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Storms strike JSU housing; library

Billy Ramsey
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JACKSONVILLE -- Storms throwing golf ball-size hail flew over Jacksonville State University this past Monday causing quite a ruckus on the quaint campus.

The Houston Cole Library had to be evacuated

after sustaining damage on the roof. Specifically, the radio tower that was used by WLJS.

At one point the tower

was hanging on the side of the building.

It was then that the library was evacuated.

Houston Cole will be closed until further notice.

The library was not the only building to take damage.

Campus Inn Apartments took significant damage when the roof on the efficiency apartments lost the entire roof.

Up to fifty-six students could be displaced because of the damage.

President William A. Meehan was thankful that no one was injured in the accident.

President Meehan went on to add that JSU Hous-

ing, the Physical Plant, and the Maintenance staff acted swiftly to secure the safety of the tenants in Campus Inn and begin the cleanup process.

The extent of the damage is not yet known, however, the displaced students will be relocated to other housing for the remainder of the semester.

For information regarding the library or any other buildings on campus please visit the JSU website at www.jsu.edu.



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A look at the damage to the roof of Houston Cole Library



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Mike Hathcock with the radio tower used by WLJS.

SGA Candidates speak on platforms for upcoming elections

Megan Gargis
 Senior Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE -- Jacksonville State University's Student Government Association held SGA candidate speeches for the 2013-2014 school year on Monday, March 18th at 7 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium.

The candidate speeches were introduced by current SGA President Jason Sumner and was moderated by

the SGA Graduate Assistant, Noelle Millirons.

SGA Presidential candidates are graduate student Krystal Hardy and junior Jade Wagner.

"I feel like I've followed long enough and it's time to lead," Krystal Hardy said her closing statements.

Hardy spoke of how she wanted to be the liaison between students and the administration.

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John Pelham commemoration rolls into Jacksonville square

Ashley Colvin
 Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE -- The community of Jacksonville, Alabama gathered on the town square on Saturday, March 16 2013 to embark on a journey talking them back into history.

The John Pelham Commemorative Celebration marked the 150th anniversary of Major John Pelham's death and brought

Jacksonville citizens out to enjoy the sunny day, and street vendors.

The town's participants were eager to do their part in teaching the younger generation as they dressed the part of our founding four fathers and participated in re-enactments.

Pelham was dubbed, "The Gallant Pelham" by Robert E. Lee himself. He

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Pulitzer-Prize winner Diane McWhorter

Birmingham native, Pulitzer-Prize winner Diane McWhorter visits JSU

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JACKSONVILLE -- Pulitzer-Prize winner Diane McWhorter visited the JSU Campus last Thursday to take part in the Communication Department's annual Ayer's lecture series.

The award winning journalist first visited Self Hall to take part in a student lecture series

aimed at providing students the chance to visit with all lecture series participants and inquire any information relating to the field of Communications.

A Birmingham native, McWhorter referred to her hometown as "the gift that keeps on giving" and stated that Alabamians were in the middle of so much history and culture.

McWhorter touched on this history and its dark side in her 700 page prize-winning piece

"Carry Me Home" that focuses on the civil rights struggle in Birmingham during the 1960s.

"Home" touches on the rise in unemployment during those years and how racial issues increased including the rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan.

McWhorter conducted many interviews and researched an extensive amount of materials involving the violation of many African-Amer-

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

THE CLIMACTIC BATTLE of
the CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION

HOME



Kirkusreviews.com

The 700-page, pulitzer-prize winning book was an 18 year journey for McWhorter to complete.

From Pg. 1 ican's civil rights. McWhorter also shared details of her educational experience that started as literature major while giving students tips on staying ahead in a competitive market- the main one being to write before "you think you are ready."

McWhorter chatted briefly with students before making her way over to Stadium Tower where the main lecture would be held on the fifth floor.

McWhorter spoke more in detail at the lecture about growing up in the civil rights era and witnessing the historical events that made it an unforgettable decade.

She touched on events such as the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church that killed five

young African-American girls, the burning of a segregated bus in Anniston, Al and the stance of former Alabama Governor George Wallace at the University of Alabama after segregation had been abolished.

McWhorter recounted personal reflections on what she had seen and heard as a child such as disrespecting remarks towards Martin Luther King Jr and accusations that many riots in Birmingham were staged. She stated that many people in the Birmingham area today feel many of the riots were staged.

McWhorter displayed pictures that depicted the violence in surrounding cities of the Birmingham and Northeast Alabama area during the era, two of which had hugely impacted her as a human being.

The one of which showed a young African American boy being attacked by a dog.

This would be the same image that found its way to the desk of President Kennedy who became disgusted by the image that showed an injustice of violence against innocent people.

The picture is well-known among many civil rights historians.

The second one was a picture of firefighters using water hoses on protesters which for her "reminds me of the American flag being raised at Iwoa Jima during World War II."

McWhorter left some parting words for the new generation of communicators: "Keep your eyes wide open and take notes. You will have the opportunity half a century out to get it right."



Anna Lewis/THE CHANTICLEER

Tour guides and re-enactors dressed in 1800s-era clothing. was given the name due to his courageous acts. It is said that Pelham revolutionized the usage of light artillery in the Civil War era.

Visitors could partake in a walking tour starting at the Confederate Soldier Statue.

Tour guides were dressed in 1800s clothing. Tourists were given a brief description of Jacksonville in the 1830s, a time when the city was referred to as Drayton.

The First Presbyterian Church was one of the stops on the tour where everyone learned that while balconies were uncommon in Presbyterian Churches, one could see that this was a segregated church that was built prior Civil War.

Another church known for its impressive architectural features was the St Luke's Episcopal Church.

The overall cost to build the church was \$2,200 and is the old-

est church in Jacksonville.

They have some original features however do not maintain the original bells.

The original bells from the First Presbyterian Church and St. Luke's Church had to be melted down and used for cannons.

Information regarding George Patti was given at the event.

Patti was the first freed slave after the civil war to own a business when he started a shoe shop in the current West Reality Building. Patti later changed his name to George Reid after his slave family.

The Ladies School of Jacksonville was built in 1837 and was the educational institution for women. The name was later changed to Jacksonville Female Academy and closed in 1885.

Families came together for a full day of festivities. Music was provided and local businesses welcomed the door for anyone willing to be a patron of Jacksonville for the day.

The event truly showed the heart of this small town.

She said she wants to be the voice of the students to the administration and the voice of the administration to the students.

From Pg. 1 Hardy believes that the relationships of the SGA executives are very important and would like

to have one-on-one meetings with each executive along with the group meetings they have every week. She also wants to make sure that the executives are working for what the students want.

"This is something I want with all my heart and I want it for all the right reasons," said Jade Wagner in her closing statements.

Wagner spoke about how she feels the SGA executives should act as a family and stick together in telling the administrators what students want.

She also wants to bring JSU more spirit and make the SGA more approachable.

Candidates for Vice President of Student Senate are junior Mark-Anthony Carter and junior Brett Johnson.

"I'm not saying I could solve every problem, but if there's a logical solution I'm determined to uncover it," Mark-Anthony Carter said in his closing statements about problems students might have on campus.

Carter wants to make sure the students of JSU know who the student senators are and know that they can go to a senator for any problems they are having on campus.

"I want you to remember this, I will be your voice to the administration, to the students and to the faculty," said Brett Johnson in his closing statements about the job of VPSS.

Johnson thinks the role of the student senators is to be public servants and make sure the interests of the students at JSU are brought to attention.

Candidates for Vice President of Organizational Affairs are sophomore Randolph "Randy" James, junior Jeremy Potts, junior Leinin Scherr and sophomore Ariel Tolson.

Randolph "Randy" James wants to explain the organization council to all the organization at JSU and let them know everything the OC has to offer.

As the current VPSS, Jeremy Potts wants to continue with the ongoing revamp of OC meetings are already going through. The meeting on Tuesday he planned to start informing the organizations with different things that are going on at JSU.

Leinin Scherr wants to educate the organizations in everything that OC has to offer and wants to let the organizations know when to announce events and help get more participation in events.

Ariel Tolson wants to get information from all the organizations and remind them of the meetings and let the organizations announce events at the OC meetings and have them publicized to get more participation at the events.

Candidates for Vice President of Student Activities are sophomore Mariah Allen and sophomore Kelsey Mann.

Mariah Allen wants to bring spirit back to JSU and would like to start a spirit squad for JSU sporting events.

Kelsey Mann wants to have bigger events that would appeal to JSU's diverse campus instead of little events that would cost more.

Voting will be on Thursday, March 21st from 12:01 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will take place at www.jsu.edu/election. The JSU website states that students should check GEM and the JSU Public Relation website for voting instructions on that day prior to elections.



Arts & Entertainment

A music festival by locals, for locals

Meredith Speciale
Staff writer

Have you ever wanted to go to a music festival, but the ticket cost and travel distance were just a little too much for you? JSU student and musician Matt Owen has the solution.

"This will be a bit different from corporate-run fests in that the overall feel of the festival will be created by the artists and inventors attending," Owen explained.

"Camp Wigout is focused on bringing the local musicians

Although Owen was not the first person to think that the area needed its own festival, he is certainly the first person to act on the idea.

"I've decided to take charge of this festival in hopes that it will motivate local

Kill, Baby...Kill.

Jacob Smith, an electronic artist from Oxford who will be featured at the festival, said, "It's really nice to see a family of musicians that used to just have to play the bar scene actually get a full stage in a festival environment."

If you enjoy non-commercial tunes, Wigout is the place for you. Along with an impressive list of local bands and artists, Owen has locked down five-time Grammy nominee The Mad Violinist and Symphony Crack Orchestra, along with many other talented acts.

It's not just locals who are excited about the festival either. Owen has received an outpouring of support from people

all over the country and even outside the country who are willing to lend a hand in making Camp Wigout a spectacular event.

"We've had over 650 bands apply for the festival. It's nice, because we've been given something we didn't expect to have in our first year - options," said Owen.

Only one-third of the artist lineup has been released so far, and there are many more surprises to come.

The festival will emit sort of an outer space vibe, with sculptures donated by local artists, giant robots walking around the grounds, and "space-esque forest walks."

"You'll have to be there to see what else we've got planned,"

said Owen.

There will also be a crew on site who will aid in making sure festival-goers are having a fun, safe experience. Owen calls the crew "Care-Bears."

Owen says, "It will be one of the most intimate music festivals ever. Most of the musicians will be camping in the campgrounds with the festival-goers, so it's an experience that everyone will share together. This is our festival."

Camp Wigout is taking applications for volunteers to work the festival, and information about the lineup and tickets can be found on their website, www.campwigout.com.

Part two of the lineup will be released on April 1.



Graphic credit: Matt Owen

Owen decided that it's time for this area to have its own music festival. He calls the project Camp Wigout, and it will be held in Hollis Crossroads, Ala. from August 9 through August 11. Tickets are a mere \$80 for all three days, a steal if you've ever forked over \$300 for a weekend festival.

Owen says that Camp Wigout is different from your typical festival experience.

together to make something great for the music and art community that exists in the region."

Owen is a strong supporter of local music, as he is a former Marching Southerner and has his own band, Matt Owen and the Eclectic Tuba. He has gained a large following and is using the connections he has made on the road to bring something special to the area.

musicians to tighten up their shows, add professionalism to their press packages, give them an annual event to prepare for, and create a small level of competition within this gold mine of a local scene."

The festival features many local acts, many of whom are JSU students or alumni. A few bands featuring JSU-goers include Secondhand Jones, Ikaros Project, Beach Party(!), and



WLJS Top 10 for the week of
March 21st, 2013

1. Kate Nash - Deathproof
2. Caitlin Rose - Everywhere I Go
3. Trouble with Templeton - Old Habits
4. The Ericksons - Where Do You Dwell
5. Tegan and Sara - Closer
6. Sallie Ford & The Sound Outside - Addicted
7. Yellow Red Sparks - Monsters with Misdemeanors
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10. Robert DeLong - Few Years Make

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Last week, candidates for SGA executive positions met with WLJS News & Media Director Carly Shea Stokes for interviews, with the exception of VPOA candidate Leinin Schuerr, who was interviewed for The Chanticleer by Kara Coleman. The following are excerpts from the interviews.

Candidates for Student Government Association President

Krystal Hardy



Q: How has being the current Chief Justice prepped you for the position of SGA President?

A: It hasn't just given me the opportunity to work on the exec team for a year and understand what it's like, but it has prepped me for the campaigning process. There's not one promise or thing that I want to do in the speech that I gave to the students that can't be done. Working with the students this past year, I understand what they need as far as safety and parking and how they feel about it. I also understand what can be done and what can't be done."

Q: What's your opinion of the UPD?

A: I think they work really hard. This past year, one of the biggest things that I've been trying to do is build a relationship with them; not just because I was Chief Justice and HAD to work with them, but because in order to get things done in the future, we need to mend the relationship they have with the SGA. Working with them, we'll possibly be able to have more events on the quad, and get things done more efficiently.

Jade Wagner



Q: What are some issues that you would like to tackle while in office if you are elected?

A: The biggest issue, I feel, that we have on campus would definitely be school spirit. I know that seems like a weird kind of issue, but this is something that has to come from our students to show administration that we can handle other things. People wants concerts, people want all these different things. But if we don't show up to the things that we're offered now, nothing can come.

Q: Is there a leadership position that you hold that you feel got you ready for a possible presidency here?

A: Honestly, there've been two. I'm President of Panhellenic right now, the sororities here on campus. I am pretty much over five councils here, and I make lots of very large decisions when it comes to recruitment and pretty much everything that we have to deal with. Also, being Vice President of the Student Senate has definitely molded me to be president. When our current president, Jason Sumner, could not be there, I stepped in and went to meetings, I led our Executive Council meetings, I've done a lot. I'm ready to step up and I'm ready to lead."

Candidates for Vice President of Student Senate

Brett Johnson



Q: You touched briefly in your speech about some hard-hitting issues, like parking. Can you elaborate and tell us what you believe needs to be changed?

A: I think that in order to grow as a university, we have to facilitate that growth. Right now, if we don't have enough parking spots to facilitate our students, how do we ever expect for more students to enroll here? I would love to see plans being drawn up for a parking deck somewhere on campus. If you can't build out, build up, right? That's a long-term goal that the administration would have to set forth, but I can at least be the voice from the students' perspective and say, "This is what we'd like to see."

Q: In your speech last Monday, you mentioned how you would look to both sides of the aisle, so to speak, and keep your personal ambitions out of the way. How do you plan to go about with this mindset?

A: I understand that serving in an office is an honor and a blessing. It's not just a trustee-type situation. It's not where you elect officials and you're just like, "Okay, you've got good ideas; go do them". I think it's more of a, "I need you in there to enact MY ideas". So my plan as VPSS is to engage the students and ask them what they say needs to be changed on campus. And then my job, I believe, is to facilitate that action, rather than just doing what I see fit to be done."

Mark-Anthony Carter



Q: You talked about accountability in your speech. Do you think this is a big issue?

A: There are 35 spots in the Senate, and each senator is elected every year. It's time to get people in the office who are ready to sit down and do their job, that don't just want to come and never raise a placard, never bring legislation, never go out and ask students what their concern is. It's time to get the right people in the Senate positions. That's what I meant by accountability."

Q: Other than accountability, are there any issues that you would like to focus on that affect students?

A: Yes. I think the main problem on campus is that people don't know who to go to with their problems. As SGA senators, we're supposed to be going out there every day and seeing what their concerns are. A problem on this campus is that no one knows what an SGA senator is. That's what I want to change. I want people to come out to the SGA Senate meetings every Monday at 6 p.m. and voice their concerns. If they have problems, they're supposed to link up with a senator and get legislation passed to improve the parking, improve the dorm rooms, improve the UPD."

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Candidates for Vice President of Student Activities

Mariah Allen



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Mariah Allen

for

Vice President of Student Activities

Q: During your speech, you said that you are not going to make any promises to the students at JSU. Do you still stand by your statement of "no promises", and if so, do you think it will translate into success in the office?

A: I still stand by "no promises", because I know that there are other factors that decide whether we can have activities on campus. Who am I to say, "I'm bringing this activity", and then it doesn't happen? That would make me a liar. And that would follow me for however long I'm going to be here."

Q: Is there one organization that you've been a part of that makes you think you can do this job for the SGA?

A: SGA is what I love, so it's the only thing I affiliate myself with at the moment. I was inspired to run for this position because I was working with the current VPSA, Alex Rainwater. I've gotten to see what she does, and I've thought, "Hey, I'd love to do that"! It's something that I feel I am capable of doing.

Kelsey Mann

KELSEY MANN HAS THE PLAN

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MARCHING BALLERINAS: Social Events Chair
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Q: You mentioned in your speech last Monday that you want to bring the fun back here to JSU. The best way that you thought you could do this was through student ideas. How do you plan on obtaining these ideas?

A: Since I am so involved at JSU, I plan on going to the students face to face, and just asking. I've asked people, "What would you like to see?" And I've gotten totally different opinions that I don't think the SGA's ever seen or it probably would have been done. It's awesome to hear things that can be done. Like, it's not an idea too big that we don't have money for. They're just simple things that I believe would include a huge group of students.

Q: You're involved with several different student organizations. Is there one in particular that has made you say, "Hey, I can do this for the SGA and make things better"?

A: Senate has definitely made me become more involved in SGA. I go to the Student Life office, and I've helped each executive officer with anything that I can."

Candidates for Vice President of Organizational Affairs

Jeremy Potts

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Q: As the current VPOA, what have you done while in office?

A: The process of allocations, which deals with the budget, changed from the time I was elected until the fall semester started. In the meantime, we had to shift gears quickly and make sure that we got the information out there as there that this is the way it is now. I and a couple of colleagues of mine are currently in the process of trying to propose a budget increase in the SGA.

Q: Why should students re-elect you?

A: The students should re-elect me for one reason: I've started the job as your VPOA, and I've worked hard at what I have been doing so far. My job is not done.

Ariel Tolson

Ariel Tolson for VPOA.

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Q: If elected, what would you like to achieve?

A: I started working really closely with Jeremy this semester. One thing I want to do is go out to the student organizations and let them know that filling out all the paperwork for allocations and getting the \$300, or up to \$300, isn't as bad as it seems.

Q: Why should students vote for you?

A: Students should vote for me simply because of my qualifications. I work basically right under Jeremy. I'm dedicated, I'll take the time to learn, and I'll take the time to talk to the organizations and get a better feel of what the disconnect is between the SGA and the organizations.

Randy James

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Q: In your speech, you talked about change. What kind of change do you want to see come about at JSU?

A: My whole idea of change is basically how the SGA is viewed by organizations. My plan is to actually go out to these organizations and get their opinions, to try to get them to come to the Organizational Council meetings, because we're really here to help them.

Q: Why should students vote for you?

A: Students should vote for me because I've had my share and dip in every single organization here at Jacksonville State University. I know how hard it is to raise money for different events. Sometimes you just need a leader who knows what you've been through. I will be that help, I will be that voice, and I will try to reach as many people as I can.

Leinin Schuerr

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LEININ SCHUERR

V.P.O.A.

Q: How would students benefit from you holding the office of VPOA?

A: Students would benefit from me being VPOA because I am such a hard worker. If an organization did not show up to a meeting I want to have contact with them to see why they are not attending or what I can do to get them to attend these meetings. Sometimes people are just intimidated by what they don't know. I want to break down the walls between the SGA and the organizations and make them feel like they can come to me with any questions or concerns.

Q: Why should students vote for you?

A: Students should vote for me because I am going to be accountable and approachable by all students. I want the OC meetings to be held in a manner that students in all organizations can understand and follow along.

Op/Ed

Callousness is shocking

Zach Tyler
A&E Editor

Over the last seven months, Steubenville, Ohio went from a sleepy rust belt town of just under 19,000 people to being the center of a dramatic sexual assault case played out over the web and social media.

High school football dominates Steubenville. The town's team, Big Red, claims nine state championships, and has won 70 percent of its games in the 111 years since its birth.

According to the team's website, Big Red football is what's been "keeping Steubenville on the map."

So when two of Steubenville's high school football stars--Trent Mays, 17, and Ma'Lik Richmond, 16-- were accused last year of raping a 16-year-old girl from a rival school after a night of drinking, people were quick to jump to conclusions.

Those who revere the legacy of Big Red football laid the blame at the feet of the victim, who was by all accounts extremely intoxicated on the night she was assaulted. According to traditional American rape culture, she was therefore liable for anything that happened to her.

Many others claimed that the town's high school football program and law enforcement were complicit to the rape by attempting to protect their prized

athletes.

For Mays and Richmond, the storm may be over for now. Their trial, which began in



mid-February, ended Sunday when the visiting juvenile court Judge Thomas Lipps found them guilty of rape.

Both Mays and Richmond were tried and convicted as juveniles and will serve at least a year in juvenile detention. Because Mays took and distributed pornographic pictures of a minor, he'll serve an additional year in prison.

However, this storm may have only just paused in its battering of the town of Steubenville. Ohio's attorney general promised to continue an investigation into the August attack to determine if other criminal charges should be brought against teens or adults complicit to it.

Let me be clear: what these two young men did was bestial and depraved. In my opinion, the punishment fits the crime--but just barely. After his sentencing, Ma'Lik Richmond tried to apologize to the family of the girl

he raped, but collapsed sobbing into his attorney's arms.

He claimed that his "life was over," and that after this, "no one would want me," probably referring to his sports career.

Give me a break. The last thing he should be thinking about is his career; he should be more concerned with the pain his thoughtless actions have caused his victim and her family.

I have zero sympathy for these two boys. They acted like animals with no concern for the morality or consequences of their actions, and they got what they deserved.

But sexual assaults like the one perpetrated that August night are all too common, and the callousness with which young people view them is shocking.

Judge Thomas Lipps pointed to the fact that party-going teens had no compunction in posting and sharing photos of the incapacitated girl being assaulted on social media as the most lurid fact of the case.

He urged parents to re-examine the ways their children use social media, but I'm unconvinced of the good that will do.

There's a fundamental problem with the way sexuality, drinking and rape are viewed in our society when our young people won't even stand up to stop vile things from happening right in front of them.

Right book. Right time.

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I consume books like some people consume energy drinks. I've been reading since the second grade, and the only trouble I got into in elementary and middle school was for hiding "outside reading" behind my textbooks. Yes, that makes me a goody-goody, but only until high school. I assure you I got into my fair share of trouble then. Just ask my parents.

It's come to my attention that certain books come to me, almost as if by fate, at key moments in my life. The first instance I recall was years ago, as I was spent Thanksgiving at my aunt's home. In the room where I slept was a bookcase and since there was no TV (and this was before I owned a laptop) I browsed the shelves, looking for something to occupy my time.

And there it was: "Women Who Love Too Much," by Robin Norwood. I remember thinking to myself, "huh?" and taking it from the shelf. That single action -- that book -- changed the course of my life. Sounds dramatic, but it's the truth. I'd been in an unhealthy relationship for several years. I read the book in two days, and then reread it ... and reread it ... And of course I didn't change

overnight -- that's not how real life works -- but it set the wheels in motion. It took



several years, but I learned to be happy on my own.

Thinking back harder, I realize other books touched me before then. As a child, "A Light in the Attic" and "Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein were my staples. Something about Silverstein's whimsical poems shaped me. I know, without a doubt, he's the reason I filled my third-grade year with writing poetry, and not surprisingly, it was also the year I first announced that someday, I'd be a writer.

I read "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin during my senior year in high school, and Edna Pontellier crawled inside me and wept. At the time I couldn't tell you why I related to her on such an intimate level -- here was a woman who was trapped in an unhappy marriage, in a time when women had no options. Now I understand that I felt trapped in

my own life, too. I was an 18-year-old with newly divorced parents, living in a small town where I felt uncomfortably out of place. I visited Edna again for an American Lit assignment last year, and once again related to her, but on a different level. No, I'm not in unhappy circumstances -- but I understand (and accept) the fleeting longings I occasionally have, to be carefree and able to run off and pursue my dreams.

"gods in Alabama" by Joshilyn Jackson jump-started my own creative prose, after weeks of tossing details and characters and plots around. "Eat, Pray, Love" made me reconsider spirituality when I'd thought I'd turned my back completely. And the list goes on ...

Sure, not all books give me huge life lessons; sometimes they just pick me up when I need a boost. After reading "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffeneggar, I just had that "Aaah, What a fabulous story," high for a few days.

Certain books come to me, almost as if by fate, at key moments in my life. What can I say? The book gods must love me. It's most certainly why I love them.

Emily Hayes is a staff writer at the Fort Payne Times-Journal, where this column first appeared.

Anxiety is nothing to be ashamed of

Meredith Sebolt
Staff Writer

Anxiety- to create fear, worry, uneasiness and dread. Dr. Teresa Huggins says that having a little anxiety is good, because it makes you prepare for an exam or a job. Some people go extreme because they do not want to take an exam or face something they are going through. "Some would dropped out of school, some would rather drop out of life. Just because their mind is saying you cannot pass this test." Even though this is a wrong way of thinking we put it

in our minds that we can't do it. With anxiety "your thoughts become your reality, whether they are true or not." If you tell yourself you can't do it, you are setting yourself up for failure. Fear is a shorty term lived instance.

There are six different types of Anxiety Disorders:

Panic disorder is when a person randomly becomes fearful. A person might experience; sweating or chest pains. Someone could be at home and it starts to rain a person with this disorder might begin to obsess that their house is going to get

swept up by a tornado.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is when someone is forced into rituals. For example if a person leaves a room and turns out the lights, but has to do it several more times in order to feel better. Or for some people it's washing their hands three or maybe even seven times. Most people with OCD have a lucky number and they will do whatever they need to do that many times.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) someone with this disorder might experience flashbacks

of a certain or several terrifying events. This is another disorder that can take place at anytime. It has even been known to happen while the person is sleeping, like in a dream.

Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) this is when a person had unrealistic fears. These fears may also be triggered at anytime. Test taking anxiety falls under this category, because it brings paranoia and extreme dysfunction of your daily living.

Specific phobias are the more common phobias where people have a fear of a specific object or idea,

like arachnophobia, which is the phobia of spiders, acrophobia, which is the phobia of heights, and nyctophobia, which is the phobia of the dark.

Social anxiety disorder is also known as social anxiety disorder. People with this have trouble with everyday social events. This is often caused from a fear of being judged by ones peers. An extreme example of this could be that someone might not want to go to the grocery store in fear of what others will think of them.

40,000,000 people America suffer from some kind of anxiety.

In today's world college students are put under so much more pressure than the body is really meant to handle. Some students work multiple jobs just in order to pay for tuition, books and living expenses. If you are one of the 40,000,000 it is alright to admit you have a disorder. Dr. Teresa and her husband help people all the time. It is best to go talk to a professional about what you are feeling. Having anxiety is nothing to be ashamed of.

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Sports



Gamecock tennis opens strong in conference play

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State men's and women's tennis team's opened Ohio Valley Conference play with solid wins over Belmont on Saturday at the JSU Tennis Courts.

The JSU men topped the Bruins, 5-2, while the Gamecock women blanked their new league counterparts, 7-0.

Steve Bailey's men's squad won its third consecutive match and improved to 5-9 on the season. The JSU women pushed their season's mark to 6-8 overall.

In the men's match, Jax State started strong by claiming the doubles point. JSU's No. 1 doubles tandem of Axel Sundberg and Nenad Marcec downed BU's team of Renato Antun and Fernando Mussolini, 8-5. JSU won the point after its pairing of Igor Santos and Felipe Wenzel ousted Henrique Norbiato and Navarro Veys, 8-3.

JSU carried the momentum in to singles by winning four of the six matches. Santos, Marcec picked up their second win of the day after winning in straight sets over their respective foe. Santos moved to 7-7 on the year after taking down BU's Antun – 6-2, 7-5. Marcec closed out the match with a three-set affair at No. 3. He out-last-ed Mussolini 6-2, 6-3, 10-6.

Felipe Diaz and Felipe Watanabe turned in points at No. 4 and 6 singles. Diaz bested Bruno Silva – 6-3, 6-2. Watanabe registered a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Henrik Claesson.

The JSU women posted their second consecutive blanking after turning back Alabama State on Friday. In a mirror image of the men's match, Jax State took the doubles point after carding wins at No. 1 and 2 doubles. The

duo of Raisa Guasti and Raphaela Lima cruised past BU's pairing of Carolyn Caire and Sandra Kancheva, 8-3. The Gamecocks' pairing of Zoe Bizinos and Olivia Nguyen moved to 7-5 on the season with an 8-2 win over Catherine Holliday and Natalia Nunes. Guasti, Lima, Nguyen and Kelly Tomlin tallied straight-sets wins in singles to clinch the match. Guasti took down Holliday at No. 1 – 6-1, 6-2. Lima posted a 6-3, 6-3 win over Nikki Maciel at No. 2. Nguyen turned in her seventh win of the season after topping Fabiana Mersan, 6-4, 6-4. Tomlin recorded a 6-1, 6-3 decision over Kancheva.

Zoe Bizinos and Danielle Kerindi completed the sweep with three-sets victories. Bizinos split her first two sets with Caire before claiming the win after a 10-6 super tie-breaker set. Kerindi won her first set 6-2 over Nunes, but lost the second set 7-6. She rebounded to claim the super tie-breaker, 10-6.

The men's and women's tennis team squads made quick work of Tennessee State on Sunday as both teams blanked the visiting Tigers, 7-0 at the JSU Tennis Courts.

Coupled with Saturday's wins over Belmont, both the JSU men and women move to 2-0 in Ohio Valley Conference action. The win was the fourth consecutive for the Gamecock men, who improved to 6-9 on the season. The JSU moved to 7-8 overall and have won three straight matches. In the men's match, Jax State took an early 2-0 lead as TSU defaulted matches at No. 5 and No. 6. In the four singles matched that were played, JSU lost just six games total. Senior Nenad Marcec and sophomore Felipe

Diaz posted a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins at No. 3 and 4. Both Marcec and Diaz have carded four consecutive wins in singles play. Senior Axel Sundberg turned in a 6-0, 6-1 win over TSU's Branden McClain. At No. 1, senior Igor Santos topped Daniel Bernal – 6-4, 6-1 to complete the scoring. In doubles, Jax State's tandem of Sundberg and Marcec quick-worked McClain and Bernal, 8-0. Santos and Felipe Wenzel ousted Jared Asher and William Simmons. JSU won by default at No. 3 doubles.

The women's match started in similar fashion to the men's match as JSU picked up a pair of wins after TSU defaulted at No. 5 and No. 6. JSU dropped just one game in the four singles matches and won 8-0 decisions at No. 1 and 2 doubles.

Raisa Guasti defeated TSU's Shardel Suber 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 to move to 8-7 overall on the season. At No. 2, Raphael Lima registered a 6-0, 6-1 victory over London Thomas. Olivia Nguyen and Zoe Bizinos blanked their respective opponents 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 and 4.

Guasti and Lima picked up a win at No. 1 doubles over Shuber and Attallah Eiland. Bizinos and Nguyen tallied their third consecutive win at No. 2.

JSU continues OVC play with a trip to Cookeville, Tenn. for the men's team to face Tennessee Tech on Thursday, March 21. The Gamecock women return to OVC play against UT Martin on Saturday, March 23. The match will be played in Cape Girardeau, Mo. as JSU will take on Southeast Missouri on March 24.

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Gamecock ranks/standings

Happy Spring Break

OVC M. Basketball final standings East division

Belmont (14-2) [26-6]
Eastern Kentucky (12-4) [24-9]
Tennessee St. (11-5) [18-14]
Jacksonville St. (8-8) [17-11]
Morehead State (8-8) [15-18]
Tennessee Tech (5-11) [12-17]

West division

Murray State (10-6) [21-10]
SE Missouri St. (8-8) [17-16]
Eastern Illinois (6-10) [11-21]
SIUe (5-11) [9-18]
UT- Martin (5-11) [9-21]
Austin Peay (4-12) [8-23]

* OVC Tournament champ Belmont earned an 11 seed and will open the NCAA tournament against 6 Arizona

OVC Softball standings: East Div.

Eastern Kentucky 16-9 (3-0)
Jacksonville State 16-11 (3-0)
Morehead State 8-6 (0-0)
Tennessee Tech 11-9 (0-0)
Belmont 7-12 (0-3)
Tennessee State 9-18 (0-3)

West Div.

Eastern Illinois 13-8 (3-0)
SIUe 16-7 (1-1)
UT-Martin 16-8 (1-1)
SE Missouri St. 8-12 (1-1)
Murray State 7-13 (1-1)
Austin Peay 8-10 (0-3)

OVC Baseball standings:

Austin Peay 17-2 (2-0)
Tennessee Tech 13-6 (5-1)
Jacksonville State 11-11 (5-1)
Murray State 10-10 (4-2)
Belmont 13-6 (2-1)
SE Missouri St. 11-10 (3-3)
SIUe 5-10 (3-3)
Morehead State 7-12 (2-4)
Eastern Kentucky 5-11 (2-4)
UT-Martin 7-12 (1-5)
Eastern Illinois 3-14 (0-5)

Upcoming Action:

Thursday: M Ten @ Tenn Tech
Friday: W Tennis @ UT-Martin
Track @ Florida State
Baseball @ Austin Peay
Saturday:
Track @ Florida State
Baseball @ Austin Peay
Softball vs Austin Peay (DH)
Sunday:
Baseball @ Austin Peay
Softball vs Murray State (DH)

Due to some damage of the radio station's tower from the storm Tuesday, in the near future, WLJS's shows and sporting broadcast will just stream online

Remember April 12 is the Spring J-Day Game, the game will be run just as a normal gameday around campus from tailgating at Kennermer to the Southerners playing in the stands during the game. It will be the debut of Coach Clark's new offense and defenses.

In the near future be on the lookout for a special feature in the Sports section from Sports Editor Daniel Porter called "The greatest Gamecock you've never heard of"

Antley earns OVC honors



Casey Antley is now (4-1) this season

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State's Casey Antley has been named the Ohio Valley Conference co-Pitcher of the Week, the league office announced today.

Antley pitched seven shutouts innings to help the Gamecocks to a 2-1 win over SIU-Edwardsville on Friday. The left-hander faced 26 batters and allowed just three singles and did not allow a hit after the first out of the third inning to improve to 4-1 on the season.

The Holtville, Ala., native finished with five strikeouts and lowered his earned run average down to 2.86 on the season. He has pitched 34 2/3 innings, allowing 10 earned runs with 21 strikeouts to just eight walks this year, and held the opponents to just a .246 batting average.

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The Madness of March

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Every year the NCAA Tournament captures the attention of many more than just casual sports fans. Everyone rushes to fill out the best bracket. This year they've found the system to be getting it right - or so they think.

That's what's so thrilling and exciting about the tournament each year: no one knows what will happen. Powerhouses fall, underdogs emerge, and no-names become household names. Legacies are born and many, many dreams are shattered in heartbreaking fashion. For three weeks out of

the year basketball is king of the sports world with almost daily headlines that shock and amuse us all.

We feel we have all the madness figured out, only to realize how long 1.6 seconds really is, and learn that it's never too early to start planning for next year since this bracket is trashed.

Critical free throws will be missed, terrible calls will be made, and miraculous buzzer beaters will be drained as the backboard lights up.

There are 68 teams that begin the journey, and at some point 67 will realize that it just wasn't meant to be. Seniors will leave

unfulfilled and underclassmen will return even hungrier the following season.

In a span of three weeks we will cheer when a rival goes down, and feel a little uneasy when an underdog comes so close but still fails. We will all eventually get behind that Cinderella who always seems to emerge at some time, yet unfortunately the clock always seems to strike twelve before the nets are cut down.

We will remember some moments forever, and some not even until mid-April. We will eventually be free of the Madness (for 11 months anyway), the Madness that is March.

Break out the brooms!

Jax State sweeps OVC opponents in baseball and softball over the weekend

Softball sweeps Tenn State

Jordan Smith
Senior Staff Writer

Dominant pitching performances helped the Gamecocks sweep Saturday's double-header against Tennessee State to open conference play.

Junior Tiffany Harbin took to the pitcher's circle. She tossed her fourth career no-hitter while striking out four and walking three.

Harbin was spotted five runs by in the first inning, thanks to RBIs by Kalee Tabor, Kelci Johnston and Cadi Oliver.

The offense stalled until the bottom of the third, when Krystal Ruth singled to left scoring Johnston and Oliver. Gamecocks led 7-0.

JSU would put the mercy rule in effect in the bottom of the sixth when Tabor scored on Johnston's sacrifice fly to right.

Gamecocks won 8-0.

Senior Hillary Phillips took to the mound in the second game. While she could not repeat Harbin's no-hitter, she pitched a complete game and gave up no earned runs, five hits, five strikeouts and three walks.

The scoreboard was empty until the bottom of the second. Cadi Oliver hit her fourth homer of the season to put the Gamecocks up 1-0. Amanda Martinez scored on a fielding error by TSU's shortstop Ashley Haynes. Krystal Ruth scored on a double by Sara Borders to left. JSU led 3-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, a pitch with the bases loaded that scored Ella Denes hit Savannah Sloan. The final Gamecock run came on a single by Kelci Johnston that scored Jessica Guy.

The Tigers managed to get on the scoreboard in the top of the sixth. Lindsey Burgess singled to left, bringing home Audrey Sensing. The run was unearned, thanks to fielding errors by Cadi Oliver and Kelci Johnston.

In the top of the seventh, TSU's Tedra Alford popped up to short to end the game. JSU won 5-1.

Tiffany Harbin stated that she did not realize she had thrown a no-hitter until after the game, but was quick to praise the play of her defense.

"She just takes it one pitch at a time," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "Four no hitters in her career. I think maybe one time she said

she thought about it and that was her freshman year."

McGinnis also spoke about how proud she was of Hilary Phillips' game in the pitcher's circle.

"She's doing a good job mixing in her change-ups and getting ahead of hitters," she said. "If batters get in the box and try to guess with Hil (Phillips), that's when she's very tough on them."

The Gamecocks improved their record to 15-10 overall and 2-0 to begin conference play.

"We want to set the tone," said Phillips. "We do want to host conference, so for us to stay on top is always good."

Harbin's record is now 8-4. Phillips' record is now 4-1.

Tiffany Harbin could not match her no hit magic from the day prior; she did, however, pitch another complete game shutout to lead the Gamecocks to a series sweep of Tennessee State.

The Gamecocks spotted her three runs in the bottom of the first, thanks to a bases clearing RBI double by Kelci Johnston.

Johnston would come through again for JSU in the bottom of the third. She hit an RBI single to left that scored Kalee Tabor. Sara Borders was thrown out at the plate. JSU led 4-0

That was not the final play at the plate.

In the top of the sixth, with Harbin's shut out in jeopardy, Tennessee State's Ashley Haynes doubled down the right field line. Kiarra Freeman rounded third only to be met by JSU catcher Savannah Sloan's left leg blocking the plate. She was called out.

JSU brought home one more insurance run in the bottom half of the sixth on a fielding error that scored Cara Longworth.

Harbin struck out Jayna Hanawahine to end the game.

JSU won 5-0.

Harbin improved her record to 9-4 while giving up zero runs on six hits, two walks with 11 strikeouts.

"Sundays in conference races are always a battle with pitchers," said head Coach Jana McGinnis. "The team had already seen her the day before, she had no-hit them, they're



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JSU junior Tiffany Harbin tossed her fourth career no-hitter

coming out planning to do something different. I was proud of Tiff (Harbin)."

"You just have to come in here everyday and work hard, not think about yesterday," said Harbin. "It's a new game."

Kelci Johnston went 2-3 with four RBI Sunday and played a big part in that relay from right field that saved the shutout.

"Four RBIs is a good win, definitely a good team win," said Johnston.

"Yesterday, Kelci didn't feel like she had a good day or didn't produce like she's capable of," said McGinnis. "It's good to see Kelci come out with a 2-3. We needed it!"

The Gamecocks improved their record to 16-10 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

"That was our goal for the weekend, to come in and sweep and start 3-0 for the conference," said Harbin.

"There's been years that State (Tennessee State) has come in and snuck one from us," said McGinnis. "I was proud of our team for

Baseball sweeps SIU-Edwardsville

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

On Friday, the Gamecocks began a three game series on campus against the Cougars



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Michael Bishop began JSU's 11-0 blowout

of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. JSU was coming off their opening OVC series against UT-Martin the weekend prior, where the Gamecocks took the series two game to one.

In the first game against SIU-E, Jacksonville State handed the ball to Junior Casey Antley, who's proven to be one of the top pitchers for JSU in the early part of the season. The southpaw gave JSU and coach Jim Case all they could've ask for in a series opening start. JSU scored in the top of the opening frame when Michael Bishop scored from third on a Griff Gordon fly ball to the outfield. Antley then pitched seven strong scoreless innings, allowing only three hits to five strikeouts, and at one point sat down 14 batters in a row before issuing a walk to end the streak.

Jacksonville State needed the strong pitching performance, as the offense wasn't getting much done after the early run in the first. Coty Blanchard reached base in the fourth on an infield single then stole second to move into scoring position. Andrew Bishops' double to left allowed Blanchard to score to give JSU a 2-0 lead that would hold until the final frame.

While Travis Stout was in the game in the ninth on his way to picking up his sixth save of the season he let a wild pitch go which allowed SIUE to pick up their lone run of the game in a 2-1 win for JSU.

A day after JSU needed a dominant

pitching performance to lock down a win, the boomsticks were out as the Gamecock offense cranked up. Saturday's starter, Taylor Shields was given a comfortable lead early as Jax State plated seven runs in the first two innings. Michael Bishop began the strong first which followed with Eddie Mora-Loera scoring on a double by Gordon, Blanchard later scored on an error, and Tyler Gamble had two RBI on a single to right.

In the fifth innings JSU added four more runs, none bigger than Adam Miller's shot to right for his first career home run.

Shields cruised through his start needing just 63 pitches to get through his seven scoreless innings of work. An 11-0 win secured the series for JSU, but the Gamecocks returned Sunday looking for more.

The sweep for JSU was not going to be easy from a team that went 3-0 the previous weekend. The game was tight through the eighth when a two-run home run by SIUE put the Cougars on top 6-4. Jax State stayed focus and in the bottom of the eighth began with three straight singles to load the bases. Gavin Golsan drew a walk to bring the Gamecocks within one. The next batter, Paschal Petrongolo, lift a fly ball to left that was misplayed allowed two to score for JSU and put the Gamecocks ahead 7-6, a lead that would stand to the finish.

The sweep was the first for JSU since doing it to Morehead State in 2011. The Gamecocks hope to stay hot as they travel to Austin Peay for a big OVC series this weekend.

Track and Field sets new school record

ATHENS, Ga. – Jacksonville State's 4x200 meter relay broke the program's all time mark last Saturday at the Georgia Relays to highlight JSU's second outdoor meet of the season.

The quartet of Laveeta Oliver, LaCresha Horton, Elizabeth Clemons and Shamira Barrett won gold in the event after registering a

time of 1:37.44. JSU's previous all time mark in the event was established on April 27, 2008 with a time of 1:41.94. Host-Georgia placed second, followed by Kennesaw State.

JSU also claimed bronze in the 4x100 meter relay with a mark of 46.30. India Boyd, joined Barrett, Clemons and Oliver in the event. Jax

State finished just short of Kennesaw State and Florida A&M.

In other relay events, JSU finished seventh in the 800 sprint medley relay as they clocked 1:50.55. Barrett, Oliver and Clemons closed out their relay duties along side Crystal Williams.

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