-published author to sell a million books for the Kindle. Young adult fiction author Amanda Hocking sells 9,000 e-books a day. New price. “If the author has an amazing contract, a $9 book will find him/give him 68 cents,” said Sewell. With Amazon or Apple, the author’s royalty rate is up to 70 percent of the cover price. That same $9 book earns a self-published author $3.60, which is much better than the rate at a traditional publishing house.

Royalties on other platforms can be higher than Amazon. Sewell’s first two novelettes sold only about 50 copies on Amazon, which he attributes to his relaxed approach to marketing. “The digital author can’t just write; he or she also has to become a marketing guru.”

With an independent book, it might be the first time [the writer] has edited, designed and published a book. It might be the 200th or 2000th book with a publisher,” said Brian Seidman, managing editor of NewSouth Books in Montgomery.

The odds of being published traditionally seemed as high as winning the lottery to writers, whereas self-publishing meant I was guaranteed as much as a publisher’s marketing efforts. The author has to do it himself. If not, the self-published book he was guaranteed as much as a publisher’s marketing efforts.

Sewell has been able to find a new publisher to get his work out there. “I can’t call it a new publisher, but it’s a new type of publishing,” he said.

There are no more barriers for the talented but unrecognized, and sometimes the money is in the niche market.

Hocking’s first novel sold for $2.09. “Did I get the one-star review? Yes! And I said, ‘I was warranting it as good as a one-star review as I would have ever had.’”

She sold her 250,000th copy in 2010. In 2008, she sold for $2.09. “If you have a single one star review, then it’s shoved to the back with the other one-star stories. I check every day. ‘Did I get the one-star review?’”

Sewell found that 10 percent of his books sold with a single star rating, 15 percent of the covers. Limited resources often lead to a low price, but eventually, E-books are still hard to sell.

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Less than 5% points differen­tiated males and females in the liberal-conservative categories. Finally, student political af­filiation and liberalism-conservatism were compared on the basis of the city size to which students were raised. As city size increased from “less than 25K population” to “25K - 49K” and then to “50K or more,” the propor­tion of students identifying themselves as Republicans decreased (from 45% to 25%) while the proportion identifying themselves as Democrats increased (from 32% to 52%) and then decreased somewhat (to 45%). The proportion of students identifying themselves as "very liberal" or "liberal" (25%) while slightly more men said they were Republicans (30% vs. 22%) while women identified New Gingrich.

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Fernandez Valdes claims second, JSU finishes fifth

OCALA, Fla. — Senior Lucia Fernandez Valdes fired a one-under-par 71 on Tuesday to finish second and led the Jacksonville State women’s golf team to a third-place finish at the Mountain State Ocala Spring Invitational.

Fernandez Valdes, a native of Cordoba, Argentina, turned in a 54-hole score of 220 for her third individual victory of the season.

Josie Zue, a freshman from St. Petersburg, Fla., added a 77 on Tuesday to finish tied for 25th to round out the 56-player field.

“I am happy with the way the team played as a whole,” Fernandez Valdes said. “I was happy to shoot a 71 on Tuesday to finish second, but overall I was pleased with the team’s performance.”

The Gamecocks, led by Fernandez Valdes, shot a two-under-par 286 on Monday to take second place after the first round. They shot a 2-over-par 288 on Tuesday to finish third at 288.

Goldsen, Ala. — The Jacksonville State University women’s team tied for 25th to round out the 56-player field. On Sunday at the Goldensen Tennis Center, the Gamecocks women were edged 4-3 by the Eagles of Mercer.

The Gamecocks moved to 1-1 in conference play.

The JSU State women fall to 0-3 in Mid-American Conference.

In the men’s match, the Gamecocks lost the doubles point by winning at No. 1 and 2. The Gamecocks won the No. 3 and 4 spots.

In the women’s individual play, Abdiel Anden and Narud Maccree topped Virginia Tech’s Kassie Deloney and Sevy Day, 8-5. The No. 1 pair of Jorg Janssont Jordan Cowling clinched the point after turning back the Eagles’ team of David Clifford and Justin Harlow, 8-4.

JSU carried the dominance over the Blue and Gold in singles as it swept all six points. Sundberg carried a 7-5, 6-4 win over Harlau at No. 2, while Santos made quick work of his singles opponent.

Maccree won in a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Day at No. 3. Felipe Wendel was the South Gamecock to post a straight-set win at No. 6. He carried a 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 win over Hugo Almogiste.

Cowling and Santos played in a third and deciding set against their respective opponents. Cowling split the first two sets before outlasting David Clifford in a super tiebreaker, 10-8. At No. 6, Watarabe won the opening set, 6-1 before Nathan Martin claimed the second set, 7-5. Watarabe sealed the match with a 6-4 win in the third set.

In the heated content women’s dual, the Eagles gained the advantage with the doubles point, but the JSU tandem of Rania Guisse and Raphaela were victorious over MUS’s Victoria Bizinos, 6-0, 6-0.

Guisse added a win at No. 1 singles after displacing Alix Young, 6-3, 6-2.

Zue dropped a win at No. 4 with a 7-6, 7-5 win over Jessica Montenegro.

Cowling made a surprise claim in doubles with partner Anieren Volman. Cowling and Volman fired a one-under-par 70 to win.

The match was won on clinching the third set after falling to Shipka, 6-5. Cowling fired in to win the match 6-8, 6-7, 6-4.

International players excel on the court

South Alabama causes a racket for JSU

Jacksonville State’s Josie Zue (right) shows off her racket during the match with her doubles partner, Danielle Marcer (left), against South Alabama in Ocala, Fla.

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The men’s team continued their season with a 6-1 loss to South Alabama. The Eagles men’s team received a bye.

The Eagles dropped the doubles point with the doubles team of Kevin Smith and Gage Bell falling to South Alabama’s doubles tandem of Ethan Santos and Jordan Cowling. Raphaela Luna topped the JSU women’s singles point with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Emily Newton and Sarah Hines, 8-0.

The Eagles also clinched the match’s initial point by taking the No. 1 and 2 singles spots.

JSU finished the day at No. 3 singles after Rania Guisse’s opponent, Hines, retired in the second set after winning the first set, 7-6. Guisse played at the spot in the top single up, fell to Aline Voilans, 7-5, 7-4. Luna suffered a straight sets loss at No. 2 to Ramona Gliemmen, 6-2, 6-4.

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Kristin Graham named OVC POTW

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - Jacksonville State senior Kristin Graham has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for her efforts in leading the Gamecocks to a win at Georgia Tech and a series win at Tennessee State.

Graham was the hero in Jacksonville's 13-6 win over the Blue Jackets in the Big OVC on Tuesday. She hit her first home run of the season, a two-run shot to left-center field, and added a run in the fifth inning to help push the Gamecocks to victory.

On Friday, Graham hit a two-run, two-out double in the seventh inning to help take down the Tennessee State Tigers, 15-5. She also helped hold the Blue Jackets to three runs on three hits, including two home runs, in the Big OVC game.

"Kristin Graham is a hard worker who is always looking to improve herself," head coach Jon Roth said. "She has played well in the early part of the season and will continue to be an important part of our lineup for the rest of the season."