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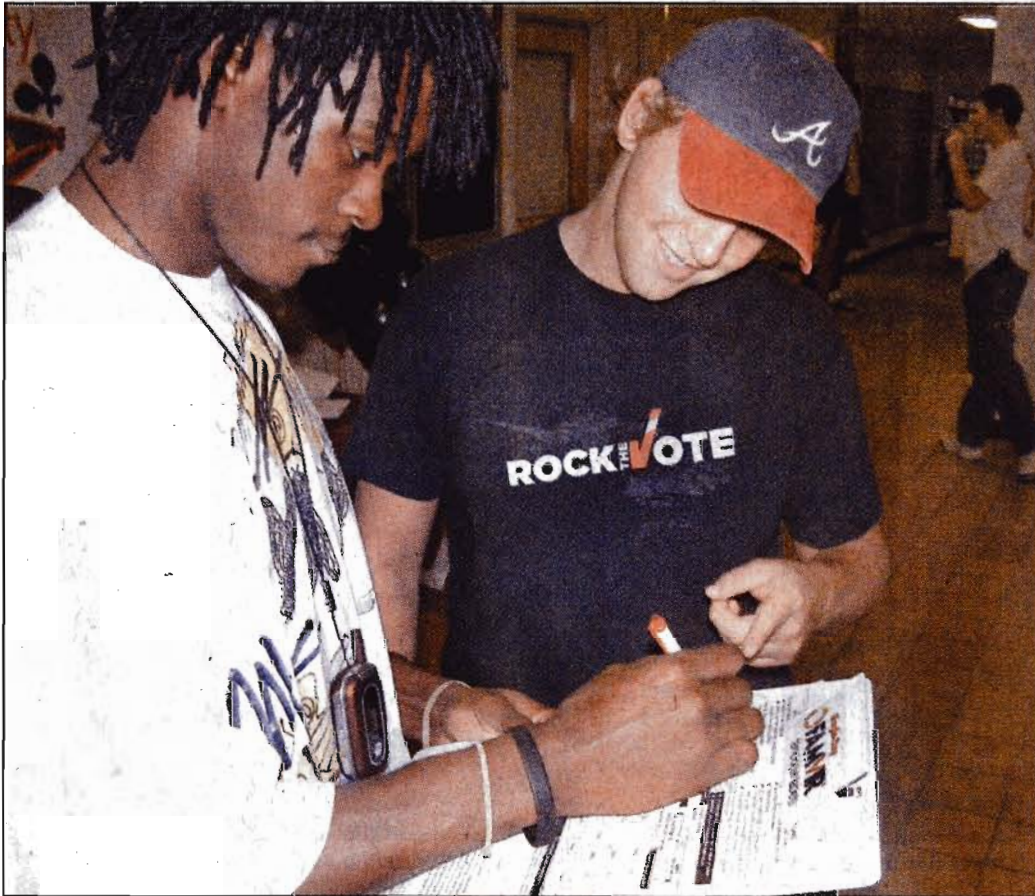
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SGA member Drew Lindsey helps Xavier Moore fill out a voter registration form at the TMB.  
Photo by Zach Childree / The Chanticleer

## Student voters prepare for November elections

### SGA holds voter registration drive

By Zach Childree  
Editor in Chief

More than 350 students registered to vote at Jacksonville State University during the "Rock the Vote" registration drive. The Student Government Association participated in the national movement that encourages college students to vote. The registration drive took place over two days, September 4 and 9.

"It worked out really well," Mardracus Russell of the Office of Student Life said on Tuesday. "Today is disbursement day, so people are getting their checks and registering to vote."

Russell said there were more students registering on Tues-

day than the previous week.

Terry Casey, director of student life, said he was surprised at the number of students that registered.

"Students this year are really energized about the election," Casey said. "They register today and in just a few months they get to vote."

Russell said it was important for students to play a role in the democratic process.

"Important decisions are made by the people we elect," said Russell. "You don't have much to say if you didn't vote. The decisions made now definitely affect us in the future."

"Rock the Vote" was founded in 1992 in order to encourage college-age people to reg-

ister and vote. Beginning with public service announcements by Queen Latifah, Aerosmith and others, "Rock the Vote" debuted in partnership with MTV, VH1 and other channels specifically targeting voters under the age of 24.

According to the group's website "Whether it's Madonna wrapping herself in the flag for the first Rock the Vote PSA or Snoop Dogg launching our bus tour in 2004, Rock the Vote works with artists who really believe in and promote our mission." The website claims to have registered more than 1.4 million people online.

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## UPD to step up traffic, parking enforcement

By Shalon Montgomery  
Staff Writer

If you are a Jacksonville State University student with a car or have a friend with a car, you may have noticed a lot of upset people. The reason for this is the amount of traffic violation tickets that have been issued this year.

The main reason for an increase in tickets is the new parking arrangements on campus, which in much part, has been more beneficial to JSU staff than the students.

Last year, students were allowed to park in front of Mason, Sparkman Hall, the JSU mail center, the JSU health center and Daugette Hall. Now, these arrangements have changed.

"They need to give students more time to adjust to the new parking arrangement," Daugette Resident Assistant Jeremy Prothrow said.

"I felt heated," said one student, who asked to remain anonymous. "I felt the ticket amount

and informed students about issuing tickets though newswire," Chief of Police Shawn Giddy said.

Another reason for the increase in tickets is a change in who has the ability to give out tickets.

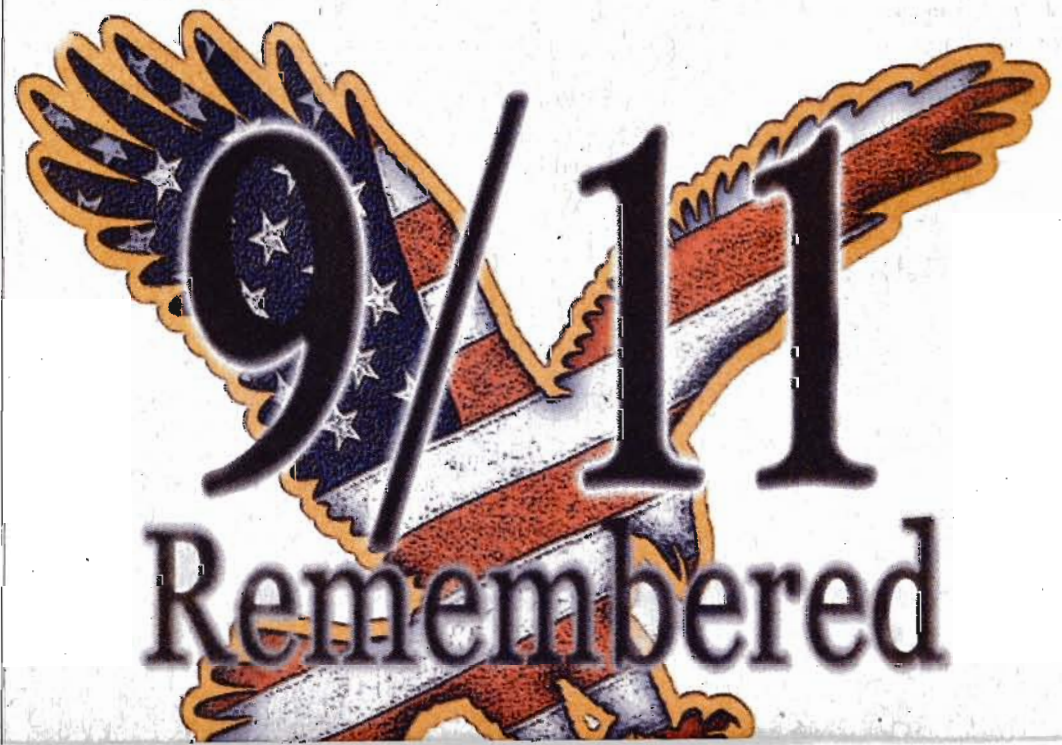
Last year, security was in charge of issuing traffic tickets. This year, JSU has a Parking Enforcement Officer, Buddy Smith, who goes to every parking lot on campus during business hours and looks for traffic violations.

Alongside Officer Smith is the University Police Department.

According to Chief Giddy, if the UPD sees any violations, they have the right to issue a ticket. UPD also has a new ticket machine in their patrol cars to make issuing tickets more efficient.

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"I felt heated," said one student, who asked to remain anonymous. "I felt the ticket was not deserved. I parked by the mail center all the time last year, and the Appeals Court is just a way to shut you up."

Even with the new arrangement, the University Police Department attempted to give students a break.

"We have issued more tickets this year compared to this time last year, but we put warnings on cars

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According to the UPD, traffic violations have gone down over the past few weeks, but they could possibly be going back up.

Starting Sept. 15, if any student has not purchased a decal and parks on campus, all violations will be reported.

Another thing confusing students is where the money from the parking violation tickets go.

"[The money] goes to the school," Giddy said. "They spend it based on their needs."

## Students react to Olympics

By Shalon Montgomery  
Staff Writer

The 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games will go down in history as one of the most memorable Olympic Games, and the most-watched U.S. event of all time. During the 2008 Olympic Games, spectators saw 87 countries win at least one medal in Olympic competition, 132 new Olympic records and 43 broken world records.

"The Olympics were exciting and America dominated," Jacksonville State University Sophomore, Darnell Cole said.

America showed its dominance in the world of sports by leading all countries with the most Olympic medals. Throughout the Beijing Olympics, American athletes won 110 Olympic medals (36 gold, 38 silver and 36 bronze).

"We did really well and al-

most outperformed China in a majority of the events (track, swimming and gymnastics) I saw," JSU sophomore Sophia Smith said.

"America will always have a stronghold on the Olympic medal count," George Kiplagat, a cross-country runner from Kenya said. "America has the facilities, and they send over 400 people to the Olympics when a country like Somalia sends two people."

Although America earned the most medals at the Beijing Olympics, hosting nation China took home 51 gold medals. "China did very well," Takehln Sato, a JSU student from Japan said.

China's 51 gold medals was the second largest amount of gold medals earned by a nation in modern history. The nation that won the most gold medals in a single Olympics during modern history is the United States. The United States accomplished this feat

during the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. America earned 83 gold medals that year, and 174 medals in all.

"I think America has a chance to be dominant like it has in the past," Chris Moore, a senior biology major said. "Just certain variables have to match up for it to happen again."

Countless records were broken at the Beijing Olympics. The records ranged from individuals to worldwide accomplishments.

"Each country spent a lot of money to develop good athletes and hire great coaches," Shogo Nakamura, an RA for Sparkman residence hall said.

Although records were being broken throughout the Olympics, JSU students had clear-cut favorites when it came down to which individuals stood out to them.

"Usain Bolt stood out to

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## Seven years later...

By Julie Skinner  
News Editor

As the seventh anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center approaches, people around the country may find themselves recalling where they were when they first found out. The question, "Where were you when you found out about the Twin Towers being attacked?" hardly ever receives the answer of "I don't remember." Most can remember exactly what they were doing, and some even remember minute details about their surroundings and what they were wearing.

Around Jacksonville State University, students recall their own personal memories of first hearing of the terrorist attacks and how that day, seven years ago, has shaped their life and the lives of those around them forever.

Jay Robinson, campus minister of the Wesley Foundation at JSU, recalls being in a teleconference while working

at home that terrifying Tuesday and how he never seemed to watch TV, but he decided to turn it on after finishing his work that morning.

"Every generation has a moment, that 'where were you when' kind of moment," Robinson said. "Those moments tend to affect each generation differently. I can remember my mother telling me the story of when she heard of JFK dying and where she was."

JSU freshman, Emily Hoth, was in her 7<sup>th</sup> grade art class when another student ran into the classroom announcing that the Twin Towers had been struck.

"We weren't allowed to watch it on TV because it was too graphic," Hoth said. "I felt violated in my rights because I watched so many violent things on TV, so I thought, why can't I watch news?"

Today, Hoth wishes that the terrorists could have expressed their beliefs in a different way than hurting and killing so many people that

day.

"I believe it had a major affect on everything," Hoth said. "First, people wanted to strike back and now, they're not so sure if the hot-headed decision was such a great idea. I just wish the terrorists could have said what they needed to without blood."

JSU senior, Jason Wright, was a junior in high school ironically on his way to world history class the day of the attacks. He remembers seeing the ordeal on TV after the first plane crash, and wondering if it was some sort of preview for a movie. He was most horrified by the broadcaster covering the incident and how he lost his composure during the segment and began screaming.

"When I think back to it, it's like I've tried to erase it out of my brain because it was so horrible," Wright said. "It's so horrible that I think we as human beings try to block that stuff out."

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### QUESTION of the WEEK

What recent televised events did you watch the most?

- The Olympics 53 %
- The Democratic National Convention 21%
- The Republican National Convention 21%
- I didn't watch any of them 5%



Next week's question:

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# ON Campus

## Briefs

On Tuesday, September 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Counseling and Career Services alongside the Jacksonville State University Peer Educators are hosting the annual health fair that will be entitled "Take a Friend to the Health Fair" this year.

The health fair will offer free testing for HIV/AIDS, cholesterol, diabetes and blood pressure. There will also be information available regarding nutrition, birth control, depression, stress management, dental awareness, fibromyalgia, tuberculosis and various other issues.

For more information about the health fair, please contact Linda Shelton of Counseling and Career Services at ext. 5954 or lshelton@jsu.edu.

## Campus Crime

### September 2

- A rape was reported in Dixon Hall.

### September 4

- Tameka Latrice Momnet reported a theft of property in Patterson Hall. Stolen was a red student ID valued at \$83.29.

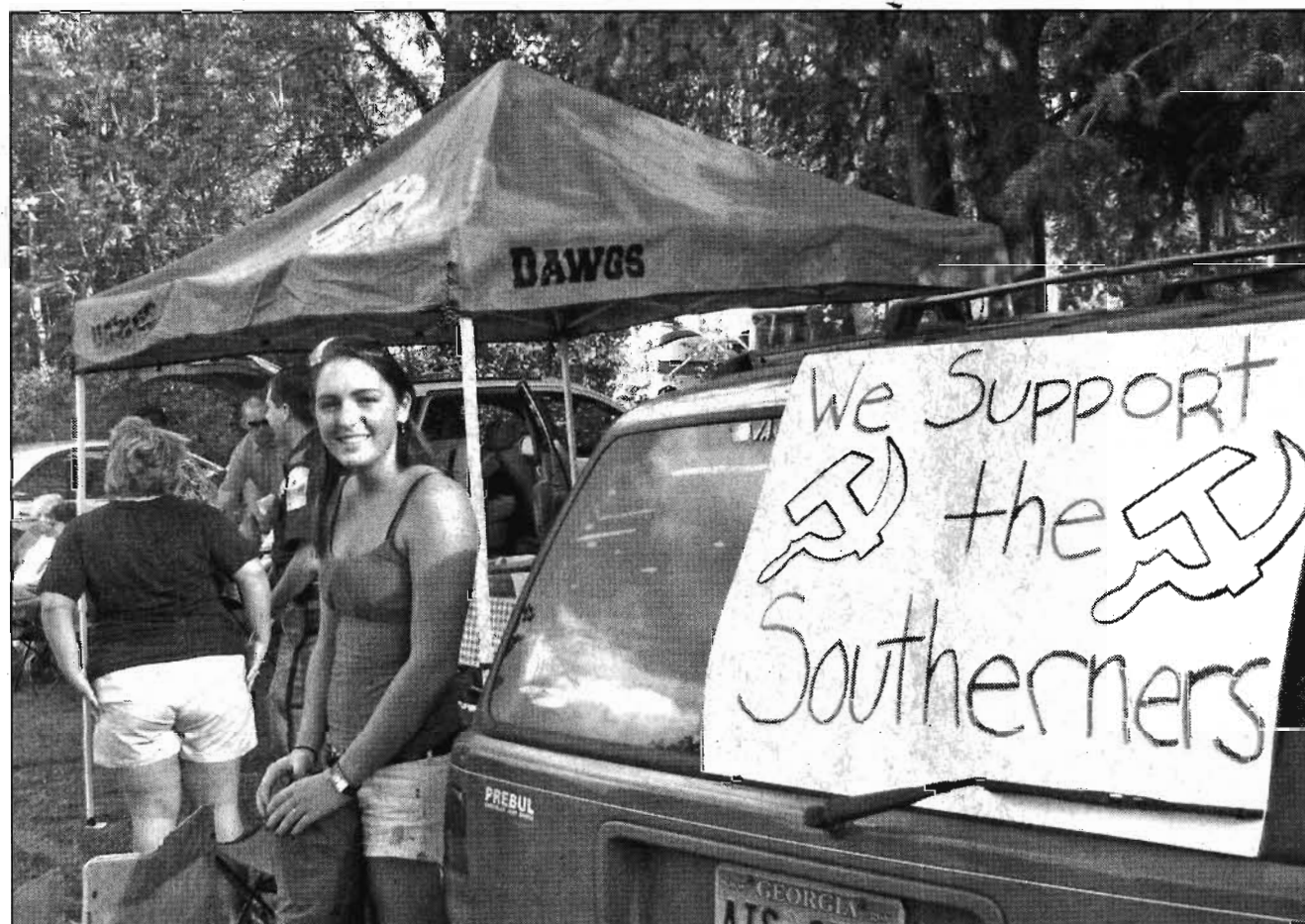
### September 5

- Brant Obraun Caudle was arrested for obstructing government operations and resisting arrest.

### September 7

- Rachel Justine Gordon reported harassment in Pi Kappa Phi Parking Lot.
- Meyosha Jacquise Jones was arrested for

## Picture of the week



Stephanie Ow stands near her car on Saturday during the pregame tailgating. Attendance at Saturday's game was the third largest crowd ever for a football game at Paul Snow Stadium. Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

## Obama opens schools debate with McCain

By LIBBY QUAID  
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama reached for middle ground on education this week, opening a debate with John McCain over who would do more to put good teachers in classrooms and help parents find alternatives to bad schools.

Conceding that both parties have worthy ideas, Obama set out to prove that he's not captive to teachers unions, as his rival claims, and that there is more talk than action in McCain's plans for schools.

McCain tossed red meat to Republicans at their convention last week, saying Obama wants schools to answer to unions and entrenched bureaucracies, while

aimed at giving parents more choice. McCain would make improvements to that; for example, he would expand children's access to tutoring services.

No Child Left Behind lets parents transfer their children from failing schools to better-performing public or charter schools — assuming there is a better school in the area, which is not always the case. Obama doesn't think vouchers are the answer; many Democrats agree. On Tuesday, the Illinois senator gave his answer to the school-choice dilemma: Create an array of new public schools, and double the federal money for charter schools to more than \$400 million.

"Charter schools that are successful will get the support they

Behind."

But the question remains just how the candidates, Obama in particular, would "fix" the law.

No Child Left Behind requires annual state tests in reading and math. The goal is that by 2014, every pupil will be able to read and do math at their grade level. The law imposes sanctions on schools that fail to make progress.

Obama has criticized annual tests, which has the law's supporters worried he might gut an essential requirement. And he has the backing of teachers' unions, which strongly dislike the law.

"Don't tell us that the only way to teach a child is to spend most of the year preparing him to fill in a few bubbles on a

"We can do this," Obama said Tuesday. "From Prince George's County in Maryland to Denver, Colo., we're seeing teachers and school boards coming together to design performance pay plans."

He added that he wants teachers doing a poor job to get extra help, but that if they don't get better, they'll be replaced.

McCain emphasized that sentiment at the GOP convention.

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### MONEY

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## What's Happening

### Monday, September 15

- SGA Poster Sale on the Quad  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 16

- SGA Organizational Council Meeting, TMB Auditorium 6:00 p.m.

- SGA Poster Sale on the Quad  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- JSU Health Fair, TMB Auditorium  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- “Ring the alarm: Red Alert” Mixer, Leone Cole 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 17

- Water Balloon Wars on the Quad  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

## The Chanticleer

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McCain tossed red meat to Republicans at their convention last week, saying Obama wants schools to answer to unions and entrenched bureaucracies, while he would hold them accountable to parents and kids.

A look at where the presidential candidates stand on some key education issues:

#### SCHOOL CHOICE

For years, “school choice” has meant giving taxpayer dollars — vouchers — to parents to send kids to private school if their neighborhood schools were bad. Charter schools are in the mix too; they are publicly funded but operate independently, free from some of the rules that constrain regular schools.

McCain says he's for school choice, and he got big applause when he talked it up last week at the Republican convention.

“Parents deserve a choice in the education of their children,” he said. “And I intend to give it to them.”

But McCain is not proposing a federal voucher plan. Instead, he wants to expand a voucher program in the District of Columbia only.

The Arizona senator did propose a federal voucher program when he ran for president in 2000, but his advisers say President Bush's No Child Left Behind Law, enacted in 2002, is

choice agenda. Create an array of new public schools, and double the federal money for charter schools to more than \$400 million.

“Charter schools that are successful will get the support they need to grow,” Obama said in Riverside, Ohio. “And charters that aren't will get shut down. I want experimentation, but I also want accountability.”

Obama was campaigning Wednesday at a Norfolk, Va., high school.

#### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The next president will inherit the immensely unpopular No Child Left Behind education law. The law is so disliked, a majority of voters said they would be more likely to vote for someone seeking to repeal the law, according to an AP-Yahoo News poll in June.

Yet voters do not have that choice. Neither Obama nor McCain seeks to do away with the law, which still has bipartisan support on Capitol Hill.

Instead, Obama and McCain each say they would keep the law and make it better.

“I don't think we should scrap it,” McCain said earlier this year in Youngstown, Ohio. “People say, ‘Just scrap it.’ I think it needs to be built on, revised and fixed.”

Obama said Tuesday, “Of course, we have to fix the broken promises of No Child Left

ie help the backing of teachers unions, which strongly dislike the law.

“Don't tell us that the only way to teach a child is to spend most of the year preparing him to fill in a few bubbles on a standardized test,” Obama said Tuesday. “Let's finally help our teachers and principals develop a curriculum and assessments that teach our kids to become more than just good test-takers.”

Congress and the White House will be in no hurry to tackle No Child Left Behind, which was due for a rewrite last year; the economy, the war and health care are more pressing concerns.

#### TEACHER QUALITY

In an effort to get better teachers into classrooms, both candidates support tying teacher pay to student performance.

It's a sticky issue for Obama, who was booed when he mentioned his support for performance pay raises in an address via satellite to the National Education Association.

And so Obama is trying to accommodate teachers who might be hostile to the idea, saying he wants performance pay raises to be negotiated by teachers, not imposed on them. And he says raises should be tied to, but not based solely on, standardized test scores.

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#### MONEY

Democrats have chastised the Bush administration for spending less on No Child Left Behind than was originally promised. Obama promises to spend all that was pledged; McCain wants to keep education spending at current levels.

The government has spent about \$25 billion a year on No Child Left Behind programs, an average of nearly \$11 billion less annually than what was promised.

Obama proposes to spend at least \$19 billion on education, much of it on early childhood education. He would encourage, but not require, universal pre-kindergarten. And he wants a tax credit to pay up to \$4,000 of college costs for students who perform 100 hours of community service a year.

With the budget stretched thin, a huge infusion of cash for early childhood education or college costs seems unlikely. Federal education spending has been rising for more than a decade.

To pay for his plan, Obama has said he would end corporate tax deductions for CEO pay, cut congressional and federal agency spending and delay NASA's moon and Mars missions.

## What if page two of *The Chanticleer* looked like this?

### ~~Rutgers basketball team under gag order~~

While hoping that the furor caused over remarks made by [REDACTED] dies down, [REDACTED] have come under fire again, this time for [REDACTED].

The American Association of University Professors has criticized the Rutgers administration for [REDACTED] with reporters at *The Daily Targum*, the campus newspaper.

“We condemn the attempt to stifle the free speech of the members of the Rutgers men's basketball team,” [REDACTED] other must not be curtailed simply

because they are [REDACTED].

Two days after student protesters demanding the resignation of [REDACTED] halted the Scarlet Knights' game against the University of Massachusetts, guard Damon Santiago told a *Targum* reporter that he thought [REDACTED].

Senior forward Jamal Philips told a reporter that [REDACTED].

The next day, head coach Bob Wenzel asked team members not to discuss the issue with reporters.

[REDACTED]

where or when the game would be replayed yet, and we didn't want to jeopardize any possible decision by [REDACTED].

Since the Feb. 7 basketball game [REDACTED], in which 150 students flooded onto the court, [REDACTED] has issued a warning to students that they may face punishment if they interfere with [REDACTED]. “The forum has been used to make a point, and no further disruptions will be tolerated,” [REDACTED].

In late January, the AAUP released a [REDACTED] of a [REDACTED] made by [REDACTED] in November in which he said [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has since apologized for the remarks.

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Amendment is  
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## Olympics: Reactions

me," Jeremy Prothrow, a junior RA at Daugette residence hall said. "He high stepped it, pass the finish line, and he celebrated toward the end of the race (one hundred meter dash). Plus, when he did his interview and they asked what he could have gotten if he hadn't let up, he said it didn't matter."

"Michael Phelps stood out to me, but coverage was biased to Michael Phelps. We didn't get a chance to see other American athletes or other countries beside the U.S. and the country they were competing with at the time," Sarah Murchison, a JSU student said.

## Voting: Civic Duty

Tim Wyatt, president of the JSU college democrats, said it shouldn't be a surprise that politicians are seeking the votes of college students.

"Young voters, especially college voters, are concerned with creating a decent standard of living as a student," Wyatt said. "Tuition, gas and financial aid are just a few of the issues at the forefront of

"Bolt's world records were better than Phelps eight gold medals. Bolt broke a 12-year record (two hundred meter dash-19.30), and he is the fastest man in the world. While he ran the hundred meter dash he let up the last twenty meters and ran a 9.69." Kiplagat said.

Now that the Beijing Olympics are over, JSU has a chance to discuss both the greatest and disappointing of the 2008 Olympics, but not for too long. London is already preparing for the 2012 Olympics.

students' minds."

Wyatt said it doesn't matter what party you choose, just that you vote.

"If you do not participate and vote for change, whichever political party you believe will bring about that change, then you don't have a right to complain about the direction in which the country is going," Wyatt said.

## 9/11: Remembrance

In honor of those who lost their lives on 9-11, the JSU ROTC will hold a memorial service on the front lawn of Bibb Graves by the three flagpoles at 8:10 a.m. The 10-15 minute service will include speakers Lt. Colonel White, University Police Department Chief Shawn Giddy and a local fireman.

ROTC Captain Jerry Mize explains that the service will be simple, yet thoughtful.

"It's one of those big

dates that is current in our history, something that we've seen in our lifetime and that we relate to. The appropriate thing to do, the courteous thing to do, is to have some type of remembrance," Mize said. "It's just our way of honoring people regardless of what they think of politics. It will give people a chance to remember it in their own way."

# Lawyer: 2nd Schmitz trial could start by December

By **DESIREE HUNTER**  
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A new trial for state Rep. Sue Schmitz on charges she took a "no work" job with the two-year college system could begin as early as December or January, her defense attorney said Tuesday.

Jurors reported three times that they were deadlocked during four days of deliberations, leading U.S. District Judge David Proctor to declare a mistrial on Monday.

Huntsville attorney Jake Watson said the defense was let down by the inconclusive outcome, but filed the motion "when it became clear that it was time to ask for a mistrial."

"We wanted to provide them with the opportunity to come back with a straight verdict of 'not guilty' but ... when they said they were hopelessly deadlocked, we felt like we should respect their position," he said.

U.S. Attorney Alice Martin, whose office has led a multiyear investigation of corruption in Alabama's community colleges, said

she felt let down, too.

"I thank the jury for their service. While disappointed they were unable to reach a verdict, the United States stands ready to retry this important case at the court's earliest setting," she said Tuesday in a statement.

Watson said the judge has talked about setting the new trial for the end of the year or the start of 2009. But the exact timing remains uncertain, he said.

Schmitz's trial lasted for 11 days and featured testimony from several high-profile figures, including former two-year Chancellor Roy Johnson, who has pleaded guilty to money laundering, bribery and other charges.

Johnson, who agreed to testify against Schmitz and in other cases in hopes of receiving a lighter sentence, testified that he found a job for Schmitz after being asked to do so by House Speaker Seth Hammett and state teachers union head Paul Hubbert.

D'Linell Finley, a political scientist at Auburn University Montgomery, said he felt prosecutors were "reaching a little bit" when they started going after high-profile figures.

He said he wasn't surprised that a mistrial was declared.

"Quite frankly, I think it does indeed put in doubt some of the credibility of some very credible people who testified against her, including that of the former postsecondary chancellor Roy Johnson," he said. "I think she has to be very happy at this time that in spite of testimony from those individuals she was not convicted and it gives her another day to plan her legal strategy if needed."

Watson would not say why his 63-year-old client decided not to take the stand in her defense, but said the whole ordeal has been hard on her.

"I think that whenever you're charged by the United States government you have not only financial hardship, but emotional hardship," he said. "I think that this prosecution needs to end now, and we would hope that the government would reconsider and not pursue this further."

Schmitz is one of three legislators to be charged in the wide-ranging federal investigation, but is the first to go to trial.

# Facebook unveils new look with a new approach

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Since he started Facebook in college 4½ years ago, Mark Zuckerberg has learned — sometimes painfully — that he can't make significant changes to the popular online hangout without triggering an uproar among indignant users who preferred the status quo.

But Zuckerberg, still only 24, is hoping he has found a way to ease the journey down a different road so he won't have to issue public

will alienate some of Facebook's audience and raise the risk of driving more traffic to rival social networks like MySpace and Bebo.

"Any change can be a big deal to our users because this is how they connect with their family and friends," Zuckerberg said. "So when you move things around, it can be perceived as being not a positive thing even when it's a positive change."

About 40 million users already have checked out the new design and about 30 million embraced it without reverting to the old look, Zuckerberg said.

photos.

The revisions also shift various applications to the bottom of a person's home page and clears up more white space — a move that Sanders worries will lead to more intrusive advertising on the site, although Zuckerberg says that won't happen.

Hoping to minimize the sting of the anticipated backlash, Facebook announced the planned makeover in May and then waited until July to take the wraps off. The transition period since then was aimed at giving users time to make suggestions and get used to the changes.

control over news feeds and Beacon. News feeds are now considered indispensable by many users, but Beacon still hasn't gained traction.

With Facebook's audience now roughly 10 times larger than when news feeds first came out two years ago, Zuckerberg understood he needed to do a better job preparing for changes.

"There is more weight on making things smooth when you are dealing with 100 million people," he said. "No one cared as much when a

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nant users who preferred the status quo.

But Zuckerberg, still only 24, is hoping he has found a way to ease the journey down a different road so he won't have to issue public apologies like he did in each of the previous two years after springing new products on users.

His theory will face a major test Wednesday when Facebook begins forcing its 100 million users to adapt to a redesigned Web site, whether they like the new look or not.

Since unveiling the makeover seven weeks ago, Facebook had left it up to users to decide whether they wanted to switch over. If they didn't like what they saw, the converts could just click on a link to switch back to the old format.

But that option will be taken away from all users by the end of the week, a shift that Zuckerberg already knows

a positive thing even when it's a positive change."

About 40 million users already have checked out the new design and about 30 million embraced it without reverting to the old look, Zuckerberg said.

But the seeds of an uprising already have been planted on Facebook's own site, where several groups and petitions have cropped up to protest the change.

"It's not that we don't want change, period, it's that we don't like these particular changes," said Scott Sanders, 19, an Austin Peay University student who started one of the petitions opposing the redesign. "You have to navigate more and you have to click more to get to personal profiles. It's too much effort to get to basic information."

Facebook's facelift separates users' personal profiles into different areas of the site and provides more tools that are meant to make it easier to share information and

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The gradual approach differed from how Zuckerberg and the rest of Facebook's unusually young management team have managed past revisions to the site.

In 2006, the Palo Alto-based startup infuriated thousands of users by introducing a tool called "news feeds" that automatically broadcast certain personal details. Last year, Facebook faced another revolt when it rolled out a tracking device, dubbed "Beacon," that tracked and shared information about users' shopping habits and other activities at other Web sites.

In both instances, Zuckerberg wound up apologizing for going too far and placated the protesters by giving more

paring for changes.

"There is more weight on making things smooth when you are dealing with 100 million people," he said. "No one cared as much when a bunch of students from a few colleges were complaining about some changes to some Web site."

Although he is still hoping to persuade Zuckerberg to retreat from some of the changes included in the redesign, Sanders suspects resistance might be futile this time.

"I definitely won't stop using Facebook because it's still the best social network out there," said Sanders, who has been using the site for two years. "People will probably protest the changes in the beginning, but then they will just get used to them."

News we would like to see (in other words, it's fake)

## Cocky lays egg

### Gender questions raised

Cocky, the Jacksonville State University mascot laid an egg on Monday, to the dismay of the football team who were practicing on the field at the time.

"He was just walking along and then it happened," said one horrified and confused student who begged us not to use his name in the paper. "I didn't think it was possible. Can gamecocks lay eggs? I thought he was a boy gamecock!" he said.

Officials at JSU were dumbfounded even as Football Coach Jack Crowe seemed befuddled by the situation. "I'm not even sure how you would go about checking to see if it's a boy or a girl gamecock," Crowe said. "I've always assumed Cocky was a guy!"

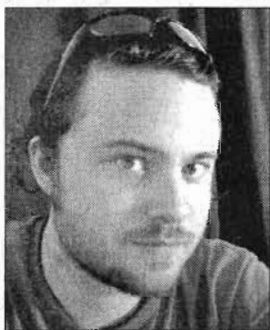
Cocky was immediately sent to a local veterinarian for examination.

## Dr. Meehan to star in remake of *Field of Dreams*

If you add on to it, they will probably come

## Ryan Perrilloux crowned king of everything

JSU now called Perrilloux State Univeristy



Clark Barron

## On The Verge

How many people throughout your entire day do you actually look at? I often find myself wandering listlessly through the hallways not really thinking about anybody else... how their days are going, or whether or not they could really use somebody actually acknowledging them. I think too often we shut everybody else around us out and focus on nothing but ourselves. To supposedly be one of the friendliest campuses in the state, it sometimes doesn't feel that way, does it?

For example, on my way to class yesterday I noticed a girl sitting alone on a park bench, smoking. I say smoking, but she was actually just sitting there with a unlit cigarette in her mouth. So, being the kind of person I am, I walk up and offer her a light. I smoke like a chimney and always have a lighter handy. She, with quite the smug look on her face, declines and states, "Yeah, I'm waiting on someone."

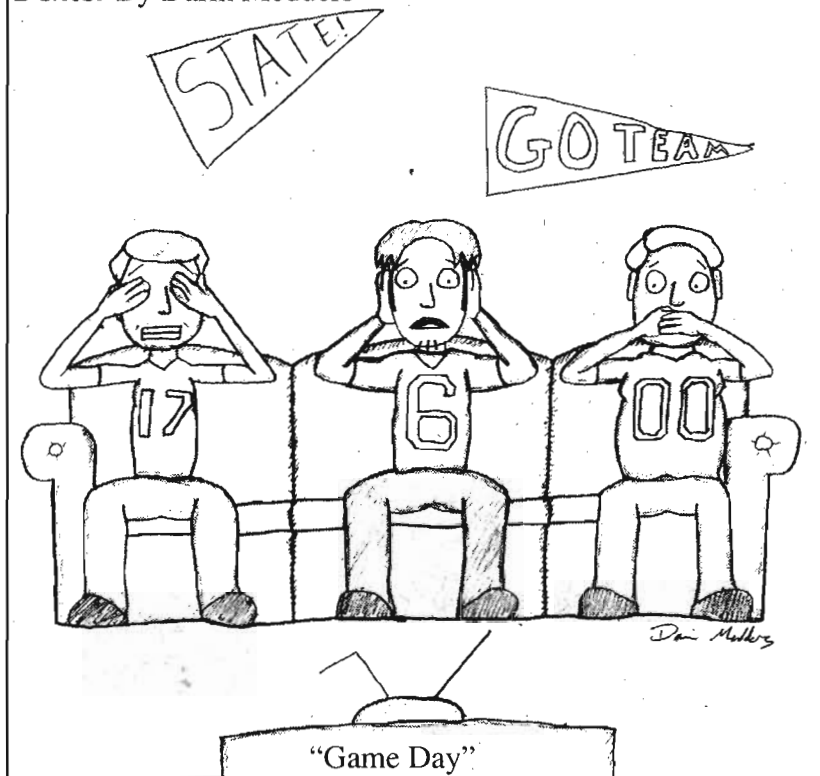
This absolutely floored me. Did I walk up, get naked, and ask her if she wanted to hop in my ice cream truck? It seems apparent that the key step in smoking a cigarette seems to be the following:

1. Put cigarette in mouth.
2. Light cigarette.
3. Smoke

Seeing as she didn't have a light, I thought I was doing the polite thing. I suppose not. It is little situations like that that make me wonder what exactly is bothering people around here.

So, when did "nice" go out of style? We see each other almost every single day, but we still only talk to the same few people. What happened to meeting

Dexter By Darin Medders



Dave Dillon



# When voting, religion shouldn't matter

By Tokhir Radjabov  
Special to The Chanticleer

Are some things just obvious? Is it obvious that the United States has three branches of government? Is it obvious that the President is elected for a maximum of two terms, each at four years length? Is it obvious that our government is not a religious government? Then why is it not so obvious for many Americans that one's religious affiliation or opinion does not make one eligible or ineligible for any government office, which includes the executive presidency? Therefore, it becomes irrelevant, almost inappropriate, to choose a candidate for the presidency of the United State based on his or her religious beliefs.

You may ask me, where is the proof?

The proof is in the Constitution and the words of many founding fathers. One of the most brilliant presidents of the United States, Thomas Jefferson

said, "Neither Pagan nor Mahomedan nor Jew ought to be excluded from the civil rights of the Commonwealth because of his religion."

This statement clearly shows us that one could be a Muslim, a Jew or even a Pagan and still become the president of the United States.

So far, I have been trying to relate and prove to you that any religious affiliation of an American has nothing to do with his or her eligibility to become the president of the United States.

Thus, my question to you is why there is such an attempt by our current candidates to make themselves appear better Christian than the other candidate?

It seems to me that there is some sort of competition between the candidates for their Christlikeness. Who is a better Christian?

There has to be a reason why, for instance, Barack Obama, even though denied accusations that he was a Muslim, did not say that even if he was a

Muslim, that would not and should not make a difference in the people's minds when they make a choice to choose which president they would vote for.

So why is this Christian affiliation by the candidates have such an importance? It was not in the past. When the founding fathers were forming our government, they did not give preference to any religion. As Jefferson said, "Christianity neither is, nor ever was, a part of the common law."

Therefore, they deemed their religious beliefs, understandings and opinions to be between them and God. Thus, this trick of making one particular religion a commodity was never used by our founding fathers. What we have now is an insane struggle for position and power by commodifying every aspect of our lives. In it, religion is one of the biggest commodities.

Therefore, to gain votes; to become popular among people, to be accepted by the people and to purchase people's minds, our candidates use their per-

sonal religious affiliation to further their own agendas. Thus, religion, this sacred trust between man and God, is used to deceive people.

Me and you, common people, will think that just because someone says that his favorite philosopher is Jesus Christ (peace be upon him), it means that he will act according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Well, you and I know that is not necessarily true.

Therefore, my conclusion is that our decision to choose a particular president should not be based on his or her specific religious affiliation.

The second point, is that we must recognize that for many years religion has been used and is being used by people in power to advance their own goals.

And the last aspect, is that our choice of a new president should be whether he will to the best of his ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

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So, when did "nice" go out of style? We see each other almost every single day, but we still only talk to the same ten people. What happened to meeting new friends, new girls to take out and new drinking buddies? What happened to "college?" Is everybody so wrapped up in the stress of school that we have all forgotten how to have a good time? Have we forgotten how to open our mouths and act like friendly human beings?

At a completely different time during the same day, a similar situation happened when I saw a girl drop her books all over the TMB parking lot. I saw her drop everything so I rushed up to help her pick her things up.

At the very second that I reached down to pick up the history book she dropped, she snatched the book out of my hand and looked at me like I had tried to steal it. She grabbed the book and ran off before I could even get a word out.

So, what is it that makes us so afraid to open our mouths and talk to people?

Are we afraid of looking stupid?

Are we afraid of being judged for who we are?

Are we simply afraid of people altogether?

The answer is simple: who cares? The point is that no matter what people think about you, it is always better to be personable. Be nice. Be friendly. Go make friends with somebody and go have fun for once. Avoid the norm and create something new for yourselves.

There is no reason not to meet new people here. Whatever it is that is making you not want to speak up and meet new friends, get over it. There are actually nice people out there. Go find them.

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## Review: Russell Brand hosts the VMAs with candor

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Entertainment Writer

Russell Brand seemed a little out of place as the host at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Not because he's British or relatively unknown in America, as most of the chatter was about before Sunday night's show from Los Angeles.

It was because Brand injected the VMAs with blunt politics, self deprecation, unabashed sexuality, and, yes, plenty of off-color remarks.

Didn't he know where he was? The VMAs? In La-La Land?

No, this was no place to voice anything like an opinion on world affairs or joke about young Christian pop stars. This is a place to look cool and thank the almighty for the honor of little moon man statuettes.

Early in his opening monologue, Brand pleaded: "Please, America, elect Barack Obama. On behalf of the world."

Most of the crowd, seemingly caught

of guard, cheered, though at least a few pop stars didn't. The camera caught Britney Spears — who in 2003 said citizens should "just trust our president" — sitting quietly.

Partisanship, of course, can hurt sales. But Brand was refreshingly ignorant of many of the concerns that keep the lips of American pop stars zipped. For good measure — and surely stepping over the line — Brand referred to President Bush as "that retarded cowboy fellow."

After all, Brand has built his image on his candor and edginess. He's well-known across the pond as a standup comic, TV show host and radio DJ — but more so as an outlandish and hedonistic figure who speaks unabashedly about his prior drug and sex addictions.

Brand was a surprise choice as host for MTV for the 25th anniversary of the VMAs, and the gig was clearly meant to brighten his star in the U.S. After a supporting role in this spring's "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," he's got several prominent film roles in the works.

"I'm famous in the United King-

dom," he insisted, as a way to help explain himself and his rock star hairstyle. "My persona don't really work without fame. Without fame, this haircut could be mistaken for mental illness."

Sashaying around the stage in black leather, heeled shoes and snake skin scarf, Brand seemed to censor himself even less as the night wore on.

He frequently seemed baffled by young America pop culture. Introducing the stars of the upcoming film "Twilight," based on the vampire books, Brand exclaimed, "These books are bloody popular, these 'Twilight' books."

Again and again, Brand — a confessed former sex addict — poked fun at young sex and abstinence. Speaking of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's daughter's boyfriend and would-be father, Levi Johnston, Brand sympathized with him: "That is the safe sex message of all time. Use a condom or become a Republican!"

Brand clearly angered some in attendance when he repeatedly joked about

the Jonas Brothers, the sons of a pastor, all of whom wear purity rings as a symbol of their vow not to have premarital sex. At one point, Brand brandished one as if he had won it from a Jonas brother.

"American Idol" champ Jordin Sparks defended them: "I just wanna say, it's not bad to wear a promise ring because not every guy and a girl wants to be a slut, OK?"

Brand responded by apologizing, before slyly offending again by alluding to R. Kelly in an unprintable joke (like many of his).

Perhaps summing up his perspective, he explained, "A bit of sex occasionally never hurt anybody."

Brand surely won at least as many enemies as fans on Sunday night. But in contrast to some of the personality-less pop stars this "American Idol"-crazy country has been producing lately, an import was a welcome change.

## Letters to the Editor

To promote diversity at JSU, President Meehan appointed the university-wide Affirmative Action Committee, now called the Diversity and Employment Equity Committee.

On behalf of the Diversity and Employment Equity Committee, you are invited to participate in the JSU Diversity Survey. Due to a recent court

settlement, universities in the state of Alabama produced Diversity Strategic Plans to use in advising university presidents on issues of diversity.

JSU moved ahead and completed its Diversity Strategic Plan. We are now beginning to implement it. Our Diversity Strategic Plan, as approved by our Board of Trustees, is available

on-line on the JSU Human Resources page.

The Diversity Survey is a very important initial component of the JSU Diversity Strategic Plan. Therefore, it is critical for us to have your participation in the survey so that we may effectively implement our plan. Please take a few minutes of your time, go

to the link, and complete the survey now. The survey link is also available in your Personal Announcements box on MyJSU. Last day to complete the survey is Friday, October 3. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

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# Review: A few of my favorite things

By Doran Smith  
Staff Writer

"The hills are alive with the sound of music." You don't have to be an avid theatre attendee to recognize the striking lyrics from one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most famous musicals, *The Sound of Music*.

A production of this classic presented by CAST, Community Actors' Studio Theatre, is underway at the McClellan Theatre in Anniston.

Director Kim Dobbs worked with the CAST Board of Directors to pick out this year's season which opened with *The Sound of Music* on Thursday, September 4.

"We are looking for big name musicals," said Board of Directors President and Jacksonville State University faculty member Michael Stedham. "Two years ago we did Oklahoma!, and last year was South Pacific."

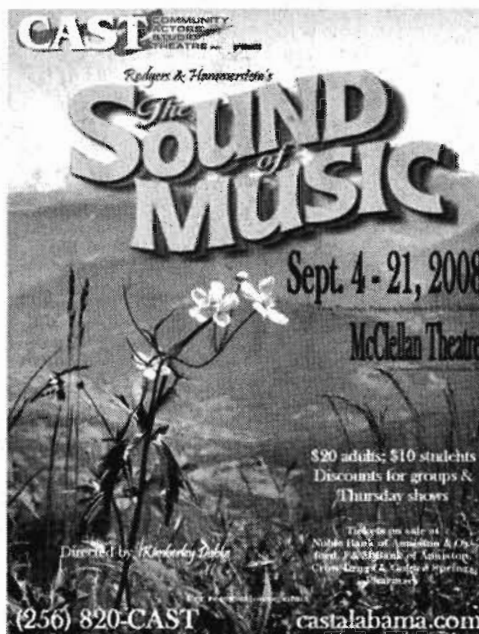
The production held its auditions earlier this summer and has had a short three months to prepare. However, in their performance this past Sunday, one could not see any lack of

preparation.

Sumer Buckner in the role of the main character, Maria, was a casting choice by Dobbs. Maria is a character of humor and sincerity, and Buckner was a near perfect conduit for those emotions. In the high parts of Maria's character, she gave a stunning and completely convincing performance.

The Von Trapp children were, and I rarely use this word, adorable! The two youngest children gave impressive performances given their ages and ended up competing with each other for the title of "show stealer" which is judged in terms of overblown and dramatic gestures that target older audience members with aspirations of melting their hearts.

On the other end of the family tree are the two oldest children; Friedrich (Jacob Cummings) and Liesl (Ellie Mellen), both of whom are students at JSU. Although they delivered power-house performances



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where it was expected of them, at times they didn't quite blend well enough into the ensemble of the other children. What college student would?

Other main characters such as

Captain Georg Von Trapp, Mother Abbess and Rolf were more than exceptional. The Captain (David Rice) was a little too stiff in his movements. However, the character is a navy officer so the firmness may have been a measured effect. Also, the flaws of Rice were only apparent when sought after; it never interfered with his performance.

Mother Abbess (Jennie Wall) was superb from beginning to end. She ended both acts with a very heartfelt, inspirational solo. As a whole, the nuns were a slightly different story. In the opening number the nuns' voices didn't blend as well as I had hoped to start off the musical. But by their final appearance, they had redeemed themselves in my book.

Rolf, played by Cody Harrell of JSU, was a fine casting choice to complement that of Liesl. At his first appearance on stage, Harrell seemed somewhat uncomfortable. Of course, his discomfort could be explained by a simple character profiling of a "shifty Nazi." Any discomfort in

the eyes of the audience, is washed away by waves of harmonious melodies that erupts from Harrell's vocal cords. He may be the strongest male tenor I have heard live.

The lesser characters had very few problems as well. In some cases, actions interpreted the character better than the voice and vice versa in other cases. Nonetheless, the musical received from me that which it received from the rest of the audience: a standing ovation! Between the very technical and elaborate set and the blocking of the cast, Kim Dobbs painted a stunning picture.

An attendance of this musical should be on your schedule sometime this month. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. on September 11-13, and 18-20. On September 14 and 21, the curtain rises at 2:30 p.m.

The offer gets better. Every Thursday night is "pay what you can night." If the usual ten dollars is too much, then CAST allows you to simply make donations for Thursdays only.

## Tasty treats you can't beat

By Adri Hayes  
Staff Writer

Cooking can be very difficult in college especially in a residence hall when you are without a significant amount of money. The best way to remedy that is to go on a budget preferably under ten dollars.

When doing so your best bet is Wal-Mart. Now for the actual budget: although some things may look tantalizing in the store you should pick the in-expensive brands or the store brands.

There are some inexpensive name brand products like Bush Beans, Minute Ready-to-

Serve rice and Campbell's soup and Hormel sandwich meats.

Another inexpensive food I found just last weekend is single Idaho potatoes, which are great for baked and mashed potatoes. In addition to that are salads, canned olives and the smaller bottles of Kraft dressings. I have also found that instead of Top Ramen Nissin Original is much better and close to the price. And if you like drinks other than sodas, I find that juice, tea and water are great substitutes and in-expensive.

I would prefer the small bottles of Welch's juice, Crystal Springs or store brand water, and Lipton tea packs,

I prefer decaffeinated.

uncovered for one minute.

**Step 6:** Take Minute Ready to Serve white rice out and put into a bowl.

**Step 7:** Pour beans over white rice and enjoy.

**Baked Potato with all the fixings**

## Wanda the Honda: My car, my rustbucket, my friend

By MARTHA IRVINE  
AP National Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — I've never considered myself materialistic. I don't like to shop. I own maybe five pairs of shoes, and would much rather spend money on an adventure, a good cause or a gift.

That said, once I find something I like, I am loyal. A creature of habit. So this might explain my response the day I donated my trusty Honda Civic to the American Cancer Society.

I cried, OK? Embarrassing as that is, I stood in the street sobbing like a baby as the tow truck pulled away with the lit-

ally what I missed.

What I was mourning was the end of a 13-year life chapter that began when I walked into a car dealership in Bloomington, Minn., and bought a car, with no help from anyone. I probably didn't make as good a deal as I could've. But it was one of those moments in life when I knew I was really an adult.

Wanda was my responsibility and, for many years to come, my steady companion.

Among other things, she ushered me cross-country to my first job with The Associated Press, packed to the ceiling with all my worldly possessions, the largest of

out his family minivan, noting the dents left by infant car seats once used by his children.

Mind you, he didn't cry. "I was happy to trade it in for a little sports car," he says, a bit gleefully. "But I was like, 'Wow! It's gone!'"

He and others say it's common for an object to feel like it's become a part of you. And in moderation, he says, that's perfectly fine, even normal. The worry comes if the object or even a hobby takes over.

"So when someone is home at night dusting off the car as opposed to having dinner with their family, then maybe it's not such a good thing." Manza

*Here are some recipes to try:*

**Bush Beans with Goya Seasoning with white rice:**

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### **Bush Beans with Goya Seasoning with white rice:**

**Step 1:** Open can and place Bush Beans in a microwave safe container.

**Step 2:** Place beans in microwave for 1-2 minutes on high

**Step 3:** Take beans out of microwave (be careful the container will be hot. I would suggest putting a towel around the container)

**Step 4:** Pour contents of Goya dry seasoning into beans and mix.

**Step 5:** Take Minute Ready-to-Serve white rice and place it in the microwave. Cook on high

uncovered for one minute.

**Step 6:** Take Minute Ready to Serve white rice out and put into a bowl.

**Step 7:** Pour beans over white rice and enjoy.

### **Baked Potato with all the fixins**

**Step 1:** Take one Idaho Potato and place it in a microwave safe bowl.

**Step 2:** Put microwave on low for six minutes

**Step 3:** Once microwave goes off take a metal fork and stick it in the potato. If it's soft then it is ready.

**Step 4:** Add sour cream, bacon bits, and cheese (if you like cheese) onto potato and enjoy!



Cheese, sour cream and bacon bits make a tasty "baked" potato in your microwave.  
Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer

might explain my response the day I donated my trusty Honda Civic to the American Cancer Society.

I cried, OK? Embarrassing as that is, I stood in the street sobbing like a baby as the tow truck pulled away with the little red heap of metal, rust and oil that had come to be known as "Wanda, the Honda."

Was this normal? Even common? Or could it be that Wanda wasn't the only one with a few loose screws?

When I think about it, it wasn't so much the car I was crying over. Certainly not the trips to the mechanic that had become all too common in Wanda's later years. Mind you, she was fun to drive, with her manual transmission, and pretty darn good on gas. She could fit into just about any parking spot, a handy trait in cities like Chicago. And she had a driver's seat that — worn and torn over tens of thousands of miles together — felt like mine and mine alone.

But in the end, as I watched her roll away, that wasn't re-

bility and, for many years to come, my steady companion.

Among other things, she ushered me cross-country to my first job with The Associated Press, packed to the ceiling with all my worldly possessions, the largest of which was my Aunt Betty's hope chest.

Along the way, I reclined on Wanda's rooftop to take in the expansive night sky, parked along remote country roads. And when I reached Portland, Ore., to take that first AP job, that same roof carried a new queen mattress, which I somehow managed to lug up the stairs to the room I'd rented.

It was a time of possibility, and promise.

Still, to this day, there's that nagging embarrassment over my attachment to an inanimate object.

I asked Lou Manza, head of the psychology department at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., about it, and turns out even he could relate to my story.

Manza tells me that he felt similar pangs when he cleared

perfectly fine, even normal. The worry comes if the object or even a hobby takes over.

"So when someone is home at night dusting off the car as opposed to having dinner with their family, then maybe it's not such a good thing," Manza says.

Anyone who knows me would laugh at the thought that I might clean my car too much. Truth is, Wanda's presence in my life, and my attachment to her, never really got in the way of life. If anything, she helped it along.

She was just mine, at a special time in life that has, lucky for me, made way for yet another one — and a current car that's more likely to be crammed with sippy cups and cracker crumbs.

Still, to this day, whenever I come upon an older model red Civic hatchback, I smile and wonder if it's Wanda. I also recall that sad, rainy day we parted ways — and how I made those who witnessed my tears promise never to tell anyone that I cried over a car.

So much for that secret, eh?

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## Wright, Breit and late nights

David Wright is killing my fantasy baseball team. After my team dominated the league most of the season, he is melting down on me at playoff time. Why can't he wait until the actual playoffs to choke like the other third baseman in town?

ABC continuing to try to market Sandra Oh as a sex symbol is one of the most confusing decisions by a major corporation in recent time. Oh well, this is the same network that thought "Cavemen" might be a successful TV show.

The Geico commercials featuring cavemen are starting to make less sense than these columns.

I predicted a greater career for the guy from "Office Space" (You simply cannot be my friend if you don't understand the greatness of this movie) who did the "show her my oh face" and "bone roller-coaster" lines than to be stuck acting in Allstate commercials.

Peyton Manning absolutely carries the commercials in which he and his brother star. Actually, Peyton is my second favorite SNL host of the decade (behind Christopher Walken obviously) and one of my three favorite commercial actors of the decade — along with The Guy Who Played Terry Tate, Office Linebacker and The Woman Who Hosts

# Get on my level

## JSU returns to FCS and dominates A&M

By Jared Gravette  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State football team sent a message to the members of the Football Championship Series last Saturday, crushing Alabama A&M, 45-18.

### Slow Start

The Gamecock offense got off to a great start on their opening possession, driving 60 yards in only four plays to take an early 7-0 lead.

Daniel Jackson capped off the drive with a 37-yard touchdown run down the sideline. Jackson had a career day on Saturday, rushing for 125 yards on 16 carries.

The pressure then fell on the Gamecock defense, which struggled to shut down A&M quarterback Kevin Atkins throughout the first quarter.

The Bulldogs combined for 101 yards on their first two possessions, but the JSU defense stiffened and held A&M to field goals on both drives.

The Gamecocks would add a field goal of their own to increase the lead to 10-6, but A&M would quickly take advantage of Perrilloux's only mistake of the night.

On the first play of JSU's next possession, Bulldog defensive end Jeremy Maddox came up big. Not only did Maddox sack Perrilloux, he also forced a fumble and came away with the ball, setting up A&M with great field position at the JSU 16-yard line.

Five plays later, Bulldog running back Anthony Green carried the ball into the end zone from one yard out, giving A&M their only lead of the

punt, Perrilloux struck again, this time with his legs. When his protection broke down, he saw a hole to run through and carried the ball 13 yards into the end zone.

Special teams would play a huge part in the Gamecocks' final touchdown of the half. After Perrilloux's touchdown run, Zach Walden skied a short kick towards the sideline that was recovered by JSU freshman Rod Byrd on the A&M 23-yard line.

From there, Perrilloux spread the ball around, ultimately finding Johns in the end zone on a 4-yard touchdown pass.

Perrilloux would not see any action in the second half, giving way to freshman Marquise Ivory. Still in just a half of football, he threw for 138 yards and rushed for another 45, totaling three touchdowns. For his efforts, Perrilloux earned Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week honors.

### Ivory's Time to Shine

The second half started in almost the same fashion that the first ended. After A&M failed to convert a key fourth down on JSU's nine-yard line, Ivory took the field as a Gamecock for the very first time.

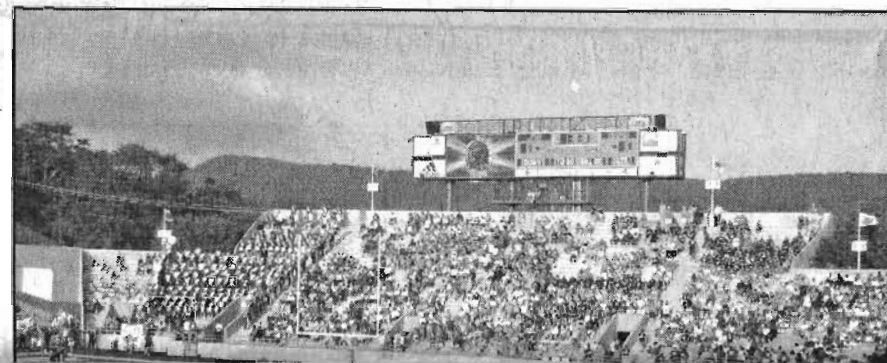
Ivory completed his first career pass attempt to fullback Alphonso Freney, but JSU was forced to punt two plays later.

Walden boomed a 44-yarder that was muffed by Bulldog returner Frank Moore and recovered by JSU's Brandon Rogers on the A&M 16-yard line.

The Gamecocks would then use a series of running plays and punch the ball into the end zone on Freney's



Above: Daniel Jackson takes a handoff from Ryan Perrilloux in the first half of Saturday's 45-18 win over Alabama A&M. Jackson had JSU's first 100-yard rushing game in over a year. Photo courtesy of James Harkins / JSUFan.com  
Below: Fans flocked to Paul Snow Stadium in droves, as the reported attendance was 16,654. Photo by Mandy Pearson / The Chanticleer



ond favorite SNL host of the decade (behind Christopher Walken obviously) and one of my three favorite commercial actors of the decade — along with The Guy Who Played Terry Tate, Office Linebacker and The Woman Who Hosts Those Extenze Commercials.

Recently David Wright and pitcher Mike Pelfrey were the only two Mets in the lineup who were born in the United States. They were also the only two Mets in the lineup who can't hit major league pitching.

JSU likes to brag about being the only school at any level to have won championships in football, baseball and football. It is impressive, but I'm looking forward to something far more unique that will soon be the case here.

I'm speaking of the fact that JSU will have three women's jerseys retired — when they finally get around to retiring Abbey Breit's — and all will pronounce their last names the same way.

Three times in my life I've felt I was in serious danger of heat exhaustion. Hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back, running a 10K, and watching the Auburn/JSU volleyball match at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

If JSU can consider spending \$36 million on expanding the football stadium, it can air condition the gym.

Last week I considered writing a whole column about how people shouldn't get excited over Alabama's impressive win over Clemson, because of Tommy Bowden's ineptitude, Clemson's history as a favorite and myriad other reasons.

It would have been nice to look like a genius for once — after Bama's putrid display against a really bad Tulane team — but that would have required actual effort and research, when it's so much easier to write things like ...

I think it immediately makes anyone instantly between 10 and 25 percent more interesting and appealing if they are left-handed.

I actually think that even without Tiger, Lefty & Co. will surprise the Europeans at this year's Ryder Cup.

I don't know anyone who likes Sergio Garcia. Even

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forced a fumble and came away with the ball, setting up A&M with great field position at the JSU 16-yard line.

Five plays later, Bulldog running back Anthony Green carried the ball into the end zone from one yard out, giving A&M their only lead of the night, 12-10.

### Second Quarter Heroics

With 11:20 left in the second quarter, the game appeared to be up for grabs, but things changed in a hurry.

The Gamecocks dominated the remainder of the half. Thanks in large part to Ryan Perrilloux, JSU scored on their next three possessions and took a 31-12 lead into the locker room.

The first touchdown came on a 2-yard pass from Perrilloux to tight end Eric Johns.

After the defense forced a Bulldog

Walden boomed a 44-yarder that was muffed by Bulldog returner Frank Moore and recovered by JSU's Brandon Rogers on the A&M 16-yard line.

The Gamecocks would then use a series of running plays and punch the ball into the end zone on Freney's four-yard touchdown run.

JSU would add another touchdown early in the fourth quarter on a 4-yard completion from Ivory to Maurice Dupree.

The Gamecocks red zone defense was outstanding in the second half. The Bulldogs drove the ball inside JSU's 10-yard line three times in the second half and only managed to come away with seven points late in the contest.

The Gamecocks are off this week but will return to the field September 20 to take on Chattanooga in their second road game of the year.



## Letter to the Editor

I was extremely critical of JSU taking in troubled quarterback Ryan Perrilloux after his off-field issues. I even bashed the university on my own blog for the move.

Now, I realize that the only thing I was bashing was Perrilloux's right to a second chance.

It really bothered me to read where a JSU Alum called Ryan Perrilloux a "cancer." I'm not defending him for the choices he made in his past, but where in the rule book does it say he can't make up for them?

The Alum went so far as to compare Perrilloux to former Gamecock quarterback Cedric Johnson when it came to his off-field issues. OK, really?

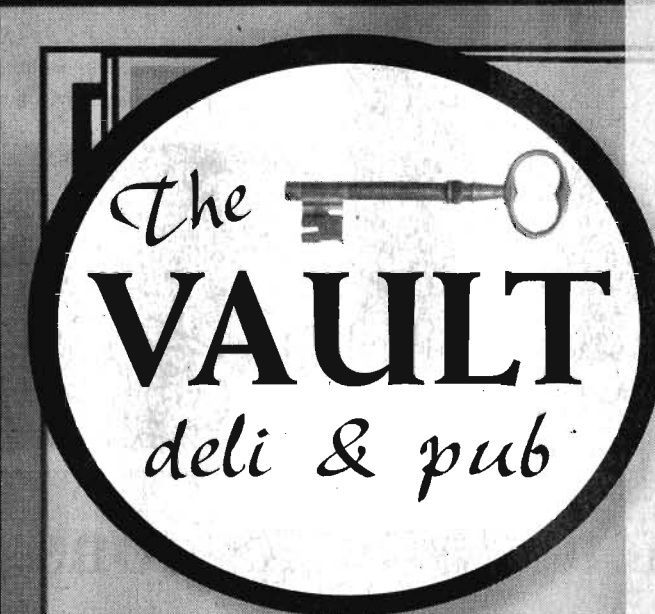
I don't recall Perrilloux getting caught with a fire-arm or thrown out of campus housing while he was at LSU. His actions were never on those levels.

Face it, the guy we just got rid of was a lot worse than the guy we have now.

So what if the guy has off-field issues? He's a college student. We all have issues. The only difference in your issues and his are that his issues are put under

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# Coming a long way to run a long way

By Edisha Brown  
Sports Staff Writer

JSU's cross country and track teams are bolstered by a pair of Canadians who have come to JSU and are helping to lead the team in the 2008 season.

Both Sarah Caine and Lesley Binning hold track and field records for Jacksonville State University in at least three events. Both have earned All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in the 5,000 meters and have had top-eight finishes at the OVC Championships since they were freshman.

Binning is a senior and two-time OVC scholar cross country and track athlete at JSU from Mitchell, a small town in Ontario, Canada, where she ran with a track club throughout high school.

She took it upon herself to make a highlight tape of her running experience that she sent to colleges in the northern and southern regions of the United States since she did not think she was "good enough" to get recruited at a track meet based off sheer talent.

Binning found a place in the South that was warm and inviting and signed a contract scholarship with JSU.

However, the summer before her arrival was somewhat detrimental because new coaches arrived. Binning wondered how they would accept her as an incoming freshman, especially since she had suffered the first serious injury of her life, a stress fracture.

It was a big change but through new coaches, new injuries, new people and a new environment, Binning was determined to make things



Sarah Caine (left) and Lesley Binning (right) prepare for a race from last year. Photo courtesy of Wanda Rhodes

work.

Many college students and student-athletes can relate to the sudden change in Binning's life and the anxiety that comes along with it. But few can say they have traveled across the country to get here and have gone from spending every minute of every day with their family to seeing their family only three times a year.

Caine is a student and cross

country/track athlete and a senior at Jacksonville State University. She is from the big city of Calgary in Alberta, Canada, who shares virtually the same story as Binning with a few exceptions.

Caine started off as a swimmer in high school and didn't transition to cross country/track until the month of December her senior year. She often practiced for races with a

pool workout and a few strides outdoors right before the meet. Caine had only one other person to run with in high school but a coach volunteered to sponsor the duo.

So, it only made sense for Binning and Caine to be roommates because of their commonalities.

"Never lived in Jacksonville without Sarah," said Binning. As one would imagine,

Caine played a major role in Binning's decision to run cross country/track for Jacksonville State; they met during Binning's recruiting visit and have been friends and roommates ever since.

The pair has been able to depend on each other for guidance and motivation every step of the way, and they have set goals for their final season together.

Sarah's goal for her last cross-country season is to "finish on a good note, knowing I did my best, lifetime best," said Caine.

"After graduation in December and receipt of my teaching certification in Alabama, I plan to move back to Canada, take a few classes next fall and get my certification there," she added.

Binning wants to make All-Conference first or second team because no one at JSU has done it.

"Only two months away, anything can happen, if I could do it tomorrow it might happen," said Binning.

She hopes to graduate in August 2009.

"I am looking at Auburn and Florida State to try something new where I plan to get in an exercise science and nutrition program," said Binning.

Since the duo are now considered veterans in the game, it is only right that they have advice for those succeeding them.

"I've always had others to look up to, now others are looking up to me," Binning said. "Take care of self first, realize why you are here, respect yourself, your team, and your coaches."

"The first two weeks are shocking, but don't give up," said Caine. "I used to wish I was a student without extra things to do but sticking with it is the key. It is very rewarding and I wouldn't change a thing."

As they head into their final year together, the seniors are confident that their aspirations with the Gamecocks' cross country/track team will be attained.

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The young JSU volleyball team managed two landmark wins, but also showed signs of inconsistency in splitting four matches last week.

Before last Tuesday, JSU (3-4) had never hosted a volleyball match with an SEC school. Now the Gamecocks have twice hosted and twice defeated SEC teams at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

JSU started the week with a thrilling five-set win over Auburn and later beat Ole Miss in four sets at the inaugural JSU

Gamecock Invitational.

Brooke Schumacher, who is establishing herself as a team leader, said that it was important for the Gamecocks to focus on their own play.

"The main focus was on us," Schumacher said. "We weren't worried about who we were playing, but it was exciting to play a big time school."

Despite Rick Nold's exhortations to remain level-headed, JSU was unable to beat the lesser-known teams.

Both Creighton and tournament champion UAB were able to beat the Gamecocks in straight sets.

Nold felt that his team made progress, but knows there will be periods of inconsistency with his young team.

"You have to train mental stamina as much as you do physical stamina," Nold said. "It's something we talk about all through the match, trying to stay at that mental level on every point, and it's something we're going to be working on the next month or two."

And of course, the team could only have increased confidence after beating glamorous opponents.

"Any time you beat an SEC team, it's obviously a great win," Nold said.

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People expected to see Perrilloux work magic last week and knock off Georgia Tech in his first game at JSU. We were supposed to be the next Appalachian State.

The morning after, I was in class and heard one of our own cheerleaders tell my professor that she wasn't sold on Perrilloux's "hype."

It's one game, people.

I'm defending Perrilloux, the person, because no one deserves that much pressure.

Since the Johnson debacle, JSU coach Jack Crowe's favorite word has been "accountability." If Perrilloux proves he can be the person we expect him to be, will you be accountable enough to admit that you made the mistake of judging him?

Everyone makes mistakes. Why can't Ryan make up for his like everyone else can?

Stop looking at Perrilloux's past as a negative and start looking at his future as a positive.

—Patrick Swafford

## THURSDAY THUMBS



### Thumbs up

**The defensive coaching staff** — Had a tough task transitioning from the triple option to the spread attack A&M presented. And JSU struggled early, but adjustments were made, and the defense started to impress.

**The JSU running game** — Every single player I talked to — as well as Jack Crowe — in the days leading up to the game talked to me about how important it was for JSU to establish a running game. Mission accomplished.

**JSU soccer** — Only lost 3-0 to Alabama and 4-0 to Arkansas. I've got to be honest, I was expecting at least 10-0 in both games.

**The Southerners** — For not caring what anyone thinks. I love the "Whatever, I do what I want" attitude. You think they're promoting communism? You think they should play more than a song or two? Whateva, whateva.

**J Stab** — For not making the "They should change the expression 'slower than Christmas' to 'slower than Daniel Jackson'" joke after the Georgia Tech game. ~~D-Jack~~ (Edit: that name should be reserved for fantasy football sleeper DeSean Jackson.) Jackson was the best player on the field Saturday.

**The 16 thousand however many were in the stadium** — The enthusiasm was nice, but it seems 90 percent of the crowd didn't know when to get into the game. It was like going to an Aerosmith concert and no one knowing the words to "Sweet Emotion." To be fair, this wasn't helped by the band playing at all the wrong times.

**Whoever's fault it is that we aren't getting paid for August until October** — That seems fair. Pretty standard for JSU though. Although, on the list of reasons why I'm transferring at the end of the semester, this doesn't crack the top ten.

**MyJSU** — Definitely cracks the top ten.

**J Stab** — For grasping at straws trying to come up with thumbs down after what was a commanding performance by the football team. Although, remember, I've been working pro bono.

**Webb Dillard** — For giving me the name J Stab. I hate that I like it. And for passing out during AugustFest.

## Staubs: trying to fill space with ramblings

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people who don't watch golf can't stand that guy.

David Wright remains on the can't-cut list. Yahoo! Clearly has this confused with the can't-hit list.

Why does no one appreciate the brilliance of Depeche Mode?

I've liked said band for years and only recently learned what depeche means — it's a Dutch word meaning communication ... I've got to start using that in every day conversations.

When I first heard of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, I was too young to understand their name, but I thought it was awesome. Then I forgot about them because they only had one hit. But seeing their name on Sirius and grasping the meaning of it ...

Shawn Johnson saying she likes her taco to pop on the Ortega commercial that is circulating the Internet is one of the most disturbing things I've seen in my life. Where are this girl's parents?

Should I disassociate myself from my buddy Guard, who thinks having Shawn Johnson as his computer desktop is acceptable behavior for a 22-year old?

I would never hit a woman, but the mothers on "The Youngest Beauty Queen" or whatever that stupid show on VH1 is called all deserve to be slapped. Or to have their children put in the care of a competent mother. Brittany Spears watches this show and is appalled.

I think everyone considers Queen a top five all-time band if not for Freddie Mercury's sexual orientation and premature demise. Just looking at the catalog of their work, it's pretty staggering. You forget so much. I mean, "I'm in Love With My Car" is about my 30th favorite song by Queen, and I still turn up the volume every time I hear it.

Bands can emulate the Beatles, Zeppelin, The Who, AC/DC, Nirvana, but there's never been a band that I've thought for even a brief second, "Wow, they remind me of Queen."

Pink Floyd is the only other relevant band that maybe falls in this category. No, the Widespread Panics and Phishes of the world don't come close.

If you have a Phish bumper sticker, a Jesus fish, one of those Darwin knockoffs of the Jesus fish, or anything on your vehicle that has

anything to do with fish, you pretty much suck at driving. I defy anyone to point me in the direction of someone who is an exception to this theory.

A girl I was dating — despite being fishless/Phishless — nearly drove into oncoming traffic earlier this year as we passed, no lie, a South Park Elementary School. Not because she was distracted and amused by the sign, as I was, but because she was incapable of ignoring an incoming text message.

I'm very anti-text messaging, anti-voicemail and anti-Myspace/Facebook. Clearly I am a grumpy old man.

John McCain is a terrible presidential candidate, but I'm considering voting for him now that he has picked Tina Fey as his running mate.

I've been attending history and government classes for about 15 years and still have as yet to hear an adequate explanation for the purpose of the electoral college.

Though as my grandfather always says, time change is even more pointless.

But you know, everything else changes, why not clocks?

OK, I'll be honest. I just included that last sentence so I could mention two songs I can play on the keyboard — "Changes" by Tupac and "Clocks" by Coldplay — and I like to boast about things that are wildly irrelevant.

For example, three years ago I predicted that Adrian Peterson would be the best player in the NFL in 2010. My undocumented record in office Connect Four games is 117-4.

And I beat my buddy Munch out of \$120 on the putting green one day (back when that kind of money meant something. Oh wait, it still does).

Probably the most mind-boggling bit of information I heard over the summer was that Lorena Bobbit's ex-husband went on to star in porn after having that "certain piece of a man's body" (I'm obviously awake at 3 a.m. way too often. Two Extenze references in one column. Tsk tsk.) re-attached. People talk about Lance Armstrong being a survivor, but Mr. Bobbit took overcoming obstacles to a whole new level.

I always expected Lance Armstrong to come out of something, but I wasn't thinking of retirement.

High definition television is so overrated. Not unlike David Wright.