The Will to Change: Student Profile
by Janis Francis

In the Middle Ages, a man would be born into a society level and remain there until he died. There was no choice in how people were raised, or what they would become. That is no longer the case. While yes, different social classes may mean more opportunities for better education or more wealth, it does not mean that you have to be stuck in a meaningless life if you do not wish to.

There is no better proof of this than our own Will Rohman. Will was abused as a child, which caused him to look outside of his family for role models. Sadly those role models were not the right ones. He fell into a life of crime and drug addiction. He even found himself in jail.

After his release he, like most other ex-cons did not have a path in life so he fell back into his same routine. Only this time, rather than facing his demons after being caught, he ran from them. He remained on the run, and became a profile on America’s Most Wanted.

“One day I looked in the mirror and realized that I had not had any positive impact on anyone in my entire life. I was ashamed. I began writing my story that day and began my road to recovering my life,” he says.

While still on the run he saw the profile on America’s Most Wanted. “It occurred to me that if I meant what I wrote, if I really wanted to change my life and help others, there was only one way to do it, and it didn’t include running away anymore,” he says.

When he got to Louisiana, he stopped running and mailed his manuscript to the President of the United States. He then hopped on the next bus to Washington, DC to turn himself in.

Will has become a big man on campus, not because of an attitude of being better than anyone, but rather, an attitude of if I can change my stars so can you. He will graduate in the spring with not one, but multiple honors. He is the President of Student Senate and very active with the group Active Minds. He created the Skills club, which is for those in studies such as Culinary Arts.

He recently won the Missouri Community College Association-Student Government Leader of the Year award. He accredits Susan Todd and her Honors Leadership class for teaching him to be the leader that he has become.

I think that he is an inspiration to all those who come in contact with him. He has proven that just because you are born and raised a certain way does not mean that you have to continue in that path. It really is possible to change your stars and make something positive out of a negative. It is never too late.

Summer Enrollment

By Jordan Freeman

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With the end of the spring semester closing in, many students begin to think about plans for the summer. Those plans may include: hitting the beach, taking a trip or staying in school?

Summer registration is now open and students can choose from a variety of classes that fit their degree plan.

By the time the spring semesters end, some students probably want to be far away from school, but there are many reasons to take summer and intersession classes.

Is your schedule looking like a nightmare for the fall? Why not knock some of those courses out over the summer?

Are you concerned about financial aid covering summer courses? Most of the classes are three credit hours. Plus they are condensed so you are not going for a full 16 weeks. In fact most of the courses available are 8 weeks, and intersession are as short as 3.

I took summer classes over the summer and had no regrets. My fall 2014 schedule would have been a mess had it not been for the summer and intersession classes I took. I had only two courses for intersession and summer. Film Appreciation and General Biology with a lab. Eleven credit hours right there, knocking out an English requirement and a Science with a lab requirement for my degree plan.

Kimberly Harvey, who works with enrollment services, gave some input on the benefits of summer coding. “Summer courses provide the opportunity for students to earn additional credit hours and reduce the time to degree completion.” To contact her you can go to her office in the student center or call 636-481-3209.

Financial aid may apply as well. Students with A’s may be eligible or students who have not used their Pell funds to their entirety may have funds available for summer classes as well.

If you have questions contact the office of student financial at 636-481-3212.

This year Intersession classes begin Monday May 18th and summer classes start June 8th.

TEDx Event Held at Jefferson College

by Nathan Inlay

Jefferson College held its first TEDx event on Tuesday, March 31. Curator Dr. Michael Booker and his team did an excellent job and the speakers got a good reception from the crowd of about 30 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The theme of the event was common ground and each presentation played off of that theme.

For those unfamiliar with the TED organization, TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design, and was started in the mid 1980’s. The idea was to bring together people from these different disciplines to share ideas. Since then it has branched out to include just about any field of interest. TED talks have been held in 133 different countries, and are posted on the internet receiving over 1 billion views.

Tony Cook and a group of students at the Area Technical School outdid themselves with an impressive painted wooden sign that was used as a backdrop. Despite time constraints, they created a beautiful TEDx Jefferson College sign that added a professional touch to the proceedings.

Professor Debra Allen gave a presentation on The Common Ground Within, which centered on the bacteria and other symbiotic organisms that live inside everyone. As we learn more about how people are truly colony organisms, it seems that cooperation is the key to life. If we share a common ground with bacteria, why not other people?

In the tradition of TED, there was musical entertainment in addition to presentations. Dalton Mathis played his song “Coyote,” followed by William Gerdel playing “My Only Hope.” Then they sang a duet together, written by Dalton Mathis, called “Your Mess.”

All the songs were well received, and the duet was impressive since they had only worked on it for a day.

The loudest applause of the evening were reserved for Will Rohman’s autobiographical tale of trial and self growth. Rohman was passionate and moving, speaking of the trials of his childhood and adolescence. Rohman’s message was simple, everyone has the capacity for change.

Professor Chris Otto spoke of the Cahokia people, famous locally for their great earthen mounds. He spoke of the common ground we share with their society and culture. They were city builders, with a highly stratified society, who overused their resources and eventually disappeared altogether. The parallels with the people who lived in this area before us are clear, and maybe we could learn something from them.

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Healthy Lifestyles

by Kameery Bellinger

Today, it has become a fact to be in good physical shape. More and more people have been going to the gym to have a healthy lifestyle. According to an article written by Steven Reinberg, even the life expectancy has peaked due to the increase in working out and eating healthier. People now make the healthy lifestyle part of their everyday routine whether they are just now trying it out or have been doing it throughout their whole life.

One problem with the healthy lifestyle is that the healthier foods are more expensive than the cheaper foods. For families or kids still under the same roof as their parents, it isn’t as much of a problem, although when it comes to college kids, eating healthy is a bigger issue.

Attending college is an enormous expense whether you are on scholarship or not. Students still have to find a way to get groceries and meals that suit the healthy lifestyle, while keeping a cheaper budget. “To keep the cost of my groceries down, I like to write a list of things that I need to buy. That way I go in to get what I need to get, and not impulse buy because something looks good. Having a plan helps,” said Marygrace Masters, a freshman student athlete at Jefferson College.

Going to college means having a list helps a lot, finding a place that actually has cheaper groceries is difficult as well. One place many people have very seldom time to cool a decent meal when one’s schedule works out on a regular basis, one will be in need of carbs to get through their days. Picking out a whole grain noodle with some flavor, pick out a tasty chicken sauce to top the breast, and a little seasoning for the vegetables. 3. Carbs. If one eats the right portion size and works out on a regular basis, one will be in need of carbs to get through their days. Picking out a whole grain noodle with some flavor, pick out a tasty chicken sauce to top the breast, and a little seasoning for the vegetables.

“Love being able to cook in Vining woods, I look up recipes whenever I have some free time. My friends and I have big dinners together and we make a fun night of it,” said Masters. There are plenty of tasty and healthy meals for students, one just might need some assistance on knowing what kind of yummy foods are out there.

Fast Food! Everyone understanding the feeling of never having enough time to cook a decent meal when one’s schedule feels extremely overwhelming. College students tend to fall into this issue one too many times. “I am a college athlete, I feel like I have very seldom time to cool a meal so it’s easy for me to just stop at McDonald’s and get a #3 with a coke!”, said Masters. Although eating fast food is never a good thing, you can still make something healthy be as tasty as the chocolate cake one ate the other night. One quick and easy dessert is strawberries dipped in Nutella! Just make sure to not go too overboard on the Nutella! On the other hand, if one isn’t a chocolate flavor lover, there are many alternatives. One item that goes very un-noticed is Jell-o very own sugar free: fat free instant cheesecake pudding! Add a cherry on top and it’s good to go!

Now eating healthy isn’t as hard as it seems! Between having a busy schedule, finding cheaper foods, and knowing how to cook, becoming healthy and eating clean can become a fun interesting thing to take on. Give it a try!
Tips for Planning a Wedding on a Budget
by Janis Francis

Short skirts, warm weather, thunderstorms, and flowers blooming. These are all things that are associated with spring. It is also synonymous with weddings. According to CNN Money, the average couples spend $30,000 or more on a wedding. I have learned through personal experience that this does not have to be the case. With a few tips and tricks, a wedding can easily be planned on a shoe string budget.

First thing to think about the budget. Think about things that are most important to you, whether it be the clothing, or the food. These are the things to splurge on. For my fiancée it is the food, so we are a little more on that than anything else.

Next, do not be afraid to think outside the box. You do not have to go with things that are listed strictly as bridal or wedding. For instance more women are opting for a formal dress from a prom store than to purchase a bridal gown. They are a fraction of the cost and in most cases just as pretty, if not more so than their more expensive sister dresses.

Look for coupons and discount offers. I found a coupon in a newspaper that offer me $50 off my venue. I also look in closeout and clearance aisles, especially after holidays. I went to a store that had some of their wedding items at a discounted rate. When I got there I found many more items in the clearance that fit my needs for a far better price. I walked out of the store with $185 worth of merchandise for only $68.

Barter for services whenever possible. If you have a friend who loves baking or cooking, see if they will do the cooking for you. It will save you money and it will make them feel special that you asked. See what you can do monetarily for someone. For instance, I am trading my photography skills for a magician to perform during dinner.

Occasionally, you can also get a better deal by combining services with the same company. My reception venue gives a discount if you use their catering.

So there you have it, this is just some of the tricks and tips that I have learned along the way that will help you have a wonderful wedding on a shoestring budget. An important thing to remember is to not put yourself in debt for a single day. The wedding is one day; the marriage is for your life. No matter where you get married or planning takes you, always remember to have fun with each and every step.

Jefferson College Library to Host Finnish Scholar/Author on April 20

As part of an ongoing series of public-interest programs and events, the Jefferson College Library will host Finnish author and scholar, Dr. Mikko Saikku on Monday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Jefferson College Library Circulation Desk. Saikku is a Fellow at the Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland and is author of This Delta, This Land: An Environmental History of the Yazoo-Mississippi Floodplain (University of Georgia Press, 2005) and numerous other works in the fields of environmental history and American Studies. He is currently working on a book-length study of hunting and the construction of national identities in North America and the Nordic countries. He serves as president of the Finnish American Studies Association and has recently been appointed the McDonnell Douglas Professor of American Studies at the University of Helsinki.

For additional information or questions, contact the Jefferson College Library Circulation Desk at (636) 481-3166 or (616) 481-3167 (TDD 789-3772).

Tech Club
By Jordan Freeman

It seems more and more we rely on our phones, laptops and computers. It’s hard to imagine living without them. So let’s say your laptop brkes, and you haven’t the slightest clue how to fix it. Sure you can spend hundreds getting repaired, or you can take to the tech club right here at Jefferson College and get it fixed for free!

Or why not join them and learn how to fix it yourself? The Computer and Technology Club just started this semester and they’re looking for new members. Do you love technolgy? So do they! The new tech club is non-profit so don’t worry about being charged, they offer free repairs for computers for the students and faculty here at Jefferson College.

Derek Stone, the president of the new club, and Sarah Denny have put a lot of work into making this new technology club a possibility. What they offer can be very benefical. While there members will gain valuable experience working on computers, laptops and phones. Some of the services they offer for Android and IOS include: rooting, jailbreaking, custom ROM’s and glass repair. Being non-profit you don’t have to pay to have your computer fixed but they do accept donations. Do you have an old PC lying around gathering dust? Why not donate it to the tech club? They take parts from old to make new ones. Also they have started a new program for disabled veterans which includes making new machines from old parts. Another service they offer is ethical network penetration testing, but only on authorized off-campus networks.

If you are interested in joining there is much you can gain from this program. Come make some new friends as you meet your “fellow computer geeks.” Not to mention the experience you get is wonderful for résumé’s!

There are fliers that will be around campus, if you want to “come nerd out” with them you can find them in the Technology Center, in rooms 314 and 316. Their official meetings are the third Thursday of each month but you can always stop by and talk to Mr. Stone directly, barring he is not in the middle teaching.

If you would like to contact Mr. Stone shoot him an email at dszone1@jeffco.edu or the clubs Vice President DJ Rueve at prueve@jeffco.edu. The club also has a Facebook page, JCCTC!

So if you’re looking to repair your own things, help others fix theirs or even help students build custom gaming computers be come a member of The Computer and Technology Club!
**Kingsman: The Secret Service Review**

By Peter Lewis

The film’s story leans more on the average side, but is by no means awful. It tries to be original and innovative and times it does. But, more times than not, it is riddled with tropes and clichés all while it does go out of its way to make fun of tropes and clichés in film. While it can forget about its characters at times, it still manages to utilize them and wrap up their storylines well. Yet, the story flows well, makes perfect sense, and pays off well in the end despite committing one of the biggest tropes.

**Embarrassing, Right?**

By Brian Moss

What would you consider embarrassing? Would it be tripping in front of your high school crush? Or would it be an embarrassing photo being sent around school of you doing something dumb?

I might not have had those things happened to me but I’ve had some pretty embarrassing moments in my life time. There was this one time where I was in gym class and I got painted and let’s just say, my shorts weren’t the only thing that came down.

Some time in your high school life or life in general you have been embarrassed, let’s just face it, it happens and will continue to happen unfortunately. So I started asking around about what was their most embarrassing thing that’s happened to them.

One of the people I interviewed who wanted to be nameless, said that she was playing basketball at a High School basketball game and her shorts fell down while she was going up to shoot the ball. She said the gym was packed, and everyone saw her in her underwear.

Now that’s embarrassing right? I couldn’t imagine that happening to me. I don’t know what I would have done.

Tim Bennet, another person I asked, said "I fell in front of my whole entire class at my graduation walking to get my diploma.”

Now that’s not even the most embarrassing story someone told me. One of my friends, who didn’t want to be named, told me he went in his pants when he tried to break wind in front of his whole entire class. Let’s just say that would have been really embarrassing. If that happened to me, I might just move to Mexico, just saying.

Long story short, embarrassing things happen, don’t let them get you down because they happen to everybody.

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**CHAPPiE Review**

Blomkamp is the New Shyamalan

By Peter Lewis

In 2009 Neil Blomkamp exploded onto the movie scene with his first film **District 9**. In 2013 his next film, **Elysium**, was released to a mixed, but fairly positive reception. Now in 2015, his third major film, **Chappie**, is released and quite possibly the biggest disappointment to fall from grace and potential.

**Chappie** is a film that fails in every aspect of filmmaking. It’s a forced story. The film revolves around Blomkamp’s favorite city, Johannesburg, where high crime has forced the deployment of police robots which vastly reduces crime. It’s creator is celebrated as a hero but wants to reduce crime even more, giving the robots AI, celebrated as a hero but wants to reduce crime even more, giving the robots AI and Sigourney Weaver struggle and is a surprise.

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The similarities between both Shyamalan and Blomkamp are scary to think about. Their first film were very impressive, then moved on to somewhat good, but mediocre films, but ultimately lead to disasters of cinema.

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**Chappie** is Blomkamps direction in **Chappie** however, is the biggest nail in the coffin of the film. Blomkamps direction in **District 9** was phenomenal and slightly problematic towards the end of **Elysium**, but not enough to kill the film. In **Chappie** however, his incompetence ruins the film. Seemingly lost in making a statement on the moral dilemma of AI, Blomkamp puts his view on the background where it should be, and looks foolish every time it comes up.

Foolish because Blomkamp clearly demonstrates little understanding or solid opinion on the matter, which resonates throughout the film and is a constant annoyance. So much so that it truly feels after the ending and climax no point has been made, even when he tries so hard so do in that time frame.

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**Blowback**

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**Any hope for Blomkamps redemption will come in an upcoming Alice franchise movie,** which after 2012’s **Prometheus,** may be the worse the franchise to be on in Hollywood. Yet, it will easily come to show if Blomkamp is still worth getting excited for, or a fraud.
Guest Column:  
Student Senate Offers Opportunities

by Hiram Stahl, Student Senate Historian

How do you measure the personal benefit that you get from something? Do you say “Am I better off now than I was before?” Or do you ask “Have I made a positive impact on the world around me?”

Once you join a student organization, the answer to these becomes an immediate yes. This is something I learned when I joined Student Senate at Jeffco two years ago. Since that time, I have built my resume to the point that I simply cannot fit my accomplishments and skills onto one page. I consider this a personal victory, but more than this, I have been helping other people at the same time.

When I go to a job interview and am asked, “What skills do you have that make you an asset to our organization?” I can confidently tell them I have lead group discussions, given presentations at conferences, developed campus events, and created an annual toy drive that benefits the children of the surrounding community, and these are just a few of the examples I can draw upon.

Having that edge in a competitive job market means a lot to me. Getting a good career is a big reason for attending college, after all. While getting the diploma is a good start toward getting the career, having a willingness to do more than what is expected of you is a rewarding way to make sure this great career happens. That is why joining Student Senate has meant so much to me.

If you ever find yourself leaving campus secretly hoping there was some reason for you to stay, send me an email at hstahl@jeffco.edu or stop by our office on the top floor of the student center, room 206. Perhaps I can be the guy that encourages you to join senate; perhaps it will become something you truly enjoy as well.

Journalist Survives Twister (Warning):  
Viking Woods Evacuated During Storm

by Kayla Patek

After classes Wednesday and returning to my apartment in Viking Woods, I hear the sound of sirens—tornado sirens! It was a tornado in Potosi, MO.

When the sirens sounded, my roommate, Joelle Harms, was outside trying to see if any of the RAs (resident assistants) were going to come around and ask the residents to head down to the fine arts building (the severe weather shelter for VW).

They did. Motioning us to come on, Joelle and I quickly got out and headed down after trying to get Kearston (our other roommate) out of her room. She wasn’t in the apartment. When we returned, however, she WAS.

I asked her where she was during the mandatory evacuation. It was pouring rain when we all went down there, so it’s a good thing I had enough time to grab my umbrella. However, when we were permitted back into our apartments, housing staff were unsatisfied because of how much time it took to evacuate: 10 minutes. It should have taken way LESS time than that.

We were in the fine arts building for what seemed like forever. During a storm evacuation, the RAs go through and, one by one, count the number of people there because some residents had guests at the time the storm hit.

Members of the Student Senate along with Ms. Sara Denny, Student Leadership Specialist (center), Ms. Julie Fraser, Associate Vice President of Student Services (second from right), and Dr. Raymond Cummiskey, Jefferson College President.
College Rating System

By Nathan Imlay

What made you choose Jefferson College? Were you enticed by its academic reputation? Its sports programs? Did you look up JeffCo’s graduation rate and compare it to other community colleges? Or did you come to JeffCo because it is the closest community college to your home?

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, the answer is probably the geographic one. The Department of Education (ED) has recently unveiled its framework for a college rating system, much to the distress of the AACC. The AACC feels that a college rating system will be of little use to prospective students, as they will be choosing which community college to attend based on which one is closest to their high school, instead of choosing based on academic reputation. Thus, they feel students will have little or no use for the proposed rating system.

In addition to questioning its usefulness to prospective students, the The AACC is concerned that the President has proposed using the new rating system to determine federal aid by 2018. They are concerned that instead of maintaining accountability, the ratings system will be misused and misunderstood.

The AACC is concerned that the rating system will be used before it is comprehensive enough. The ED has admitted that the proposed rating system is far from perfect. The currently proposed rating system relies heavily on student financial aid data that may mislead as many as 40% of students.

The rating system, as proposed, will also fail to account for students who complete courses at junior colleges, yet do not seek degrees or transfer. Non-traditional students who take courses for personal growth will be counted as failures under the proposed ranking system. If the rankings are tied to federal funding, schools could lose funding even when their students succeed.

U.S. Education Secretary Ted Mitchell promised the Community College National Legislative Summit, “We want the ratings system to represent the work you do.” Mitchell said the ratings system will focus on three things: accessibility, affordability, and outcome. Outcomes such as whether students complete a program on time, ability to repay student loans, and the percentage of students who reach certain income levels are among the priorities being discussed.

When asked about non-degree seeking students being counted as failures, Mitchell responded, “We need to be able to give institutions credit for that”, but noted “We’re not there yet.” He noted that since this is the first version of the rating system, it will be far from perfect. The Education Department is looking into ways to improve IPEDS, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System to create a truly comprehensive rating system.

Modern Slang

By Ariel Swopes

Slang is helpful in conversations today.

The history of slang is very interesting. Slang words are almost like jargon because they are used by and understood in certain groups. Slang is used to make conversation simple and fun. Slang changes language with time. Here are some examples of modern slang.

Hellas: Means really or very when describing something. Could also mean having a large amount of something. Los Angeles is hellas far from Missouri.

Betty got hellas sodas in the fridge. Turnt up: the act of having a great time, and getting loose. James was turnt up last night.

On fleek: Similar to being good, on point, looking good. Bree hair is on fleek today.

To be one hunnit: The act of staying honest to yourself and others. Staying true. Daminson and I are in a good relationship because he keeps it one hunnit with me.

Thot: the act of being dirty, no morals. Bria is the biggest thot in highschool.

I use slang just for the fun of it, says Angelica Fletcher.

It’s a habit to use slang every day, says Peter Lewis.

Slang seem to be just a part of everyday language, and it is hard not to stumble over or say a slang word when talking and hanging with friends, and peers.

Judge Not

By Brian Moss

You shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, who knows that book could be great. Same could be said about people. Just because a person looks different then you, doesn’t always mean they are a bad person. It could mean they came from a different background or just like different things than you like: tattoos, clothes, or just their style. It’s like saying just because a person has tattoos, their automatically in a gang, and that is definitely not true, many people have tattoos that are in a gang.

People who tend to judge other people on just the way they look, tend to miss out on some exceptional people. You never know who that person could be until you get to know them. People might surprise you, you just got to give them a chance. For example: my girlfriend, she has tattoos, I wouldn’t say I hate tattoos but I wouldn’t get one. Now if I judged her just because she had tattoos, we wouldn’t be together today and I would have missed out how great she is.

People who are willing to take a chance to get to know someone that’s different, are usually the people who don’t miss out and regret things. Point being take chances and don’t look back because you never know who your going to meet. It could be the next great thing you never know. The way people look shouldn’t make a difference, the way they act is the thing that should matter.

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Spring Sports Lack Spring Break

by Alexandria Pierce

Most college students look forward to one specific thing during the school year: spring break. The week where everyone can let loose, quit thinking about school, and have the time of their lives.

College kids all across the country look forward to this one worry-free week. It’s awesome that every stressed out student gets to excite themselves for spring break. Right?

Most college spring sports teams can argue with that.

College athletes have extremely busy lives as it is. On top of attending class, studying, and maintaining a certain required GPA, they also have their sport to worry about. Between practices, games, and workouts, it only seems fair that they all deserve a week off from everything like everyone else.

But that is not the case.

Fall college sports do not have this issue. They still deal with the busy schedule and stressful college life, but since their actual season is in the fall, they still get a spring break. On the other hand, spring sports have scheduled games and practices during the entire month of spring break. So, they spend their “worry-free” spring break sweating, stressing, and practicing for their games. Spring break is supposed to be the best time of college kid’s lives. They have always cooperated with their coaches and team’s decisions. There is no reason a change could not be made so that these kids could partake in a spring break.

Aux Cord Rules: How to Decide Who Controls the Music

by Chyna Anderson

Auxiliary cords, or aux cords for short, are a gift from the car gods. They give us refuge from advertisements and listening to unwanted music on radio stations. However, the aux cord is not just given to anyone and comes with guidelines that are extremely necessary for everyone. These rules are simple, so when using the aux cord please abide by the following:

1. Usually the passenger is the “DJ” because the driver is, well, driving and safety is always first.
2. The passenger can decline the aux cord (the nearest person with their phone out gets the cord)
3. If someone requests the aux cord, they have to play impressive music
4. Play music that is appropriate for the occasion
5. If the song requires dancing, it cannot be played all the way through
6. If there is ever a fight over the aux cord, the two passengers will have to have an “aux-off” where each person gets at least two songs, loser does not get the aux cord. If ever there is a draw, the driver or owner of the car, chooses.
7. There is nothing wrong with throwback songs. However, if they are for joking purposes please keep the song limit, at maximum, a minute and thirty seconds. (exmp. “Apple Bottom Jeans,” “Boots with the Fur,” any soulja boy songs etc.)
8. If the song requires dancing, it is off limits (exmp. “Cat Daddy,” “Teach Me How to Dougie,” “Hooddown Throwdown,” etc.)
9. If more than two passengers ask you to change the song, your rights have been revoked until further notice.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in you losing your aux privileges until further notice. These procedures should not be hard to follow because you and your friends should have just about the same taste in music. Being “DJ” is a blessing and a curse, so heed this advice carefully, ladies and gentlemen, and I wish all the best luck in your future car rides!
Pool but No Swim Team
by Hayley Richardson

Jefferson College has a beautiful field house where most utilize the gym and the weight room. But what seems to go unnoticed is the six lane swimming pool in the lowest level of the building that has been open for over 20 years. What is surprising is not the regulation swimming pool, but the lack of a swim team.

Not only do we have the pool to have a swim team, but we also have a three meter and a nine meter diving board to have a diving team as well. So what is preventing Jeff Co from having such a team?

“I would imagine it’s just because of the pool hours. It would have to be really early in the morning. It’s just a time allotment because someone would have to be here. The only time it could be would be a Sunday,” said Michelle Cobb, Jefferson College pool manager.

Now there is always the challenge of finding a coach for the team. The interview process and choosing someone that can make the time commitment might be a difficult thing to do. It is as simple as a class one must go through to become eligible to be a swim coach. It would be beneficial to have swim background as well.

“I wasn’t around when they first started but there was a swim team a long time ago. They would come on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. I was teaching at the time and I remember seeing them. There was probably about ten kids,” said Cobb.

If not a swim team, maybe pool activities would draw Jeff Co students to the pool. There is a water fitness class for both college students and community members at 8 and 9 am. There is a recreational water activity class for college kids. One must clock 1500 minutes of pool time for an A. There are also private swim lessons and group classes on Saturday. Open swim is from 12:30-6 Monday through Thursday, 11-4:30 Friday, and Tuesday Thursdays 7-9 pm.

“I think recreational water activity team things would be a great idea, like water volleyball. Just like an intramural team. It’s just finding the time to do that. The only time I can think of is Friday after 4:30. It would be a way to engage students here on campus. Or maybe an intramural night to come out and play and just be college students,” said Cobb.

There are many opportunities for everyone in the community to utilize the pool at the field house. There is always a lifeguard on duty and it is a safe place for all ages.

Softball: Road to Nationals
by Alexandria Pierce

The 2015 Jefferson College softball team is back at it! With the success of last year’s team, this year’s team has had high expectations. But they sure have been living up to them.

These Lady Vikings are currently representing Jefferson College with an outstanding record of 31-2. Their season is about half way over and they are as strong as ever as a team.

A returning key player, Morgan Brown, had a few words to say about her team. Brown said, “The season is going really good, and if we keep playing like we have been, we should make it far.” And it seems as if everyone could agree with that! With the talent of last year’s returning players plus the new freshmen, including returning pitcher, Mackenzie Hoelting, and the new starting pitcher, Bailey Benefiel, this team is capable of anything. “Freshmen that have made a big impact are Alex Linck, [with 10 homers which is the highest on the team], Allie Craft who is a transfer, Karli Leeper, and Tara Cannella,” said Brown.

Theresa DeCosty, another returning key player for the Vikings, also had good words to say about her team. Compared to the victorious team last year, DeCosty said that this year they are a lot more diverse throughout the lineup. She said, “Our 9 hitter is just as strong as our number 1 hitter. We also have more unity this year as a team and on the field.” According to DeCosty, just as Brown had mentioned, freshman Alex Linck is the biggest impact on the team. She said, “With losing such an important player last year, Anna Reed, we had a big hole to fill in the lineup. Alex has done that perfectly and has definitely made the other infielders step up on defense.”

She adds, “With the talent we have this year and the chemistry, I see no roadblocks to Utah. [With that being said], anyone can beat anyone so we can’t take a team lightly. I think staying humble is the biggest thing that we as a team need to constantly be reminded of.”

All in all, the softball team has made a name for itself not only in our small town of Hillboro, Missouri, but also in the NJCAA organization. They have a lot to live up to, and they’ve got a long road ahead of them. But without a doubt, these girls are more than capable of doing so.