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Welcome to JSU

Dear Students:

Welcome to Jacksonville State University! Your fellow students, faculty, staff and administration are pleased that you have made the wise decision to join us for the great adventure, which is Jacksonville State University. I believe you have made an excellent choice for your future.

Jacksonville State University is now your home. I urge you to become as familiar with your campus as you are with your own home. Your new campus, its buildings, programs in academics, athletics, and student life, as well as its faculty, staff and students, represent opportunities to enrich your future beyond your dreams and aspirations.

The Chanticleer staff has assembled an excellent guide for your new home, "The Abstract". Here you will find not only the campus map and an outline of resources, but also advice on student life with articles from student leaders who want you to get the most from your university experience.

This year as new students you will be participating in JSU's Summer Reading Program. Wine to Water will be read by all first-year students and will be discussed in your English classes and other aspects of your JSU first-year experience. You



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too will be writing, sharing and discussing your own beliefs.

So we are glad you are here. Get ready for a great year.

Welcome New Gamecocks,
William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President

A Letter from our SGA President

Greetings,

On behalf of the students of Jacksonville State University and the Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to the "friendliest campus in the South." I am excited for you as you are taking the first steps in your journey toward a future career, as well as life goals and great accomplishments. Here at JSU, we are committed to helping you reach those goals, as well as providing you with a quality college experience. In your time at JSU, we are most hopeful that you will be an active student, as our campus community is host to more than 110 different and very unique organizations, from Greek Life to special interests clubs.

Our Student Government Association is the largest of the organizations on our campus, and represents the needs of the student body to the university's administration. The experiences offered by participation and involvement in our campus community organizations and SGA will help you find yourself as a student and future professional. I would like to encourage you to become involved, make friends, and set personal goals for your college experience. We hope that you discover yourself and build the foundation for success in your future endeavors. I am honored to serve you in the upcoming year, and once again, I am honored to welcome you to Jacksonville State University.



Steve Latham/JSU

In your service,
Jason A. Sumner

64th President, Student Government Association
Jacksonville State University

2012-2013 SGA Officers



Jacksonville State University Student Government Association officers for 2012: Krystal Hardy, Alex Rainwater, Jason Sumner, Jade Wagner, Jeremy Potts, Amanda Cave

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Jason Sumner
President



Jade Wagner
VP of Student Senate



Jeremy Potts
VP of Organizational
Affairs



Alex Rainwater
VP of Student Activities



Amanda Cave
Director of Publicity

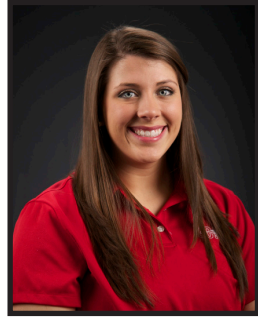


Krystal Hardy
Chief Justice

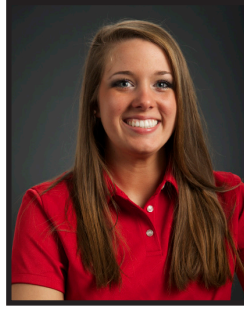
2012 GO! Leaders



Lydia Berkey
GO! Leader



Katie Bowman
GO! Leader



Madison Staton
GO! Leader



Anna Slagle
GO! Leader



Harry Shaver
GO! Leader



Josh Robinson
GO! Leader



Wesley Minto
GO! Leader



Nick Charles
GO! Leader



Angela Marino
GO! Leader



Myah Knight
GO! Leader



Levi Hulsey
GO! Leader



Paul Miller
GO! Leader



Bryan Green
GO! Leader



J.J. Guthrie
Orientation
Coordinator



Noelle Millirons
Team Leader



Chris Cahoon
Orientation
Coordinator

Welcome to Jacksonville State University



- 01. Alumni House
- 02. Amphitheater
- 03. Anders Hall (Round House)
- 04. Athletic Fieldhouse
- 05. Ayers Hall
- 06. Baptist Campus Ministry
- 07. Baseball Field
- 08. Bibb Graves Hall
- 09. Brewer Hall
- 10. Campus Inn Apts
- 11. Carlisle Fine Arts Facility
- 12. College Apts
- 13. Computer Center
- 14. Crow Hall
- 15. Curtiss Hall
- 16. Daugette Hall

- 17. Dillon Field
- 18. Dixon Hall
- 19. Fitzpatrick Hall
- 20. Gamecock Field
- 21. Hammond Hall
- 22. Houston Cole Library
- 23. International House
- 24. Intramural Field/Track
- 25. Jack Hopper Dining Hall
- 26. Jax Apts
- 27. JSU Stadium
- 28. Kennamer Hall
- 29. Ladiga Kiosk
- 30. Logan Hall

- 31. Martin Hall
- 32. McGee Science Center
- 33. Mason Hall
- 34. Merrill Hall
- 35. Pannell Hall
- 36. Patterson Hall
- 37. Paul Carpenter Village
- 38. Penn House Apts
- 39. Pete Mathews Coliseum
- 40. President's Home
- 41. Quad
- 42. Ramona Wood Building
- 43. Rock House
- 44. Rowe Hall
- 45. Salls Hall (University Police)

- 46. Self Hall
- 47. Soccer Field
- 48. Softball Field
- 49. Sparkman Hall
- 50. Stadium Tower
- 51. Stephenson Hall
- 52. Stone Center
- 53. Tennis Courts
- 54. Theron Montgomery Bldg
- 55. TMB Lawn
- 56. Visitor Center
- 57. Wallace Hall
- 58. Wesley Foundation
- 59. Williams Student Health Center

Map by Chris Newsome - Academic Computing and Network Support - 2010 (update 6-24)

All Aboard the Gamecock Express!

BLUE

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) Gayle Apts.-4
- 4) Community Center-4
- 5) Winn-Dixie-4
- 6) CVS-1
- 7) Hampton Inn-1
- 8) Dollar Tree-2
- 9) J'ville Hospital-3
- 10) J'ville Mediplex-2
- 11) Wal-Mart-2
- 12) Gardner Drive Apts.-5
- 13) Hickory Run II Apts.-2
- 14) Hickory Run I Apts.-2
- 15) Sav-A-Lot-4
- 16) J'ville City Offices-4
- 17) Walgreens-1
- 18) Ramona/Ayers-4
- 19) Pannell/Mason-1
- 20) Central Stop-1

The Gamecock Express takes students around campus and town. Most internal routes have buses that run approximately 7-10 minutes apart, and buses on the external routes run between 18-35 minutes apart. Below is the route that each bus takes, along with the estimated minutes of travel time between stops.

EXTERNAL ROUTES

BLACK

Mon.-Fri. 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) Pelham's/The Vault-3
- 4) Winn-Dixie-3
- 5) CVS-1
- 6) Hampton Inn-1
- 7) Dollar Tree-2
- 8) Wal-Mart-2
- 9) Sav-A-Lot-3
- 10) Jefferson's-2
- 11) Sparkman-2
- 12) Central Stop-1

YELLOW

Thurs.-Fri. 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) Pelham's/The Vault-4
- 4) Brother's-1
- 5) Jefferson's-2
- 6) Patterson Hall-4
- 7) Dixon Hall-1
- 8) Coliseum-1
- 9) PC Village-1
- 10) Park Place II-1
- 11) Central Stop-3

INTERNAL ROUTES

WHITE

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) TMB-front-1
- 4) Stephenson-1
- 5) Colonial Arms Apts.-2
- 6) Stadium Towers-1
- 7) Salls Crosswalk-1
- 8) Park Place II-1
- 9) Dixon/Self-1
- 10) The Reserve-3
- 11) The Grove-3
- 12) Penn House Apts.-3
- 13) Coliseum-Back-3
- 14) PC Village-1
- 15) Dixon/Self-1
- 16) Logan/Patterson-2
- 17) Ramona/Ayers-1
- 18) Pannell/Mason-1
- 19) Central Stop-1

RED

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) Ramona/Ayers-2
- 4) Pannell/Mason-1
- 5) Curtis-1
- 6) Park Place II-1
- 7) Dixon/Self-2
- 8) Brewer-2
- 9) Merrill-1
- 10) Stone Center West-1
- 11) Stone Center East-1
- 12) Wallace-2
- 13) Houston Cole-1
- 14) Library Back Lot-1
- 15) College Apts.-2
- 16) Ramona/Ayers-2
- 17) Pannell/Mason-1
- 18) Central Stop-1

PURPLE

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

- 1) Central Stop-0
- 2) TMB/Mail Center-1
- 3) TMB-Front-1
- 4) Stephenson-1
- 5) Wallace-4
- 6) Houston Cole-2
- 7) Library Back Lot-1
- 8) Stone Center West-4
- 9) Merrill-Mid-Parking-1
- 10) Brewer-3
- 11) Dixon/Self-3
- 12) Ramona/Ayers-2
- 13) Pannell/Mason-1
- 14) Central Stop-1

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JSU Deploys Connect-ED Emergency Notification Service

JSU announces the immediate deployment of the Connect-ED communication service for use as the official Emergency Notification System of the university. This multi-modal service will help JSU officials quickly notify students, faculty, and staff in the event of severe weather or a campus emergency.

The JSU Emergency Alert System phone number reflected on your caller I.D. will be (256) 782-8558.

Please program this number into your phone so you will immediately recognize it as an alert from the JSU Police Department.

In addition to the traditional communication modalities of voice and text message, Connect-

Ed supports notification via social media and RSS. If you miss a call from the JSU Alert number (256-782-8558), you have additional options for receiving emergency-related information.

Visit the RSS feed at <http://rss.blackboardconnect.com/181884/JSU-Alerts/feed.xml>

Messages sent through the Emergency Notification System will automatically post to JSU's official Facebook page and Twitter account.

The process by which users sign up to receive emergency notification from the University remains the same. If you had previously supplied the University with a phone number that you wish to be contacted at in the event of an emer-

gency, your preferences will remain the same. If you wish to be notified in the event of a campus emergency or would like to change the number at which you receive notifications, please follow these steps:

- Log on to MyJSU (<http://my.jsu.edu/>)
- Click on Contact Information
- Click on the Cell Phone link under the Mailing section
- Enter today's date in the Valid From This Date field
- Scroll down to Phone Type
- Click on the drop down list and choose Cell Phone (Even though you must choose cell phone, any number can be

put here; i.e. home, work, cell.)

- Enter the phone number at which you would like to be contacted during an emergency.
- Click Submit

If you provided the number for a phone that is SMS-enabled, you will be automatically subscribed to text messages. Anytime your personal information changes please be sure to update the information in your MyJSU account.

For more information about Connect-ED, please contact the UPD at 256-782-5050 or the Connect-ED administrator, Kerri Reese, at kdreese@jsu.edu.

-Newswire

JSU's Parking Situation: By the Numbers

Noelle Millirons

Special to the Chanticleer

If you ask most students what their least favorite thing about Jacksonville State University is, they will likely tell you: "Parking."

In the fall of 2009, a parking system was put into place that has been met with both positive and negative reactions.

The reasons for the change in parking system are numerous. According to university police, when university officials decided to install a transit system, they were told by the planning company that it would never work with the current parking system. There was too much traffic on all roads on the main campus, especially Trustee Circle and directly around campus.

The current system was devised for commuters to stay off of the main campus and residents would park at one location and remain there throughout the week. The idea that transit buses would easily be able to travel through the campus.

Many students argue that there

is not enough parking spaces available where they need them.

Residents want parking close to Stone center and commuters want parking closer to interior buildings such as Ayers Hall.

Specific majors want to have parking close to their main building. Communication majors have no parking around their main building of Self Hall. Music majors cannot park close to Mason Hall unless they have a green parking pass. However, anyone with a green parking pass would likely live in one of the residence halls directly behind Mason Hall.

The Jacksonville State University Factbook 2010-2011, published by the Office of Institutional Research and Advancement includes details of the parking system.

For commuters, parking is allowed only at the Theron Montgomery Building, Stone Center and the parking lot behind Houston Cole Library and Martin Hall. The total parking spaces allowed for commut-

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Red Balloon Project Focuses on Technology in the Classroom

Megan Roberts

Staff Writer

Are educators prepared for the ever-changing world of technology? Dr. Rebecca Turner, vice president of academic and student affairs and active participator in The Red Balloon Project, is encouraging a better, up-to-date learning environment for students throughout the country.

The Red Balloon Project is an initiative focused on transforming undergraduate education. The name is borrowed from an experiment started by MIT students to identify red balloons around the country at a certain period of time. Turner says, "We took that name because that project showed how, with technology and a team of people

working on the same goals, they were able to accomplish something really big in a very short period of time." The Red Balloon Project came to life through a group of provosts from 90 public universities across the country with similar dreams. The project addresses the challenges faced in higher education, such as the changing needs of students.

"To be responsive and address these challenges, we have decided that we want to be proactive about changing our campuses and transforming them so that educators can be more responsive to today's students," Dr. Turner explains.

According to Turner, JSU's integration of the Red Balloon initiative with its strategic planning pro-

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ers are 1,822 and 850 additional spaces up for grabs for any color at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

This seems to be plenty of spaces, but when you compare that to the fact that 81% of JSU students in 2010 were commuters, totaling 7,703 students there is an obvious lack of spaces. If even only half of the commuters were on campus at the same time that would leave about one space for every three students.

Obviously, not all commuters are on campus at the same time, but at peak class times, that close parking space is hard to find.

Students often circle parking lots looking and in the process losing valuable time they need to walk across campus to their actual classroom building.

The reason, according to Chief of Police Sean Giddy for the commuters being on the outskirts of campus, is to reduce traffic on Trustees Circle and then main part of campus.

Students living in housing have total of 2,200 spaces avail-

able; although, only 18% of students lived on campus in 2010.

That is 1,801 students living on campus including all residence halls, apartments and Paul Carpenter Village. There are only 2,015 beds available on campus all together.

In the idealistic situation as planned by Skipper Consulting Inc., who planned the parking layout, students would park beside their residence hall and walk or take the Gamecock Express to all their classes. However, with the timing issues of the GX, or due to inclement weather, or laziness most drive to their building anyway.

Faculty and staff seem to have the best situation. There are a total of 1,022 gold parking spaces dispersed over campus. There are gold parking lots beside every major academic and service building.

JSU, in 2010, had 876 full-time employees. That leaves 146 spaces open on a regular basis if every employee took a car to work. Not all drive to work though, and that leaves even more spaces open. Some employee lots stay full while others

always have open spaces.

Students cram into the end of an aisle of parking, which obviously warrants a ticket and is also unsafe, as it congests the parking lot's traffic flow.

Students also resort to parking in locations off campus such as the Ladiga Trail parking lot, previous to JSU blocking off the entrance. Students also park at local apartments, churches and businesses in hopes that the owners find pity and allow them the space.

Other students find ways around tickets by parking at the Alumni House, which is an undeclared parking lot.

Though the UPD holds that they have never encountered a situation where all parking lots were completely full; still, when running late or in disregard of the rules, many park their vehicle as close as they can get to the building they are going to.

At JSU, students pay 35 dollars for a parking decal and 15 to 50 dollars for violations.

At the University of Alabama at Birmingham, students pay 100 dollars or more for a parking spot in a deck. That is, if you can

get one as there is a waiting list. Student workers can apply for a parking permit that allows them to park close to their department building for a fee of 15 dollars per month.

At the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, student parking permits for perimeter parking are 150 dollars and residents pay 175 dollars. They also have the option of parking in a reserved lot for four hundred and fifty dollars per year.

The University of North Alabama is closer to JSU in size. Their students pay 32 dollars per semester to park on campus and their system is similar to JSU's.

"The parking at Alabama seems to go smoother," said Nathan Harris, who has been a student at JSU and UA. "The transit system also takes a lot of student surveys asking where students go and what routes they take. They even changed a few."

He also stated that there is just as much ticketing. The parking system has both critics and supporters, as it has benefits and draw-backs.

Save the Date

September 20, 2012

Academic Majors and Minors Fair
Jacksonville State University



Free Event for all JSU Students

Time: TBA

Location: TMB Auditorium

- Not sure of your academic major?
- Do you know the classes needed for your major?
- Do you want to join a student organization?
- Discover your answers at the Fair!

Contact: advising@jsu.edu

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cess will produce a more learning-centered university. "We want to use technology much more effectively as instructional tools and not as a substitute for the traditional class," she says.

Multiple teams across campus have been working since last summer on different aspects of their strategic plan. "We're putting new technology in their hands," Turner says. They hope to bridge the gap for faculty that aren't accustomed to the newest advancements and also create awareness of better ways to benefit students.

Earlier this year the project caught the attention of Apple, Inc. Apple is interested in education and excited about Red Balloon, explains Dr. Turner. "I think what they saw in us was an exciting project that would lead to an improved educational environment for students; I think they hope to learn from us."

Apple is now providing professional development opportunities to JSU's staff and faculty. "We are very happy to be involved with Apple; having them aware of what we're doing, and providing the kind of information we need from time to time."

Faculty members will visit San Antonio in February for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) meeting, where they'll present on their current progress.

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STUDENT LIFE

Active Minds At JSU

To promote awareness and education and to remove the stigma that surrounds mental illness and to create an environment for discussion.

Advisor: Linda Shelton, Counseling Services, 256-782-5954 | E-mail: lshelton@jsu.edu

African American Association

Encourages the exchange of ideas concerning African-American students at the University and promotes cultural understanding.

Advisor: Debbie Taylor, Student Life, 256-782-5490 | E-mail: dbtaylor@jsu.edu

Alabama Men's Initiative

Raise awareness of women's issues and what men can do to end violence against women.

Advisor: Dr. David Loconto, Sociology, 256-782-5621 | E-mail: dloconto@jsu.edu

American Chemical Society

Emphasize the importance and relevance of chemistry and offer tutoring services.

Advisor: Alfred Nichols, Physical and Earth Sciences, 256-782-8150 | E-mail: anichols@jsu.edu

Art Alliance

Meets twice a month to support the arts at JSU, discuss art-related issues, hear lectures from outside artists and plan activities to get involved on and off campus.

Advisor: Allison McElroy, Art, 256-782-5735 | E-mail: amcelroy@jsu.edu

Campus Awareness of Diverse Abilities (CADA)

Provide opportunities for JSU students with or without disabilities to meet together to improve campus awareness of students with disabilities.

Advisor: Katy Goodgame, Disability Support, 256-782-8397 | E-mail: goodgame@jsu.edu

Circle K International

Promote community service, leadership and fellowship among members of the JSU community

Advisor: Kevin Callaway, Nursing, 256-782-5425 | Email: kcallaway@jsu.edu

College Democrats

Promote the views and success of the Democratic Party through active interaction in the campus setting.

Advisor: Ron Mellen, Criminal Justice, 256-782-8243 | E-mail: rmellen@jsu.edu

College Republicans

Encourages participation in the Republican Party.

Advisor: Dr. William Lester, Political Science, 256-782-5692 | E-mail: wlester@jsu.edu

Collegiate Music Educators

Promotes the professional and artistic development of music teachers through professional conferences, in-service meetings, and events; supports the JSU Department of Music.

Advisor: Renee Baptiste, Music, 256-782-5873 | E-mail: baptiste@jsu.edu

Dietetic and Culinary/Hospitality Student Association

Promotes community and fundraising projects.
Advisor: Tim Roberts, Family and Consumer Sciences, 256-782-5870 | E-mail: wroberts@jsu.edu

E.A.R.T.H. Club

To raise awareness of abuse inflicted upon our planet and to promote recycling.

Advisor: James Rayburn, Biology, 256-782-5803 | E-mail: rayburn@jsu.edu

Elite Gentleman Organization

Provide mentoring and leadership to young men.

Advisor: Earl Warren, Institutional Development, 256-782-5608 | E-mail: ewarren@jsu.edu

Family and Consumer Sciences Club

To unify the concentration within Family and Consumer Sciences into a student chapter of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Advisor: Robbie Boggs, Family and Consumer Sciences, 256-782-5056 | E-mail: rboggs@jsu.edu

Forever Young Modeling Troupe

The organization strives to help the students on campus gain self-confidence, expression and acquire team leadership skills and effective communication skills.

The organization also helps students become active on campus and the community by expressing themselves through fashion, while serving the community.

Advisor: Earl Warren, Institutional Development, 256-782-5608 | E-mail: ewarren@jsu.edu

Freshman Forum

Provides freshmen an opportunity to become more involved in SGA. Must be an incoming freshman who has shown campus involvement in high school and is committed to pursuing that commitment in college.

Advisor: Noelle Milliron, Student Life, 256-782-5493 | E-mail: nmilliron@jsu.edu

Gamers Guild

The goal of the Gamers Guild is to offer a fun and friendly environment to all table top gamers.

Advisor: David Thornton, MCIS, 256-782-5359 | E-mail: thornton@jsu.edu

Jacksonville State University's Freshman Forum hosted "One Day Without Shoes" to raise awareness for Tom's One to One Campaign. The event started on the TMB lawn with games and food, then after a short rally, a group walked barefoot around Trustee Circle.

Photo by Steve Latham/JSU



History Club

To encourage further learning and understanding of our nation's great history.
Advisor: Dr. L. Cook, History,
256-782-8309 | E-mail: lcook@jsu.edu

Honor's Program

The Honor's Program provides academically gifted students with an enriched educational experience in a diverse range of courses which foster independent, critical thinking and effective communication.
Advisor: Steven Whitton, English,
256-782-5414 | E-mail: swhitton@jsu.edu

IM Game Officials Association

To acknowledge any concerns or ideas pertaining to intramural sports while developing a strong student involvement in intramural sports.
Advisor: Amado Ortiz, Recreational Sports,
256-782-5073 | E-mail: ortiz@jsu.edu

Interfraternity Council

Association of nationally recognized fraternities which functions as the governing body and the Greek voice for JSU fraternities.
Advisor: Marshonntri Reid, Student Life,
256-782-5491 | E-mail: mreid@jsu.edu

International Association of Emergency Management Student Chapter

Advisor: Stacey Mann, Emergency Management,
256-782-5968 | E-mail: scmann@jsu.edu

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JSU Judo Jujitsu

To strive toward a harmonious development of the human character.
Advisor: Larry Beard, Curriculum and Instruction,
256-782-5078 | E-mail: lbeard@jsu.edu

JSU Model Arab League-Geography

To learn more about the Arab world, to develop skills in parliamentary debate, and to participate in the Southeast Model Arab League sessions in the spring semester.
Advisor: Dr. L. J. Morgan, Geography,
256-782-5216 | E-mail: ljmorgan@jsu.edu

JSU Racquetball Club

Promote the sport and the local racquetball community.
Advisor: David Zeigler,
JSU McClellan Center,
256-782-8364 | E-mail: dzeigler@jsu.edu

JSU Students for Equality

Promote and educate gay rights issues as well as provide a safer environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.
Advisor: Tina Deshotels, Sociology,
256-782-5350 | E-mail: tdeshotels@jsu.edu

Komplex Royalty Dance Crew

This is a scholarship-based dance organization comprised of versatile dancers.
Advisor: Robin Smyre, Mail Center,
256-782-5290

Lambda Alpha Epsilon/ASO

To prepare and promote criminal justice majors or minors for Regional and National competitions.
Advisor: Randall Wood, Criminal Justice,
256-782-5340

Learning Eagerly About Destination (L.E.A.D.)

Promote striving for excellence in all areas of life.
Advisor: Linda Shelton, Counseling Services,
256-782-5954 | E-mail: lshelton@jsu.edu

Level Up

To provide a general understanding and interest of electronic gaming of the past, present and future.
Advisor: David Thornton, Computer Science,
256-782-5359 | E-mail: thornton@jsu.edu

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-N.A.A.C.P.

An outlet devoted to school involvement and community service.
Advisor: Debbie Taylor, Student Life,
256-782-5490 | E-mail: dbtaylor@jsu.edu

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Association which functions as the governing body and Greek voice for JSU's nationally recognized, traditionally African-American sororities and fraternities.
Advisor: Marshonntri Reid, Student Life,
256-782-5491 | E-mail: mreid@jsu.edu

PanHellenic Council

Association which functions as the governing body and the Greek voice for JSU's nationally recognized sororities
Advisor: Marshonntri Reid, Student Life,
256-782-5491 | E-mail: mreid@jsu.edu

Political Economy Club

The club is a reading, discussion and debate group to promote the study of classical liberal and libertarian theory at JSU. Its members are interested in the economics and politics of the free and virtuous society and do not generally subscribe to the dominate Left or Right paradigms associated with the two major political parties.
Advisor: Christ Westley, Finance Economics Accounting,
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Political Science Model Arab League

To introduce students to all aspects of life in the Arab World while debating critical issues in an official format.
Advisor: Lori Owens, Political Science,
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Pre-Law Society

To create a comfortable atmosphere for students to learn the process of pursuing law school.
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Residence Hall Association

Provide a voice and address the concerns of residents living in JSU residence halls and apartments.
Advisor: Brooke Bell, Residence Life,
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Rugby Football Club

To promote the growth of rugby on campus and in the community.
Advisor: Donald Prudlo, History and Foreign Languages,
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Sav-A-Life

Sav-A-Life is a life-affirming ministry that offers emotional and spiritual help to women affected by unplanned pregnancies. Our mission is to help these women choose life for their babies and eternal life for themselves.
Advisor: Kay Coger, Teacher Service Center,
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Spanish Club

The goal is to reach the community with awareness of the language and culture.
Advisor: Eduardo Pacheco, History,
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Student Government Association (SGA)

Promote the welfare of the student community by providing an avenue for student expression, social activities and student services. All enrolled students are members.
Advisor: Debbie Taylor, Student Life,
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Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (S.T.A.T. Club)

JSU Alumni are ready to assist and prepare students for jobs after college.
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Th' Promise

To encourage, inspire and provide a platform for minorities to enhance their craft as well as to bring positivity to their lives.
Advisor: Susan McCain, Theatre,
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The Outdoor Adventure Club

The club would like to spark the interest of a diverse group of students through outdoor adventures.
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Women's Issues, Support and Empowerment

To promote a more balanced world, where every woman feels valuable. We hope to use our experiences as tools of empowerment, inspiration and change. Through activism, we believe ideals become reality.
Advisor: Tina Deshotels, Sociology,
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Writers' Club

An artistic outlet that encourages writers to find their talent in a specific genre and to improve writings skills.
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Religious Groups Available for Students

Maurice Winsell
Sports Editor

At Jacksonville State University, expressing of one's religious freedom is a cornerstone of the liberal arts institute. Many groups exist around campus for students to visit and possibly join. Listed below are some of the religious groups. For more information please refer to the religious section in the student organization page on JSU's Student Life web page.

Adventist Christian Fellowship

ACF is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church to students at Jacksonville State University. ACF exists as a supportive ministry to students who desire to be part of an open and accepting Christian student organization. ACF: Wholeheartedly pursuing a 24/7 experience with the living God.

Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Friday evening for fellowship at 7:00 pm.

ACF encourage all types of people wanting to start or continue an encounter with Christ to meet.

Campus Outreach

Campus Outreach is a Christian

ministry, made up of more than 20 "franchises" and on approximately 85 campuses throughout the world. Campus Outreach at Jacksonville State University is committed to the core vision of Campus Outreach, which is to "glorify God by building laborers on the campus for the lost world."

They are passionately reaching students with the gospel and training them to become mature followers of Christ. Their desires are to see students leave college equipped to labor in the harvest field for the glory of God.

Campus Outreach typically meet on Tuesday nights, however, that is subject to change.

The Campus Outreach's New Year's Conference is an annual conference that offers college students the opportunity to strengthen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Campus Outreach also offer students an opportunity to invest their time in a Summer Project called "Summer Beach Project".

For more information contact current Campus Director, David Swinney at (256) 283-7697.

JeSUs Group

JeSUs Group is a group that meets on Monday nights at In His

Presence Fellowship (IHPF) at 7 pm. They are about bringing unity to the body of Christ..

They are one of the Bible study groups, along with, Campus Awakening, L.E.A.D., The Vessels, and more that make up a larger group called One JSUnited.

The group's main goal is to come together to worship and bring spiritual breakthrough to the campus, city, and surrounding campuses.

Canterbury Club

Canterbury Club is the Episcopal Campus Ministry at JSU.

They gather every Sunday night during the academic year in the Campus Ministry room at St. Luke's Church (the little gray church just behind Roma's) for conversation, fellowship, and a free home-cooked meal.

They have fun outings, service projects, and worship, and offer a quiet place for study and reflection.

A yearly highlight is their mission trip to work on houses in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, where rebuilding continues after Hurricane Katrina.

They have members of many faiths and traditions and consider themselves a wide-ranging group of folks who are interested in how the world might become a better place.

Major and Minor Fair Helpful for Indecisive Students

Maci Hughes
Staff Writer

The Offices of Academic Advisement and Career Services joined forces last year to host JSU's first Academic Majors and Minors Fairs.

The 2012 event is already scheduled for Thursday, September 20th in the TMB Auditorium.

All students, especially first year students and those students who are uncertain of their major, are invited to attend.

"There are a number of first-year students who come to college as an 'undecided'

student," said Director of Academic Advising Michelle Green. "By attending this fair, students will have the opportunity to explore all JSU majors and minors and have face-to-face communication with faculty."

In the Fall of 2011, JSU had more than 800 students with a declared 'undecided' major, according to Career Services Director Rebecca Turner.

"This event's purpose is to help inform our students about requirements for degree programs, employment trends within the chosen major, and the expectations within the program for a student to successfully com-

plete it," said Turner.

Freshman Jared Williams hoped the Fall fair would help him not only choose a major, but possibly a career choice. "After today I'm still undecided. But the fair has helped. I'm now thinking business management or maybe political science."

For some, it eliminated options.

"I came because I really honestly have no idea what I want my major to be," said Freshman Noah Trudeau. "But after today I've realized I don't want to do psychology, I don't want to do nursing."

In addition to faculty from each department, September's event will also include

representatives from student organizations.

"Campus student involvement is a great way for students to meet other students, learn about various student organizations and maybe join an organization," said Green.

She also notes that this fair is for anyone considering a change in major.

"This is for students undecided about their major, but also for students who may want to change from one major to the next," said Green.

"So if you're communications and want to change over to education, this is the place for you to be."

JSU Cycling Club Seeks Student Membership

Emily Hayes
News Editor

Dr. Carmine Di Biase is calling all cyclists — especially students — to join the JSU Cycling Club on its many group rides.

"We have organized rides — it's almost always faculty and other local people. And the rides start from here, from campus, at the kiosk near the fraternity and sorority houses. So it couldn't be more convenient," said Di Biase.

"It's mainly to stay fit. And to be with people we like. And you meet a lot of people that you like. Because everyone you meet is trying to be, and to stay, healthy," said Di Biase.

"I think that's really the goal of nearly all the people that I've met who are into cycling. So they're generally happy. They're generally positive people."

The cycling group brings together people from all walks — or rides — of life. Veterinarians, doctors, teachers, scientists, policemen, mechanics, lawyers, and car dealers are all present.

"There are really all kinds of people taking part in this. And they come because everyone's working hard on the bike and trying to enjoy their bodies working well and doing what they're supposed to do," said Di Biase.

"There's no time for pettiness, disagreements or arguments. Actually, most of us do this in part to get away from all of that. So it's a very good sport."

Di Biase himself cycles about 150 miles

per week during the semester, and when he has more time, sometimes 250 to 300 miles.

Di Biase and most other members also participate in events such as the Cheaha Challenge and the Woodland Century Challenge, for the main benefits of health and camaraderie. But he doesn't want these events to give the wrong impression about the cycling club's group rides.

"The organized rides are not like this. They are not painful, they're enjoyable. And we don't drop anybody. We'll go at a pace, whatever pace we have to go at, to keep the whole group together," he said.

"So 99 percent of the riding we do is not competitive."

The roads are chosen with care, so as not to meet much traffic, and one rule is strictly enforced.

"Everyone has to have a helmet. Otherwise, we won't let you come because we don't want to see your brains on the ground," said Di Biase.

On a recent outing in March, the group made an overnight trip to Hiram, Ga., and back. They left from the police station in Weaver, and kept a slow to moderate pace since it was a social ride. They stopped to lunch at Frankie's in Rockmart, then continued the 80-mile ride to stay the night at the Country Inn.

In an email, Di Biase wrote, "We took it easy on the way over and all stayed together. On the way back we split up into three groups. The weather was perfect. The trail was beautiful, a different kind of beauty every few miles, sometimes very green and

thickly wooded, sometimes wide open with views of fields and cattle or donkeys.

"In Georgia it got more populated, more people on the trail the closer we got to towns such as Cedartown and Rockmart."

Anyone interested in upcoming rides or the JSU Cycling Club, contact Di Biase at cdibiase@jsu.edu.



Carmine Di Biase/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Members of Cycling Club enjoy ride to Hiram, Ga.

Use Writing as an Outlet? Check Out the Writer's Club!

Steffon Middleton
Staff Writer

With the various clubs available at Jacksonville State University, there is truly something for everyone.

One of these is the writer's club, which meets every other Wednesday at the Stone center in room 117 at 4:00 p.m.

Overseen by faculty representative, Douglas O'Keefe, members meet to share what they have written since the previous meeting. When asked about how to join the writer's club, O'Keefe responded, "Actually, it's quite simple. All a student would have to do is

show up for the meetings and participate. We are not a competitive group but a community that meet together to become better writers."

In an environment dominated by athletics, both fraternity and sorority cliques, and all the other association that can be packed with the glitz and glamor, it's easy for a person with a golden hand for writing (a noble but often unappreciated gift) to be overlooked.

With the writer's club, writers can have their works brought to the table to be appreciated and quite possibly improved for the better.

Just as an athlete watches a fellow teammate to improve his or her skills, a writer can strengthen his or her talents by listening to the works of others. After all, nothing helps a person more than being motivated by a person who shares a common interest. "I really like this group," says Douglas O'Keefe. "This year, we were able to obtain our own space as oppose to meeting out in the opening. I think having our own space provides a more community-like atmosphere to the equation. This group is very passionate about writing, and for the most part, everyone usually shows up for the

meetings."

Although the writer's club is not noted for being a competitive group, a fiction writing test will be held this Fall.

Entry is not limited to members of the writer's club, so everyone can enter. Entries are restricted to five thousand words.

Entry forms can be found on Mr. O'Keefe's door, room 101 of the Stone center. When signing up, students must be sure to remember that all entries must be signed by using the student number as opposed to the students name.

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Steve Latham/JSU

Students get a chance to present their resumes and themselves to potential employers during the fall Career Fair, held in Merrill Hall. The Fair is sponsored by the JSU Office of Career Services.

Congratulations! You're Hired!

Career Services Department aids students with career placement

Maci Hughes
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University's Career Services Department is considered an essential tool to all incoming students.

"Career Services uses quality teaching to prepare students for employment, citizenship, and life-long learning," said Career Services Department Director Rebecca Turner.

The department offers a variety of resources including resume critique, mock interviews, employment and life skills assistance and campus job fairs. It also hosts informational sessions and professional speaker panels.

It assists students in discovering personal strengths and weaknesses and using them to select a career path that best suites unique personality and interests.

In addition, the department now promotes LinkedIn and Google+ to connect JSU students to global careers and provide part-time, co-op and internship job postings. Access is provided to state-of-the-art technology, and social and professional networking is utilized. Hybrid teaching methods deliver courses such as Employment Skills and Career Linkages.

Career Services also works in conjunction with JSU's counseling services. Career counselors are readily available to provide individual analysis in understanding

and expressing one's self in career activities. Personality and interest inventories assess and clarify the best option for career achievement, while focusing on the individual's strengths to achieve a career/life balance.

"We provide a career assessment that inventories the student's interests and decides what major is the best fit for the particular student," said Brittney Kingery, an education major and student assistant for the Career Services Department. "It is very successful because it gives students an option, possibly an option they hadn't thought of before."

"The results of the assessment tell students what they would probably be best at and have the best time doing."

Career Services Department Graduate Assistant Kerriane Castleberry said the department is successful because they are a close-knit team.

"We are committed to helping JSU students focus on the goal of establishing their careers after college," she said. "Each one of us within the office is in constant communication with one another, and this definitely helps in getting students prepared to embark upon their careers."

The Career Services Department updates its website with a list of upcoming events, seminars and workshops offered by the department, as well as internship and co-op opportunities, job postings and contact information.

Students and parents can follow the department on Facebook and Twitter for upcoming events and job postings.

Additionally, department staff are available to assist in room 207 of Merrill Hall from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit jsu.edu/careerservices.

Support is Available

JSU offers variety of support groups to help students with transition

Tamara Tellis
Staff Writer

After more than 10 years away from a college campus and leaving behind his hometown of Cleveland, Myke Jackson decided to pursue his lifelong goal of obtaining an English degree.

He had suffered from bipolar disorder for most his life, which was one obstacle that delayed his return to school. Jackson needed to learn how to cope with his anxiety. If only he knew how. If only he had some support.

Entering college can be intimidating, and having someone by your side, who feels the same way, is important.

A support group is a place people go to acquire practical and emotional support from others who share the same feelings. It also provides information to help in one's specific situation.

"Because a lot of students are leaving their comfort zones and their family origins for the first time, there's a lot of 'anomie' (normal-lessness)," said Dr. Tina Deshotels, Associate Professor of Sociology and faculty advisor of Women's Issues, Support, and Empowerment (WISE).

"They don't have the people that know them and they are not doing the same things with the same people and because of that, 'normal-lessness' can lead people into depression, anxiety and worst case scenario, suicide."

JSU's Counseling Services department helps students recognize their obstacles and strive for personal and academic success. They promote emotional health.

Counseling Services offers both group and personal counseling. Students come to them with problems such as stress, depression, anxiety, homesickness, assertiveness training, relationship training, relationship concerns and academic problems. The counselors can help with any issue, even those who may be anxious about counseling.

"A lot of students think if they come to counseling, they are admitting that something is wrong with them," said Counselor and Testing Coordinator Mary Clark. "So the peer education groups helps, and also it makes them more accepting of counseling and talk about counseling and the need for counseling if it is necessary."

"So it helps open up that avenue for them. I have had students come in and say 'what's wrong with you? You are going to counseling?' It's not really what counseling is about."

JSU also has several support groups

available to students on campus. SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships), New Pathway (A Student Substance Abuse Support Group), Active Minds and WISE (Women's Issues, Support, and Empowerment) and can be accessed through Counseling Services.

"This group was started because of things that were happening in women's lives and they really thought that they were all alone, and felt that this was only happening to them and so they blamed themselves a lot," said Deshotels.

"What talking to other women does is show them that they are not alone and that these things are happening to women as a group."

As for Jackson, he moved to Alabama and had to learn to deal with being away from his friends, family and not having the loving support of those people. Luckily, he soon found a support group to make this experience easier.

Active Minds is a student-run mental health awareness organization created to provide an open environment for discussion of mental health issues.

"Students don't have to have a mental illness to join the group. It's not a support group but more of an awareness group," said Linda Shelton, faculty advisor of Active Minds. "We have a variety of topics for each meeting."

Said Clark, "The Active Minds group, which I have gotten feedback from members of the group, is about awareness. But also, they do get a little support because they share. They talk about their experiences, they talk about the resources that they have used, and they feel connected."

She continued, "A lot of students, believe it or not, they don't know what a mental illness is. They don't know how to communicate how they feel in regards to a mental illness, and they don't know how to express themselves."

"I believe Active Minds helps them to understand that it can range from anything from just having anxiety, depression, to different mood changes."

Active Minds can help students deal with these issues. Because without discussing them or knowing what they are, they can lead to more serious issues.

The group strives to promote awareness about mental health, combat the stigma about mental health, direct students to available resources on campus and in the community and help identify symptoms of mental illness.

Jackson was apprehensive before attending the first few Active Minds meet-

ings. He saw nothing but unfamiliar faces there. His anxiety triggered most of his fear but he learned to listen and learned that many, if not most of the members, shared similar symptoms. Over time those unfamiliar faces became great friends that he could share anything with.

By learning to cope with his disease, Jackson began to appreciate himself and his recovery. He attributes his success to support groups.

"Having a group of people, or even one person, to have in life that understands, or at least attempts to understand, means a world of difference," said Jackson.

"If I convey nothing else to my fellow students, it is to let everyone know that no matter who we are or where we come from, people encounter hurdles throughout life."

So why is it important to have support groups on campus?

"What keeps us healthy mentally is our connections with other people and the fact that they know what to expect from us and we know what to expect from them," said Deshotels.

"So when students come to a new place and they don't have any support groups around or anybody that's familiar with them, on one hand its very freeing. They create themselves to whoever they want to be. On the other hand, that very freedom is also anxiety-producing and it can lead students to withdraw themselves."

Former member Chris Klinger said, "In my opinion, it does make a huge difference, because I do get kind of discouraged in those classes and stuff like that, and it's nice to know that I can go somewhere and talk about what's discouraging me and stressing me."

According to Jackson, "Being that suicide is a leading cause of student deaths across many college campuses in this country, it is imperative that similar groups, like JSU's very own Active Minds, be vigilant and embraced by not only students, but faculty as well."

He continues, "Students must realize that every single person goes through a bewildering moment at some point in life, especially those that are recently coming into their own, trying to find life and who they are and what it is they have to offer the world."

"It is no secret that many of us tend to keep our problems to ourselves, limiting our chances to overcome situations that may be easily 'fixed' just by talking to others that share similar quandaries."

No matter what issue it is, having someone going through the same things, someone who understands, can help make the situation easier. No one has to go through it alone.

For more information about JSU's Counseling Services, call (256) 782-5475 or visit the office at 140 Daugette Hall.

**Healthy Minds:
Tips for Every College Student
- Courtesy Mental Health
America of Illinois (MHA) -**

- Mental health conditions are most common during the ages of 18-24. In fact, 27 percent of young adults experience mental health conditions, of which anxiety disorders and depression are the two most common disorders.
- Mental illnesses - if left untreated - can derail a young adult's college career and dismantle many other areas of their life and dreams. With treatment, nearly all people who experience a mental health condition can live normal productive lives.
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students.
- It's important that college students familiarize themselves with the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions. If a person feels they or someone they care for needs help, they should not hesitate to ask for help.
- Depression affects approximately 10 percent of all American adults each year.
- Depression is a serious mental disorder. It is not a normal part of growing up or a personal weakness.
- Nearly 50 percent of all college students report feeling so depressed that they have had trouble functioning, and 15 percent meet the criteria for depression.
- Anxiety disorders affect more than 40 million American adults each year.
- Extreme forms of fear, worrying and panic could signal an anxiety disorder.
- For more facts, visit www.mhai.org.

Counseling Available to Students Free of Charge

Maci Hughes
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University's Counseling Services Department offers academic counseling, career counseling, personal counseling and support groups.

All services are offered free of charge to those eligible, which include all part-time and full-time students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and those actively pursuing the goal of re-entering JSU.

Counseling Services is committed to treating all students with respect and dignity and to refraining from discrimination of any kind. All counselors are aware and respectful of each individual's unique strengths, challenges, personal beliefs and situations.

They respect the privacy of all students and adhere to the standards of confidentiality to the fullest extent allowed by law and the department's ethical guidelines.

Additionally, professional standards and responsibilities of the CS staff call for an avoidance of "dual-role relationships," meaning that an individual's counselor should not be his or her current professor, employer or social friend.

An extensive variety of issues and problems are brought before the CS staff. Some tend to be short-term situations that are easily addressed through a few sessions, yet some difficulties require more attention. Counselors are readily prepared to deal with both.

Counseling Services provides a great detail of services within each counseling category. Academic counseling entails study skills, test-taking skills and time management.

Career counseling addresses occupational interests, major/minor selection, personality types and team building. Personal counseling refers to stress management, depression, relationship issues, test and speech anxiety, situational problems and more.

Group counseling includes New

Pathway Drug and Alcohol Support Group and Roundhouse Recovery-Substance Abuse Support Group. Other groups focus on anger management and domestic violence support.

Prospective students are scheduled for an initial interview with a staff member. The purpose is to gather vital information about the individual, their concerns, background, factors contributing to their current problems, and what they hope to accomplish through counseling. It is also used to determine who will benefit and who will not.

There is a limit of five free sessions per student during a one-year period. This tends to be a sufficient number for the majority of students.

However, if the student requires additional sessions, he or she will be provided with local referral options. Each session typically lasts between 45 to 55 minutes and usually occurs once a week.

Additionally, the staff administers a variety of computer-based and traditional paper-pencil format standardized exams to JSU students and the Jacksonville community.

Testing services are offered at convenient times in a quiet, comfortable environment. The department offers several tests without scheduling appointments. The testing lab is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for walk-ins.

Detailed information concerning exams offered, dates and times, locations of exams and how to register can be found on their web site. Information about support groups can be obtained and appointments made by either calling Counseling Services at (256) 782-5475, visiting the office located at 140 Doughty Hall, or looking online at jsu.edu/ccservices.

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Looking at the Bible as Literature

English Department now offers the Old and New Testaments as Separate Electives

Crystal Thompson
Special to the Chanticleer

There are stories within the Bible that most know or are at least familiar with. Two of the more famous are the parable of the prodigal son and the parable of the good Samaritan.

But what about the lesser-known writings, ones that aren't necessarily taught in Sunday school? The man so obese that he pooped himself when stabbed in the gut? The Old Testament law that says parents can have a stubborn son stoned to death? Song of Solomon's strong eroticism?

Students learn these stories in the English Department's Bible as Literature class, and now students have even more opportunities to study its stories. Beginning this fall, the classes will be split: Old Testament and New Testament.

Spiritual roots aside, all biblical tales are, at their heart, works of literature. This is what English instructor Jennifer Foster wants students to take away from the class.

"I think this book unequivocally has affected and impacted Western culture more than any other piece of art or literature," said Foster. "I think this whole idea of the theme of redemption and optimism and there being hope for every individual, that's what I love about the stories in the Bible."

She continued, "The whole gamut of human emotion is portrayed in the Bible. You have love, hate, jealousy, envy, strife, agony, all these different things. And thousands of years later we're still experiencing those same emotions. So our technology has changed, our government has changed, our political systems have changed, but the human condition hasn't. We're all kind of screwed up and we're all trying to be optimistic and hopeful about it."

One of the biggest obstacles to teaching a religious text in this manner is conveying the idea that it isn't on the religion itself. Foster admits several students have dropped the class, feeling as if she was asking them to ignore their personal beliefs. She insisted this is far from the case, as she herself holds "strong religious beliefs about

the Bible." She only asks students to look at the stories from a literary perspective by stepping outside those beliefs, not abandoning them. Those who remain in the class tend to agree.

Junior Daniel Hughes admitted he was wary of Foster's teaching method when it came to such a deeply personal topic, but now feels like he gained more from her class than many others.

"Her method of encouraging us to seek out our own answers allowed us to decide which questions were most important on an individual basis, rather than the 'instructor teaching religion from a pulpit,'" said Hughes.

But the classwork isn't a free-for-all. There is method to her madness, so to speak. In addition to the typical reading assignments, group discussions and presentations, Foster's teaching of an ancient text is deeply intertwined with today's technology.

The university's Blackboard system and the course's closed Facebook page are heavily utilized. Each student maintains a weekly online blog, in which the author poses a biblical question and answers it. This teaching style is known as challenge-based learning.

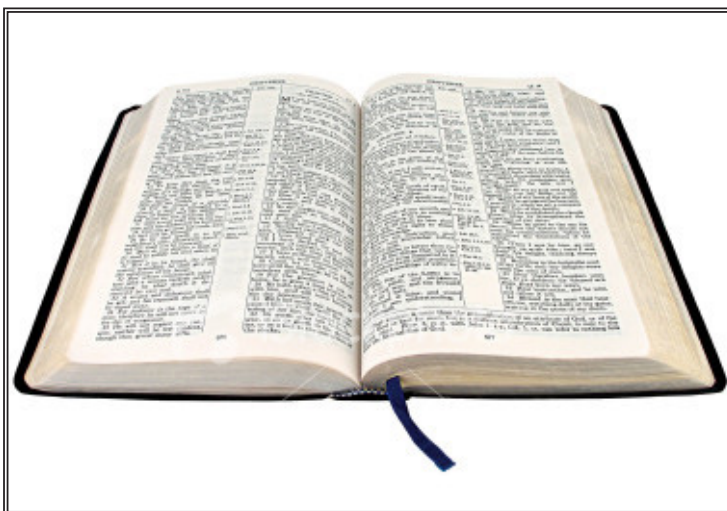
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"I don't give exams. I do assess students, but my assessment, I think, is a higher level of assessment," said Foster. "What I've allowed my students to do is to come up with their own challenges. And week after week, I'm reading these blogs and I'm learning so much through the students' challenge of themselves. It's amazing to me, because when I graded tests, gosh it was drudgery. I hated it. Now I'm captivated by these things students are writing every week."

Junior Katie Cleveland said, "Even before the class began, Mrs. Foster was already warning us not to expect theological debates. I'm sure some hesitate in allowing this class to be taught because the professor might preach to the students or it might make someone mad that the Bible isn't being focused on as a holy book."

Because the Bible is so vast and detailed, Mrs. Foster requested the course be split into two sections. The Old Testament will be taught this upcoming fall semester; the New Testament in the spring.

Cleveland believes no one could do a better job teaching this class than Foster. "I went through the whole semester with her and still don't know her religious beliefs, which is just the way it should be, considering it's a literature class."



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Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Adam Sandler. Lady Gaga. Will Smith. Johnny Depp. What do these people have in common? They're all superstars, and they've all worked with Jeffrey Nichols.

Nichols is the instructor for the new Film Entertainment Technology minor that started last semester at JSU. He has more than 30 years experience in Hollywood and has returned home to Alabama to share his wisdom and help students break into the business.

The program currently consists of only two courses: Intro to Filmmaking and Intro to Film Technology. Another is in the works for next year.

"If I had to give that class a title right now, it would probably be

Event Film Technology, but it doesn't have an official title yet," said Nichols. "That course will involve more editing and music design, composing music."

It is set to be in full swing by the fall, with plans to eventually offer Film Entertainment Technology as a major.

Intro to Filmmaking had 11 students during Spring semester, and Intro to Film Technology had 17. Enrollment is expected to grow in upcoming months as information about the program circulates.

Nichols says the goal of his program is twofold: to teach his students how to be professional and to create a work force that knows how to safely and effectively operate equipment.

"We don't have a traditional film school here. We're not growing directors, produc-

ers, and screenwriters," he said. "These students are learning hands-on, how to do behind-the-scenes stuff: the do's and don'ts of how to hold a camera, how to set up gear safely, disciplines like lighting."

He added that "they can't start out with front-door jobs, but I don't want them with back-door jobs either, like sweeping floors or pouring coffee. The vision is for my students to be able to enter through the side door."

Nichols can certainly help that vision become a reality through First Take Productions, his production company in Hollywood. For a select few students serious about pursuing



a career in the industry, the program allows for a trip to Hollywood for on-the-job training with Nichols and his company. This will enable students to network and to see how the filmmaking process works in real time.

As a Director of Photography specializing

in 3D and Hi-Def Digital Cinematography, Nichols has been involved in productions like American Idol, the Grammy Awards and the movie "Spiderman."

For more information about the program, contact Nichols at (256) 782-8480 or jrnichols@jsu.edu.

Advanced Audio Production Provides Opportunity for Artists

Jacob Hill
Special to the Chanticleer

Jacksonville State University's Department of Communication offers classes that may be of interest to students wishing to record and produce their own music.

Advanced Audio Production is a course that provides students the opportunity to further familiarize themselves with recording, editing and mastering audio tracks. These skills stem from those learned in Intro to Audio Production.

Dr. John McGrail teaches the course in the spring for those who pass the pre-

requisite and wish to continue learning about the artistry of producing high quality audio.

"Right now, with some high quality mics and a reasonably powerful laptop, you can make some high quality recordings," said McGrail. "The art is still in the mixing, which requires taste and talent."

A final project for students enrolled in the course involves using multi-track studio techniques to edit the audio post-production for television and film or music production. Those choosing to work with a music production must record a band or ensemble.

"We will bring musicians in to work with the students and get them understanding microphone techniques, which even those who are familiar with audio soft-

ware usually need help with," said McGrail.

The coursework proves to be beneficial for those students who aspire to be a part of the music production industry.

"I made a living as a sound designer and audio engineer in the 90's before getting my Ph.D. I will also be discussing working with clients, communication skills involved and the business side of audio production," said McGrail.

McGrail encourages students outside of the Department of Communication to enroll, especially drama and music students. The benefits go beyond the classroom and extend into real world applicable skills for anyone involved in drama or musical audio production.

JSU Named Tree Campus USA



Matt Reynolds/JSU

On February 23rd, 2012, Jacksonville State University received its own Tree Campus USA award. A tree planting ceremony took place on the slope next to the TMB. The event was organized by the JSU Earth Club, the Student Government Association and the Jacksonville Boy Scout troop 19.

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Staff Writer

In celebration of Arbor Day 2012, Jacksonville State University became a certified Tree Campus USA, second in the state behind Auburn University.

In honor of the certification, an Arbor Day Celebration was held on the hill next to the Theron Montgomery Building.

Nicholas Charles, president of the JSU Earth Club, welcomed everyone to the celebration, followed by the presentation of the flag by Boy Scouts Troop 19 and an invocation by the Rev. Truman Norred.

JSU President Dr. William Meehan welcomed everyone to the celebration and expressed his pride in JSU and the Tree Campus USA honor.

Jacksonville Mayor Johnny Smith took the podium after President Meehan and couldn't praise

the JSU Grounds Crew enough for always keeping the campus looking so good.

Because of the new trees, "it will look good for years to come," Smith announced.

Becoming a Tree Campus USA certified school is difficult to do, according to the requirements set by the Arbor Day Foundation,

The certification is annual and there are five standards that must be met for a campus to fulfill the requirements.

The standards include forming a Campus Tree Advisory Committee, creating a Campus Tree Care Plan, developing a Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures, observing Arbor Day and completing a Service Learning Project.

There were only 116 Tree Campus USA certified schools nationwide at

the end of 2011.

To wrap up the celebration, Matt McCollough, Cliff Hawkins and Neil Letson, all from the Alabama Forestry Commission in Montgomery, presented President Meehan with the Tree Campus USA Award.

President Meehan then helped plant the tree, with the help of the Forestry Commission and the JSU Grounds Crew.

JSU Earth Club member Alexandra Mosley read "A Tree is a Home" during the celebration and Jacksonville Tree Commission member Kenny Griffin presented the Johnny Applesseed Award.

Following the award presentation, JSU Student Government Association member Tory Green explained to the crowd how he feels trees build communities.

"Trees bring the community and the school together," Green said.

Robotics Team National Runners-Up

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Robots live among us on the campus of JSU. Well, just one robot in particular, and his name is Ol' Janky Jr., the product of JSU's robotics team. In November 2011, he represented the school in the national robotics conference hosted by the Association of the Technology, Management and Applied Engineering.

The two-day conference was held in Cleveland, Ohio, and featured teams from all over the United States. JSU's team was composed of four members: Sam Thompson, Alex Zenanko, David Georgeson and Chris Cannon. This marked the second year that Jacksonville State participated in the conference.

The goal of each team in the competition was to manufacture a robot that could identify different colored tennis balls and sort them into color-coded piles. Not only did Ol' Janky Jr. meet those goals, but he was the only robot at the conference with a vision system

and the ability to maneuver itself to and from the table where the tennis balls were located.

JSU's robotics team built Ol' Janky Jr. from the ground up, including his motors and circuit boards. They also wrote a computer program uniquely for controlling the robot, which can be directed by using the arrow keys on a computer keyboard.

"It has two large circuit boards inside of it," team member Zenanko explained. "One of them controls speed and direction and drives the motors; the other serves as the brain of the robot."

Electronics and fabrication were two components of scorekeeping at the conference. The judges examined the robot from the inside-out, including the unique computer program. Then each robot was given five minutes to perform the task of retrieving and sorting the tennis balls.

There was a presentation aspect of determining the score as well. Each team had to show a poster and technical report about their machine.

"We collaborated with the art department

and graphic design on the poster, and a grad assistant helped us write the tech report," Zenanko said. "It definitely takes a lot of teamwork to accomplish something like this."

What they accomplished was placing second on the overall competition and third on the robot itself.

Ol' Janky Jr. now sits in a warehouse/robotics lab next to Ayers Hall, where he is awaiting new recruits to begin work on a new robot for next year. All four members that built Ol' Janky Jr. have now graduated, so a new team will represent JSU in the 2012 conference.

Students do not have to be Engineering or Computer Science majors to join the robotics team. They must, however, enroll in a two-part robotics course which takes place over the spring and summer.

Students interested in joining the robotics team may contact advisor Phillip Dean at (256) 782-5839.

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Taste of

Andrew Holderfield
Staff Writer

So, let's paint a hypothetical picture. You're hungry. You're in Jacksonville. You found ten dollars in an old pair of jeans. Where are you going to go? Here are a few suggestions for great deals on food around town.



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Chicken Teriyaki Bento Box – \$7.99
Yamato Japanese Steakhouse
105 Mountain St. NW

If you're in the mood for Japanese, Yamato is where you need to be. Their delicious Teriyaki Bento Box comes with white meat chicken (or beef or shrimp or salmon, if you don't mind paying a little extra) served on white rice with soup, crisp salad, spring roll sushi and California roll sushi, all for around 638 Yen. Delicious and filling, pair alongside a brisk, cold glass of water and enjoy the flavor.

Hamburger with Fries – \$4.99
Roma's Pizza and Steak House
1 Public Square E

So, you're not into wings and their goodness. Then why not try an old-fashioned hamburger from Roma's? Located on the square, Roma's offers great southern cooking with an Italian flare, and a knack for making amazing burgers, apparently. Crisp lettuce, zesty onion slices and a flavorful bit of tomato serve as delicious accompaniment to a thick patty of beef, just waiting to be delivered to your eager stomach.

the Town

**Wings – 60¢ per.
Jefferson’s Restaurant
407 Pelham Rd. N**

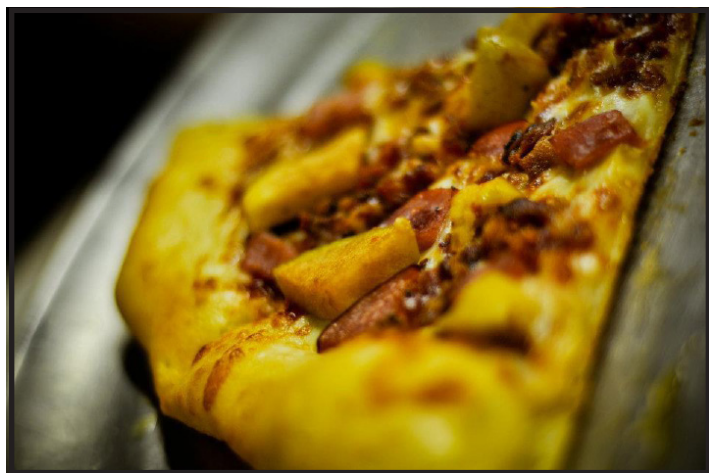
If it just so happens that the game is on, the original Jefferson’s has a great amazing-food-and-big-TV thing going on. Load up on eight fiery wings served with crisp celery, chips and your choice of ranch or blue cheese. Stop by on Wednesday or Sunday and save even more with 60¢ wings. Grab a cold one (depending on your age) and you won’t be missing that \$10 anytime soon.



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**Taco Salad - \$5.50
Baja Mexican Grill
1555 Pelham Rd. S**

Baja Mexican Grill combines tasty south-of-the-border cuisine with a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Try the heaping taco salad for a romp through flavorful beef or chicken with lettuce, guacamole, tomatoes, Mexican rice and beans, all served in a crispy tortilla shell. Just be prepared for an immediate post-meal siesta, as the glasses are large and the helpings are hefty. It really is tough to find a better bang for your buck than Baja, especially without leaving town.



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**Pretty Much Everything
Wake and Bake Pizza and Coffee Co.
109 Ladiga St. SE**

In the few months since they opened, Wake and Bake have quickly established themselves as an unparalleled shrine to flavor. Wild pizza combinations, such as the cheesy mushroom, broccoli and spinach, are perfectly suited for adventurous carnivores and vegetarians alike. If you crave something a bit lighter, try one of their signature (and equally unhinged) cookies paired with a bold and complex double shot of espresso. Still not satisfied? Three words: Dr. Pepper wings.



Andrew Holderfield/STAFF WRITER

JSU Survey vs. Popular Web Site

By Megan Roberts
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Staff Writer and News Editor

RateMyProfessors.com is considered by many students to be one of the greatest free assets at their disposal. With more than 13 million student-generated comments and ratings, students often turn to this popular website before registering each semester, researching each possible professor by name.

"I've found the information to be extremely helpful, especially in regards to detailing the personalities of the professors," said Senior Morgan Whetstone. "I respond well to professors that are passionate about the material they are teaching, and RateMyProfessors usually provides substantial descriptions to help me select the right courses accordingly."

To others, the site gives an added bonus. Junior Stephanie Smith says the she sometimes looks at the website during a semester, and is able to find feedback on how tests will be to better prepare herself.

Opposing RateMyProfessor is JSU's Course IDEA Survey. At the end of each semester, each student's inbox fills with reminders to complete the surveys online. So what exactly is IDEA?

"Individual Development and Educational Assessment. It is JSU's system of student ratings of instruction," said Coordinator of Assessment Tihnan Ma, from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

"Through this, we are able to get feedback from students so we can use the data to improve our course content and course instruction, and hopefully use the data generated from students to guide any needed changes in course content and instruction."

The drawback? Students don't see IDEA results.

"The problem with the IDEA system," said Senior Ben Nunnally, "is that it's meant to provide feedback for the professors, not the students. We don't see those results, so students need some way to communicate with each other. RateMyProfessors is the most popular way to do it."

Most professors support the IDEA survey, and some go to great lengths to get high student participation. Students have been given bonus points or scored an easy quiz grade. Some professors march entire classes to the nearest computer lab.

Communication instructor Mike

Stedham believes JSU is lucky to have the IDEA system. "I put a lot of stock in what they say because these are my students in my class, who have been through what I teach, and I pay a lot of attention to what they say." He believes if a student doesn't make a grade they feel the deserve, RateMyProfessors is a way to seek revenge.

He may be right. When it comes to the reviews, it seems few write unless they love or hate the professor. Few fall in the middle.

Fellow communication instructor Charles Waddle takes the IDEA survey results seriously, as well. He admitted to changing aspects of his course based on direct results from the IDEA. But junior Andrew Holderfield doubts many professors do the same.

"If there's no person designed to check the surveys, look at them, come in, sit down with the teacher and say, 'Hey, you have all these comments saying, 'You're this way or you're that way — what are you going to do about it?"

"If it's just left up to the teacher then the entire thing's pointless. The teacher's not going to take that criticism."

Ma explained that the surveys do provide instruction. "All courses are evaluated using the same instrument and method, providing the opportunity for increased consistency and reliability. The IDEA results are intended to be used in helping guide improvement efforts, either in teaching or in course content."

Faculty Senate President Dr. Teresa Gardner concurred.

"Faculty take student evaluations seriously. We need student input to decide how material should be presented and to know how we come across to our students," said Gardner.

In addition, "Student evaluations are a part of the faculty evaluation process. We use the results to drive instruction and to improve our teaching effectiveness."

Still, students are skeptical of IDEA. Fall 2011 only brought a response rate of 41 percent.

Sophomore Sara Pettit, a Secondary Education major, had a similar view.

"I only fill them out if a teacher begs because I just don't see them making a huge difference," she said. "Teachers I have given low scores before still stick around and do the same thing."



Senior Matthew Tyson agreed. "Back a couple of years ago, I would fill out the surveys," he said. "I guess because I always heard by the teacher, 'If you fill out the surveys something will get changed. We won't know what to fix if you don't fill out the surveys.' And so I went and filled them out but then I didn't feel like anything really got changed."

"Because I have no evidence that it does. Personally."

The notion of anonymity and the timing of the surveys is a concern among students, as well. The survey guarantees anonymity "unless you supply information that identifies yourself" in the comment section.

"I have added comments before but only to compliment a teacher," Pettit said.

Some find it alarming that professors have access to the surveys so quickly.

Factoring in the survey deadline, Ma said, "Normally, the turnaround time, I would say, like 10 working days."

According to her, "Before the semester ends, they will get their reports back."

But communication instructor Mike Stedham said that he has never seen an IDEA survey from a class before he has turned in his semester grades. "Normally I see them at least a week or more after."

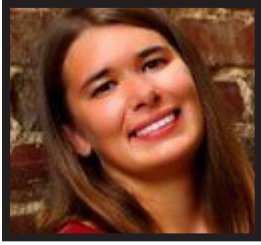
Tyson admitted to rarely answering the comment section of the surveys. Asked if he thought his grade had ever been affected by survey answers, he shook his head.

"If that was true, I would raise all kind of s---."

So while JSU's IDEA results makes a slow but steady rise each semester, RateMyProfessor looks to be staple in many college students' browsing history, at least for now.

The Real Truth Behind Spice

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Editor-in-Chief



For the first time in United States history, more teens and college-age adults died last year from drug overdoses than from car accidents. This was one of many statistics presented last spring at the SGA's "Spice

and the Real Truth."

The seminar focused mainly on the dangers of synthetic marijuana, known on the street as "spice," but also touched on synthetic cocaine, or "bath salts."

The Calhoun County Drug Task Force was present for the event, and Lt. Mike Reese with the ABC Board was primary speaker. Reese showed graphic photos and videos displaying what can happen when people experiment

with the drug. He travels around the state, trying to drive home a point students have heard their entire lives: "Don't Do Drugs."

As its name implies, spice is a blend of spices and herbs. But what makes it dangerous and addicting is a synthetic chemical compound that closely resembles THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Spice is sold in slick, colorful packaging that looks similar to Pop Rocks or a pack of trading cards.

Many brands do not feature a warning about the harmful effects it can have, such as heart attacks, hallucinations, anxiety, seizures, vomiting and elevated blood pressure. It has also been known to make users agitated, to the point where they cut, or in rare cases shoot, themselves while on the drug.

JSU student Nick Reeves knows firsthand how powerful and dangerous spice is. At the seminar, he shared that he and a friend decided to try the drug just once. Moments after inhaling, Reeves began bleeding from his nose and ears, seizing, and hallucinating that the devil was standing in front of him.

Reeves awoke in the hospital to find his parents, aunt and two police officers at his bedside. Drug-free since then, he now encourages his peers to learn from his mistake and not experiment with drugs.

Another statistic revealed that 11.4 percent of high school seniors have tried spice. One of them was Brandon Clark, a local teen who died from trying it. Clark's father, Joe, spoke at the seminar and had this warning to offer to students.

"You are here for a purpose," he said. "Make right choices and things will work out. It's easy to get sidetracked, so remember, it only takes one mistake."

Then-SGA-President Bryant Whaley believes it was no mistake that this seminar was scheduled the night after a similar presentation was held by a different group on campus.

"I'm not the kind of guy who believes in coincidence," Whaley said. "Everything happens for a reason. Students really need to be informed so they can be responsible."

Nicotine: Still Side Dish of Choice in Alabama

Emily Glaser
Staff Writer

Restaurants all across the country have been blowing out the ashes. Cigarette ashes that is. Twenty-nine states have jumped on the band wagon and are trying to make dining experiences pleasant for all in their dining establishments by passing no smoking legislation. Alabama is one of the eight states that have not.

The laws that those twenty-nine states have enacted in the past decade ban smoking in three establishments: workplaces, restaurants, and bars. These laws not only protect the customers, they protect the employees as well. Another nine states have banned smoking in two of the three listed establishments. Alabama and seven other states have somewhat created restrictions on smoking in establishments. But the restrictions are nothing like the other states' and still leave customers and employees in great danger of inhaling someone else's smoke.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, secondhand smoke exposure causes lung cancer and cardiovascular and respiratory diseases in nonsmoking adults and children, resulting in an estimated 46,000 heart disease deaths and 3,400 lung cancer deaths among United States nonsmoking adults each year.

Somehow, the smoke free freight train skipped right over Alabama, leaving nothing but slow movement of smoke free bills in the Legislature. Some cities in Alabama have enacted their own policies regarding smoking in public places. Under the city of Jacksonville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Article II Smoking in Public, Sec. 13-21, "Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places within the city . . ." That ordinance includes restaurants with attached bars.

Some restaurants are making the change, even if not required by law. This

includes places that have always allowed smokers the option of cigs as the second side dish.

Cooter Brown's Rib Shack of Jacksonville, Alabama allowed smok-



ing inside from its opening in April 2000 until September 17, 2011. Cooter Brown's did not ban smoking because of legal requirements, because it is not within the Jacksonville city limits. Owner Barbara Johnson said that they decide to switch to smoke free because of how society now views smoking.

Johnson is from a family of smokers, so it isn't that smoking bothers her. It is the simple fact that the restaurant seats only 50 people and in such a

small area, good ventilation is hard to come by.

Another reason that sparked the change was that Johnson had heard people saying that they would be more likely to dine in Cooter Brown's if it was non-smoking.

Just because the restaurant is in a college town doesn't mean that the main customers are college students who like to drink and smoke. Eighty five percent of sales are of food, with only the remaining fifteen percent being alcohol sales. The clientele is very mixed, with students, families, and just people passing through the area.

Since making the change to a non-smoking establishment, Cooter Brown's has not lost any business, according to Johnson.

Joe and Katie Donahue have been loyal customers of Cooter Brown's for nine years now. They said that the smoking in the restaurant never really bothered them, but now

that there won't be any smoke inside, their dining experience will be even more enjoyable.

According to the Alabama State Legislature, for the past 13 years, bills have been introduced in the Alabama Legislature to ban smoking in some way, shape or form in public establishments. They have yet to be passed.

Johnson believes that the state of Alabama will eventually pass legislation that requires all restaurants to go smoke free. She believes that society is making the change, by deciding that we don't want to breathe in second hand smoke while we're eating.

"Not even smokers want to be around smoke when they're eating," said Katie Donahue, a former smoker.

Alabama is not alone in this southern love affair with nicotine. According to the CDC, no southern state has a comprehensive smoke free law in effect.

Loans, Grants and the 2012 Election

Jessica Phillips, Noelle Millirons and Shaundra Snell

Special to The Chanticleer

College students have the fundamental right to vote to protect their academic future.

The upcoming 2012 presidential election will affect loans, grants, education and tuition. And if there is one thing that every Jacksonville State University student has in common, it's tuition.

In 2000, a full-time undergraduate student at JSU paid about \$1,320 for tuition. Today, the cost is nearly \$3,060.

The main reason tuition has been rising is because colleges must make up for reductions in government subsidies.

"Studies have shown that more students in college are from lower-class families than upper-class families," said student Jennifer McManus. "If tuition keeps increasing, there will be less students from lower income families and that will hinder the American dream."

According to www.finaid.com, college tuition rates can be expected to increase an average seven or eight percent each year for the next ten years.

Colleges attempted to slow down the rate of inflation for tuition, but their minimal progress came to a halt in the wake of the recession.

Escalating college tuition ultimately results in an elevated number of student loans. For the first time in U.S. history, student loan debt has now surpassed credit card debt.

According to PBS, the student loan debt of this country is nearly \$1 trillion. Mark Kantrowitz of Fastweb.com recently announced that the graduating class of 2011 has the highest estimated average student debt.

"I had to take out a loan just to finish my senior year," said student Andrea Hughes. "Do they really believe college students have that kind of money just sitting in our bank accounts?"

The National Center for Education Statistics

also reported that two out of three students receive some form of financial aid.

JSU student Paige Shierling said she is fearful of tuition increases and the possibility that federal grants and programs won't

On February 13, Obama announced his tentative 2013 budget. In his proposal is a new \$8 billion "Community College to Career" fund, which would train \$2 million workers for jobs in high-demand fields.

In addition, Obama wants to make college



tuition affordable and a possibility for every student. His proposal aims to make financial aid more available, and gives incentives to keep tuition costs down.

Colleges that don't increase tuition will be able to partake of a \$1 billion reward fund, and those that produce high graduation rates will compete for \$55 million. Colleges that fail to keep prices down face withholding of federal student aid.

"If you can't stop tuition from going up, then the funding you get from taxpayers will go down," Obama said during his State of the Union Address. "College should not be an economic luxury."

The interest rate placed on need-based student loans is set to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent unless Congress intervenes in July.

In his latest proposal, Obama urges them to do so as well as implement a tax cut for tuition and textbook expenses. This could save families up to \$10,000 over four years of college.

Obama also wants Congress to increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,635 and increase money for campus-based financial aid. This would include federal work-study and the Perkins Loan Program.

"There is some concern that has been raised about the federal government getting into price control," said Richard Doherty. Doherty is the president and chief executive of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., senior member of the Senate Budget Committee, also said that the proposed budget "spends too much, borrows too much and taxes too much."

One concern mentioned by president of Northeastern University Joseph Aoun is the potential problem that an imposed tuition cap would lessen the quality of education.

A plan proposed by Obama in 2009 aimed to give \$12 million to community colleges, providing them with modern facilities, elevated quality of online courses and a projected five million more American college graduates by 2020. This proposal never saw the light of day.

Now it's up to the voters.

Voting is not mandatory, but it is an essential factor to changing past and future legislation. Students must get involved.

"As long as elections continue to be decided by lobbyists, interest groups and a misinformed general public, it's going to take a lot more than one good candidate to take us where we want to go," said JSU student Bergen Bolt.

"Students should care about this election because whether they know it or not, it has everything to do with them and, individually, we may only make a whisper but, if we all scream together, we'll let out one hell of a roar."

Continue to Rock the Vote

Megan Gargis
Staff Writer

"Forty-four million strong, we are the largest generation in history and represent more than one-fifth of the electorate," according to a statement on RockTheVote.com.

For many people around campus, 2012 marks the first year that they can get their hands on a ballot. But before you are able to cast your vote, however, there are a few things that you must do

to register.

You may visit the website RockTheVote.com to access a simple registration form, or register in person at the Calhoun County Courthouse.

Now, where do you legally reside?

If you live in your parent's house, register using their address. But if you have your own dorm, apartment, trailer or house, use that address.

If for some reason you can't make it to the polls on Election Day, you may still be able to vote by way of absentee ballot.

Are you associating yourself with a par-

ticular political party when you register?

If so, that indicates that you are voting only for Democratic or Republican candidates. If you are listed as an Independent, that means you are open to candidates from all parties.

A final but important step is to save the date! Polls across the country will be open for the General Election on Tuesday, November 6th, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The people who are running the nation now will affect our generation longer than any other.

So let your voice be heard! Get out there and rock the vote!

Art is Alive Here at JSU

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

When most people think of schools for art, drama, and music, it probably brings to mind colleges in New York, Los Angeles or Nashville. But Jacksonville State boasts thriving arts programs.

For Jauneth Skinner, Head of the Art Department, a typical day is "Busy. I start the day with a list of projects that need to be worked on, then the phone rings. Then someone (student or faculty) needs to talk. The phone rings again. And the next time I look up, the day is gone!"

The Art department is a constant flow of energy, hosting around ten exhibits in Hammond Hall each year. Exhibits feature work by students, faculty, and guest artists.

This past fall, JSU be-

gan offering a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Communication and Design degree, which makes it the first and only college in the state of Alabama to offer that degree.

All faculty members are not just teachers; they are practicing, professional artists. JSU's Art department is also accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

According to Hammond Hall Gallery Coordinator Gale Brodie, "There is nothing mundane in the world of art. Each day there is something different, something new, something waiting to be expressed".

There is nothing mundane in the world of drama, either. JSU's Drama department has been offering a major since 1973, and currently has about seventy-five stu-

dents who are majoring in the department, with concentrations in either technical/design areas or performance.

According to Drama Department Head Carlton Ward, "The department is constantly in 'show mode' for six mainstage plays, fifteen to twenty one-act directing projects each spring, a touring children's production and a drama camp for young people."

Ask Music Department Head Legare McIntosh what the most-used building on campus is, however, and he will say Mason Hall. JSU's Music department currently boasts over three hundred music majors and minors, and its motto is "A Proud Tradition in Sound Education".

Aside from the Marching Southerners, the Music department has three

concert bands, three jazz bands, three percussion ensembles and a plethora of smaller groups, including a saxophone quartet and trumpet choir. Ensembles are composed of students from all over campus, including many who are not music majors or minors.

JSU is also home to the Jacksonville Opera Theater, which hosts two major opera productions each school year, as well as five other choral/vocal groups.

There is no lack of entertainment from the Music department, as students, faculty and guest performers hold over 150 concerts every year, in venues both on and off campus.

Students don't have to look far to enjoy a cultural experience. A world of opportunities is right here at Jacksonville State!

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On the Verge of a Musical Revolution?

Andrew Holderfield
Staff Writer

If you're a believer in the notion that history repeats itself, then ponder this: Are we in store for a new reformation movement in popular music on par with America early 1990's? Well, in order to answer that question, we have to look backwards.

In the late 80's the world was riddled with huge bands and acts bellowing out hit after hit and filling arenas from Tokyo to Toronto and back again. Huge, expensive stage shows with pyrotechnics and fancy mechanical gimmicks took a front seat to actual song quality. Bands like Styx spent more on a gigantic 'Mr. Roboto' prop than they did actually recording the song. Now, this is not to say that the songs

weren't expensive to record. At the time studio budgets for popular acts were off the rails. Guitar solos featuring dozens of guitars were not uncommon, even as the amount of vocal tracks from bands like Poison required an almost orchestral arrangement to simply make sound realistic. Pop stars like Tiffany and Madonna cross-crossed the nation on huge convoys of tour buses, wooing crowds with disaffected tunes about love in relation to shopping, even as the country's economy began to wane. To put it simply, popular music had lost touch with the world it was speaking to and about. Then... to put it simply... 'boom!'.

In the span of 2 years, from 1989-1991, bands like Warrant were driving to bars in vans as bands

like Smashing Pumpkins, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Pearl Jam and Sonic Youth dominated the air waves with the antithesis of everything the country was so much about a few years prior. Songs were no longer overwhelming forces of production and money. They were simple, angry, distorted odes to a country in peril. Flannel had replaced leather and the teams of record producers had... well, most of those early albums didn't even have producers. Songs were often self-recorded in the same basements that the bands performed on Saturday nights. The world was different and 24 months was all it took.

Fast-forward to today. Is this where we are, neo-1988? Has music grown so autocorrected and flamboyant that it has lost



it's soul? Are the Lady Gagas, Ke\$has and Niki Minajs of today the 'hair bands' of yesteryear? Are the songs they sing really relevant in the world we find ourselves in? Will our kids look back and laugh?

This article is not meant to bash (I, personally, love both Cindi Lauper and Katy Perry.) but it is a query that has been at the back of my mind for quite a while. Are we poised

for another musical coup d'état? Hell, I don't know. One cannot be sure, but as the bands inspired by groups like Nirvana grow into almost replicants of the gigantic and soulless area-rock groups Cobain and company usurped the airways from, one cannot help but suspect that we might not be far off from an 'Occupy Music' movement favoring bands like Beasts Make Bomb and Joyce Manor while leaving overproduced groups like LMFAO in the definite 1%. Just a little food for thought.

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Silence is Loud

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Editor-in-Chief

One Thursday morning last February, students and faculty at JSU were surprised to see some unusual creatures walking around campus.

Five students from Ms. Allison McElroy's mixed media class dressed in outfits-complete with shoes and full-faced masks-covered in paper squares that resembled Post-It notes. Starting from Hammond Hall, the five students: Dovie Luckado, Jeremy Bagwell, Larry Baldwin, Lee Hamric and Allison Merritt, dispersed all over campus and silently walked around. The students climbed trees, turned cartwheels, and sat with strangers in the cafeteria, but they were not allowed to speak while wearing the suits. Each costumed walker had two of their class-

mates following them inconspicuously: one was a handler, who would pick up any loose squares that fell off of the costumes, and the other was a photographer who documented people's reactions to the silent walkers. A handful of students also served as videographers for the project. If anyone questioned the handlers and photographers about what they were doing, they were allowed to answer with only one word: square.

As part of a lesson



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that she titled "Exploring the Simple", McElroy instructed each of her students to cut out 512 squares of paper. With eighteen students in the class, the total num-

ber of squares reached over 9,000. The students then had to put their heads together and come up with a project that they could work on as a group, utilizing all of the squares. They decided to make outfits.

"It was their idea. I just fostered," McElroy laughs. "This is the kind of thing we do in the Art department; one, to get students to work on craftsmanship, and two, to work on concept development; you know, start with an idea, a simple square, and see how far you can build it, how many different ways you can make it work as art."

The class titled their effort "Silence is Loud". After their human installation, they had an actual installation in Hammond Hall of their work, which featured the suits and masks worn by the walkers, and some of the photographs taken

of their trips around campus.

One of the walkers paid a visit to Dr. Meehan's office, but was told by the president's secretary that he was out of the office. The walkers also made appearances in the library, Stone Center, the University Police Department, and aboard the Gamecock Express before reuniting at the TMB.

"It's supposed to have been a secret, but they've been, you know, dropping hints on Facebook," McElroy said as she watched her students working.

Judging by the mixed reactions from onlookers around campus-some waving and playing along, some just staring bewilderedly-the mixed media class certainly received some attention. Their project title must be true: Silence is loud.

J.E.T. Rock Jacksonville

Megan Gargis
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University has an up and coming music scene, with one of those bands being Jean Ellison and the Treatment(J.E.T.). The trio is made up of Jean Ellison on vocals, Steven Ellison on percussion and Aron Thompson on keyboard and bass. They refer to their sound as a mixture of jazz and pop: "something people can dance to, it's a different sound than anything around here," stated Steven Ellison.

The band brings a new level of music to JSU. "Not only do we enjoy music,

it's our career, our passion and our job." says Jean Ellison. "It reflects in our music."

Jean has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education with an emphasis in Voice, and she's currently finishing her Master's degree in Music. Steven has a Bachelor's degree in Music Education with an emphasis in Percussion and a Masters in Music. Aron is a Music major with an emphasis in Jazz Studies.

The music has a different feel than most things on the radio these days. According to Thompson, "When the music comes together, it all comes from different backgrounds. It's new music."

On Thursday nights, they host open

house rehearsals. "So they [the audience] can hear what we're working on. You know, jam out and have a good time," explained Jean.

The band hasn't played many shows in Jacksonville, but they did open for the Drama department's production of an original play, Th' Burning, during the spring 2012 semester. The band plays in places like Murphy, North Carolina, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Gadsden, Alabama. They opened for Nappy Roots in Murphy, North Carolina. They do plan on playing more shows in the Jacksonville area.

"We're making music as a treatment; it's music for your soul," stated Jean.

Combating the Dreaded Freshman Fifteen

Claire Jacobs

Special to the Chanticleer

As we near the first month of the Fall 2012 semester, students are slowly getting back into their college routine. Incoming freshmen are now facing the infamous "Freshman 15." Upperclassmen, pay attention; you're just as capable of gaining your own 15 as the freshmen are.

This comes after Gallup released the state-by-state and nationwide obesity rates. Up until this most recent sampling, Colorado was the only state in the U.S. to have a statewide obesity rate of under 20 percent.

Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. In the recent release, Gallup now shows every state to have an obesity rate of at least 20 percent, with Colorado still ranking as the least obese, at 20.1 percent. West Virginia ranks as the most obese, at 34.3 percent. The nationwide average from the first half of this year lands at 26.3 percent, rising from

25.5 percent from 2008.

Alabama ranks at 30th most obese, and while the rate dropped just over one percent from last year, that is still staggeringly high up on the list. Healthy eating and exercise habits that can be learned in college can help prevent Alabama's rank from rising higher, and could even lead to a decline in the nationwide obesity rate.

Here are some quick tips for preventing the "Freshman 15":

Choose "skinny" drinks:

College is a time for early mornings and all-nighters, and if you find yourself jonesing for that morning wake-up or that extra kick to get you into the night, coffee will be your best friend. However, when you're at the counter, order wisely. Ordering a regular coffee will be your best choice when it comes to calories (approximately two per eight ounces), but when ordering a latte or mocha, be

sure to ask for it to be made "skinny" – which means it's made with skim milk and/or sugar-free syrups. Making that simple change could cut 100 or more calories out of your drink.

Avoid Ramen:

I know, I love Ramen noodles too – but look at the nutritional information on the back. That tasty, nuked-in-five-minutes treat is a diet killer. One package of Ramen is 380 calories (126 are from fat), 52 grams of carbohydrates, and a whopping 1,540 mg of sodium. Scary, right? Ramen may be one of the cheapest things a college student can buy, but you will definitely pay for it in the long run.

Walk or bike to class:

There's nothing better than a walk or a bike ride on a brisk fall day. If you have the time (and if the weather is nice), walking or biking is an easy way to take off the calories.

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New Weight Room in Stephenson Hall Just in Time for Fall

Emily Glaser

Staff Writer

Last semester, a new addition to Stephenson Hall officially opened. And it did not go unnoticed.

During the first weekend that the new addition was open, the number of people going into Stephenson doubled.

The new addition has been a work in progress since April 2011 when construction first began.

For getting the project finished in less than a year, Eric Brasher, the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports, thanks Dr. Meehan, Dr. Hammett, and David Thompson of the Physical Plant.

Top of the line strength training equipment from Hammer Strength and Life Fitness fill the new 4,500 square foot room.

Student workers Meredith Conduff and Katie Herrin, who work at the sign in desk, have really noticed the larger numbers coming in.

Senior Towanda Kirksey-Stan is really enjoying the new equipment. "I try to come in here everyday for at least an hour after class," Kirksey-Stan said, "I'm glad there are dumbbell weights in here and that there's so much more room; I wish I lived in Jacksonville so I could be here even more."

Stephenson Hall also has a cardio room with treadmills, ellipticals, stair climbers, and stationary bikes. And there is also a Cybex machine weight room, for those who would rather not lift free weights.

In addition to the workout rooms in Stephenson, group fitness classes are offered four days a week and are open and free to students.

Step aerobics and cardio kickboxing are a few of the classes being offered.

What is hopefully in the works for the fall semester are a free weight training class and possibly a machine weight training class.

Also, in the works for Ste-

phenson are televisions in the workout areas.

"We are working on putting them back up," Brasher said.

Brasher said that they are considering playing music in there, but it's just new and loud and they will see where it goes.

Brasher also said that Stephenson will be looking for more

student workers for the work study program for the fall semester of 2012.

Hours of operation for

Stephenson Hall are Monday thru Thursday: 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.; Friday: 6 a.m. to 5:45 a.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4:45 a.m.; and Sunday: 4 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.



The new and improved weight room in Stephenson Hall.

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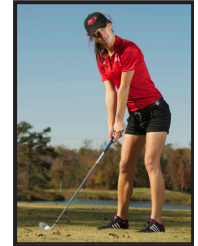
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Jacksonville State University offers many opportunities for both men and women to participate in athletics. The school also has a cheerleading program, which consists of two cheer squads and two mascots. The cheerleaders perform at all home football games, basketball games, Championship games and other events throughout the year.

JSU is also home to the Marching Southerners and the Marching Ballerinas. These groups perform at all football games, and traveled this past year to lead the 2012 New Year's Day Parade in London.

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JSU Board of Trustees Approve Softball & Tennis Renovations

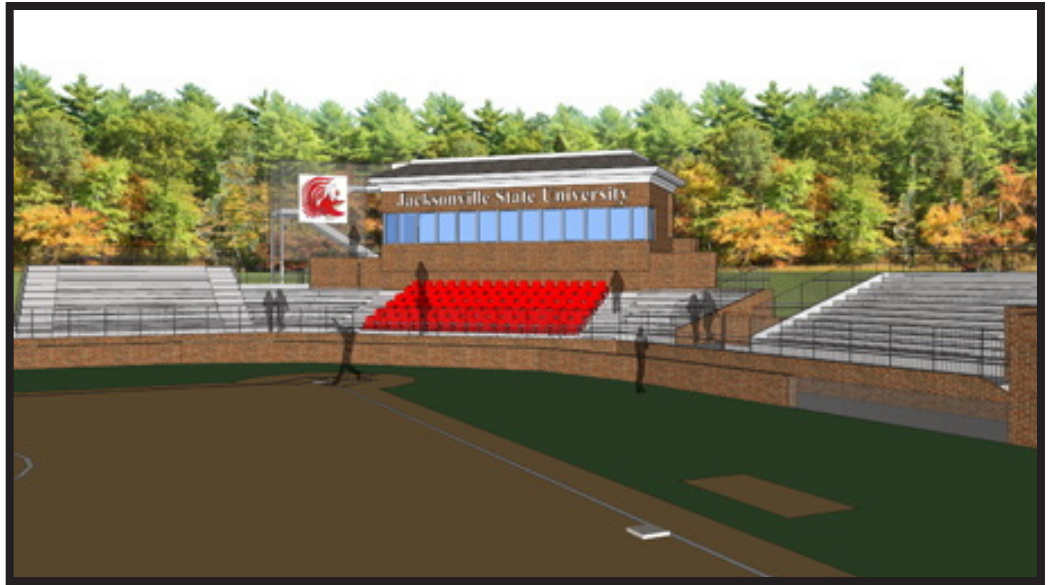
The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees voted to move forward with major renovations for both the Gamecock Softball and Tennis facilities during the Board's quarterly meeting.

The motion from the Athletic Committee and approved unanimously by the full Board authorized University President Dr. William A. Meehan to proceed with plans and bids for renovations to softball's University Field and also to the University's tennis courts.

"These are exciting times at Jacksonville State University," said JSU Athletics Director Warren Koegel. "We have a great opportunity to improve our softball and tennis facilities and I want to thank the Board of Trustees and also Dr. Meehan for their support in both of these projects.

"We feel like once we get both of these projects complete, it will allow us to host NCAA Tournaments for both softball and tennis," added Koegel.

The softball renovations will include



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replacing all the current grandstands with new stadium seating for more than 550 fans, including chair back seating. The project will also include a state of the art pressbox, with radio booths and also an overflow media workspace with video capabilities.

The lower level of the new pressbox will include a new concession stand, new public restrooms and other storage areas. The stadium will also include a new plaza entrance for fans and guests.

"I'm very excited about the upgrades to our softball facility," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. "In our program, we not only want to be at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference, but also compete on the national level and we

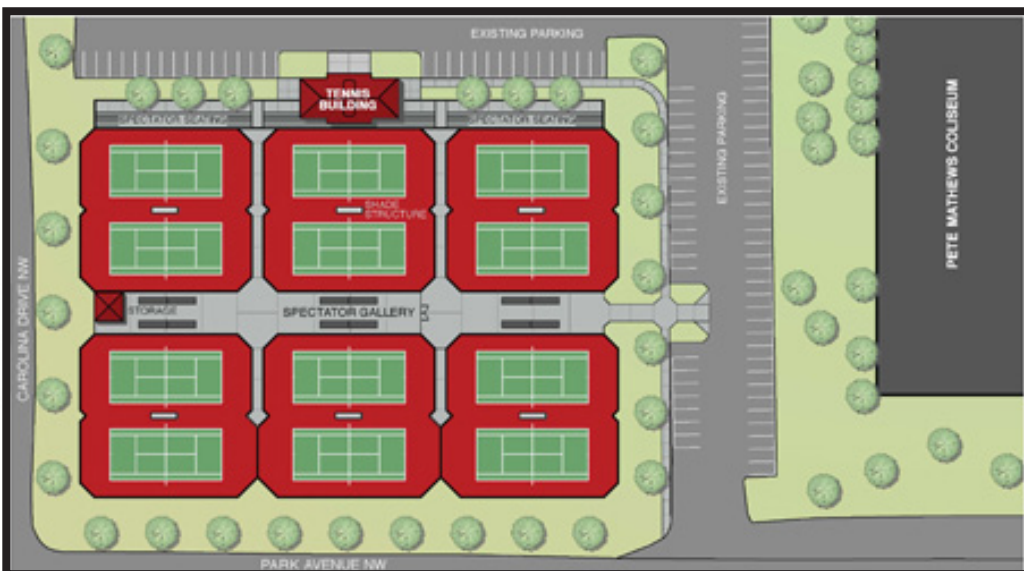
feel like this facility will be the class of the OVC and one of the best in the country."

The action taken by the JSU Board of Trustees on Monday also allows the University to seek bids to renovate the tennis courts, located near Pete Mathews Coliseum.

These renovations will include building 12 brand new competition courts and the addition of grandstands for spectator seating. Future improvements will include team locker rooms, players lounge, coaches office, a training room, public restrooms and an observation deck.

"We feel like we will have one of top tennis facility not only in the Ohio Valley Conference when this project is complete," said JSU tennis coach Steve Bailey. "I want to thank the University Board of Trustees and Administration for their commitment to this project.

Bids will be sent out in the coming weeks and the University is hopeful that work can begin on both projects this summer and be completed in time for next season. Holcombe, Norton and Pritchett, of Birmingham, will serve as the architectural firm. This firm has extensive experience in designing stadiums, including athletic facilities at Auburn University, Mississippi State, Purdue, University of Alabama, UAB and Samford. - Sportswire



Jacksonville State University Gamecocks

2012 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 1, 2012	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	TBA
<i>Sept. 8, 2012</i>	<i>UT-Chattanooga</i>	<i>HOME</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
Sept. 22, 2012	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, KY	5:00 p.m.
<i>Sept. 29, 2012</i>	<i>Southeast Missouri St.</i>	<i>HOME</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
Oct. 6, 2012	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, TN	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 13, 2012	Eastern Illinois	Charleston, IL	1:30 p.m.
<i>Oct. 20, 2012</i>	<i>Tennessee State</i>	<i>HOME</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Oct. 27, 2012</i>	<i>Murray State</i>	<i>HOME COMING</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
Nov. 3, 2012	UT Martin	Martin, TN	12:00 p.m.
<i>Nov. 10, 2012</i>	<i>Austin Peay State</i>	<i>HOME</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
Nov. 17, 2012	Florida	Gainesville, FL	TBA



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Why We Cockey

“Go Eagle Owls!” would be the resounding cry from Paul Snow Stadium today if ardent fans hadn’t decided 50 years ago that the school mascot should be a bird of a different feather.

Jacksonville State University’s first football team was fielded in the late 1800’s and nicknamed in honor of a rare predatory bird found near the Arctic circle.

The exact details are lost to history, but a group of fans decided it was hard for the school’s image to soar like an eagle if the team’s name was something of a turkey. People like E.C. Wilson, Bruce Chase and Charles Sprayberry felt a more collegiate-sounding moniker would be more appropriate.

The supporters looked to Southern culture rather than the north pole to symbolize the school’s tough spirit. Tongue firmly planted in beak, Gamecock supporters crowed the loudest, and the University found itself with a new identity: a mascot familiar to everyone, including the farm boys who comprised most of the student body back then.

For nearly a half-century – up until 1946 – the fledgling Eagle Owls hooted with pride from the scanty facilities adjacent to the field at John Forney National Guard Armory.

The State Normal School (SNS) team was sparse by today’s standards, but the gridiron action was competitive from the start. Present day rivalries such as Samford (Howard College) and Troy State were rooted in those early games.

The team had only 23 players when SNS was renamed Jacksonville Teachers College in 1946, with Head Coach Don Salls beginning his first season, but there was a “big school” atmosphere developing in the foothills.

Along with the new name came new colors. The blue and gold were tossed out in favor of the familiar red and white worn by the area high school players.

The story goes that there were two camps - those who wanted to keep the Eagle Owl nickname and those who wanted new colors. Legend has it that a compromise was worked out; new colors for a new mascot.

It was all worked out by 1947 when the Fighting Gamecocks took to the field for the first time. And, as is true to the nature of the warlike bird itself, the football team and other athletes fought their way to respectability in intercollegiate ranks - eventually bringing home a national championship in every major sport. - *Sportswire*

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