It’s Universal Human Rights Month: Take the Pledge!

By Jeffrey Faust

On December 10, 1948, the United Nations ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is the foundation of international human rights law, the first universal statement on the basic principles of inalienable human rights, and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. One of the key individuals involved in its creation was Eleanor Roosevelt, then president and chair of the Commission on Human Rights. Her selection as leader of this endeavor was particularly appropriate because of her commitment to refugee issues. The commission’s mission was to create a document that might help to prevent another war like WWII and serve as a model for how human beings and nations should treat each other. In conjunction with Universal Human Rights Month, the JDCC Student Government Association, Diversity Council, and Library Staff invite you to sign the Birmingham Pledge (see insert for a copy or print one from the JDCC Online December WW link) and post it on the bulletin board in the Student Center! If you are on Atmore Campus, you can sign a pledge and send it to the Brewton Campus via the Atmore Library. As part of the effort toward the elimination of racism, the Birmingham Pledge has been signed by...
JDCC’s Honors Program Kicks Off “Power of Pennies” Project

By Tyler Parker

The Honors program is kicking off their “Power of Pennies” project throughout the campus! Who can raise more pennies, the guys or the girls? Show support for your team and place your pennies in the boxes, which will be located in the student center. This contest will last until mid April, 2010. Also, some of the Honors program students joined the Kiwanis Club bright and early Saturday, December 5th at the local area Walmart. Students helped local underprivileged children pick out toys, shoes, and clothes for the coming up holiday. It was very early in the morning, but it was worth the experience! The Honors Program students will also be going to New Orleans December 9th-11th for their annual trip. They plan to visit the aquarium, zoo, and go on a haunted history tour of the city. Spring term will bring many projects, many of them related to the Relay for Life fundraising. Watch for details on the Miss JD Womanless Beauty pageant in February and for the JD Idol competition. Plan to enter these popular fundraising contests!

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more than one-hundred thousand individuals around the globe. The Pledge was composed in 1997 by Birmingham attorney James E. Rotch, who was inspired to write it due to the important civil rights events which had occurred in the past in Birmingham. The pledge reads: “I believe that every person has worth as an individual; I believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race or color; I believe that every thought and every act of racial prejudice is harmful; if it is my thought or act, then it is harmful to me as well as to others; Therefore, from this day forward I will strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice from my thoughts and actions; I will discourage racial prejudice by others at every opportunity; I will treat all people with dignity and respect; and I will strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that the world will be better place because of my effort.” We hope everyone will take a few minutes of their time to make this pledge!

BCM Hosts Holiday Luncheon December 4

The Brewton Campus BCM hosted a Holiday luncheon in the Student Center on Friday, December 4. Local area churches contributed many delicious dishes for this wonderful meal, and a timely holiday message was delivered by campus minister, Adam Armstrong. Thanks to all who donated and to all those who participated!

JDCC PTK Winds Up a Busy Fall Term of Activities

By Tyler Parker

Phi Theta Kappa has had a busy year already. The group will soon be writing Hallmarks to earn its upcoming PTK star ratings. The Hallmark Awards Program is the competitive awards program which recognizes PTK individuals, chapters, and regions for excellence in the Society’s Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship. JDCC’s chapter has always received high marks for what their organization has accomplished, and in 2009, JDCC’s PTK students have been involved in many activities, especially in November. They have sold pecans and cheese straws, helped with the After School Children’s Theatre Project, and conducted a food drive, with a friendly contest between Alabama and Auburn supporters for donations. Alabama won! Also, if you look around campus, you will find pictures of animals from our local animal shelter. Phi-Theta-Kappa is currently holding a supply drive in order to provide materials needed at the shelter. Washcloths, paper towels, and other items can be donated and placed in the big boxes around campus. Everyone is encouraged to help support this great cause!

PTK members display some of the items already collected for the animal shelter. Left to right: Tyler Parker, James Hamm, PTK President, Thad Evans, Jesse Ross, Talyia Joyner, Lauren Watson, and Melissa Perry.
Fall Term 2009 Final Exam Schedule

**Monday, December 7**
- 8-10 AM: MWF 8-9 AM Classes
- MW 8-9:30 AM Classes
- 11AM-1 PM: MWF 9-10 AM Classes
- MW 9:30-11 AM Classes
- 2-4 PM: MWF 12:30-1:30 PM Classes
- MWF 1-2 PM Classes
- MW 1-2:30 or 3 PM Classes
- 5:30-7:30 PM: Mon. Night Classes

**Tuesday, December 8**
- 8-10 AM: TTH 8-9:30 AM Classes
- 11AM-1:30 PM: TTH 9:30-11 AM Classes
- 2-4 PM: TTH 1-2:30 or 3 PM Classes
- 5:30-7:30 PM: Tues. Night Classes

**Wednesday, December 9**
- 8-10 AM: MWF 10-11 AM Classes
- 11AM-1PM: MWF 11:30-12:30 PM Classes
- 2-4 PM: MWF 2-3 PM Classes
- 5:30-7:30 PM: Wed. Night Classes

**Thursday, December 10**
- 8-10 AM: TTH 11:30-1PM Classes
- 11AM-1PM: TTH 2:30-4 PM Classes
- 2-4 PM: MWF 3-4 PM Classes
- MW 2:30-4 PM Classes
- 5:30-7:30 PM: Thurs. Night Classes

**Friday, December 11**
- 8-10 AM: Friday 8-12 Classes
- 11AM-1 PM: All other classes not scheduled above

JDCC’s Warhawk Basketball Season Underway!

By Wendi Martin
The Warhawk Basketball team is off to a rocky start. They are now 1 and 6. They have had to compete with some of the best teams in the country. Conference games should begin Monday, December 7 against Chattahoochee Valley (home) 7pm. In spite of the season record thus far, we still have two Warhawks who have received national recognition in the young season. Justin Burroughs is currently #8 in the country in scoring and #5 in steals. Marquis Williams is #2 in the country in steals and #33 in assists. Come on out and support your Warhawk Basketball team. GO WARHAWKS!!!!

JDCC’s Lady Warhaws Place 5th at State Volleyball Tournament!

Congratulations to the Lady Warhawks Volleyball Team for making it to the 2009 State Tournament! The team came in 5th place for the state rankings. The tournament was held in Centre, Alabama on November 7 and 8.

Student Support Services Update

By Cynthia Bowers
On November 18, 2009, Dr. Marilyn Nicholson spoke at the Student Support Services workshop entitled “Ouch: That Stereotype Hurts.” Stereotypes are over simplfied images and statements applied to a whole group of people without regard for the individual. Bias is a predisposition to see certain things, events, or people in a positive or negative way. Stereotypes touch everyone; whether sending, receiving, being a target of, or witnessing this type of behavior, lives are affected. Do not remain silent because of discomfort or embarrassment; speak up to those people who make stereotypical comments. You may have more power to influence change than the person being targeted. Ghandi said “We must be the change we want to see in this world.” You can make a difference, so be an ally and speak up on behalf of respect. Handouts from this workshop, as well as previous workshops, are available in the financial aid office. The SSS Christmas party is planned for Thursday December 10, 2009, at David’s Catfish House; SSS members interested in attending should contact Ms. Joyce Elliott. An enrichment trip is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2009. SSS members and advisors will travel to Montgomery for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, where they will attend the performance of A Christmas Story.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

From the Warhawk Word Staff!
## December 2009 Events at JDCC

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### JDCC Library Hours

**Atmore Campus**
- M-TH 7:30 AM-4:30 PM
- Friday 7:30 AM-3:30 PM

**Brewton Campus**
- M-TH 7:30 AM-8:30 PM
- Friday 7:30 AM-2:00 PM

### JDCC Bookstore Hours

**Brewton Campus**
- M-TH 7:30 AM-1 PM
- Closed Fridays

**Atmore Campus**
- M-TH 8 AM-4 PM
- Friday 8 AM-3 PM

### JDCC Disaster Recovery Communications Instructions:
During emergencies, such as a hurricane, call: 1-251-867-0593 OR 1-251-368-9371
The Birmingham Pledge

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I’ve signed the Birmingham Pledge! How about you?

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Signature                     Date