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Freshman Forum members lead Tuesday's "One Day Without Shoes" march around Trustee Circle.

A few feet go a long way

EMILY HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

More than 200 JSU students pledged to go without shoes Tuesday in a nationwide "One Day Without Shoes" campaign. The event, hosted by Freshman Forum, raised awareness about the millions of children worldwide who live without shoes each day.

"This is the third year that Freshman Forum has done 'One Day Without Shoes,'" said Noelle Millirons, the Freshman Forum Graduate Assistant. "We think it's important to bring awareness about those less fortunate than us. And you know the TOMS One for One campaign is all about helping the children who have to go one day without shoes."

"So by us participating in that just makes us more aware of what they have to go through every day."

The Forum hosted activities on the TMB lawn Tuesday afternoon, including One for One crafts and special exhibits such as "The Path."

Freshman Forum member Jessica Ross explained. "It's basically a pathway; you go through different terrains that mimic people who don't have shoes, what they go through every single day," she said. "And it really does show how much it does hurt and how many diseases you can get from it. It's a great example of what they do go through."

Freshman Toby Kridle continued. "You've got the sand, mulch and rocks, which you have to walk on. And then the challenge was to do as many jumping jacks as you can. And I wanted to beat the record, so I did 110."

Kridle's record was later beaten by Lydia Williams, a freshman majoring in Exercise Science and Wellness, who managed 150.

"I've always had tough feet, I've always gone barefoot, so I'm used to it," she said. Although this was her first time participating, "I've been pretty excited for it, actually. I had it on my calendar and everything. For one, I just enjoy going without shoes and plus I want to support those people who don't have the money or anything to get shoes for themselves."

So why shoes? According to the TOMS web site, many children in developing countries grow up barefoot. Whether at play, doing chores or going to school, these children are at risk.

For instance, a leading cause of disease in developing countries is soil-transmitted diseases, which can penetrate the skin through bare feet. Wearing shoes can help prevent these diseases, and the long-term physical and cognitive harm they cause.

Wearing shoes also prevents feet from getting cuts and sores. Not only are these injuries painful, they also are dangerous when wounds

become infected.

Finally, many times children can't attend school barefoot because shoes are a required part of their uniform. If they don't have shoes, they don't go to school. If they don't receive an education, they don't have the opportunity to realize their potential.

According to Chairperson Kelly Martin, a great deal of planning went into Tuesday's event. "We got a lot of information off the TOMS web site, because this is technically their event. I also got a lot of ideas from people in the TOMS community, what they do at their schools."

JSU's VPSA Alex Rainwater assisted with the event, and said the pre-events grabbed people's attention. "Last year we just did it the day of, instead of setting up tables like they did this year, asking people to pledge."

"So we had a lot the day of, but this year we've had a lot more people pledge before, and I think they'll be a better turnout, because they're a

little bit more organized and they actually have little "One Day Without Shoes" pledge cards and everything else, and we didn't have that last year."

Senior Justin Lockridge, a Music

Education Major, heard about the event through friends. "I kind of saw it last year but I didn't really know much about what was going on. But this year, a lot more people are getting involved, and I started finding out about it last semester. And it just is a fantastic thing and I wanted to be a part of it."

But Junior Amanda Cave, a psychology major, has been involved since the beginning. "This is my third year, I've been here since the beginning of time with this."

She appreciated the organization put into this year's event, and think it helped the cause. "They've got a lot more activities this year, a lot more reason for people to come out and enjoy themselves. And really just understand what it's about. They've had flyers up all year that explain it so people don't just think we're walking about the campus."

For Freshman Forum member Kelsey Mann, the event has been a learning experience. "I have a pair of TOMS, but I didn't know to the extent, because we really had to do research," she said. "We found out that the different diseases, and all of the people who ... They don't even know what shoes are, some of them. It's really sad, because we take it for granted every day."

Cave agreed. "Hopefully they [students] understand that there's a cause, and that it means a lot more than just walking without shoes. It shows everybody that there is stuff going on outside of our knowledge and our realm, and that we really need to pay attention to helping other people outside the United States. Giving what we can, when we can."



More than 200 students pledged to walk Tuesday for TOMS "One Day Without Shoes." Freshman Forum hosted the event, which ended with a 3 p.m. walk around Trustee Circle.



Photos by Emily Hayes/THE CHANTICLEER

"One Day Without Shoes" participants bare their feet.



Freshman Toby Kridle takes "The Path" challenge, which was made of sand, mulch and rocks, and served as an example of what children without shoes walk upon daily.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

“Chanty Feet”



The Chanticleer staff bare their feet on “One Day without Shoes.”

Emily Hayes/THE CHANTICLEER

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 12

Waterworks Fun Day
Where: TMB Lawn
When: 4 - 7 p.m.
Sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
Contact: Sherita Fredericks at sfedericks@jsu.edu

Take Back The Night
Where: JSU Quad
When: 5 - 9 p.m.
Sponsored by Counseling Services
Contact: Julie Nix at jnix@jsu.edu

Friday, April 13

Earth Day
Where: TMB Front Lawn
When: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sponsored by Earth Club/Biology Dept
Contact: Kristen Carlisle at kcarlisle@jsu.edu

Spring Football Game
Where: Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium
When: 6 .m.
Contact: Greg Seitz at gsetiz@jsu.edu

Water Balloon
Where: International House
When: 3 - 5 p.m.
Sponsored by International Student Org.
Contact: Jeff Clark at jclark@jsu.edu

Saturday, April 14

International Taster’s Fair
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 5 - 7 p.m.
Sponsored by International Prog/International Student Org.
Contact: Jeff Clark at jclark@jsu.edu

Second Saturday Space Safaris; Larry Cat in Space
Where: JSU Planetarium, 3rd Floor, Martin Hall at JSU Campus
When: 7 p.m.
Fee: \$5/adult; \$2/child; pre-registration is encouraged especially groups
Sponsored by JSU Field Schools
Contact: Renee Morrison @ rmorrison@jsu.edu or (256/782-5697

Monday, April 16

Midnight Snack in the Cafe
Where: Jack Hopper Dining Hall
When: 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: sgapres@jsu.edu

Tuesday, April 17

NPHC Yard Show
Where: Amphitheater
When: 5 - 9 p.m.
Sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)]
Contact: Charles Dixon III at cdixon@jsu.edu

Wednesday, April 18

Kappa Sigma Dunking Booth
Where: TMB Front Lawn
When: 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Kappa Sigma
Contact: Walton Delauan at jdelauan@jsu.edu

Thursday, April 19

Resume Workshop
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 4 - 5 p.m.
Sponsored by SGA
Contact: Bryant Whaley at sgapres@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5042

JSU Holocaust Remembrance Program
Where: Stone Center Theater
When: 7:30 p.m.
Admission: FREE
Sponsored by JSU Holocaust Remembrance Committee
Contact: Kim Stevens at weather@jsu.edu or (256) 782-5762

Table Scapes for UCP
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 6 - 8 p.m.
Sponsored by Circle K International
Contact: Larissa Kellum @ lkellum@jsu.eduat

CAMPUS CRIME

- Monday, April 2
- Burglary, Stadium Tower
 - Information Report, 9th Ave. NE
 - Information Report, Curtiss Hall

- Tuesday, April 3
- Disorderly Conduct, Stadium Tower

- Wednesday, April 4
- Arrest for Driving Under the Influence, Mason & Patterson Halls
 - Information Report, Salls Hall

- Thursday, April 5
- Rape, Fitzpatrick Hall

- Friday, April 5
- Criminal Mischief, Crow Hall

OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS

My problem with the billboard

MATTHEW TYSON
STAFF COLUMNIST

I was driving down Quintard the other day when I saw a billboard that literally made my stomach turn.

In giant letters the sign read, “Where’s the REAL birth certificate?”

Are you freaking kidding me?

My problem with the billboard wasn’t that someone attacked the President. It’s how they went about it that really got under my skin.

The people with this mindset, these uneducated voters with their ignorant and hyper-nationalist arrogance, are chipping away at the very fabric of our country faster than any other issue in America today.

This is a free democratic nation. As the people of this country, we have the right and the obligation to criticize the government when they fall short of the needs of the people.

So why are the people abusing this right by attacking the President for completely ridiculous reasons?

Look, Obama is not a Muslim, not that it would or SHOULD matter if he was. He also isn’t a terrorist, nor is he here to abolish Christianity and enslave the American people

Obama is just a Democrat, and he is our President. That’s all. This bi-partisan hatred has gone too far, and it is destroying us.

But these absurd accusations of the President are just the tip of the iceberg.

So many politicians and citizens don’t seem to be willing to work together with different political parties anymore. It’s nothing but a giant shoving match to see who can get their ideas in place first. It’s all about proving the other person wrong and breaking down their beliefs rather than searching for compromise.

That’s not how our country works. Our country can’t work like that.

Students, pay close attention. One day all of you will be in charge of the world, so you need to get educated about this stuff, because a lot of the people who are in charge now are really messing up.

Parties are not important. We

need to break down those barriers, because they do more damage than good. When you go to the polls this fall, don’t vote based on what your parents, teachers or anyone else says. There are a lot of lies that cover up the truth. Research the issues, the real issues, and go to the polls educated.

If we don’t stay on our toes we will eventually forfeit our rights and not even realize it. Take for example, the new Supreme Court law that allows anyone detained by the police, even for minor offenses, to be subject to a full body strip search.

Just keep that little tidbit in mind the next time someone tells you that gay marriage is a threat to this country.



Facebook’s \$1B Instagram purchase is instantly disliked

Alex Antonetz
The Lantern, Ohio State U. via UWIRE

In yet another act of wistful money wasting, Facebook announced it would purchased the image-sharing application Instagram for a whopping \$1 billion Monday.

Let me share my overwhelming enthusiasm.

Cough.

I have long denounced Instagram as a platform for iPhone (and now Android) owners to take a vapid photo of a cloud or a tree and throw some kind of sepia-toned filter or a crappy blur tool over it in an attempt to make it look a lot cooler than it actually does. While that’s not what everyone does, that’s what a lot of people do, and it’s infuriating.

Blowing that up and allowing Facebook’s more than 845 million users the chance to do that is a scary thought. I’m already planning my strategy on whose updates to hide on my timeline.

Instagram is an app some describe as being for hipsters, even if the vast majority of the photos I see from my Instagram friends are of themselves at a bar with friends. There’s really no point in applying a filter that makes it look like the photo was taken on an old Polaroid camera when it’s just a photo of you so drunk that your brain is struggling to keep your left eyelid open.

With Facebook dropping more money on this deal than the gross domestic products of

some small countries, I can’t help but think that money would be better spent somewhere else. There are millions of starving people around the world who have no concept of the X-Pro II filter. They just want some soup.

At any given time during the day, my Facebook timeline is flooded with photos of corny quotes about love, something making fun of (politician who represents the party I don’t support’s name here), and “jokes” that appeal to the lowest common denominator, such as something witty like, “I just don’t like you because you’re stupid.”

It’s not exactly clear what, if anything, will change about Instagram with its new partnership, but if it means seeing photos of quotes saying “I’m with stupid” in sepia tone, count me out.

Instagram does have its benefits. It was a perfectly apt platform to share photos with your friends without the extraneous frills of Facebook. In that sense, I liked it. I just can’t really tolerate the lackluster “photographers” who get a little too carried away with the filters.

I don’t mean to sound like a pretentious curmudgeon, but I’m afraid of what a potential Facebook partnership could mean to Instagram. Instagram has its benefits, if you forget about all the faux-photographers who use it. It’s simple and easy, but if Facebook is going to throw your Spotify updates and what article you just read from the Washington Post on there, you can count me out.

Editorial: Romney on the Charles

Harvard Crimson Editorial Board
Harvard Crimson, Harvard U. via UWIRE

Last Thursday, Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney attributed President Barack Obama’s alleged ineptitude to his having “spent too much time at Harvard, perhaps.” If learning at this university has the potential to dull one’s faculties, Romney must be speaking from experience. Not only has he earned more degrees than Barack Obama from Harvard, but, if he becomes president, he would be the most crimson commander-in-chief since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, class of 1902. Romney has not one, but two advanced degrees from this institution. He graduated from the joint J.D./M.B.A. program in 1975, and from there entered the business world. While President Obama spent three years here, Romney spent a total of four.

If Romney has indeed become aware of the deleterious effects of a Harvard education, it must have been a recent epiphany. Three of his sons attended Harvard for their M.B.A.s, suggesting either that their presence on this campus was an act of rebellion against their reluctant father, or that Romney has only caught on to the crippling effects of a Harvard education in the past few years. Then again, even this scenario seems doubtful. After all, Romney counts economics Professor N. Gregory Mankiw and Kennedy School Fellow Meghan O’Sullivan among his top advisers.

Most likely, Romney’s apparent change of heart towards his alma mater is an attempt to tap into anti-intellectual sentiment in order to rile the Republican base. Since he has a hard time impressing the far-right wing of the Republican Party with his pedigree, maybe Mr. Romney thinks he can fool them into only scrutinizing his opponent’s. But seriously, he’d have more luck trying to convince them that he’s always been “severely conservative.”

Although Romney’s recent conversion to anti-intellectualism may seem humorous, what it says about his candidacy is troubling. Although the Republican Party styles itself as the party of meritocracy, their appreciation for individual achievement seems to be rather limited. Academic and intellectual merit are regularly disparaged by Republican party leaders, even as they routinely exalt the value of hard work. Experience in academia—a field in which so many conservative luminaries have served—is mocked as not being “a real job.” It is no wonder that there is a dearth of Republicans in our nation’s top universities.

In the same breath that Republicans undermine the value of academic and intellectual accomplishment, they bristle when anyone speaks against the interest of those whose accomplishments have been financial. For example, any suggestion that those whose “real jobs” have brought them immense wealth ought to pay a more in taxes is decried as “punishing success.”

It speaks to the power of the extreme right in today’s Republican party that trash-talking academic achievement is de rigeur even for candidates who hail from Massachusetts, received two Harvard degrees, and are supposedly members of the Republican establishment. This is not simply anti-elitism, but anti-intellectualism. In an age when the nation’s problems are increasingly complex, requiring the kind of expertise that a good education provides, we cannot afford to mock those who pursue one.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

CharACTers reignite history of the Titanic

KARA COLEMAN
A & E EDITOR

If you could purchase a boarding pass for the *RMS Titanic*, would you? While people are filling movie theaters for the re-release of James Cameron's *Titanic* in

3D, some JSU students are commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ship's sinking in a more hands-on way.

CharACTers Entertainment, a community theater organization in Gadsden, is presenting *Titanic: The*

Musical this weekend and next, and some of the show's seventy cast members are students at JSU.

"It's completely different from the movie," says Aaron Martin, a Freshman who plays the part of Charles, a young man in love. "So if you're coming to see it, don't expect that you're going to know exactly what's going on. You'll be surprised."

The show follows several passengers from all walks of life as they travel from England to America, from the rich and famous to those searching for a better life.

"I play Kate Mullins, one of the Irish girls," Lara Lubienski says of her character. "I'm coming to America to be a sewing girl, in the hope to find a better life and a new start."

For Lubienski, mastering an Irish accent has been the most difficult part of working on the show.

"I already have an accent because I'm from Austria, so trying to learn a new accent has been challenging! But I've enjoyed very much being a part of this show."

Another JSU Freshman, Lyndsie Gunter, describes her character, Charlotte Cordoza, as having "bought the most expensive suite on the ship. She's very rich and like, 'Here I am!'".

Music major Kevin Ward gets a taste of both worlds with his roles.

He portrays a Major

who is traveling first class and another man who is a third-class passenger.

Although the cast has been working on the production for about five weeks, Ward has only been on board for the last two.

"I was involved with *Romeo et Juliette* with Jacksonville Opera Theater, and their rehearsals coincided with ours," he explains.

He said that he enjoyed coming in and seeing how well-prepared the other cast members were already.

"There are really strong characters in the show; not so much vocal leads, but just a great ensemble and cast, and the whole show in general."

The production will include music from a live orchestra.

"All of the Music majors will want to come see it. The music is just glorious," says Rick Gwin, a JSU Graduate student who plays first class steward Henry Etches.

Gwin also encourages people to attend the show "if you are a fan of history or maritime history, or just good love stories."

For Kyle Thacker, who plays Mr. Guggenheim, one of the best things about participating in the show was learning things about *Titanic* that he didn't know previously. "It's going to be a very interesting show. It's very informative," he says.

Audience members will be able to learn even more about *Titanic* during the play's intermission.

There will be a mezzanine gallery at Gadsden State, where the play is being held.

The gallery will feature artifacts from the *Titanic*, replica artifacts, articles and

paintings in recognition of the disaster's 100th anniversary.

Admission to the gallery is included in the ticket price for the show.

"*Titanic* set sail on [April] 10th, explains director Cody Carlton. "Our first performance is actually the 13th-Friday the 13th. The 14th is when it hit the iceberg, very very late in the evening; nearly midnight. On the 15th, in the very early hours of the morning, it sunk. So we have a performance on the 14th, which is the hundredth anniversary of it hitting the iceberg, and on the 15th, which is the hundredth anniversary of it actually sinking."


According to Carlton, the biggest challenge in directing *Titanic* was "sinking the ship. It's been very difficult. Everyone expects to see the boat sink, so trying to figure out a way to do that visually, safely and that will not be corny has been a challenge. But I think that we have got a very good boat that will sink for us, so I think it's going to look very good."

Students are encouraged to come participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event. "It's never going to happen again," Carlton says. "We're never going to have the hundredth anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic* and the chance to go and re-live history. This is an experience."

Tickets purchased at the door are \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for all other adults. Performances will be held April 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and April 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Wallace Hall on the campus of Gadsden State Community College.

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Java Jolt: More than just coffee

EBONEE ROSTON
STAFF WRITER

The sweet aroma of cinnamon, caramel, chocolate, and coffee fills a customer's nose when entering the Java Jolt Coffee House. It is located on the square in Jacksonville, just a few minutes away from Jacksonville State University. They are open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays.

Cynthia "Cindy" Young is the owner and shop manager of Java Jolt. The kitchen manager is Megan Parris. The shop currently has eight people on staff, and seven of them are JSU students.

"I bought the shop in 2009," explains Young. She says she thought this was an exciting business with the name Java Jolt.

She did not bother to re-name the coffee shop because she felt that the shop would not benefit from a changed name. The shop originally opened in 2006.

"When I purchased the shop, I intended to provide a place for our community to experience life," says Young.

Java Jolt is mostly visited by JSU students, where they can study, read books, and have meetings.

Young loves the coffee shop and especially enjoys providing a place for people in the Jacksonville community to spend time together.

"It is very fulfilling to

watch," says Young. The shop's décor changes frequently, and it is a very electric shop. They have tables, stools, couches, oversized chairs, and benches. There is comfortable seating which can accommodate business meetings, a student's study session, or an afternoon of relaxed reading, or internet searching," Young said. "We love to make our customers feel special, and we are service-oriented."

The most popular drink served at Java Jolt is the Mocha, a beverage which is made with Espresso, mocha sauce, and steamed milk.

The shop has 30 syrups and saucers to choose from.

It offers Espresso based drinks and tea.

The High Ground Coffee is fresh all day long.

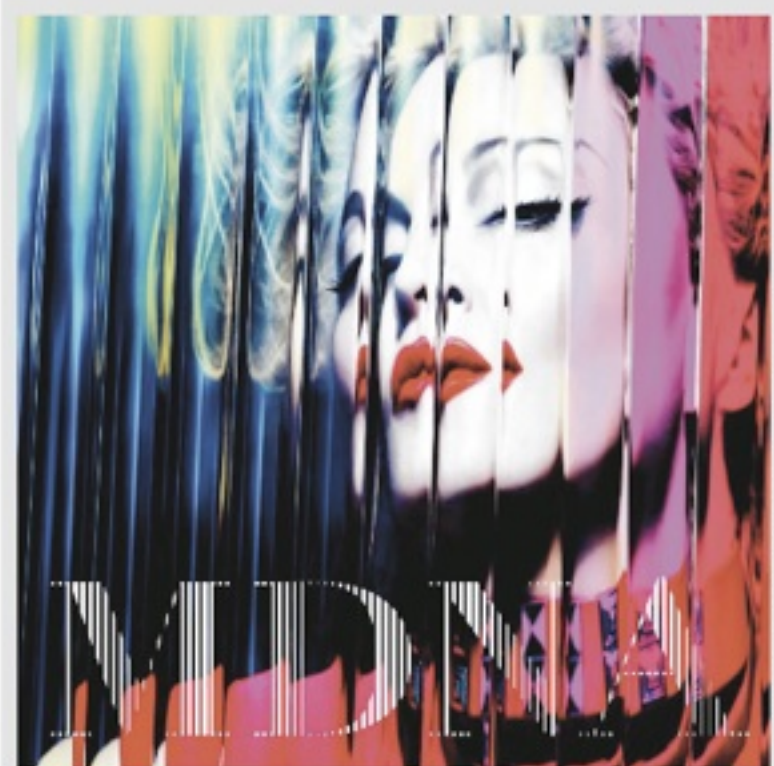
"Finding something you like is very easy," said Young. "The shop serves cold beverages too, like tropes and smoothies. Many people don't realize we serve food as well as coffee."

They bake pastries each morning, desserts are made daily, and there are many lunch items to choose from. Java Jolt is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Young says she gets hundreds of customers each day. "To be specific with numbers would be a total guess," she explains.

JSU students get a 10% discount on their purchase if they present a student ID.

Album Reviews: Extra muscle can't pump up the latest Madonna effort



itunes.com

ANDREW HOLDERFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Madonna, the self-proclaimed queen of reinvention, is back with a brand new album and, unsurprisingly, a brand new sound; granted that the

sound is only truly new to Madonna. For the most part, *MDNA* is exactly what one would expect from an artist trying to make music for a new generation. All of the fashionable rave bells and whistles are here, deep house beats, vocoder, guest spots from MIA and Nicki Minaj, an album title referencing the active ingredient in Ecstasy and, yes, even dubstep. Unfortunately, it all culminates into something wholly forced.

Madonna isn't the baddest female MC in the world and she's never been the Queen Mother of the club scene, despite what this album awkwardly proposes. Lets face it, while there are a few tracks that do spin well, ('I'm Addicted', 'I Don't Give A...'), anyone born

more than a year ago can tell that this is obviously a simple cash-in aimed at making the material girl hip again. Normally this would be a loathsome endeavor, but this kind of thing *has* always been Madonna's forté. Her entire career has been built upon taking whatever is hot at the moment, enlisting A-list producers and guests to ensure its Billboard friendliness, adding controversial lyrics/videos, release, remix, release, rinse, repeat. So in that regard, this is exactly the same as every other Madonna album released since 1991. From the opening 'prayer' to the final thumps, the entire album is undeniably Madonna.

If you're looking for a simple danceable album to pop in and forget about, then *MDNA* is fine.

But if you'd like more from your club anthems, or are simply too weirded out by the fact that all of this raver pride is coming from a 53-year-old mother, wait and buy the new Santigold album instead.

Now, Now returns with another dose for fans

ANDREW HOLDERFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Minneapolis based mostly-trio Now, Now are back with their long awaited sophomore album *Threads*, and what a dreamy return it is. It's been four very important years for Now, Now since 2008's *Cars*. A changed name, new label and national recognition usually do not make for a productive musical atmosphere, but *Threads* overcomes all of this with ease.

The beautifully simple pop songwriting that made us fall in love with N,N in the first place remains wholly intact and now acts as more of a backdrop to the subtle nuances of the dreamy world that cradles it. Maturity is the name of the game as silky synths sweep along punchy guitars and frantic drumming. Tracks like 'Threads' and 'Oh.

Hi.' serve as catchy mile markers for a band has grown more in a few years than most indie-pop band do in their entire careers. *Threads* is, perhaps, most triumphant for vocalist Cacie Dalage, who



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has raised her lyrical power to beautiful new emotional heights;

"I am what you need when you can't find it somewhere else. I am what you want when you don't have anything else."

Simply put, if you're a fan of bands like Radiohead and Tegan & Sara, then Now, Now is a band that you MUST check out. *Threads* is poised to be one of this year's top albums, and with N,N opening for fun. and The Naked and Famous this summer, they might be one of the year's true breakout bands.

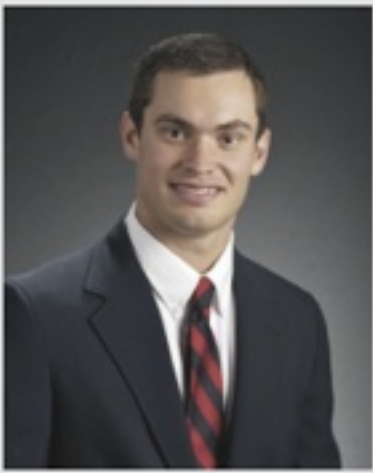
Threads is one of the best albums I've heard in a while. Girls will instantly relate to the heartfelt lyricism. Guys will enjoy the beautiful soundscapes. Musicians will flip over the asymmetrical song structures and non-musicians will love the pure pop power of the album. Seriously, go check it out. You can thank me later.

SPORTS

JSU Athletes Sam Eberle and Andrea Hoke receive honors

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Jacksonville State's Sam Eberle has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

Eberle raised his batting average 41 points to a team-high 356 last week after going 8-for-12 with four extra base hits to help Jacksonville State win its fifth straight Ohio Valley Conference series as the Gamecocks won 2-of-3 over Tennessee Tech.



Sportswire

Astrid Parsson

The Chattanooga, Tenn., native posted a 1.250 slugging percentage and an on-base percentage of .714 as he extended his hitting streak to a season-best 10 games and he also leads the team by reaching base in 17 straight games.

In JSU's 5-2 win over Tech on Thursday, he scored a pair of runs and hit his first triple of the season. In game two, he scored two more runs and had a pair of hits, before saving his best for the series finale, where he was a perfect 5-for-5 and was just a triple away from hitting for the cycle. It was the first five-hit game for a JSU player this year and the second of Eberle's career.

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — After leading Jacksonville State in the field events at the Gem of the Hills Invitational, senior thrower Andrea Hoke has been named the Ohio Valley Conference's Female Field Athlete of the Week, announced by the conference office on Tuesday.

Hoke, a native of Lyndon, Kan., claimed gold in the javelin and took silver in the hammer throw this past Saturday at the JSU-hosted event. In the javelin, Hoke had a winning toss of 136'-11.0", which moved her to the top of the list in that event among all OVC individuals. In the hammer, Hoke posted a season-best mark of 136'-8.0". That mark also ranks among the OVC leaders.

Hoke owns the school record in the javelin with a throw of 151'-10", which she set in April, 2010.

Hoke and the rest of the Gamecocks will travel to Knoxville, Tenn. this weekend to compete in the Sea Ray Relays, hosted by the University of Tennessee.

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Hoke

Women place seventh, OVC tournament next

ONEONTA, Ala. — The Jacksonville State women's golf team wrapped up the 2012 Samford Intercollegiate with a seventh-place finish on Tuesday at the Limestone Springs Golf Course.

The Gamecocks shot a final-round 312 on the par-72, 6,039-yard layout to give them a 54-hole score of 929. Rival Troy won the nine-team event with a three-round total score of 914, one shot better than Middle Tennessee in second.

Senior Lucia Fernandez-Valdes turned in a final-round 75 to finish in a tie for 22nd. Her 54-hole score of 232 was eight shots back of Newberry College's Maria Luz Besio, who finished atop the field of 59 players.

Senior Astrid Parsson tied for 29th after a final-round 78 gave her a 54-hole score of 234, while junior Ornella Arrizon's 81 gave her a 236 and put her in a tie for 32nd. Junior Luz Armijo-Fernandez tied for 36th with a 237, while sophomore Lourdes Lopez Caballotied for 41st after a 54-hole 239. Freshman Elise Strutt played as an individual and tied for 47th with a 54-hole 247.

The Gamecocks lone remaining tournament in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship from April 22-24 at the Greystone Golf Course in Dickson, Tenn. The winner of the event will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

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Valdes

Troy jumps out early as Gamecocks fall 15-7

TROY — Logan Pierce had four hits and drove in three runs to lead Troy to a 15-7 win over Jacksonville State at Riddle-Pace Field on Tuesday.

Garrett McHenry (1-0) allowed just one hit over three innings to earn his first win of the season for the Trojans. JSU's Cody Ponder (0-2) gave up two runs to suffer the loss for the Gamecocks.

The Trojans (14-18) jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning after Danny Collins drove in a pair of runs with a triple and then scored on a sacrifice fly, but the Gamecocks (12-19) answered in the top of the second inning.

Cal Lambert drew a bases loaded walk to score Ben Waldrip, then Kyle Bluestein scored on a sacrifice fly to cut the lead to 3-2. Michael Bishop followed with a safety squeeze to score Erik Underwood and tie the game at 3-3.

Troy took the lead for good in the home half of the third inning after Jakob Nixon scored on a RBI single by Tyler Hannah and Danny Collins hit a sacrifice fly to give the Trojans a 5-3 lead.

Troy went on to score two runs in each of the next four innings to jump out to a 13-3 lead, before Bluestein led off the eighth inning with a solo home run to extend his hitting streak to a career-long 14 games and cut the lead to 13-4.

The Trojans added two more runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 15-4 lead, but the Gamecocks

plated three runs in the ninth inning as Adam Miller and Underwood each drove in a run and Waldrip scored on a Troy error for the final margin.

Jax State had eight players each finish with a hit, as Erik Underwood extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a single in the ninth inning. Nixon had three hits, while Hannah, Collins and Harrell each added a pair of hits for the Trojans.

Jacksonville State returns to action with a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series at UT Martin this weekend. Friday's game is set for 4 p.m. and Saturday will start at 2 p.m. before Sunday's series-finale is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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The men's golf team poses with their awards after a dominating performance in the Grub Mart Tournament.

No competition: Robson, Gamecocks dominate Grub Mart Tournament

GLENCOE, Ala. — The Jacksonville State men's golf team capped an historic Grub Mart Intercollegiate on Tuesday, using a 302 to polish off its third-straight win in the Gamecocks' home event, while senior Tom Robson became the first player to win the event twice by claiming his second-straight title.

Robson, a native of Portsmouth, England, turned in his second-straight 73 in Tuesday's final round to win the event with a 54-hole score of an even par 216. He was seven shots better than a second-place tie between fellow senior Alfonso Otoy and Morehead State's Jared Flanery at 223.

Like Robson, the Gamecocks led from wire-to-wire and finished 12 shots better than runner-up Eastern Kentucky. Whose final-round 305 put them with a 54-hole score of 909 on the par-72, 7,040-yard Silver Lakes Golf Course. UT Martin made the biggest jump in the final round, carding a 298 to move from seventh place into a third-place finish. Skyhawks' Brendon Caballero



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Second-straight title for Robson.

Tennessee Tech's Lee Maxwell each fired a three-under 69, the only scores under 70 during the tournament.

Track and field make great use of home-field advantage

JACKSONVILLE - The Jacksonville State track and field team turned in a dominating performance at the JSU-hosted Gem of the Hills Invitational on Saturday at the JSU Track & Field Complex.

The Gamecocks compiled a team score of 222 and won the seventh annual event by an 83-point margin. Albany State tallied 139 points to finish second, followed by in-state foe Alabama-Huntsville.

Sixth individual Gamecocks won their respective events along with Jax State claiming gold in the 4x100 meter relay and the 4x400 meter relay.

Freshman Giselle Slotboom continues to add her name to the program's record book in the distance events after winning the 1500 meter run. The Sassenheim, The Netherlands-product finished with a time of 4:41.95. JSU's all-time previous mark in the event came during the 2005 campaign as former Gamecock Sarah Caine posted a time of 4:42.09.

Junior Laveeta Oliver claimed the top spot in the 100 meter dash after crossing the line in 12.01. Sophomore Tayla Washington won the 100 meter hurdles after clocking a 15.12. The Sturkie sisters continued

to dominate in the 400 meter hurdles after they finished gold and silver. Latasha Sturkie edged her sister Natasha Sturkie by three-tenths of a second. Latasha posted a 1:00.96, while Natasha crossed the line in 1:00.99.

The Sturkie duo also ran the first and fourth leg of JSU's 4x400 meter relay team. The Red and White squad carded a time of 3:49.46 to wrap up the day on the track.

JSU's 4x100 relay quartet of Ebonie Curry, Shamira Barrett, India Boyd and Oliver posted a winning mark of 45.91.

Junior Ericka Stam won gold in the 5000 meter run with a time of 18:13.30. Jax state also picked up points after Ryan Green finished third in the event with a mark of 19:36.37.

Senior Andrea Hoke won the jav-



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Andrea Hoke took the javelin competition by storm.

elin competition with a winning toss of 136'11". JSU took the top three spots in the event after Maribeth Williams and Taylor Prince finished second and third respectively. Williams had a mark of 110'11", while Prince carded a throw of 108'2".

Hoke also finished second in the hammer throw with a mark of 136'8".

Jax State returns to competition on April 13-14 as it competes in the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Gamecock men put Murray State in no man's land, win 6-1

MURRAY, Ky. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team returned to the win column with a 6-1 Ohio Valley Conference road victory over Murray State on Friday at the Bennie Purcell Courts on the MSU campus.

The Racers gained a split by claiming the women's match, 7-0.

With its fourth OVC win of the year, Jax State positioned itself to clinch one of OVC Tournament berths with just two league matches left to play. The Gamecocks, 9-11 overall, enter Saturday's match at Austin Peay with a 4-2 league mark. The Gamecock women, winners of their last three OVC matches, fell to 3-4 on the year after the setback.

JSU made quick work of the Racers in the men's contest after sweeping all three doubles matches and winning in straight sets in five of the six singles matches. Freshman Jordan Cowling won his fourth OVC singles match after dispersing of MSU's Max McLean. Cowling's 6-1, 6-3 win clinched the match for the Red and White. Cowling joined junior Igor Santos at No. 2 doubles as they topped MSU's Tyler Jeffers and Jose Berardo, 8-2. The JSU duo has now



The men's tennis team is in a position to clinch an OVC Tournament berth.

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won five consecutive matches and third in OVC play.

Santos impressively moved to 15-2 at No. 2 singles after winning 6-1, 6-3 over Berardo. Junior Nenad Marcec got back on the winning track after disposing of MSU's Daniel Heibel – 6-1, 6-0. Marcec and Axel Sundberg clinched the doubles point for Jax State after edging Arthur Valle and Heibel, 8-6. The Racers' lone point in the match came after Sundberg fell to Valle in a three-set affair. After falling 6-1 to Valle in the opening set, Sundberg evened the match and forced a third and deciding set. Valle posted a 6-0 win to post the point.

Felipe Watanabe and Felipe Wenzel carded wins at No. 5 and 6 respectively.

In the women's match, the Blue

and Gold swept all singles matches and won two doubles contests. Jax State's No. 2 doubles team of Rafaela Wenzel and Zoe Bizinos won in a tie-breaker match, 8-7. JSU won the tie breaker, 10-8 to move to 4-3 in OVC play.

JSU fell in a pair of three-set marathons in singles play. Raphael Lima won the first set over MSU's Jordana Klein, 7-5, but Klein rebounded to take the final two sets – 6-3, 10-5 for the win. In similar fashion, JSU's Aleksandra Cmilijic won a first-set tie breaker, 7-6 over Ashley Pierson. Pierson turned things around in the second and third set by winning 6-1, 10-5.

JSU continues the road trip on Saturday against Austin Peay. Match time is set for 2 p.m. on the APSU campus. The Govs remained undefeated in OVC play after Friday's blanking of Tennessee State. The APSU women stand at 4-2 in league play after a win over TSU.

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Austin Peay gets the best of both Gamecock squads

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Both Jacksonville State tennis teams dropped Ohio Valley Conference matches to Austin Peay on Saturday on the APSU campus. APSU claimed the men's match, 5-2, while the JSU women fell 4-3.

The JSU men fell to 4-3 in OVC matches, while the Gamecock women stand at 3-5. Both teams have one conference match left on the slate as they travel to Tennessee State on April 15. In the men's match, things looked to favor Jax State after it won the doubles point. The Gamecock duo of Igor Santos and Jordan Cowling moved to 5-1 on the season in OVC play with an 8-4 win over APSU's Jasmin Ademovic and John Storie. The win was the tandem's fifth in a row against OVC foes. Felipe Watanabe and Felipe Wenzel turned back Iago Seffrin and Aleksas Tverijonas, 8-4.

Watanabe posted JSU's lone point in singles after disposing of Storie – 6-4, 6-3 at No. 5. Head coach Steve Bailey made a line up change at the top as he moved Santos into the

No. 1 slot and moved Axel Sundberg down to No. 2. Santos suffered a 7-5, 6-2 setback to Sean Bailey, while Sundberg battled Ademovic to a three-set affair before falling in the final set. Cowling dropped his first OVC singles match of the season in three sets. He split the first two sets before Tverijonas won 7-5 in the third for the win.

In the women's match, APSU jumped on the scoreboard with the doubles point. JSU's top team of Raisa Guasti and Raphaela Lima tuned in an 8-2 victory over Vanja Tomic and Alison Carre. Guasti and Lima moved to 5-3 on the season in OVC matches.

Lima carried the momentum into her singles match with Ornella Di Salvo as she tallied a 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 2. JSU gained points at No. 5 and 6 singles after Danielle Kerindi and Aleksandra Cmilijic turned in wins. Kerindi was a 6-2, 7-5 winner over Vanessa Tavarez. Cmilijic rebounded from a 6-4 loss in the opening set to win the next two sets – 7-6, 10-4.

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Sophomore duo leads Gamecocks to series win

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – A pair of sophomores carried the Jacksonville State softball team to a 2-1 win at Southeast Missouri on Saturday, when Hayden Crawford went 2-for-3 and Tiffany Harbin tossed a complete game to claim the rubber match of the series.

Crawford had a single and an RBI triple in helping the Gamecocks (19-20, 14-6 Ohio Valley Conference) to their second-straight one-run win over the Redhawks (14-24, 7-12 OVC). Harbin came through with her 13th complete game in 17 starts this season.

Harbin (10-5), a native of Hazel, Green, Ala., held the SEMO



Hayden Crawford performed well against SE Missouri.

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offense to a run on six hits, while walking two and striking out six. She

faced 24 batters, just three more than the minimum, and needed just

87 pitches, 62 of which were strikes to dispose of the Redhawks.

Sparkman, Ala., native Crawford had the bat in her hands for both of the Gamecocks' runs.

She singled to left in the second, forcing an error by SEMO's Shelby Stein that allowed freshman Savannah Sloan to score after her leadoff single.

Crawford's second hit proved to be the biggest of the day for JSU, a fourth-inning, two-out triple that drove in Kelci Johnston, a pinch runner for freshman Shelby Holley, who led off the inning with a single.

The only blemish in

Harbin's line was a lead-off homer in the fifth from Renee Kertz, who reached all three times she came to the plate, including a pair of walks.

SEMO's Alora Marble (9-11) tossed all seven innings in the loss, allowing two runs, one earned, on six JSU hits.

She struck out just one batter and didn't issue a walk.

JSU will wrap up its three-game season series with Tennessee State on Thursday, when the Gamecocks face the Tigers in a 2 p.m. single game in Nashville, Tenn.

JSU swept a double-header from TSU in Jacksonville last week.

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Five in a row: Gamecocks are victorious, move to 6-3 in OVC standings

The Gamecocks will now take aim at a consecutive sixth OVC series victory.

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Last weekend the Gamecocks faced the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech in a crucial OVC baseball series that would affect the top part of the standings.

Jax State and Tech both entered the series 4-2 in OVC.

The first game took place as the sun was setting on Thursday evening, but it wasn't until dark before the action picked up.

After three the score was still tied at 0 with Aaron Elias on the mound for the Gamecocks who would pitch five innings and allow just one run and strike out five.

A two out rally in the bottom of the fourth led by all seniors gave the Gamecocks the first lead.

Sam Eberle got a single then moved to second on Ben Waldrip's single to center. Kyle Bluestein loaded the bases after he was hit by a pitch which led to Eric Underwood's two out shot to left that scored two.

Tech tied the game in the top of the sixth, however in the bottom of the inning the Gamecocks regained the lead

on another senior driven two out rally. Bluestein doubled and then scored as Underwood's doubled for his third RBI.

The Gamecocks added two more runs and would hold of the Golden Eagles to take the first game 5-2 as Todd Horsny picked up his seventh save of the season.

Friday's game appeared to be close as well with the score 2-3 in favor of the Golden Eagles after seven.

In the eighth Tennessee Tech put four on the board much of which came from a three-run homerun. The score was then 2-7 for Tech, but the Gamecocks added a run in the eighth and then tried to mount a comeback in the ninth.

Bluestein started the bottom of the ninth with a solo homerun to pull within three, 4-7. The Gamecocks worked the bases loaded and with patience at the plate Kyle Stone and Kyle Lambert each drew walks that scored a run to



Sam Eberle swings into action for the Gamecocks. He was acknowledged this past week with OVC honors.

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make it a one run game.

However, the tying run was stranded at third after a strike-out ended the comeback for the Cocks. Tech won 7-6 and evened the series at a game apiece heading into the final game Saturday.

Saturday's series' finale was the "Eberle and Bluestein Show." It didn't take long for Jacksonville State to jump on Tech pitcher Seth Lucio who earlier this season pitched a gem in a win over Tennessee. In the bottom of the first Sam Eberle and Ben Wald-

rip put together more two-out hits which were followed up by Kyle Bluestein's three-run homerun to take an early 3-0 lead for JSU.

Tech put a run on the board in the second, but after four it was a 5-1 game after Eberle hit a solo shot and Michael Bishop added an RBI of his own.

The Golden Eagles would storm back and after a four run seventh would take the lead 6-5 over JSU. The Gamecocks would retake the lead in the bottom of the inning with Eberle scoring on an Erik Un-

derwood sac fly, and Bluestein crossed the plate on an RBI single by Lambert.

Todd Horsby picked up the win rather than a save after he pitched the final 2 1/3 innings.

Kyle Bluestein had four RBIs while Sam Eberle went 5-5 scoring four runs. Eberle was announced earlier this week as the OVC Player of the Week for position player.

The Gamecocks now look ahead and prepare to try and win their sixth consecutive OVC series as they take on UT-Martin this weekend.