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## Scholarship Application Period Starts Now

By **KARA COLEMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Nothing excites college students like the word 'scholarship.' To make the process easier and more convenient, applications are now available online at jsu.edu.

Jacksonville State University offers a variety of scholarships, ranging from small and partial to full tuition and books. The application period begins each year in October and ends March 1st. However, Martin Weldon, JSU's Coordinator of Scholarships, warns students not to wait until the last minute. "Every year we have several students who procrastinate and miss the deadline, or submit during the last few days of the application period and are not considered because the application is incomplete," says Weldon.

Heather Greene knows the value of exploring

all options. She received a Presidential Scholarship for transfer students her first year at JSU and is currently studying under the Lovett Scholarship from the JSU Foundation Fund.

Scholarships provided by the Fund are named after donors, and stipulations usually exist to determine recipients. The Lovett Scholarship, named after Opal and Opal Lovett, is worth more than \$1500 for a single year and awarded to a student majoring in History, Art or English.

When Scott Johnson submitted his financial aid form, he indicated interest in any scholarship for which he qualified. He was subsequently rewarded a Vice Presidential Scholarship from the music department, worth \$1,000 for a single year. Since Johnson's tuition was already covered under a vocal scholarship, he was therefore able to use that

money for meals, \$500 per semester. While not renewable per se, the VP scholarship can be reapplied for each year.

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships early to ensure they don't miss the deadline. Students are notified once an application is received and if any crucial information is missing. If interested in a specific department scholarship, that department should be contacted directly. All documents, not just an application, must be on file in the financial aid office before deadline.

"I've talked to several students at other universities, and their financial aid departments are really difficult to work with," said Johnson. "The staff in our financial aid office at JSU really works with us to help us get what we need."

## I am a Survivor

By **EMILY GLASER**  
STAFF WRITER

Pamela Torruella is a survivor. According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will have invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. A 21-year employee of Jacksonville State University, Torruella is one of those women. She has been cancer-free for 11 years.

Torruella has no history of breast cancer in her family, but discovered a lump during a self-examination in December of 1999. She had a biopsy and continued to live life assuming nothing was wrong. She went alone to hear the biopsy results on Dec. 26 and when asked if anyone had come with her, she knew "everything wasn't fine." The biopsy was malignant and Torruella was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer.

According to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure web site, Stage II consists of a tumor between two and five centimeters. Torruella underwent a mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Yet she didn't let her diagnosis slow her down. She couldn't.

She was a wife and mother. At the time her daughters Jennifer and Emily were 12 and 7, respectively. Plus she was an employee of the Registrar's Office.

In support of his wife and to calm their fears, Torruella's husband Chuck let his daughters cut his hair which he then shaved. Paul Turner, a good family friend, also shaved his. "Chuck has been bald ever since," Torruella says with a cheerful grin.

During six months of treatments, Torruella kept a normal lifestyle. Through it all she

missed only a few days of work and stayed healthy through exercise. "Exercise kept me mentally healthy," she states. Today her favorite outlet is karate with Chuck, who teaches at World Yoshukai in Jacksonville. They've been practicing together since her diagnosis.

Torruella and family are also active in the fight against breast cancer. They've enjoyed participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life for the past 15

years, and Chuck serves on the karate studio's Relay committee team. Torruella and daughter

Jennifer participated in Komen Race for the Cure last year in Birmingham, and Torruella is also proud of Jennifer's sorority Zeta Tau Alpha and the effort they put into raising funds for research. "Thinking about all the struggles she went through helps motivate me to be a better person and nurse," Jennifer says.

Along with her participation in events like Relay For Life and Race for the Cure,

Torruella buys pink items throughout October. It's just another way to give back. She

remains a strong believer in self breast examinations regardless of new studies that say otherwise. After all, she wouldn't have found her lump without one. She encourages all

women to do monthly exams, especially her daughters. She also encourages young girls "to do anything they can to be aware of breast cancer."



## Housing Tunes Students into Greatness

By **EMERALD DUKES**  
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University students and faculty crowded into Leone Cole Auditorium last Wednesday for "Tune into Your Greatness."

According to Brooke Bell, Assistant Director of Student Development and Educational Programming, the University Housing and Residence Life "hosted this event as part of our new programming model." October brought motivational speaker Duane Huff, a native of Louisiana who's been on the college scene for approximately three years. His main message was, "It [success] doesn't just happen."

Huff began by asking the audience, "What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?" A rumble spread throughout the audience. Many students replied, "anything." Huff commended the audience on their enthusiasm and ambition, then proceeded to share the three essential elements of success.

Number one is vision. Everyone possesses a vision that only he or she can see, and must stay true to it and strive to make it a reality. This led to Huff's second element, commitment. If a person is willing to try and never give up, there's always a way. "Tiny hinges swing big doors," Huff says. He continued by

sharing that "if someone has vision, go for it." According to him, one can never know if another has the same vision — and they might reach the goal first. Lastly, Huff spoke of perseverance, hanging in there and having an "I will until" attitude.

According to Huff, success isn't an easy task. There are many roadblocks in life, but these are overcome with belief, time management, and perseverance. "Anyone can do anything they put their mind to if they have the talent, the desire, and the will," he says.

Students especially enjoyed Huff expressing his own life story through music. Throughout the night Huff played bits and pieces from songs on his saxophone to keep the audience entertained. According to Bell, more than 500 students filled the Leone Cole Auditorium for the event. JSU freshman Sarah Johnson stated, "I really enjoyed the program and look forward to what JSU Housing puts on next month."

The department hosts programs each month to improve the residence hall experience by exposing students to informative information about wellness, life skills, and community awareness.



# ENTERTAINMENT



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## Gamma Sigma Sigma hosts “Love Shouldn’t Hurt”

By ZACH TYLER  
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University’s Gamma Sigma Sigma chapter hosted a “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” awareness walk last Wednesday in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The demonstration took place at 4 p.m. on the TMB lawn and spoke out against all forms of domestic violence.

Christal Echoles was the driving force behind the demonstration. The idea to raise awareness of domestic violence at JSU, she explained, came from a tragic event last August. A member of a sister chapter in Texas lost her life to spousal abuse, leaving behind a young son. To raise proceeds for him and to further promote awareness, Gamma Sig members sold purple bracelets at the walk.

Three guest speakers addressed the crowd prior to the walk. President Meehan opened his address with a sobering question: “Raise your hand if you’ve been affected by domestic violence?” A number of audience members raised their hands.

Julie Nix, director of JSU’s Disability Support Services and

Counseling followed and thanked sorority members for bringing the issue into the spotlight at JSU. “Gamma Sigma Sigma has taken on this issue to bring awareness to our community and our campus, about this important problem.”

According to Nix, many college students don’t realize they can be victims of domestic violence. They believe abuse only happens in marriages with children. Yet dating violence and abusive relationships are common among college students. “We see students in our office every day who are either healing from past abusive relationships or are currently in them,” says Nix.

Concluding speaker Susan Shipman is Executive Director of Anniston’s 2nd Chance, Inc., an organization that assists victims of domestic violence in Calhoun, Cleburne and Talladega counties. Shipman thanked Gamma Sig for taking initiative to promote awareness of such violence. “We don’t think about domestic violence because it’s ugly,” Shipman said. “It’s some-

thing most people prefer to keep behind closed doors because we don’t want to look at it.”

The walk began following the speakers, and Gamma Sigma Sigma held massive signs that read “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” and “End Teen Dating Violence.” The purple-clad crowd made a circuit of Trustee Circle and drew the attention of fellow students. The event was an overall success.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center states that one in four women experience some level of domestic violence at some point in their lives. Domestic violence is physical, mental, sexual or emotional abuse in an intimate relationship. It occurs when one person uses abusive tactics to gain power and control over a partner or former partner.

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence has a toll-free 24-hour crisis line, safe shelters across the state, and many other services available to victims. Find out more at [acadv.org](http://acadv.org) or call 2nd Chance, Inc. at (256) 236-7381.

## JSU Music Faculty member to perform at Carnegie Hall

By NOELLE MILLIRONS  
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Dr. Jeremy Benson, Professor of Flute Studies in the David L. Walters Department of Music, was named a first prize winner at the Alexander & Buono International Flute Competition and will travel to New York City with pianist Christopher-Joel Carter where he will give a solo debut recital at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, October 23rd.

The competition was open to musicians worldwide. Benson applied to the competition by audition in the solo category and was selected as the winner and will perform in the Annual Winners Recital in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Dr. Benson is a JSU graduate, and he began his post at JSU just this fall. He currently teaches the flute studio and flute ensemble, and is creating curriculum for a music history class. He calls it a “dream job.”

“When I was a student, I walked through these same doors with no plan,” Benson states, “and now I walk through them with a plan and purpose.”

Dr. Benson believes in his stu-

dents and states on his syllabus that he “does not expect perfection, just progress.” His attitude and energy seems to be making a positive impact on the music department and his students.

“He is willing to adapt to the students he teaches. He takes them from wherever they are and he teaches them what they want to learn.” Cedrick Boyd, a senior music major from Anniston, Alabama said.

“He is performing at Carnegie Hall and is a renowned musician. He could’ve gone on to bigger things but he came back home to build onto this program. He is here for the students,” Boyd stated.

Dr. Lagare McIntosh, Head of the Department of Music, sings Benson’s praises as well.

“With his wide interest and background, he is a well-rounded professor and is willing to grow here. He brings a lot of energy to the department,” McIntosh stated.

Dr. Benson came to JSU like many music students, with the plan to be a Marching Southerner. Benson saw that plan through,

and was even the Southerner’s Drum Major. Benson graduated from JSU in 2005 and went on to receive his Masters from Florida State University. He then earned his Doctorate from Rutgers, where he also taught secondary flute and was a substitute flutist in Broadway shows, before returning to JSU to assume the position he now holds at his alma mater.

Benson said that he hopes to inspire his students, and connect to the fact that they come from the same university.

He states, “I hope that the JSU music students can understand that they can go anywhere. It just takes practice and dedication. I came through the same doors; I practiced in the same practice rooms. The opportunities are here, you just have to take advantage of them. The possibilities are endless.”

Dr. Benson is a testament to just that.

## Writers Club

By STEFFON MIDDLETON  
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University is an environment dominated by athletics, fraternities and sororities, and home to a wide variety of clubs. Among these is the Writers’ Club, a place where members meet to share their written work.

The group meets every other Wednesday in Stone Center, room 117 at 4:00 p.m. Overseen by faculty representative Douglas O’Keefe, the club is always open to new members. “Actually, it’s quite simple to join. All a student needs to do is show up,” says O’Keefe. “We are not a competitive group but a community that meets together to become better writers.”

Meetings follow a simple format. Writers bring their work to be both appreciated and improved. Just as an athlete improves skill through the help of teammates, a writer can strengthen his or her talent by listening to the work of others. Motivation comes from those who share the common interest.

This year the club gained new space, as well. “As opposed to meeting out in the open, I think having our own space provides a more community-like atmosphere,” says O’Keefe. “This group is very passionate about writing, and for the most part, everyone usually shows up for the meetings.”

Although the Writers’ Club isn’t noted for being a competitive group, they host a fiction writing contest each fall and poetry in the spring. The contest is open to all students and everyone is encouraged to enter. Fiction deadline is November 4 and submissions are restricted to five thousand words. Entry forms are located in Stone Center, room 101 on O’Keefe’s door.

## Pi Kappa Phi to host pancake breakfast this Saturday

By MAURICE WINSSELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

With an estimated 52 million Americans living with a disability and October being National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Pi Kappa Phi will be holding a pancake breakfast this Saturday, October 22nd at the First United Methodist Church to benefit Push America.

Push America, founded in 1977 is the exclusive philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi dedicated to serving people with disabilities.

“Push America is dedicated to making a difference in their lives,” said Josh Robinson, the Push Chairperson of the local chapter.

The breakfast will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets are five dollars.

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- 1 Real Steel- \$16,291,655
- 2 Footloose- \$15,556,113
- 3 The Thing- \$8,493,665
- 4 The Ides of March- \$7,108,846
- 5 Dolphin Tale - \$6,233,185
- 6 Moneyball- \$5,456,730
- 7 50/50 - \$4,260,087
- 8 Courageous- \$3,305,238
- 9 The Big Year- \$3,251,884
- 10 The Lion King- \$2,792,403



## Opening This Week

- Paranormal Activity 3
- The Three Musketeers
- Being Elmo: A Puppeteer’s Journey



# OPINION

## Author Ted Dunagan Returns to JSU

By COURTNEY RAY  
STAFF WRITER

I have a confession: I love words. Ever since I can remember I have loved the effectiveness of a well-structured sentence and reveled in finding the perfect word that conveys exactly what I want to say. So, as an avid reader and writer, I was excited to attend the friends of the Houston Cole Library's presentation of Ted M. Dunagan, an award-winning author from right here in Alabama.

The event started with a welcome from John Graham, Dean of Library Resources, and Dr. Joanne Gates, chairperson of the Friends of the Houston Cole Library. Mr. Dunagan was introduced by Dr. Hardy Jackson, his childhood friend and fellow author.

During his presentation, Dunagan recounted his introduction to books as a child, noting The Brothers Grimm's "Hansel and Gretel" as the first story that was ever read to him. At an early age, he knew that he wanted to be a writer. However, Uncle Sam had different plans, and after high school Dunagan served in the Vietnam era.

Upon his return, the author went to college, got married, had four children, and worked in the cosmetic and fragrance industry. Although he was fired after 26 years on this career path, Dunagan says that the incident gave him the opportunity to do what he'd always dreamed of doing – write.

After learning the trade, it took Dunagan about six months to write the first draft of his premiere novel, "A Yellow Watermelon." It would be six years before it was published by NewSouth Books.

His series thus far consists of three books that follow the interracial friendship of Ted Dillon and Poudlum, two twelve-year-old

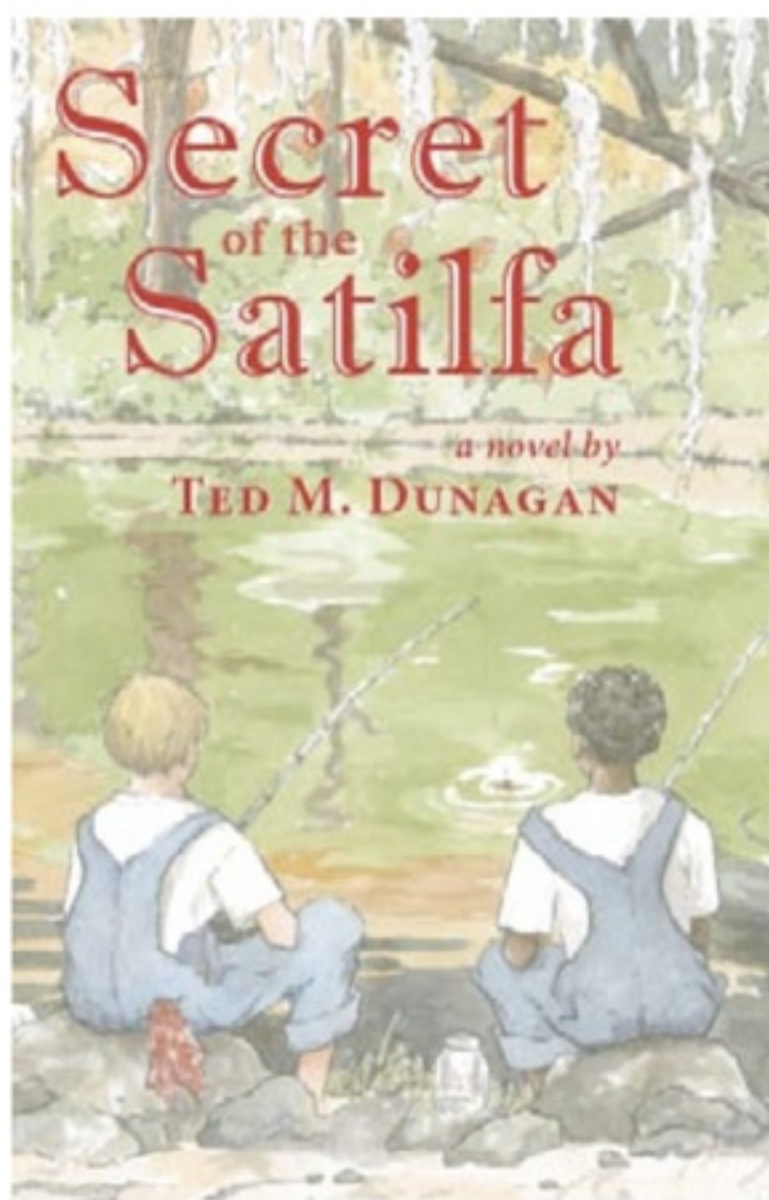
boys growing up in rural Alabama in 1948. The two main characters are based on Dunagan himself and his childhood friend Orlando Robinson, also known as Poudlum. The two other books are entitled "Secret of the Satilfa" and "Trouble on the Tombigbee."

The books are about the boys and "how they deal with poverty and racial issues and what it was like to be a kid fifty-something years ago," says Dunagan. "It's about the beginning of social and economic change. The roots of those are right here in these books."

Dunagan also said that the fourth book in the series, "The Salvation of Miss Lucretia," is finished and might be published as soon as next fall.

Mr. Dunagan came to JSU courtesy of the Friends of the Houston Cole Library. The Friends are an organization hoping to promote an appreciation of the Library as the center of academic life at Jacksonville State University and to provide enrichment for its resources.

For information about becoming a Friend of Houston Cole Library, visit <http://www.jsu.edu/library/friends> or call 256-782-5758.



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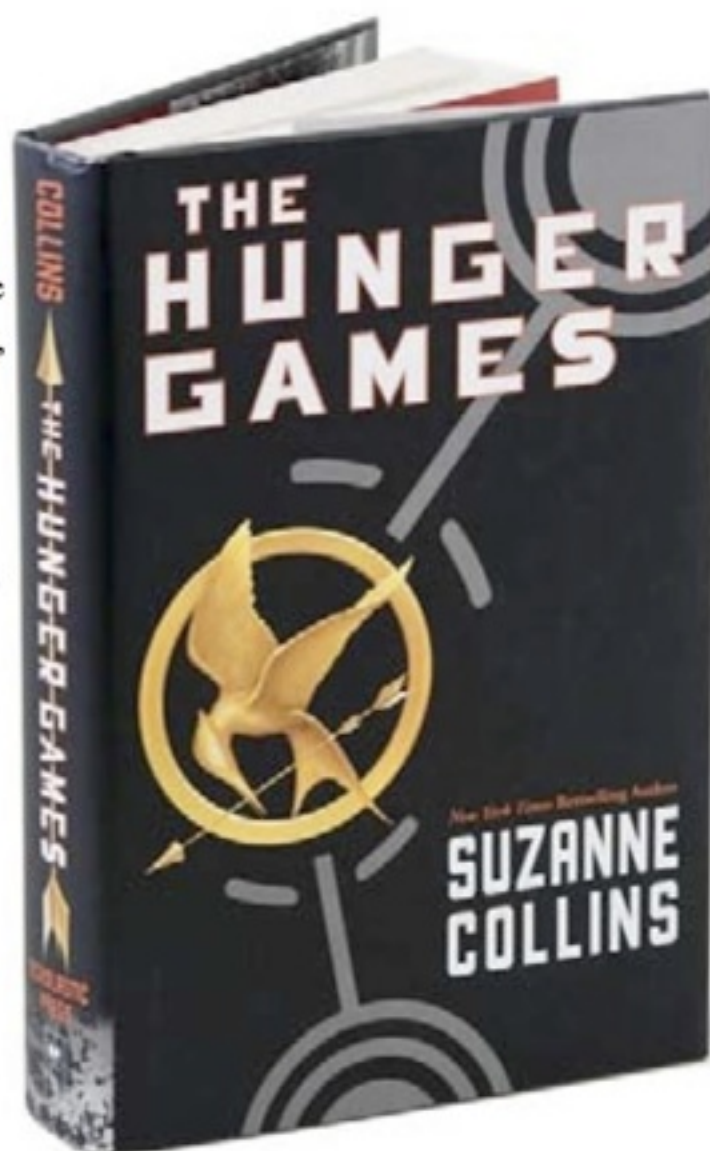
## Hungry for something besides wizards and vampires? The Hunger Games is for you!

By PAIGE BAKER  
ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If you are tired of wizards and vampires, but you find yourself wanting to read a book series, then "The Hunger Games" is the series for you. "The Hunger Games", like many book series, is the first book of the epic trilogy by Suzanne Collins, which is followed by "Catching Fire" and "Mockingjay." Although this book is classified as Young Adult Literature, I found myself unable to put this book down until the very last page.

It opens to a dystopian society (think *The Lottery*, by Shirley Jackson), in which future America is divided into 12 different districts. This is a society that is much different than ours today, but traces of our society still linger. The main character, Katniss Everdeen, lives in the mining district number 12. After her father's death she became the soul provider for her mother and her younger sister. She provides for her family by hunting, illegally, outside of district 12. Her hunting skills prove to be very beneficial when she decides to take her sister Prim's place in the hunger games.

Every year each district must put up two contestants from their district, one boy and one girl aged 12 to 18. These "tributes", as they are called in the book, will be drawn at random and sent off to the Capital in a



week long preparation for the games. The games are set in arena that is controlled by the leaders of the capital. It is a vicious fight to the death in order to survive. The winner will return to his or her district a hero, only after killing all the other tributes, including the tribute from their district. The first book takes you into the heart of the games. You are with Katniss as she struggles to find food and fight off wild animals. You are also with her when she has to kill her fellow tributes in order to stay alive. By the end of the book, you are Katniss Everdeen and you have witnessed some very horrible things.

This story has something for everyone. The setting, in itself, seems like something out of a science-fiction novel. The story has a lot of action; it has gore and some situations that seem more mature in nature.

There is also an underlying love triangle. However, the love triangle does not consume the plot like another book series everyone knows (TWILIGHT). The first book is truly a great read and I am excited to continue the series with *Catching Fire*.

Be looking for *Catching Fire*, part two of my review of The Hunger Game's trilogy.

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# SPORTS



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## Gamecocks ride high into a tough battle

By **DANIEL PORTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

The Gamecocks are rallying up through the polls. After opening the season ranked ninth the Gamecocks fell all the way back to seventeenth after a loss in week two at Chattanooga. The Chattanooga loss doesn't look so bad considering the Mocs are just outside the top 25 with four tough losses. Chattanooga played FBS powerhouse Nebraska in week one, then the Mocs encountered a three game losing skid which included losses at #1 Georgia Southern and at #6 Appalachian State, the three games were loss by a combined four points.

However, after last week's win over conference foe Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tennessee the Gamecocks are 5-1 and sitting eighth in the Coaches poll and tenth in the Sports Network poll. Jacksonville State is now 4-0 in OVC play as the only team remaining unbeaten in conference games.

The two teams behind JSU with only one OVC loss are Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky, who both are on the Gamecock's upcoming schedule. Before those games though, Jacksonville will be taking a trip up to Lexington, Kentucky this weekend to face the Wildcats of Kentucky.

Everyone remembers what happened in last year's meeting between JSU and a SEC team. Kentucky has had a tough season so far and will enter the game 2-4 on the season. Coach Crowe knows the importance of the game saying, "These games have become a measuring stick for us to some degree. We measure ourselves by these."

The Wildcats are coming off a bye week but prior to that they lost three straight games to SEC bullies LSU, Florida and South Carolina, the Wildcats were outscored 137-20 among those three games. "If there ever was a sneak up factor – it isn't

there anymore. We are playing a football team in Kentucky that is coming off an open date and they will certainly bring everything they got," stated Coach Crowe.

The Gamecocks could set a tone for the remainder of the season and going into the hopeful playoffs with a win Saturday. The Kentucky game will be televised nationally on ESPNU but it won't affect the team's mentality.

"It's really just another game and everything is the same," said Sophomore QB Coty Blanchard, while Junior DB Brooks Robinson added, "We prepare for everyone the same way... we are going out to prepare just as hard as we would for anyone else."

Jacksonville State should start becoming familiar with the SEC after playing Ole Miss last season and Kentucky this weekend, the Gamecocks also have Florida already on the schedule for next season as well as Auburn in 2013. Washaun Ealey and Calvin Middleton have combined for 898 yards rushing for the season and nine touchdowns while Coty Blanchard has added another 244 yards and three TDs on the ground to go along with his 860 yards and 6 TDs passing.

While Trey Smith, James Shaw, Kevyn Cooper, Calvin Middleton, and Alan Bonner all have at least ten catches, it's Justin Howard who's pulled in the team high three touchdown receptions.

Nine defensive players have interceptions, Robert Gray is the only player with multiple picks; he has two. Rashad Smith leads with thirty-nine total tackles. James Esco has been solid connecting on all five of his field goals attempted and being 23-24 on PATs.

## Former Gamecock T.J. Heath Promoted to Jacksonville Jaguars Active NFL Roster

Former Jacksonville State All-American T.J. Heath was signed to the Jacksonville Jaguars active roster from the practice squad, the NFL team announced on Tuesday.

Heath, 6-0, 179, was signed as an undrafted rookie by the Jaguars on July 27 and spent the first six weeks on the club's practice squad. A three-year starter at Jacksonville State, he recorded 145 career tackles and 10 interceptions.

"I've enjoyed every moment since I've been a part of the Jaguars," Heath said on Tuesday. "It got even better when I got the news that I was coming up yesterday. I've been blessed and I'm looking forward to making some plays."

The former Alexandria High School product was named All-America as a junior in 2009 by three different national organizations, including the Associated Press and The Sports Network.

Heath led the Ohio Valley Conference in passes defended and led the Gamecocks with six interceptions, including returning two for touchdowns against UT Martin. The defensive back also led the team with 10 pass break-ups and also forced a fumble and blocked a kick, while recording 34 total tackles during his All-American season.

Jacksonville State finished one of the most successful seasons in the school's Division I history, posting a 9-3 overall record, and was ranked as high as No. 2 during the 2010 season. JSU also advanced to the second round of the NCAA playoffs and hosted its first home playoff game in 18 years at the newly renovated Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium.

Heath was a member of the team that made Jacksonville State the talk of the football world on the opening weekend following a thrilling 49-48 double overtime road win over Ole Miss. The Gamecocks were the lead story on ESPN, ESPN News and College Game Day following the "Biggest upset of the 2010 season".

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