

Stimulus package helps Pell Grants

From the JCJC Marketing Dept.

A college education from Jones will be more affordable this fall thanks to a recent boost in Pell Grant funding made possible by the economic stimulus plan. Eligible students can receive up to \$5,350 for the 2009-10 school year versus the maximum award of \$4,731 now in effect.

“Dollar for dollar, an education for a two-year college like Jones, is one of the best investments individuals can make in their future,” said Dr. Jesse Smith, Jones president. “This welcomed increase in Pell Grant funds now makes college possible for more people in our communities. That’s good news for high-school seniors, working adults wanting improved skill-sets, or for those who haven’t had an opportunity to attend college in the past.”

The benefits of the new Pell Grant policies are

numerous. Nationwide, the increase in Pell funding will make grants available to an additional 800,000 students, according a report from the House Appropriations Committee. For Mississippians, this new increase provides opportunities to thousands of potential college students. This increase in funding for Pell Grants is expected to be available to colleges for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Ed Smith, vice-president of student affairs at Jones, is optimistic about the potential this new increase brings. He has seen students leave school in past semesters because of financial burdens.

“The rising costs of tuition, books, and housing over the past several years have made it more difficult for students from low and middle income families to attend college,” said Ed Smith. “Even considering the huge savings students receive from enrolling at a two-year college, we still have

students who are forced to drop out mid-semester or not return for financial reasons. Expenses for today’s college student are often too much to handle. This increase in grants will give students more financial incentives to come to Jones.”

Currently, Jones enrolls over 5,000 students. More than 70 percent of the enrolled population at Jones receives some type of financial aid assistance, which amounts to more than 3,500 students.

Jennifer Suber, financial aid director at Jones, believes the college could see an influx of grant applications for this coming school year.

“We encourage all students to apply. Our financial aid counselors are ready to assist students in the application process,” said Suber.

Vice-President Smith believes that the payoff for the local economy is tremendous now that more students will be capable of paying for college.

“This increase will make it easier than ever for students to afford a college education, earn a degree, and find gainful employment,” he said. “Our industries will receive a boost by having more qualified employees too. That’s a win-win for everyone.”

The \$787 billion economic stimulus package was signed into law by President Obama February 17, 2009. The bill, officially titled H.R. 1, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, included hundreds of billions of dollars of funding over the next two years for critical sectors of the nation’s economy, including energy, health care, infrastructure and education.

The stimulus package included \$53 billion for higher education and training. Of that total, the Pell Grant funding increase amounted to \$15.6 billion. Information on incentive specifics for education can be found at www.ed.gov/recovery.

Ladies

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Bulldogs showed no mercy as they beat the Lady Bobcats by a total of 8 points in the first match up.

In the second game, the Lady Bobcats scored two points to redeem themselves. By the end of the game, the Lady Bulldogs had defeated Jones by a score of 5-2. Currently the Lady Bobcats have a record of 2-8 in the regular season and 0-2 in the South Division.

JC 9, EC 6
EC 8, C 0

With a harsh record of 2-8,

the Lady Bobcats earned a win against the Lady Warriors by a score of 9-6. Langley homered and doubled for the Lady Bobcats. McCann also ripped a homerun, a single, and a double.

Nettles was not left out as she hit a triple adding another score on the board. Candace Leach, Sumrall, Kirsten Perry, Shana Nicholson, and Alderman all added singles. Holifield was the winning pitcher for the evening.

In the second game, the Lady Warriors were not too excited to go home empty handed. Therefore, they returned the favor and defeated Jones 8-0.

Elisha Ray and McCann both hit doubles for the Lady Bobcats; while Arnold had the only single. Herring was the starting

pitcher for the Lady Bobcats and accepted the loss against the East Central.

JC 6, HCC 4
HCC 16, JC 5

The Lady Bobcats began the first game out right as Shoemaker led the game off with a walk to first base. By the bottom of the second Jones was up by two points. The game was looking good until the bottom of the fourth when Hinds scored and gained the lead with a score of 4-3.

It was not long before the Lady Bobcats decided that they were not losing this game, and pulled out a 6-4 win. Alderman added two singles and a double. Leach also hit a double; while Ladner and Nicholson each added a single. Holifield struck

out five and gave up nine hits as the winning pitcher.

In game two, the Lady Eagles took it upon themselves to show the Lady Bobcats what they were really made of. Hinds blasted six home runs in the first inning proving that the skills were indeed there. By the end of the third inning, the Lady Eagles led by a score of 13-0.

The Lady Bobcats finally scored in the bottom of the third, when Lee put one point on the board. However, Hinds defeated the Lady Bobcats 16-5. Ladner had a home run; while Nicholson and Alderman each had a double. Arnold and Devon Dar added singles, and Lee added two singles. Holifield and Nettles both pitched.

Netters

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Buchanan and Leach, 8-0.

JC vs. Hinds

RAYMOND – The Bobcat tennis teams lost to Hinds Community College evening their records at 1-1. On the women’s side, the Lady Eagles won 6-3, while Hinds won the men’s matches 8-1.

Winning matches for JCJC were: Kiewit, No. 4 singles over Hailee Melton, 6-1, 7-5; Rogers, No. 6 singles over Carly Miller 6-3, 6-3; and Rogers and McNeese, No. 3 doubles over Jackie Johnson and Miller, 8-1.

Lynn won the lone victory for the Bobcat men when he took No. 5 singles over Chris Tapia, 6-3, 6-7 (8-6), (7).

JC vs. Holmes

GOODMAN – The Bobcat tennis teams swept Holmes Community College in a convincing victory. On the women’s side, Whaley of JCJC beat Hannah Swoope by forfeit. It was the only scheduled women’s match of the day. The Jones men’s team blanked the Bulldogs, 9-0.

The men’s results were: Dykes, No. 1 singles over Trey Woods, 6-2, 6-2; Shows, No. 2 singles over Tye Steele, 6-0, 6-2; Smith, No. 3 singles defeated Joseph Dees, 6-3, 6-3. Kadoun, No. 4 singles over Mac Vaughn, 4-6, 6-1, 10-6; Lynn, No. 5 singles over Erik Walton, 6-1, 6-1; and Kanengiser, No. 6 singles over Jacob Buchanan, 6-1, 6-1.

Dykes and Shows claimed No. 1 doubles over Woods and Vaughn, 8-5. Smith and Lynn took No. 2 singles over Steele and Dees, 8-1. In No. 3 doubles, Kadoun and Kanengiser defeated Walton and Joshua Pinkard, 8-1.

JC vs. PR

ELLISVILLE – The Jones County Junior College tennis teams beat Pearl River Community College improving both records to 3-1. The Lady Bobcats won 8-1, while the men’s team posted a 6-3 decision.

JCJC’s Whaley won No. 2 singles over Kasey King, 6-3, 6-2; Johnson won No. 3 singles over Alyssa Wolfe, 6-1, 6-0; Kiewit

won No. 4 singles over Courtney Spiers, 6-0, 6-0; Hudson took No. 5 singles over Kristen Barber, 6-2, 6-2; and Rogers claimed No. 6 singles over Katie Wood, 6-3, 6-0. PRCC’s Jill Fletcher won No. 1 singles over Walker, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Walker and Whaley won No. 1 doubles over Fletcher and King, 8-3. Kiewit and Johnson pulled together to win No. 2 doubles over Wolfe and Spiers, 8-1. Rogers and McNeese captured No. 3 singles over Barber and Wood, 8-0.

For the men’s team, JC’s Smith won No. 3 singles over Wesley Graham, 6-2, 3-6, 10-4; Kadoun won No. 4 singles over Darnelle Sanford, 6-1, 7-6 (2); and Lynn claimed No. 5 singles over Jacob Aycock, 6-2, 6-4.

In No. 1 singles, Steven Bracey defeated JCJC’s Dykes, 6-4, 2-6, 10-3. Steven Georgian won No. 2 singles over JCJC’s Shows, 6-2, 6-0. Matt Sumrall claimed No. 6 singles over Moore of Jones, 6-3, 7-5.

JCJC swept all of the doubles’ points. Dykes and Shows beat Bracey and Georgian, 8-2, in No. 1 doubles. Smith and Lynn took No. 2 doubles over Graham and Ray Odom, 8-4. Kadoun and Kanengiser teamed up to win No. 3 doubles over Aycock and Sumrall, 8-6.

JC vs. ICC

ELLISVILLE – The Lady Bobcat tennis team took another big victory, but the men fell short against Itawamba Community College. The women improved to 4-1 with a 6-3 win.

JCJC’s Johnson won No. 3 singles over Lindsey Wilburn, 6-1, 6-0; Kiewit took No. 4 singles over Erika Randle, 6-2, 6-3; Hudson won No. 5 singles over Lori Byrd, 6-2, 7-5; and Rogers claimed No. 6 singles over Ashley Dunlap, 6-0, 6-0. Kiewit and Johnson teamed to win No. 2 doubles over Wilburn and Randle, 8-2. Rogers and McNeese took No. 3 doubles over Byrd and Dunlap, 8-1.

In men’s play, the Bobcats lone victory came in No. 2 doubles where Shows and Lynn defeated Jody Vinson and Jonathan Vinson, 8-6.

JC vs. GC

BILOXI – The Jones County Junior College tennis teams

were victorious here Monday afternoon against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. The Lady Bobcats upped their record to 5-1 with a 7-2 victory over MGCCC, while the JCJC men’s team beat the Bulldogs, 6-3, improving to 4-2. Jones took two of the doubles’ points and four of the singles’ points.

JCJC’s Kanengiser and Lynn won No. 2 doubles over Josh Lang and Lin Jacobsen, 8-5, while Kadoun and Moore took No. 3 doubles over Jordan Craft and Shawn Lansdale, 8-1. In No. 1 doubles, Landon Williams and Lynn Bowman defeated JCJC’s Dykes and Shows, 9-7. JCJC’s Shows won No. 2 singles over Lansdale, 6-0, 6-0; Kadoun won No. 4 singles over Jacobsen, 7-5, 6-2; Lynn took No. 5 singles over Lang, 6-0, 6-2; and Kanengiser claimed No. 6 singles over Craft, 6-2, 6-4.

Williams beat JCJC’s Dykes in No. 1 singles, 6-0, 6-0 and Bowman downed JCJC’s Moore in No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-2.

In women’s action, Jones took two doubles’ points and five singles’ points vs. MGCCC. JCJC’s Walker and Whaley won No. 1 doubles over Amelia Knight and Megan Terrell, 8-3. Rogers and McNeese of Jones took No. 3 doubles over Jessica Chism and Christy Southernland, 8-2. Charmayne Purvis and Victoria Hagel won No. 2 doubles over JCJC’s J.J. Benson and Meredith Johnson, 8-5.

In singles play, JCJC’s Walker beat Knight in No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-1; Whaley defeated Southernland, 6-1, 6-0 in No. 2 singles; and Johnson downed Terrell, 6-0, 6-0 in No. 3 singles. JCJC’s Tiffany Hudson won No. 5 singles over Ashley Field, 6-0, 6-0 and Rogers claimed No. 6 singles over Purvis, 6-1, 6-1. In No. 4 singles, Hagel defeated JCJC’s Kiewit of Jones, 6-3, 6-1.

JC vs. CL

ELLISVILLE – The Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats blanked the Co-Lin Community College Lady Wolves 9-0. The Lady Bobcats improved to 6-1 with the victory.

In No. 1 singles, JCJC’s Walker whipped Adrianne Brown, 6-1, 6-2; Whaley won No. 2 singles over Meg Williams, 6-2,

6-4; Johnson took No. 3 singles over Ashlee Richardson, 6-0, 6-0; Kiewit won No. 4 singles over Mary McDonnell, 6-0, 6-0; Hudson took No. 5 singles over Stephanie Smith, 6-0, 6-0; and Rogers won No. 6 singles over Devan Brown, 6-0, 6-0.

Walker and Whaley teamed to beat Brown and Williams in No. 1 doubles, 8-4. Johnson and J.J. Benson took No. 2 doubles over Richardson and McDonnell, 8-0. Rogers and Jillian McNeese won No. 3 doubles over Smith and Brown, 8-0.

In the men’s match, the Wolves beat Jones, 7-2.

JCJC’s Smith won No. 3 singles in a prolonged match over Reed Rogers, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 11-9. Kadoun of Jones took No. 4 singles over Reilly Miller, 5-4. Miller left win an undisclosed injury.

JC vs. EC

DECATUR – The Bobcat tennis teams defeat East Central Community College to improve their seasons. The Lady Bobcats improved to 7-1 with an 8-1 decision, while the Bobcat men’s team upped its record to 5-3 with a 6-3 victory.

Walker and Whaley of Jones won No. 1 doubles over Elise Gibbs and Abby McMillan, 9-7. Kiewit and Johnson of JCJC took No. 2 doubles over Rachel Ramirez and Anna Powell, 8-2. JCJC’s Rogers and McNeese won No. 3 doubles by forfeit.

Walker defeated Gibbs 7-6 (7), 7-5 in No. 1 singles. Whaley fell to McMillan 6-4, 6-2 in No. 2 singles. Johnson beat Ramirez 6-0, 6-1 in No. 3 singles. Kiewit took No. 4 singles over Kylie Rigdon 6-0, 6-0. Hudson of Jones won No. 5 singles over Powell, 6-0, 6-0. Rogers claimed No. 6 singles by forfeit.

In men’s play, JCJC’s Dykes and Shows claimed No. 1 doubles over Scooter Walker and Mark Wade, 9-7. Smith and Lynn of Jones won No. 2 doubles over Colton Amis and Lorenzo Jones, 9-7.

Shows defeated Amis in No. 2 singles, 6-2, 6-1. Smith downed Wade, 6-2, 6-3 in No. 3 singles. Lynn beat Hancock in No. 5 singles, 3-6, 7-5, 10-5 and JCJC’s Kanengiser defeated Hunter Huff in No. 6 singles, 6-4, 5-7, 10-7.

Fool

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would be. I would have died!

Winding down the list is Number Nine, Wrapped Up. This was done when someone shrink-wrapped everything in a co-worker’s office.

Can you imagine walking in your office and everything being wrapped in saran wrap?! How do you even begin to fix that?!

Ending our list with the Number 10 spot is Home for Sale. This happened when someone

Benson

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Tennis has always been a large part of Benson’s life, and she loves to play the game. Her struggles with injury and successes on the court have been an inspiration to many.

“I can’t really see myself not playing tennis, and this is the last year I can be on an organized team,” said Benson on what inspires her to keep playing.

This season looks to be a promising season for the Lady Bobcats.

“Well, first of all I want to

put a ‘house for sale’ ad in the newspaper regarding a co-worker’s home. I would absolutely kill my friends if they did that.

Although this issue comes out too close to April Fool’s Day to plan any of these rather ingenious pranks, you do have a whole year to be thinking about AFD 2010.

Honestly, I think some of these people are evil for pulling some of these pranks off. Remember on this upcoming April Fool’s Day to be nice! What goes around comes around. Take it easy on friends and family because you never know when they might try and get you!

be able to play,” said Benson jokingly. “We want to go back to Arizona, but first we have to take care of business with our matches in Mississippi.”

Benson is a rare find in the sports world today. She encourages others to play like she does and to keep a positive outlook.

“She is an inspiration to the team,” said freshmen Rebecca Rogers. “She is also an inspiration for the radio,” said Rogers jokingly.

Benson plans to attend to Mississippi College this fall. Although she will be gone, she will definitely not be forgotten as she leaves behind a legacy of hard work and determination for future Bobcat tennis teams.

Golf

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– 174. Clarke Boatner shot 90-97 – 187, Chase Powell, 95-94 – 189; and Rocky Purvis, 99-99 – 198.

Forest

The Bobcat golf team claimed a Division III victory at the Forest Country Club, defeating Southwest Mississippi Community College. Mitchell Smith led the Bobcats with a 78-80 – 158, while Nick Keyes shot 79-80 – 159. Ben Whitehead went 83-88 – 171 and

Chase Powell finished 89-96 – 185. Clarke Boatner shot 92-DQ. Rocky Purvis was at 100-90 – 190. Jones posted an overall score of 329-344 – 673. Southwest finished 378-376 – 754.

Wesson

Jones County Junior College claimed the Region 23 Division III golf title posting a score of 670. Nick Keyes led the Bobcats with an 82-75 – 157. Ben Whitehead shot a 75-84 – 159. Mitchell Smith posted an 86-76 – 162. Rocky Purvis shot a 104-88 – 92. Chase Powell and Clarke Boatner shot DQ-93 and 81-81 – 162, respectively.

Believe

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It even may be interesting to some science majors. One of the biggest arguments in the science profession is Creation vs. Evolution. Most of the time this argument has ended with an attempt to compromise with things like intelligent design and

even the concept of combining the two. D’Souza comments on this concept.

I don’t agree with all of what he says completely, but that is my opinion. It is up to each reader to be open to what the author has to say, whether you agree to it or not.

I will say this before anyone asks any questions or makes any judgments on this man, they should first read his book thoroughly and make a decision for themselves.

Rock

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lots of make up and tight leather one pieces...on men) to make a comeback, most everyone agrees that the music totally rocks. I agree.

The glam metal bands were about pushing limits and being the bad boys.

To a young girl, this is much hotter than the current bands of today who are about making rock/

pop music.

Rock n’ roll was meant to be about trashing hotel rooms and living on the wilder side of life.

So, remember to have an open mind the next time your parents turn on the radio and tune in to a little Poison or Telsa, or even Whitesnake.

Just listen, you may like it. If you have not noticed, local rock stations are playing more and more of these bands during regular airtime.

And, no matter what you do, stay RAD and ROCK ON!

Awards

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Blood” and “House” earned recognition for their lead roles and casts.

Some actors won the same award at all three events. For example, Kate Winslet won the Best Actress Oscar, SAG and Golden Globe for her role in “The Reader.”

Unlike a few winners, it was absolutely no surprise when Heath Ledger’s performance in “The Dark Knight” received all

three awards for Best Supporting Actor. Sean Penn took home three little statuettes for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role.

Whether you were rooting for the underdog “Slumdog” or hoping odds-on favorite Ledger would win his posthumous award, it was definitely an exciting season for numerous people no matter the outcome. However, almost as quickly as awards season came, it was gone. The time has come to get ready for next year. Now that I have given you a small inside look at the voting system, maybe you will either appreciate the process better, or loathe it even more.

Atheist

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His somewhat ranting at the beginning of the book, will undoubtedly keep many people from reading the entire book.

However, Hitchens is no doubt

very witty and I found many things he said, whether I agreed with them or not, to be quite humorous and entertaining.

My review: Read the book. Either to seriously test your faith (and no I do not believe that reading a book will shake the faiths of those who are indeed strong in their own beliefs), or to find a champion in one who shares your non-beliefs.