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## NOW YOU KNOW

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SPECIAL TO THE  
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Don't just stand there, do something! Many college students are under the impression that if they are too young to vote, they can't participate. Jacksonville State University has many outlets that students can utilize to help them become active in political affairs.

"I am a registered voter," said Amanda Moore, a JSU student. Last year when I voted and I didn't know much about the candidates, but this year I am going to make it my mission to follow a candidate that I fully support."

The College Democrats, College Republicans, Student Government Association and The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are all positive groups for students to become involved with.

The College Democrats and Republicans serve as liaisons for students to learn about local politicians and their campaigns.

The Student Government Association is an active partner in student affairs. It is a tradition for this group to take a trip to Montgomery each spring in order to allow students to rally and protest against tuition increase and other rising educational expenses.

The more students learn about what they

can express to the congressmen and women who represent them, the more likely they are to exercise that right.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a group that helps students register to vote. The voter registration drive is one of their signature events. In February the group set up a table in the Theron Montgomery Building to inform students and register them as voters.

Student Emma Landman said she was not old enough to vote in the 2008 election, but now she is a registered voter and is ready to make her voice heard in the 2012 presidential election.

Once a student has registered to vote, half of the job is done. Students must receive an active registration card in the mail in order to vote.

Students need to know the date, place and time they are eligible to vote. If they are unable to vote, they may sign up at local polls to help keep other voters in order.

Students may also volunteer to work for local politicians by passing out flyers, pendants or car advertisements.

The Alabama Primary is March 13. You can make a difference by voting and actively participating in learning about politics and how they impact your life.

## University Mourns the Passing of Dr. Harold McGee, 10th JSU President

The Jacksonville State University community is deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Harold McGee, our tenth university president. Dr. McGee passed away on Saturday, March 3 at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. He was 74.

Dr. McGee served as JSU President from 1986 - 1999 and remained a familiar face around the campus after his retirement.

Harold McGee was born and received his early education in Portsmouth, Va. He received a bachelor's degree with majors in history and education from Old Dominion University. He received master's and doctoral degrees in counseling from the University of Virginia.

Before becoming president of JSU, Dr. McGee served as the Vice President for Administrative Affairs at James Madison University. He was the Secretary and Administrative Aide to the University's Board of Trustees and supervised the Valley of Virginia Consortium for Higher Education. Other appointments included Vice President for Student Affairs, Assistant to the President, Director of Graduate Studies, Sponsored Programs, and Continuing Education, Dean of the Graduate School, and department head. Prior experience included service as the founding president of a 2,000 student comprehensive regional community college, three years as a high school history teacher and coach, and five years in public administration with the U.S. Office of Education.

During Dr. McGee's JSU administration, enrollment increased by 30 percent, technology was added to enhance student learning in the burgeoning digital age, \$50 million in capital improvements were added, every professional program that could be accredited was accredited, the University developed its first master plan and capital campaign, and the JSU Foundation increased to more than \$19 million.

He also authored two books, published articles in national journals in psychology, made invited presentations at state, southern, and national meetings, and served on state, southern, and national ad-

visory boards. After his retirement, Dr. McGee continued to serve JSU, the community and the state. He was a member of the JSU International House Foundation Board and was on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Pre-Paid Affordable College Tuition program and the Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund.



In 2001, JSU's new science building was named in Dr. McGee's honor. He is survived by his wife, Gayle Stevens McGee of Jacksonville;

two sons, Andrew M. McGee of Jacksonville and Matthew H. McGee and his wife Lisa of Jackson, Wyo.; one daughter, Margaret M. Gobin and her husband Kip of Charlottesville, Va.; two grandchil-

dren, Garth H. McGee and Dylan C. McGee; a sister, Kathryn M. Hudson of Greenville, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold V. McGee and Mae J. Weber; and his son, Harold J. McGee, Jr.

Dr. McGee was an Episcopalian who was active in his church, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and numerous professional education activities.

-JSU Newswire.

## Education costs and financial aid among topics for Obama, Candidates

JESSICA PHILLIPS, NOELLE MILLIRONS  
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SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

College students have the fundamental right to vote to protect their academic future.

With the Alabama primary set for Tuesday, March 13, Bergen Bolt, a Jacksonville State University student, feels that there is nothing else to do on that day besides vote. Bolt believes that voting is a duty and a privilege.

The upcoming 2012 presidential election will affect loans, grants, education and tuition. And if there is one thing that every Jacksonville State University student has in common, it is tuition.

In 2000, a full time undergraduate student at Jacksonville State University taking twelve hours per semester would pay about \$1,320 for tuition. Today, an undergraduate student pays nearly \$3,060.

The main reason tuition has been rising is because colleges have to make up for reductions in government subsidies.

"Studies have shown that more students in college are from lower class families than upper class families," said Jennifer Mcmanus, another student of JSU. "If tuition keeps increasing there will be less students from lower income families and that will hinder the American dream."

According to www. finaid .com, college tuition rates can be expected to have an average seven or eight percent increase each year for the next ten years.

Colleges have attempted to slow down the rate of inflation for tuition, but their minimal progress came to a halt in the wake of the recession.

Escalating college tuition ultimately results in an elevated number of student loans. For the first time in US history, student loan debt has now surpassed credit card debt.

According to PBS, the student loan debt of this country is nearly \$1 trillion. Mark Kantrowitz of Fastweb.com recently announced that the graduating class of 2011 has the highest estimated average student debt.

"I had to take out a loan just to finish my senior year," said student Andrea Hughes. "Do they really believe college students have that kind of money just sitting in our bank accounts?"

The National Center of Education Statistics also reported that two out of three students receive some

form of financial aid.

Paige Shierling, a Jacksonville State University student, said she is fearful of tuition increases and the possibility that federal grants and programs won't exist anymore because that's the only way she can attend school.

President Obama has proposed programs which limit the interest rates on loans, called "Know Before You Owe," that allow former students to pay off loans as they earn money. He wants to also mandate that remaining federal loan debt would be forgiven after twenty years.

Republican candidates have also voiced their opinions on the issue. Ron Paul believes that the loan program should be terminated all together, while GOP candidate Mitt Romney has been vocal of his support for-profit universities such as Full Sail University.

On February 13, President Obama announced his tentative 2013 budget. In his proposal there is a new \$8 billion "Community College to Career" fund, which would train two million workers for jobs in high-demand fields.

Obama also wants to make college tuition affordable and has stated that he wants to make college a possibility for every student.

Obama's proposal aims to make financial aid more available, and gives incentives to keep tuition costs down as well.

Colleges that do not increase tuition will be able to partake of a \$1 billion reward fund, and those that produce high graduation rates will compete for \$55 million. Colleges that fail to keep prices down face withholding of federal student aid.

"If you can't stop tuition from going up, then the funding you get from taxpayers will go down," Obama said during his State of the Union Address. "College should not be an economic luxury."

This July, the interest rate placed on need-based student loans is set to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent unless Congress intervenes.

President Obama urges them to do so in his latest proposal as well as implement a tax cut for tuition and textbook expenses that can save families up to \$10,000 over four years of college.

Obama also wants Congress to increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,635, and increase money for campus-based financial aid, including federal work study and the Perkins Loan Program.

"There is some concern that has been raised about



the federal government getting into price control," said Richard Doherty. Doherty is the president and chief executive of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., senior member of the Senate Budget Committee, also said that the proposed budget "spends too much, borrows too much, and taxes too much."

One concern mentioned by president of Northeastern University Joseph Aoun is the potential problem that an imposed tuition cap would lessen the quality of education.

A 2009 plan Obama proposed aimed to give \$12 million to community colleges, providing them with modern facilities, elevated quality of online courses, and a projected 5 million more American college graduates by 2020. This proposal never saw the light of day.

Now it's up to the voters. Voting is not mandatory but it is an essential factor to changing past and future legislation. Students must get involved.

"As long as elections continue to be decided by lobbyist, interest groups, and a misinformed general public, it's going to take a lot more than one good candidate to take us where we want to go," said Bolt. "Students should care about this election because whether they know it or not, it has everything to do with them and, individually, we may only make a whisper but, if we all scream together, we'll let out one hell of a roar."

# CAMPUS & LOCAL

COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

### “Convergence of New Apple and Shroom”



Jennifer Ferrill Foster is an Instructor of English at JSU.

**ABOUT THE PHOTO** Foster says, “I took [this picture] with my iPhone while my husband, Joey, and I were meandering through the back 40 of our farm in Leesburg last fall. While he was looking for rubs and scrapes, sure signs of ‘buck deer with headgear,’ I was playing with my new toy and kicking over humongous mushrooms. I recall wondering if these were the kind that would get you high or kill you.

“Personally, I wouldn’t title this because I wouldn’t call it art; I would call it amusement. But, are those two mutually exclusive? Alternative titles include, ‘Underbelly of Fungi’ and ‘If I were a fairy, this would be the canopy on my bed.’”

## BRIEFS

Applications for SGA elections are now available online. Elections for SGA Executive Officers, SGA Senators, Chief Justice, Director of Publicity, Mr. and Miss Jax State, Mr. and Miss Friendly and the SGA Golden Apple Award. Applications are due by March 15, and elections will be held April 5.

JSU Department of Art is proud to announce the 2012 Juried Student Exhibition opening Thursday, March 8 - April 4 in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. This exhibition, features the best of student work in painting, printmaking, watercolor, design, ceramics, photography, drawing, and graphic design.

Jacksonville Opera Theatre will join the Etowah Youth Orchestra, the Downtown Dance Conservatory, both of Gadsden and the Ars Nova Opera Company of Huntsville, to bring “Romeo et Juliette,” by French Composer Charles Gounod. is a French Grand Opera in five acts, including a ballet. The entire opera is JOT’s first opera fully sung in French. Subtitles will be provided during the performance. Productions will be performed on March 23-24 at 7 p.m. in Wallace Hall on the campus of Gadsden State Community College. Tickets may be purchased by calling 256-543-ARTS.

Lights, Camera, Action! JSU Film Classes are now available. To register, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Nichols in the Drama Department at 256.782.8480 or [jnichols@jsu.edu](mailto:jnichols@jsu.edu).

## CAMPUS CRIME

### Monday, February 27

- Lost Property, Crow Hall

### Tuesday, February 28

- Information Report, Dixon Hall
- Information Report, Stadium Tower Parking Lot

### Wednesday, February 29

- Theft of Property, Stephenson Hall
- Medical Emergency, Pannell Hall
- Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle, Stone Center Parking Lot
- Information Report, Ayers Hall
- Theft of Property, Curtiss Hall

### Thursday, March 1

- Information Report, JSU Campus
- Information Report, Highway 204

### Saturday, March 3

- Vehicle Damage, Stadium Tower Parking Lot

## CALENDAR

### Saturday, March 10

Second Saturday Space Safaris: Snakes in the Sky  
Where: JSU Planetarium/3rd floor Martin Hall on JSU Campus  
When: 7 p.m.  
Fee: \$5/adult; \$2/child  
Pre-registration is encouraged, especially for groups  
Contact Renee Morrison at [rmorrison@jsu.edu](mailto:rmorrison@jsu.edu) or (256)782-5679

Waterfall Tour at DeSoto State Park  
When: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Fee: Free to the public; registration is encouraged by not required  
Sponsored by JSU Field Schools  
Contact: (256) 997-5052 or see [www.alapark.com/desotoresort](http://www.alapark.com/desotoresort)

### Monday, March 12

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Where: 1103 Houston Cole Library  
When: 3:15 p.m.  
Contact Teresa Gardner at [tgardner@jsu.edu](mailto:tgardner@jsu.edu)

### Tuesday, March 13

Support Your Troops Mixer  
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium  
When: 8 - 11 p.m.  
Sponsored by Omega Psi Phi  
Contact Mick McConnell at [jsu8945n@jsu.edu](mailto:jsu8945n@jsu.edu)

### Wednesday, March 14

Women Empowerment - Men in Black on the Right Track  
Where: TMB Auditorium  
When: 7 - 11 p.m.  
Sponsored by the African American Assoc.  
Contact Chad Rhodes at [crhodes@jsu.edu](mailto:crhodes@jsu.edu) or (678) 326-0902

### Thursday, March 15

Sue Walker - AL 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 Varcak at [lvarcak@jsu.edu](mailto:lvarcak@jsu.edu) or (256) 782-5255

SGA Applications Due  
Where: Office of Student Life  
Contact: Alex Rainwater at [sgavpsa@jsu.edu](mailto:sgavpsa@jsu.edu)  
\* See Briefs for more details

# OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS

## Republicans vs. Conservatives

By **MATTHEW TYSON**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The other day, a friend told me that we are looking at the end of the Conservative party in America. From his perspective, the outrageous accusations and the attacks on anyone who isn't in their "club" are the result of the GOP's last-ditch effort to stay alive in the political world.

It's an interesting theory, and a bit of an exciting idea of the party's opposes, but is that really the case? In the past couple years, many people outside of the GOP seem to be scratching their heads at some of the outrageous ideas and accusations coming from the right.

I, for one, think it's safe to say that the Conservatives

are more concerned with getting Obama out of office, than with the needs of the American people. But is this really the end of something, or the beginning?

Over the course of the campaign trail, Rick Santorum has been very outspoken about his opposition to Libertarians and the "moderate" Republicans. Gingrich has said on more than one occasion that he is the only "true Conservative" running for president.

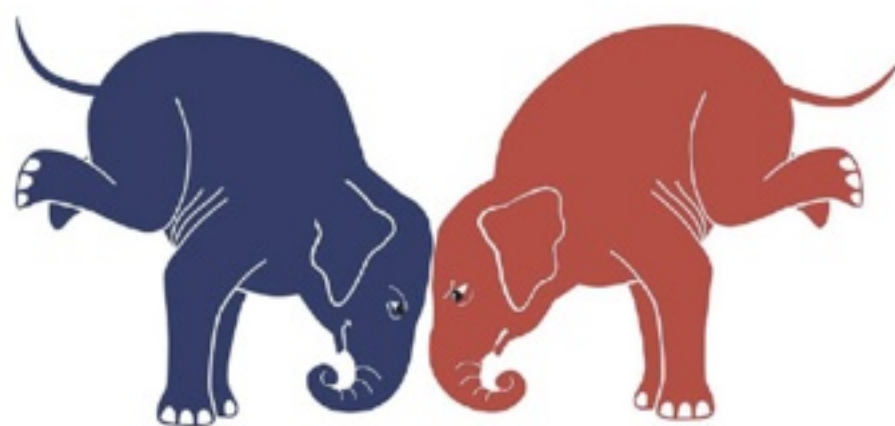
If you watch the news, you'll notice that when polling the Republican Party, it's split into categories like "Moderates" and "Tea Party" voters. Oh, and don't forget the Tea Party. These are just a few examples that lead me to believe that we aren't seeing the demise of

a political party, but the rise of a new one.

My wife — being the gracious and patient woman that she is — has to hear me hark on this idea almost every time I bring up politics in the house (which is often); but I truly believe that there is a difference between a Republican and a Conservative. I think the term Republican better describes the Libertarians and moderates that Santorum so savagely opposes.

I think that one should be able to claim allegiance to the Republican cause, without aligning his or herself with the agenda of right-wing extremists, i.e., the Conservatives.

Since the end of the Bush era, these Conservatives have been slowly pull-



(Courtesy Boston.com)

ing away from the rest of the GOP, creating a group of "true" Conservatives, or "pure" Conservatives, if you will. This break away seems to be gaining momentum in the Republican primaries, none of it by accident.

It worries me sometimes to think about the possibility of tri-partisan politics. America is in need of a change, but a party of extremists isn't going to help anything. It's easy to

write these people off and call them ridiculous and ignorant, but they shouldn't be underestimated.

These people incorporate words like "terrorist" or "Muslim" or "socialist" into their speeches, and it scares people. This Neo-Con party doesn't need logic to succeed. They just need fear.

I urge everyone to go online and watch these men speak. Listen to them. You'll see it, too.

## It's time for America to drop Limbaugh

By **DOUG WALP**

The Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia U. via UWIRE

Rush Limbaugh is a living, breathing cancer in our society.

His toxic rhetoric not only poisons the minds of young, impressionable individuals, it reaffirms the completely delusional extreme-right wing advocates that already exist.

For those fortunate enough to not know who Limbaugh is, he's

a diabolical radio personality who makes a living purporting destructive sensationalism as legitimate political and social commentary.

If you were going to classify Limbaugh as a half-empty or half-full kind of guy, you'd have to just call him a 6-foot hole in the glass kind of guy, because the man can absolutely find the negative in everything.

Although sometimes he has faced some repercussions in the past for his useless controversy, he's been able to sustain his propagandist career, for the most part.

For example, Limbaugh was forced to resign from ESPN in 2003 for racist comments about quarterback Donovan McNabb.



Limbaugh

Less than a week later, he admitted to being a prescription drug addict; this came after he consistently decreed that "too many whites are getting away with drug use ... Too many whites are getting away with drug sales ... The answer is to go out and find the ones who are getting away with it, convict them, and send them up the river, too."

Limbaugh, unsurprisingly, hasn't spent a day in jail for any drug-related crimes.

Since his admitted drug problem nearly 10 years ago, some people actually think Limbaugh has become more level-headed since then, more down to earth.

Let me assure you, Limbaugh is still the same old delusional extremist hypocrite.

Here are just a few of Limbaugh's greatest quotes:

"Look, let me put it to you this way: the NFL all too often looks like a game between the Bloods and the Crips without any weapons. There, I said it."

"They oughta change Black History Month to Black Progress Month and start measuring it."

"The ocean will take care of this on its own if it [oil from BP spill] was left alone and left out there. It's natural. It's as natural as the ocean water is."

"He is exaggerating the effects of the disease. He's moving all around and shaking and it's purely an act. ... This is really shameless of Michael J. Fox. Either he didn't take his medication, or he's acting."

"She comes to me when she wants to be fed. And after I feed her

— guess what — she's off to wherever she wants to be in the house, until the next time she gets hungry. She's smart enough to know she can't feed herself. She's actually a very smart cat. She gets loved. She gets adoration. She gets petted. She gets fed. And she doesn't have to do anything for it, which is why I say this cat's taught me more about women, than anything my whole life."

Radical sexism has always been a staple of Limbaugh's commentary, but recently he took it to another level and caught the national media's attention when he referred to Georgetown law student Sandra Fluke as a "sl-t" and a "prostitute" following her congressional testimony concerning the government's involvement in providing contraception to women in economic peril.

"What does it say about the college co-ed (Sandra) Fluke, who goes before a congressional committee and essentially says she must be paid to have sex?" Limbaugh said. "What does that make her? It makes her a slut, right? It makes her a prostitute. She wants to be paid to have sex. She's having so much sex she can't afford the contraception. She wants you and me and the taxpayers to pay her to have sex."

These statements from Limbaugh are a classic representation of how reprehensible and ignorant he can be.

It's blatant that this pathetic excuse for a human being has literally based his entire existence in this world on construing ignorant, racist and sexist comments in order to stir the pot and create controver-

sy — contributing absolutely nothing positive to society.

Not only does Limbaugh consistently and completely miss the point in its entirety, he compounds this glaring ignorance by assuming that he's simply never wrong.

But after these latest comments, it's become apparent that Limbaugh's stock has actually taken a noticeable hit.

Limbaugh has lost nine sponsors in less than a week's time, and as long as the reasonable public continues to take notice, Limbaugh's airtime could be dramatically reduced.

I want to be clear about something, though. Obviously, Limbaugh should not be censored. It's our first amendment right to be able to speak our minds, no matter how outrageous, vulgar or obtuse our opinions might be.

Does that mean we should, at the same time, support this negative propagandist's messages and the sponsors that continue to remain faithful to him?

Hardly. Conversely, it's absolutely prudent that America collectively acknowledges how nefarious and counterproductive Limbaugh's rhetoric has been over the years.

One day, his widely offensive and inflammatory comments will ultimately be disregarded and not be given credence by anyone — until then, he will continue to spew his incompetent and hate-infused remarks.

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There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## DWTS season 14 cast announced

**EBONEE ROSTON**  
STAFF WRITER

Dancing with the Stars new cast was announced last Tuesday. The show's two-hour season premiere is scheduled to air on March 19, 2012 from 8:00p.m.-10:00p.m. The season's first results show will be on Tuesday, March 27.

For those who do not know what this reality show is about, celebrities are paired with well-known professional dancers. Each paired couple competes against other couple for the judges' points and for the audience's popular votes. The couple that receives the lowest combined total of judges' points and the audience votes will be eliminated each week until there is only one couple remaining, and they are declared the winners. The Season 14 cast include celebrities such as:

- Jack Wagner, a soap actor from *Bold and the Beautiful*, *General Hospital*, and *Melrose Place*.
- Melissa Gilbert, who played Laura Ingalls on *Little House on the Prairie*.
- Donald Driver, a receiver for the Green Bay Packers.
- William Levy, telenova star, actor, and model known as the "Brad Pitt of Mexico".
- Sherri Shepherd, a TV co-host of *The View*, also was an actress in the *Jamie Foxx Show*.
- Katherine Jenkins, an opera star.
- Gavin DeGraw, the pop singer known for penning the *One Tree Hill* theme song.
- Martina Navratilova, tennis pro.
- Roshon Fegan, star of Disney Channel's *Shake It Up*, and a hip hop producer.
- Maria Menounos, a TV co-host of *Extra*.
- Jaleel White, best known as Steve Urkel on *Family Matters*.
- Gladys Knight, singer, or Empress of Soul.

Executive producer Conrad Green said, "This season, we particularly wanted to go for a likeable cast with people that you feel affectionate towards." Six men and six women will be competing for the Mirror Ball Trophy.



A sample of the cupcakes at Jillybean's

Whitney Cleary

## Jillybean's sweetens community

**SIERRA TILLMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

JillyBean's Cupcakes is latest shop to make its home on Jacksonville's square. The new business recently opened and seems to be a hit among the community.

Originally planned as an ice cream shop, Waters decided to include cupcakes into the menu after research and meeting with a business planner at JSU.

A former JSU student who studied sociology and psychology, Waters does not actually have any formal training for baking.

"It's just a natural love of baking," said Waters. "I have five children and I bake a lot. What I have always done to de-stress is bake."

When customers walk into Jillybeans, they are greeted with an extensive line of flavors including margarita, mocha caramel, sea salt, coconut, snicker doodle, and peanut butter.

The store also has classic staples such as vanilla, wedding cake, and chocolate chocolate.

Waters admits that she gets ideas from blogging, and seeing what people out there are wanting. Sometimes it's as simple as multiple requests, such as her champagne cupcake.

Waters is a strong believer in local businesses sticking together and supporting one another. "This is such a small town that it's important that we all support each other," said Waters on the loyalty among the square.

The atmosphere at Jillybeans is simple. Waters said that she wants customers to feel like they are at their grandmother's house—having that security of knowing that it's here and always will be.

From the home style décor to the plush chairs and antique style silverware, it looks as if Waters has accomplished that goal.

Jillybean's Cupcakes has a lot of great products on the way. Homemade ice cream, milk shakes, and even banana splits are among the great new treats that will be available soon. Waters is definitely excited seeing how her specialty is homemade ice cream.

With March introducing the spring season, Jillybean's Cupcakes is introducing new flavors. A Guinness cupcake and Irish cream cupcake are just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

As for the future, Waters wants her shop to grow and flourish and become a household name within Calhoun County. As long as she keeps on the pace she is on now, Jillybean's Cupcakes will be here to stay.



"The cupcakes are amazing! The icing is delicious, the cake is perfectly moist everytime and the flavors are so original"

-Jessica Althouse, customer

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# SPORTS

## Gamecock Softball:

### Gamecocks fall to Catamounts 6-4

KENNESAW, Ga. – The Jacksonville State softball team couldn't push runners across on Saturday, when a rally fell short in a 6-4 loss to Western Carolina in a rain-shortened second day of the Buzz Classic.

The Gamecocks did get a 3-for-4 day from freshman Sara Borders, as well as home runs from seniors Kaycee Crow and Kristin Graham, but they stranded 10 runners on base, including the tying run in scoring position in the seventh inning.

Graham's homer came in the first and followed a single by freshman Shelby Holley to give JSU a quick 2-0 lead.

WCU took the lead in the third on an RBI double from Shemekia Scotton and then used a three-run fourth that was capped by a two-run triple from Erin Foster that gave the Catamounts a 6-2 advantage.

JSU put at least two runners on base in each of the final four innings, but a leadoff homer by Crow in the fifth and an RBI double from junior Kelci Johnston in the seventh would be all they would get across.

Senior Sam Snow (1-3) suffered the loss in a game that saw her give up five runs, four earned, on just three hits. She did issue five costly walks in her 3.1 innings in the circle. Sophomore Savannah Hennings allowed one run on one hit in 2.2 innings. She walked two and struck out one.

-Sportswire

### Furman rally edges Gamecocks 6-5

WOODSTOCK, Ga. – Freshman Shelby Holley extended her hitting streak to 11 games on Sunday, but a late Furman rally did in the Jacksonville State softball team in a 6-5 loss in the final game of the Buzz Classic.

Holley, a first baseman from Pisgah, Ala., went 2-for-3 with a walk to lead a nine-hit attack by the Gamecocks, but four JSU errors proved costly in the one-run loss.

An RBI single from sophomore Hayden Crawford got JSU on the board first, plating junior Jessica Guy in the top of the second and staking the Gamecocks to a 1-0 lead. The back-and-forth battle started from there, as Furman answered in the third with a pair of unearned runs that followed two JSU errors and scored on a two-run single from Taylor Jenkins.

The Gamecocks jumped right back in front in the top of the fourth, this time because of a costly Furman error. After getting Guy to third and freshman Savannah Sloan to second, senior Kaycee Crow's grounder to short was misplayed, allowing the two runners to score and give JSU the 3-2 advantage.

It wouldn't hold, as Furman rallied to score three runs in the bottom of the frame. An RBI single from Clemmons and a run-scoring double from Nikki Legg tied the game before another two-out error allowed the Paladins to score the go-ahead run.

JSU mounted a two-out rally in the seventh, using another Furman error that allowed Crawford to reach. Freshman Sara Borders followed with a single that advanced Crawford to third, but Crow grounded out to third to end the game.

-Sportswire

### Holley named OVC softball POW

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State freshman Shelby Holley has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Week for softball after her efforts in the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic over the weekend, the league office announced on Monday.

Holley, a first baseman from Pisgah, Ala., is off to a fast start to her collegiate career and continued her early success in the Gamecocks' four games in last week's tournament. Over the weekend, Holley went 7-for-11 at the plate for a .636 average with three home runs and five walks.

She posted an on-base percentage of .750 during the four games and hit safely in all four, including three two-hit games. To open the tournament on Friday, Holley belted a pair of solo homers in a one-run loss to Western Kentucky before hitting another in an 8-3 win over UNC Greensboro later in the day. The national record holder for home runs in a single season and a career at the high school level now has 10 home runs just 15 games into her collegiate career.

Holley and the Gamecocks have a busy week ahead of them, starting with a 6 p.m. game at UAB on Tuesday. They will then return home for a Thursday doubleheader vs. Georgia State that will start at 2 p.m. at University Field. JSU will open OVC play this weekend against defending regular-season champion Eastern Illinois with a three-game series that will start with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday and wrap up with a 1 p.m. single game on Sunday.

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## JSU women drop tough match to UT-Martin

ANNISTON - In a match that featured the defending Ohio Valley Conference Co-Regular Season Champions from a year ago, the Jacksonville State women's tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision to UT Martin in the OVC opener for both squads.



Raphaela Lima

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The match, played at the Golden Springs Community Center, came down to a singles match at No. 3 that featured Jax State's lone senior in Rafaela Wenzel and UTM's Anna Winkelmann in a three-set marathon.

After Wenzel won 6-3 in the opening set, Winkelmann battled back to claim the next two sets - 6-4, 6-3 to clinch the conference road win for the 2012 pre-season favorite Skyhawks.

After UTM took a 3-1 lead with

wins at No. 5 and 6 along with the pivotal doubles point, JSU mounted its charge with wins at No. 4 and 1. Freshman Zoe Bizinos showed a lot of toughness against UTM's Ivon Simic at No. 4.

After falling 6-0 in the first set, Bizinos rallied to win the next two sets for the point.

She topped Simic 6-3, 6-2 in the final two sets. Moments later, Raisa Guasti, Jax State's top singles

player, ousted UTM's Jodie Tiley in three sets.

After posting a 6-4 opening-set victory, Guasti dropped the second set, 6-3 and send the match to a third and deciding set.

The Vitoria, Brazil-sophomore evened the match at 3-all with a 6-4 win in the set.

Jax State's first point of the day came at No. 2 as Raphaela Lima made quick work of UTM's Johanie Van Zyl, 6-4, 6-1.

Lima and Guasti won at No. 1 doubles with an 8-3 decision over the Skyhawks' duo of Anna Marie Herbold and Alice Laing.

The Gamecocks return to the courts on Wednesday, March 8 in Birmingham, Ala. against UAB. Match time is set for 1 p.m.

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Sam Muegge was named Prime Performer by CollegeSports360.com

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## A winning year for Muegge

MICAH GARNER-KING SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Sam Muegge has been a busy man the past month. On the first weekend of February, Muegge won gold and led the Jacksonville State Rifle team to their sixth OVC championship since the university joined the league in 2003-04.

Muegge won gold in the small-bore competition and was named Prime Performer of the Week by CollegeSports360.com for his performance.

The team was in Fairbanks, Alaska during February 16-18 for a pair of three team matches, one of which was a NCAA Championship qualifying match where the team finished in second place.

The week after that Muegge went to Ohio in an attempt to qualify for the London 2012 Olympics. While he was gone it was announced that the Gamecocks were selected to compete in the NCAA Championships which will be held March 9-10 on the campus of Ohio State University. It will be the 11th time the program has competed at the National Championships.

Despite all this travelling, Muegge does not seem to be bothered by it. In fact he says he loves it. "I shoot best at away matches," he says. "I don't know why, I just do."

He is very confident about his team's chances at the NCAA Championships, and was also confident the team would make

the competition.

"Last year we were ranked sixth going into the competition, but this year we are ranked eighth even. I feel like we are performing better than last year though."

Muegge would know. Last year he was named the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year and the team itself finished fourth overall at the national competition and third place in the smallbore competition.

Needless to say, Sam Muegge is not the average college sophomore. He has been a participant in shooting competitions since the age of nine when he started with his 4-H club.

The Boling, Texas native eventually found his way to Jacksonville State University. "I wanted to go to a school with a smaller campus", says Muegge. "I was also surprised at how good Jacksonville State was given limited resources and a small budget."

He is a business management major and plans to go back home and work with his self-employed father when he is finished with college. Sam's dad runs a bulldozer service with few employees, but Sam knows the business well.

"I've been at the pedals of a bulldozer for as long as I can remember," he recalls. "Sometimes I am my dad's only employee. When I'm not there he has a few other people around though."

Muegge still has two years of college left though and plans to continue to try and win championships with JSU.



Muegge

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## Gamecock's men cruise past Alabama State

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team made quick work of in-state foe Alabama State, 7-0, on Tuesday at the JSU Tennis Complex.

The Gamecocks extinguished the Hornets of ASU in a two-hour match. JSU moved to 3-7 on the season, while ASU fell to 2-7 overall.

JSU claimed the doubles point by winning at No. 1 and 2 doubles. The tandem of Axel Sundberg and Nenad Marcec ousted ASU's pairing of Bobby Brand and Alexis Pierre, 8-2 to clinch the point. Sundberg and Marcec moved to 5-4 on the season as a pair and have won their last two doubles matches. The Jax State duo of Jordan Cowling and Igor Santos moved to 4-4 on the season with an 8-1 win over ASU's team of Jonathan Freeman and Kenneth Haley. The Hornets' pairing of Rodderick Ivory and Stefan Vojnic edged JSU's Felipe Watanabe and Felipe Wenzel, 8-6.

The Gamecocks cruised through singles action by winning in straight sets at all six courts. Highlighting singles play was Santos at No. 2 as the junior from Campo Grande, Brazil moved to 7-0 on the season at that spot with a blanking of ASU's Pierre, 6-0, 6-0. Santos has turned in three consecutive singles wins since a loss at Auburn Montgomery.

Cowling posted a 6-0, 6-1 win over Ivory at No. 4, while Watanabe rebounded from a doubles setback to claim a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Freeman at No. 5. Sophomore Tim Roenning sealed the match with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 6 over Haley.

Sundberg and Marcec closed out the sweep with wins at No. 1 and 3 respectively. Sundberg erased Brand - 6-3, 6-3 to notch his third win of the season at the top spot. Marcec completed the match after turning in a 6-2, 6-2 victory over ASU's Vojnic. The Belgrade, Serbia-junior tallied his fifth-straight win at No. 3 and moved to 7-3 on the season.

JSU returns to action on Saturday, March 10 against the Blazers of UAB in Birmingham, Ala. Match time is set for 9 a.m. The Gamecocks will open Ohio Valley Conference play on Sunday, March 11 versus Eastern Kentucky. The match will be played at the Gadsden Tennis Complex at 10 a.m.

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Igor Santos

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## Watts shuts down Kennesaw State, Owls lose to Gamecocks 5-2

MICAH GARNER-KING SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A strong pitching effort from senior Daniel Watts propelled the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (2-7) past the Kennesaw State Owls (5-6) by a score of 5-2 on Sunday afternoon at Rudy Abbot Field. The Gamecock bats slugged three home runs to provide the offense behind Watts.

Kennesaw jumped on Watts in the first inning. Following a Peyton Hart single and a walk to Andy Almonte, Kennesaw catcher Ronnie Freeman ripped a single to left field which scored Hart and pushed Almonte to third base. Andy Chriscaden followed with a

sacrifice fly to plate Almonte and put the Owls on top 2-0.

The two runs would be all that Watts (1-1) would allow. The senior from Lagrange, GA settled down after the first inning and scattered four hits and three walks along with the two runs over seven innings of work. He stuck out a career high 11 batters in the game.

Ben Waldrip cut the Kennesaw State lead in half in the fourth inning when he drilled his third home run of the weekend over the right-center field wall to make the score 2-1.

Kyle Bluestein put the Gamecocks on top in the

sixth inning with a two run home run. Bluestein came to the plate after a Waldrip single and crushed the first pitch he saw well over the left center field fence to make the score 3-2 in favor of JSU. It was the senior outfielder's first home run of the season.



Daniel Watts only allowed two runs.

Eric Underwood added a run in the seventh inning for Jacksonville State. With a strong wind blowing out to left field, the left-handed batter got just enough of a pitch to send it to the opposite field and over the fence for his second home run of the season, 4-2.

The Gamecocks added an insurance run in the eighth inning. After Adam Miller walked, Michael Bishop hit a dribbler down the third base line.

The Kennesaw third baseman proceeded to field the grounder and throw wildly under the glove of the first baseman

and down the right field line.

The throwing error allowed Miller to race around the bases and score on the play to tally Jacksonville State's final run, 5-2.

Cody Ponder (SV,1) registered the save for JSU when he came on to record the final out of the game.

Bluestein finished the game 3-4 with a homer and 2 RBI. Waldrip went 2-4 with a homer and two runs scored. Miller reached base ever plate appearance by going 1-1 with three walks.

The next home game for the JSU baseball team will be March 21 at 6:30 when the Gamecocks play host to the UAB Blazers.