

JSU Peer Educators educate on the real dangers behind alcohol abuse

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The JSU Peer Educators sponsored an "Alcohol Awareness Week" for interested students. Ninma Sheshi, the project coordinator, set up events for each day of the week, including a golf cart

obstacle course students could try maneuvering through while wearing "Fatal Goggles" – a device that simulates the visual acuity and coordination of a person with a blood alcohol level over the legal driving limit. Encouraging students to "Be Smart" about getting

behind the wheel after a few drinks was a common theme of the events, displays, and free literature that was handed out. Friday afternoon a pre-Tailgate Party was held on the quad, luring students with scent of grilled hot dogs and rewarding the curious with lunch, lit-

erature and lottery prizes. Peer educators and hungry students shared their negative experiences with alcohol. One student shared that last week she had gotten three citations: driving under the influence, driving without a license, and driving under the influ-

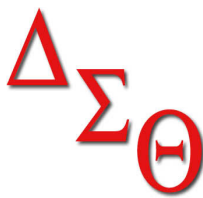
ence while underage. A couple of the peer educators shared more personal stories. Katie Etheredge said that her mother, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for four years, has inspired her to not

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The event had informative presentations for students to learn from. **Ebonee Roston/The Chanticleer**

Celebration of Women's Health sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta

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The Kappa Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated invited students to their Celebration of Women's Health event in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month

and in support of overall good health for women. This event took place on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 4-6p.m. at the TMB auditorium. Each guest was given a pink or white bag labeled Early Detection is the Best Protection. There were tables on each

side of the room that had either poster boards or booklets that had information on the importance of health. A breast cancer survivor named Sandra Sudduth was the main speaker for the event. She discussed **See Delta Sig Pg. 2**

Open mic and auction held for Breast Cancer Awareness

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On Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Mu Xi Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated hosted and sponsored the second annual Open Mic and Auction for Breast Cancer Awareness in Leone Cole Auditorium.

All JSU students were allowed to sign up to show their talents with the open mic; also all male JSU students were allowed to participate in the auction.

Sigma Gamma Rho member Sherita Fredrick stood outside greeting and directing guests inside. "We haven't done an event this semester and we wanted Sigma Gamma Rho to be shown in a good way," she said.

Fredrick and her sorority sisters were very excited about being able to help with Breast Cancer Awareness month. "We sponsored this event and want people to showcase their talent. We actually have fifteen men in the auction and twenty people in the show."

Ladies came out with their wallets as the bid in the auction started at \$2.00.

The highest bidding price went to a singing freshman at \$25.00.

After the members of Sigma Gamma Rho stood in audience with collecting baskets, they also participated in the open mic and made their own donations during the auction.

JSU Senior elected to Anniston City Council

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Many college students dream about making a difference in the world. David E. Reddick decided to make it happen. Reddick, a senior at JSU, was recently elected to the Anniston City Council, Ward 2. Reddick had the highest number of votes after the Aug. 28 election, but only 46 percent of the vote. In order to win, a candidate must receive fifty percent plus one. So Reddick was on the ballot again for the Oct. 9 runoff election. This time, he possessed 65 percent of the vote. It took an accident for the Anniston native to decide to run for office. "I got injured while I was in the Navy, but I didn't get hurt in the war," Reddick explained. "I actually had a motorcycle ac-

cident, a head-on collision with a Ford Bronco. The accident kind of made me think, 'What am I doing with my life? What do I want to accomplish in my life?' It kind of gave me a big global view of what I wanted to accomplish. They medically retired me from the military, and after that I got involved with civil activities."



David E. Reddick

Reddick began working in sales so that he could learn how to most effectively work with different personality types. Once **See Councilman Pg. 2**

Actors find their own 'shape' in JSU recent production

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This past weekend marked the last three performances of the JSU Drama Department's production of Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things*. The play features only four cast members: Drew Sprayberry as Adam, Savannah Jones as Evelyn, Daniel King as Phillip, and Lauren Crider as Phillip's fiancé Jenny. The show was held in JSU's intimate Studio Theater, or the "black box" as some of the performers call it. It is a small, dark room, which completely set the tone for the very personal performance the actors were about to give. "This show fit perfectly into the intimate space of the black box. It brought the audience closer to the action, the characters, made them involved with

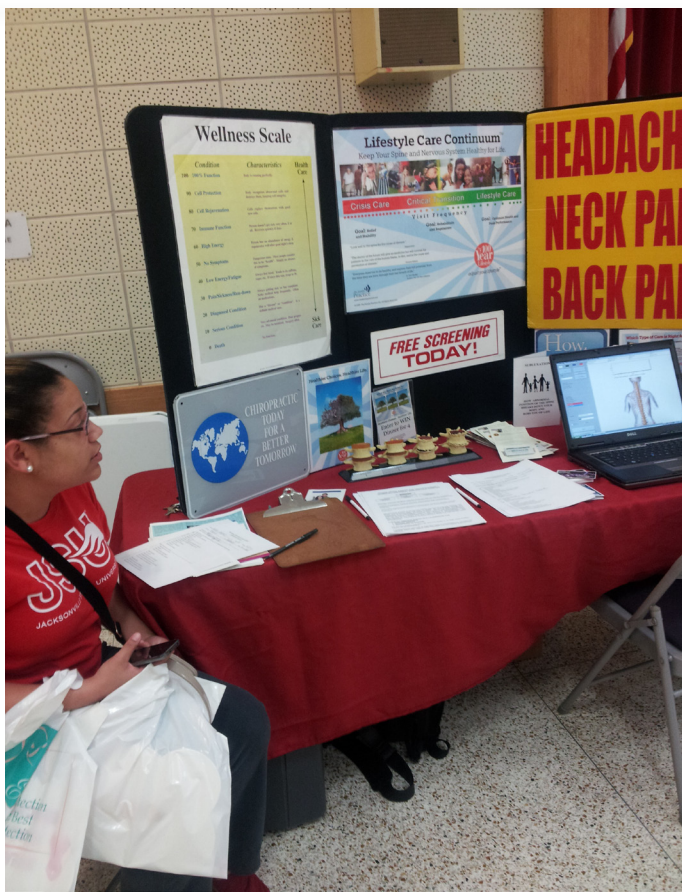
what was going on. Something like a big musical would just be distracting in the black box. This show was great for it," said Sprayberry. This was Sprayberry's first performance with JSU's Drama Department. He is a senior, majoring in Drama. The show begins when Evelyn and Adam meet in the museum that Adam works at. Evelyn, an outgoing art student, immediately establishes the dominance that audience members see throughout the play. She is planning on spray painting a certain part of Adam's supposed to be guarding. "This was the most 'provocative' show I've ever been a part of. It took a lot of considering before I accepted the role, but I think the content was critical for **See Shape Pg. 2**

how important it is to get regular check-ups. She also talked about her struggle with

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cancer and how she never gave up on faith.

"I believe that God kept me here to give my testimony to other people to show people to take care of your body, do early protection and realize that a proactive and positive spirit is a must. If you have that positive spirit, I believe from my experience that it helps the body," said Sudduth. "Be a survivor. Anger, unforgiveness, and negativity; get those things out the way, because all of those things put stress on the body. It takes your energy away and that can keep you from surviving, not from just breast cancer, for any type of illness. Learn to have a loving and forgiving spirit. Learn to relax and enjoy life."

Sudduth's speech had everyone's attention, and she even made a few jokes that had everyone in the auditorium laughing.



Ebonee Roston/The Chanticleer
Sign up sheets for free screenings were available for those interested at the event.

"I was still telling my husband that I wasn't able to work because I was still tired. I can't move things, because I might hurt my arm. So he said, 'When are you going to be able to vacuum and mop?' I said, 'Oh, maybe a few more years,'" she said.

She discussed of how she never stopped working when she had her first cancer. "I took

chemo on Thursday and I came back to JSU to the Ramona Wood Building and talked. I had radiation, they worked with me. I would drive myself to Gadsden and came back," she said.

"But do not overstress your body, keep going and get involved. God is the source of our strength, during the most difficult times in our lives."

After the speech, students were allowed to visit tables that had information on health. The nutrition information was given by the JSU Nutrition Club. There was a secluded area

where students were got the opportunity to get free mammograms.

The free breast exams were given by Krystal Spears, a nurse practitioner. Blood pressures and temperatures were checked by Natasha Williams and Denita Blanding, who are Deltas and JSU Nursing students.

telling the story to its fullest. It was just a window into the everyday lives and language of college students," said Sprayberry.

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The show seems like a normal enough love story at first, but the ending is far from predictable. Throughout the play, Evelyn and Adam begin dating, and Adam starts to make extreme transformations in his life. He loses lots of weight, he starts wearing contact lenses, and he even gets a nose job, all at the coy suggestions of Evelyn.

Adam's friends Phillip and Jenny watch his transformation, constantly questioning this new girlfriend's motives, as she is seemingly molding him into a new man. Naïve, meek Adam was portrayed perfectly by Sprayberry's performance. "Adam was a terrific role to play; he was a transformation. My character made changes after every scene, and not just costume and hair, but behavior and way of thinking as well. That's a fun role for an actor."

Throughout the show, Evelyn talks about how art is subjective, and she is asked about a project she is working on, which is a sculpture that she is careful never to give any detail about. The audience eventually comes to find that Evelyn, powerfully portrayed by Savannah Jones, is more manipulative and heartless than is originally thought.

It turns out that Evelyn's sculpture is more elaborate than anyone suspected. She reveals at the end of the play, after a marriage proposal from Adam, that Adam is in fact her sculpture. She was never truly dating him at all, and the whole sake of the relationship was for her project. Her professor told her to "change the world" with her art, yet instead she chose to "change someone's world." In the last scene, Evelyn performs an intense monologue explaining that she is simply an artist, nothing more, nothing less, and she has done nothing wrong.

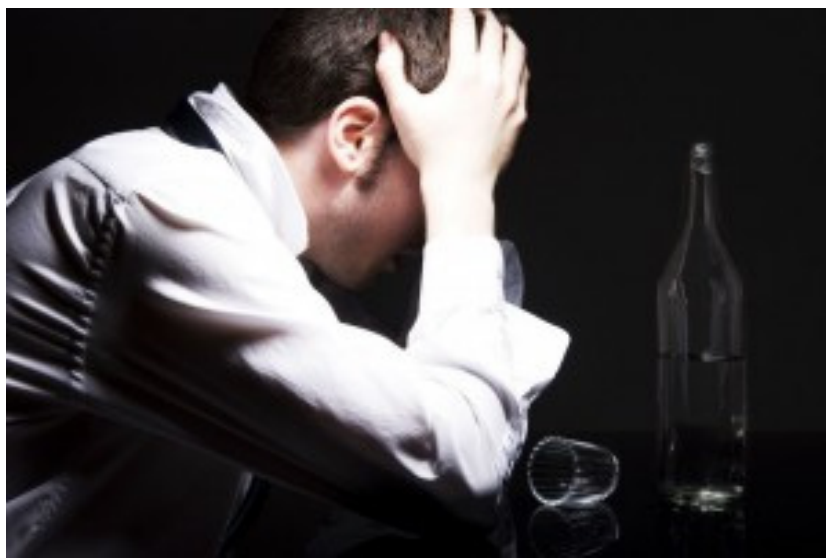
Adam's humiliation and Evelyn's heartlessness in the final moments of the play leave the audience questioning the boundaries of art, and the boundaries of how far one will go to please the one they love. Everything is subjective.

drink. She has made a personal choice to not get drunk; Etheredge has known "mean

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drunks" and shared, "You may find out the hard way

that alcohol may turn your Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde when you least expect it." Etheredge also explained that "Be Smart" is not just about drinking and driving. Alcohol can effect medications that someone is on - giving unexpected side effects or causing the medication to not work at all - and even just taking Tylenol while alcohol is in a person's system can cause liver damage. Another student, Lakesa Ford, told about her grandfather - a functioning alcoholic who only made it into his mid-fifties before dying from liver failure, caused by the effects of years of heavy drinking. Ford and Etheredge agree from experience that a person can have fun and be social even if they are the only sober person in the room; however, they're not trying to recruit abstainers. They just want their fellow students to "Be Smart" by enjoying themselves in safe ways.

One handout in the packet of literature is called Alcohol & Safety Tips. Following tips such as "Alternate alcoholic bever-



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ages with water" and "Don't drink on an empty stomach" can prevent hangovers, vomiting, and even alcohol poisoning, because staying hydrated and having food in the stomach helps the body process alcohol. Another tip was: "Never leave your drinks unattended or accept an open drink from anyone." Paranoid advice? Not according to one student's (who wished to remain anonymous) story:

"I was seventeen, a freshman in college. It was the beginning of Spring Break, and a couple of friends of mine decided to party in the mostly-empty dorm.

Well, at least I thought they

were my friends. He was twenty-four. I was shooting down vodka, and tried to cut myself off when I was completely plastered. But he insisted that I keep drinking, and I was so drunk I didn't even know any better. I passed out, and woke up to the pain. I fought, but I blacked out again. The worst part was that afterward he pretended nothing had happened, and he was in a class I couldn't drop. I didn't report it because I was ashamed. 'Be Smart'? There is no chance of me being anything close to smart when I'm drunk - something I learned the hard way many times over."

he felt confident in the amount of training he received, he enrolled at Southwestern College in San Diego, California.

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While at Southwestern, he became active with the African American Student Union, where he was instrumental in creating an internship/job network for all the AASU members in San Diego County.

When Reddick returned home for a visit, he noticed that many people in Anniston needed help. So he transferred to Jacksonville State University and moved back to his hometown. "I ran for office in '08 the first time, and I lost by 30 votes."

Reddick's interest in politics began very early in his life.

"As a kid, I remember my dad had a really good friend who was elected as an Anniston City Councilman, in the same seat that I just won," he said. "I must have been eight years old when he took office...they filmed the city council meetings and showed them on TV. I remember watching him negotiate to get sidewalks put in our neighborhood. So I started thinking, 'Oh, a City Councilman can put sidewalks on the streets'. That was my earliest memory of politics."

Reddick first entered JSU as a Communications major with concentration in Public Relations, and he was Political and Government Relations Advisor for the WLJS show "Late Night with Ed Moore III" for about a year.

Currently, Reddick plans to graduate with a Bachelor's in General Studies before pursuing his Master's.

Reddick said that he decided to get involved with local government so that he can help people. "If people know what they're capable of, they'll exceed their own expectations," said Reddick.

Reddick is scheduled to begin his four-year term as Anniston City Councilman on Nov. 5th.

Extra! Extra! JSU Events

10/25

8:00 p.m.: Homecoming Pep Rally and King-Queen Announcement.
(Burgess-Snow Field)

10/26

Last day to Drop or Withdraw without Academic Penalty

10/27

10:00 Celebrate Homecoming! JSU Encore/JSU Gospel Choir Performance
(Mason Hall Performance Center)

11:00 Kappa Sigma BBQ Plate Sale (\$5; Dillon Field)

10/28

6:00 Student Senate Meeting (TMB)

7:00 Getting Naked's Harlan Cohen (Leon Cole)



Cocky Sports

10/25

7:00 Soccer vs UT Martin

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3:00 Football vs Murray State (Homecoming)

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7:00 Men's Basketball vs William Carey (Exhibition)

11/02

7:00 Volleyball vs Eastern Illinois

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS: An article by Heather Greene, graduate assistant in JSU's Office of Public Relations

So, you have finished your finals, balanced your student account, received your cap and gown, and are ready to take that walk which took years to achieve? Congratulations! When you receive that diploma and walk off that stage and into your future, where will your degree take you? For most college graduates the search for a job becomes their next obstacle after graduation. However, studies are showing that students who participate in an internship program have a much greater chance of landing a job, quite often within the very company with which they interned. So, why not consider doing an internship in your field of study?

The Calhoun County Chamber and JSU Partnership Team is working together to allow students the opportunity "to test drive the career of their dreams," according to Emily Duncan, who works as the Member Services Coordinator and Internship Coordinator at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce (CCCC). Duncan recalls her own internship time "as the most beneficial experience" she had in college and hopes to continue working to "connect area businesses to the talent field that is JSU."

The partnership is designed to give students hands-on experience in their career field during their upperclassman years or post-graduation. Besides allowing a student to gain valuable skills in his or her career field, an internship can quite often lead to a job. Duncan states that "according to Forbes, 90% of 2011 direct from college hires went to those with internship experience. In response to that, we have had fifteen area businesses and organizations post internship opportunities via Internships.com." The hope is that Calhoun County will be able to train, hire, and retain many of the outstanding graduates produced by JSU.

Set to graduate in May 2013, Georgiana Nicole Andrews is a marketing major at JSU who is now serving as an intern at the CCCC. Andrews learned of the internship program through her JSU professors and advisors. When asked why she chose to apply for an internship, she replied, "Like most of my fellow soon to be college graduates from around the world, I know that the economy and job market are not where we would like them to be...By having hands-on experience before I graduate, I hope to place myself a step ahead of my competition."

Andrews feels that an internship would prove beneficial to any student. On her personal experience through the program, she states, "After being a part of this program, I have to say that being able to have an opportunity to network, gets hands-on experience, and receive advice and education that can only be learned through experience has been wonderful...I feel the internship has given me the opportunity to apply the skills that I have been taught in the classroom to practical experiences."

Becca Turner, director of Career Services at JSU, has been involved with the intern partnership program and hopes "for Calhoun County Chamber members and non-member employers, to see the value in the degree programs offered at Jacksonville State University and to utilize the talent that our students have to offer to their company, rather than recruiting outside of our area, to meet the needs of the company." Turner encourages JSU students to seek out internships early on and to utilize the resources available to them through the Office of Career Services in room 207 Merrill Hall on the campus of JSU.

For students interested in the program, The Calhoun County Chamber and JSU Partnership Team will present an event once a semester called Internship and Leadership Panel Discussion. This semester's panel discussion will be held at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville on October 30 from 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. A panel of area business leaders will be present to talk to interested students and answer any questions they may have. This semester's panel line up will be: Amie Hinton, Lagarde Properties; Tommie Goggins, Capital Management Advisors; Anna-Marie Moorner, ERA King Real Estate; Margaret Roberts, Wells Fargo; Greg Brown, B.R. Williams Trucking and Logistics; and possibly various other members of the Chamber. Any business members of the CCCC are invited to attend.

Anniston Market President for Wells Fargo, Margaret Roberts, who will be among the business representatives at the panel discussion, states, "We're looking for a student who is anxious to get some real-life experience in a field that is either their major area of study or at least a good fit for that student's skills....It always helps to have some actual experience along with that diploma when doing a job search."

For the panel discussion, admission is free. Students may wish to bring a copy of their resume, as various businesses will be represented. It is important to keep in mind that landing an internship is no guarantee for a job, but does provide invaluable experience and quite often leads to job opportunities. For more information about applying for a Calhoun County Chamber and JSU Partnership Team internship, please visit www.internships.com or contact Lola Johnston in Career Services at JSU, 256-782-5092 or email lmjohnston@jsu.edu.

J-Day kicks off Homecoming 2012 festivities

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J Day was held on Oct. 23, 2012 on the TMB Lawn. This event is held every year to bring all students together to enjoy the festivities of Homecoming week. There were many activities at this event to students to participate in such as tug of war, karaoke, rides and a foam party. There was a live DJ and great food being served. All organizations took part in enjoying these festivities.

According to senior Dorian Wade, "The activities were exciting and great food. I really enjoyed singing karaoke." Karaoke seemed to be one of the highlights for this event, giving the students a chance to show case their talents while having fun. Tug-of-war also was an interesting thing to watch as the students rivaled it out to see who was the absolute strongest.

The foam party was also a crowd grabber. Senior Tarae Moon stated, "The foam was really fun and it really was a stress free environment." A lot of students joined in the foam tub to start things off.

J Day really created a stress-free environment to relieve the pressure of midterms. The DJ was really keeping the crowd going, playing everything from hip hop to rock. This really set the mood for the foam bath and the rides. There was one interesting ride that con-

tinuously turned four people in a ball. The ones who took on this ride and finished without sickness were victorious.

There was a nice variety of food for all to enjoy. Mya Knight, a junior and Homecoming Queen hopeful said, "J Day has given me an opportunity to interact with everyone and different organizations on campus. I was also able to meet new exciting faces." Candidates running for Homecoming King and Queen were also out campaigning at J Day. The candidates were able to interact with new freshmen and fellow classmates.

There were also places for students to sign up for Jax Spot cards and earn points. There were members there to explain the benefits of having this card. The Jax spot was set up under the tent with the food to really catch the attention of the students. Joseph Freeman, a senior stated, "I really enjoyed J Day and I got to see a lot of students that I have not seen all year. I also was able to sign up for Jax and earn points for coming to J Day."

Students have really enjoyed the kickoff of homecoming and are looking forward to what is in store for the rest of the week. "Rounding up the Racers" has really been a hit with the student body and an enjoyment.

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Above, cheerleaders try to pump up the crowd at a recent pep rally at JSU stadium on October 18th.



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Go Gamecocks!

Delta Sigma Theta fights ALS

Ebonee Roston

Staff Writer

For the month of October, everyone around campus is getting involved for Breast Cancer Awareness. Fundraisers and more are being developed and are quite effective. There are also other kinds of awareness events that have taken place this month too.

On Oct. 8, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. took up donations in support of people who suffer from, or know someone who suffers from, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). A small table with a red table cloth was set up in front of the left side in the Theron Montgomery Building, and there were small booklets laid out with information on ALS. This lasted from 10:00a.m.-2:00pm. People in the Delta Sigma Delta organization greeted people with smiles and thoroughly explained the ALS disease.

Keiasha Jordon is a junior and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta. Jordon informed the students that ALS is a disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The students still had a puzzled look on their faces. Jordon then added, "The motor neurons reach from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body and ALS can eventually lead to death."

The controlling of muscle movement becomes ineffective and is eventually lost. Some people who suffer from this disease will

even become paralyzed.

Zena Johnson, also a member of the sorority, said, "Our line sister Jasmine Burks's mother was diagnosed with ALS in February 2011."

"She sparked our interest for this initiative and now it's an ongoing process for us," said Viviann Lin, also a member of the sorority.

The line sisters basically want to support their sister and inform others of this disease. They hosted a walk for ALS awareness on Oct. 13 at Regions Park in Birmingham.

"We walked with MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) in February last semester. It's something near and dear to us and we want to do anything to help," said Lin.

MDA is the nonprofit health agency that is dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS, and other related diseases by funding in a worldwide research.

It is very important that all students get involved in any type of donation, fundraiser, or participate any type of event. Getting check-ups daily is also a must. Symptoms may not show at that very moment, but problems can soon develop later on. If diseases can be treated ahead of time, he or she may not have to suffer as much as another person might have to, caused from the prolonging of doctor visits.

Arts Entertainment

Move Review: Alex Cross

Minnie Marbury
Staff Writer

Alex Cross, starring Tyler Perry and Matthew Fox, opened in theaters Oct 19th. Dr. Alex Cross is a detective created by James Patterson, who wrote *Kiss the Girls* as well as *Along Came a Spider* starring Morgan Freeman.

Tyler Perry takes over in the lead role this time around, as he comes head to head with a merciless assassin who takes his job very personally.

Picasso (Matthew Fox) is a hired killer sent to execute some high-ranking business executives. Dr. Cross and his team intervene on this assassins assignment and revenge is immediately set out on Dr. Cross and those around him. Dr. Cross then finds himself in a battle to protect everything and everyone connected to him.

This movie was a nice step up for Tyler Perry and at great opportunity for him to show a little diversity in his acting. It was nice to see him in a suspenseful action thriller. Perry really stepped outside of his comfort zone in order to realistically portray the great detective Alex Cross.

This movie is full of suspense and leaves the viewer on the edge of their seat. The viewer is really rooting for Dr. Cross to serve justice to this merciless villain.

Fox's portrayal of this twisted villain was amazing. He really made the audience feel for his victims. Picasso (Fox) enjoys implementing pain, suffering and torture to his many victims, mostly women, throughout the film. His monicker, Picasso, is due to the sketch drawings that he leaves at scene of the crimes.

This is a terrific and terrifying villain. Fox gives a great performance and is one of the best villains that I have seen in a while. Fox really brought this character to life in showing the psychological dysfunction and obsession that this character has with making everyone pay for his discomfort.

Alex Cross made \$11,750,000 opening weekend in the box office. Rotten Tomatoes rated this movie a 3.8 out of 10 with a 13 percent on the 'Tomato Meter'.

Rotten Tomatoes also stated that, "Tyler Perry and Matthew Fox do their best, but they're trampled by Rob Cohen's frustrating direction and a tasteless, lazily written screenplay."

Movie Line gave Alex Cross 5 out of 10, adding "Alex Cross is filled with accidental comedy, and while it's a mess in any traditional movie sense, it's has its moments of preposterous fun that come in the form of a nonsensical plot and a fabulously competent, scenery-gnawing villain."

Despite these negative reviews, I recommend this movie for anyone who enjoys a suspenseful thriller. Alex Cross is really entertaining and enjoyable. This movie keeps the audience's attention the entire way and there was never any real down time in the movie.

I feel that Alex Cross is informative, the staging was great and it had



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a great cast. The selection of cast members for this movie was carefully put together everyone fit into their roles perfectly. From Tyler Perry to Cicely Tyson this movie is a winner in my book and I loved it.

This movie was really worth the wait Tyler Perry really brought Alex Cross to life, which I was not expecting. Perry had major shoes to fill coming behind Morgan Freeman but he handled the task exceptionally well and showed that he can be more than Madea.

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Friday Oct. 26h (All times PM)	Hotel
Alex Cross (PG13) 5:00 - 7:30 - 10:00	Transylvania (PG) [2D] 2:45 - 5:10 - 7:30 [3D] 9:55
Argo (R) 2:55 - 5:45 - 8:45	House at the End of the Street (PG13) 2:25 - 4:50 - 7:15 8:30 - 9:45
Chasing Mavericks (PG) 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:45	Paranormal Activity 4 (R) 3:30 - 4:40 - 6:00 7:05 - 8:30 - 9:30 9:30 - 10:30
Cloud Atlas (R) 4:00 - 8:00	Pitch Perfect (PG13) 3:30 - 6:30 - 9:30
Frankenweenie (PG) [2D] 2:20 - 7:00 [3D] 4:40 - 9:20	Silent Hill: Revelation (R) [3D] 5:00 - 10:00
Fun Size (PG13) 2:20 - 4:40 7:15 - 9:40	Sinister (R) 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:55
Here Comes The Boom (PG) 3:30 - 6:30 - 9:30	Taken 2 (R) 3:30 - 4:40 - 6:00 7:05 - 8:30 - 9:45

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iPad mini

Apple reveals new smaller iPad

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A & E Editor

On Tuesday, Apple announced that they will be releasing a smaller version of its popular iPad tablet, deemed "iPad Mini".

"Others have tried to make tablets smaller than the iPad and they've failed miserably," said Apple senior vice president Phil Schiller. "These are not great experiences."

At a media event, Schiller unveiled the 7.9-inch tablet, which is 7.2 millimeters wide (the width of a pencil, Schiller said) and weighs less than 7/10ths of a pound.

The device's screen has the same proportions as the larger iPads, meaning that apps designed for the tablet should also appear spectacular on the Mini. Apple promises 10 hours of battery life, and the Mini will have front- and rear-facing cameras like its bigger cousins. It also will have the "lightning" connector that came new on the iPhone 5 and new iPods.

It will have the same display-resolution specs as last year's iPad 2, not the high-definition Retina display of the newest iPad, which also got a new model on Tuesday.

The iPad Mini's display will be nearly an inch bigger than similar models produced by Apple's competitors, like Amazon's Kindle Fire and Google's Nexus 7.

The iPad Mini will start at \$329 for a 16GB, Wi-Fi only version, and increase in power and capability up to \$659 for a 64GB model with cellular access. The new Kindle Fire HD and the Nexus 7 sell for \$199.

"This isn't just a shrunken-down iPad," Schiller said. "It's an entirely new design."

Pre-orders for the devices begin Friday, and the Wi-Fi only iPad Mini will go on sale in stores November 2. Models that have Wi-Fi and can connect over cellular networks will start shipping in a few weeks.



Finnish metal band Nightwish lose their voice mid-tour

Lea Isbell
Staff Writer

Finnish symphonic metal band Nightwish have announced that they will be parting ways with their current vocalist Anette Olzon, leaving the future of the band in question.

Nightwish recently embarked on a U.S. tour in support of their newest album *Imaginaerum*. The band kicked off the tour with back-to-back shows in Atlanta on Sept. 12th and 13th, at Center Stage Theatre.

Nightwish members later said on their Facebook page that "Atlanta earned an award for the best start of the tour of all times," and the tour seemed to be headed for success.

However, on Sept 28th, the day of the Denver, Colorado show, things took a turn for the worse. Nightwish frontwoman Anette Olzon became extremely ill and was forced to stay in a local hospital overnight.

Instead of cancelling the show, the other members of Nightwish decided to go on without her, enlisting the help of opening act Kamelot's backing vocalists Elize Ryd (also of Amaranthe) and Alissa White-Gluz (also of The Agonist). The crowd sang along in what was described as a mass karaoke, and with the help of these two women, the band played a rather successful show.

Anette was released from the hospital the next day and returned to the band for the Salt Lake City show that same night. Many fans seemed to breathe a sigh of relief upon her surprise return.

After the Salt Lake City show was over, Olzon wrote an entry on her official blog voicing her discontent over the fact that the other members of the band chose to continue the concert without her on the previous night.

Anette posted that she "was never asked if it was OK if they used Elize and Alissa in the show" and that she did not agree with the band's decision to play without her. In another posting, Olzon wrote, "Sometimes we get ill and shows do get cancelled. Rihanna wouldn't ask Britney Spears to sing for her if she was ill."

The following morning, Oct 1st, the band released a press statement revealing that Nightwish and Anette Olzon would be parting ways. The statement went on to say that the agreement to split was mutual and for the good of all those involved.

The press release also revealed that the band had no intentions of cancelling any shows and stated that Dutch vocalist Floor Jansen (ex-After Forever, ReVamp) would be joining the band in order to complete the tour. Whether or not Jansen will become a permanent member of the band is uncertain at this point.

Nightwish is a band with a history of vocalists not working out. The band formed in 1996 and has since lost two vocalists. Original Nightwish vocalist Tarja Turunen was fired from the band in 2005. Over the course of these nine years, the band released five albums.

Anette Olzon replaced Turunen in the band in 2007, and during her time with the band, two successful albums were released. Now, despite the fact that the band has parted ways with Olzon, members seem to be hopeful about the future.

When interviewed after the press release concerning the band's split, all members agreed that the decision to split "will lead to a brighter future for everyone" and expressed genuine excitement about the "adventures to come."

Nightwish in 2011 with former vocalist Anette Olzon (center). Her departure sparks the band's second search for a lead singer since their rise to fame in 1996.

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Op/Ed

The Democrat thinks...

Brett Johnson
President, JSU
College Democrats

In last Tuesday's debate, undecided voters asked the president and Governor Romney many questions that are of concern to many Americans. Although there were two candidates on the stage, only one had the answers that we were looking for.

The American people saw their leader – a strong, steady and decisive president with an affirmative vision to move this country forward and build the economy from the middle out, not the top down. They saw a president who has helped the middle class by cutting their taxes by \$3,600 per year; a president with a plan to reduce our nation's deficit in a balanced way, asking the top 2% to pay a little more combined with sensible budget cuts; a president

who understands that small businesses are the heart of our nation's economy and who has cut their taxes 18 times.

With recent polls in the president's favor, Americans are realizing that we cannot go back to the same failed policies that brought us the Great Recession. We must move forward. We must progress. Progress is 31 consecutive months of job growth, declining unemployment, and 5.2 million new jobs. Progress is saving \$60 million for Pell Grants so more Americans like you and I can attend college.

The president talked about women as breadwinners for American families; Mitt Romney talked about them as resumes in binders. President Obama proudly cited the first bill that he signed into law, the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act that allows women like

Lily Ledbetter from Calhoun County, Alabama working at places like Goodyear to have a chance to receive equal pay for equal work.

Progress is increased oil production in the U.S. to the highest level in 16 years. Progress is a plan for the future, one that will fuel our children and grandchildren's economies with green energy like solar, wind, and bio-fuels. President Obama wants to give us the tax rates that we had under President Clinton; at a time when the economy generated 23 million new jobs. That's progress.

"I want to make sure that the next generation has those same opportunities. That's why I'm asking for your vote. That's why I'm asking for another four years." – President Barack Obama, Oct. 16 2012 Town Hall Debate.

President wanted: Only those with experience need apply

Zach Tyler
Staff Writer

The insanity of the 2012 Presidential election is finally drawing to a close—for better or worse. Presumably, we won't have to perform our tedious civic duty as citizens of a democracy and exercise political efficacy for at least four more years.

While the show isn't quite over—a little less than two weeks remain before polls open—the final debate between incumbent Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney took place Monday night at Lynn University of Boca Raton, Florida.

Bob Schieffer, host of Face of the Nation on CBS, moderated—he had an easier time of it than Jim Lehrer did. The decision to seat both candidates within arm's reach of the moderator just like in the Vice Presidential debate may have contributed slightly to that fact—Bob looks old-school. In my last column, I wrote about what a wonderful job ABC's Martha Raddatz did moderating the VP debate. Bob Schieffer deserves just as much credit—his hands-on approach to moderation worked because, like Raddatz, he was qualified to ask the right questions.

He wasn't quick to second-guess either candidate's facts, but it almost felt like he didn't have to. The debate focused on foreign policy, and frankly, Team Romney just doesn't

have a horse in that race, as much as they would like to pretend they do.

Yeah, Mitt, keep talking about the "credibility" of America with its allies in the Middle East—we're sure you know just how to deal with Pakistan from your extensive experience governing the state of Massachusetts.

Yet, it's his experience in governing Massachusetts that



gives me reason to pause. Romney is a politician who, prior to becoming involved in this presidential election, had a decent track record. He successfully governed a state with a bipartisan legislature and literally saved the 2002 Olympic Games.

So where is that man now? Nowhere to be seen; it seems as if the GOP has body-snatched him. Instead of Romney campaigning on his principles, he was been made to conform to whatever mold necessary in an attempt to win the demographic at hand. So far, that has included the far right—Tea Party "patriots"—the wealthy—the top 3% of Americans—and the "middle class," or people who vote

Republican purely out of habit.

Monday night, it sounded like Mitt was attempting to do what he does best—recast himself. He was probably hoping to appeal to a demographic that he's largely ignored this election cycle: women.

Because this election is so closely matched, mere percentage points mean either victory or defeat; if Romney can court the far right, super-rich elitists and traditionally Republican voters, he has a shot at winning. Throw in a few soccer moms and it could be over. That's the theory, anyway.

I don't think it's going to pan out for Romney, though. Winning by the margins might have been possible if the GOP's nominee and his running mate had been able to provide specifics for their sweeping tax reform policy and budget cuts, but they couldn't pony up.

This last debate was important because it highlighted the contrast of the choice before us as a nation—should we re-elect the guy who has demonstrated the ability for sound leadership through four tough years, or do we give the murky, evasive wild-card a chance? To be honest, it really doesn't seem like much of a choice to me.

The Republican thinks...

Carlos Acosta
President, JSU
College Republicans

The second Presidential Debate took place on Oct. 16, 2012 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. The issues covered were both domestic and foreign policy. The debate was conducted in a town hall format, where both candidates took turns answering questions from undecided voters. The night's debate touched on many of the same issues as the first meeting between the two men. This debate took on a significant purpose for the incumbent President. After the shocking performance of his first debate, President Obama came better prepared to face his challenger. On the other side, Governor Mitt Romney came prepared to handle the President and his tiresome accusations.

The key to this debate for me was the Vice Presidential Debate a few days earlier. I believe that debate set the tone for the second debate between the President and the Governor. The Republicans sent in Paul Ryan to gauge the reaction of the Democratic candidates. The President and Vice President need to make up ground and will do anything to catch up to the new front runners in the race. This includes making poor quality commercials about Big Bird. Let's be honest Big Bird is a multi-million if not multi-billion dollar cash cow for PBS. Also, let's not forget Elmo and Barney and the money they

bring in for the network. The current administrations campaign centers around one clear fact, when you don't have a record to run on then attack, attack, attack.

Looking at the second debate, Governor Romney reiterated his point of a five point economic plan, lower taxes for the middle class, and better education for better jobs. The true test for Romney came during the foreign policy portion of the debate. The big issue on everyone's mind was Libya. The terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2012 were a disaster from beginning to end. The President argues that no recommendations were made for the increase of security, which we all know to be false. The hearings on Capitol Hill proved this fact. Request for more security were repeatedly denied as testified by various government and military officials. The biggest moment came when the Governor questioned the President about calling the attacks a terrorist attack. The moderator, Candy Crowley of CNN, stepped in to say that the President did call the events a terrorist attack. Later, after the debate, she hinted that in the broader context the Governor was right in his assertion. I have read the transcript the President gave form the Rose Garden. Sorry to the Obama supporters, but he did not call what happened in Benghazi a terrorist attack. When giving his speech that day, the President spoke about terrorist attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He made no mention of Libya until the end of his speech. At that point he referred to the attacks as senseless acts of violence. Ladies and gentlemen this is a far cry from terrorist attacks.

However, if he did refer to Benghazi as a terrorist attack, then why would high ranking officials (Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice) go on every network news show insisting that what happened was the result of a video? The administration spent millions of dollars running ads in Pakistan and other Muslim countries apologizing. This behavior went on for two whole weeks before the President or anyone called this for what it was a well-coordinated terrorist attack. What is even worse about the situation is that they watched everything unfold in real time and they still had the audacity to call this a senseless act of violence.

The election is getting closer and closer. You have a choice between the failed and embarrassing policies of the Obama Administration, or the tested leadership of Governor Mitt Romney. America has been humiliated by four years of poor leadership which has seen our enemies embolden. America must regain her standing in the world; she must show peace through strength. We must make it clear that we are still a country of liberty and we will back down from evil.



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Sports



Volleyball drops 'Pink Out' game

JACKSONVILLE – Tennessee State avoided being swept on the season by the Jacksonville State volleyball team with a 3-1 (25-15, 17-25, 25-22, 25-20) victory over the Gamecocks Friday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

With the loss the Gamecocks fall to 5-4 in Ohio Valley Conference play and 11-12 overall. The Tigers improve to 6-3 in conference play and 12-10 overall to move into sole possession of second place in the East Division.

The Tigers got off to a fast start with a 7-0 run in the opening set and never looked back during the 25-15 victory. TSU limited JSU to

a .031 hitting percentage in the set.

The Gamecocks rebounded in the second set behind Emily Rutherford's four kills. JSU used seven total team blocks to limit the Tigers to a .075 hitting percentage to pull out the 25-17 victory.

The two teams swapped points to start the third set before the Tigers pulled away with the match knotted at 14 apiece. Naomi Wells finished with five kills in the set to lead the Tigers to the 25-22 victory.

The fourth set opened with the two teams again swapping points

before the Gamecocks pulled away for a 14-11 lead. The Tigers fought back behind a balanced offensive attack to outscore the Gamecocks 14-6 down the stretch for the 25-20 match clinching victory.

Rutherford led JSU with 11 kills while freshman Taylor Long added 10 kills on a .333 hitting percentage. Setter Alina Agamy finished with 31 assists and nine digs as the Gamecocks hit .144 for the match. Defensively, the Gamecocks were led by Kelsey Anderson with 21 digs and Abbey Heredia with 17 digs.

~ Sportswire

FCS Top 25

1. Eastern Washington (6-1)
2. Georgia Southern (6-1)
3. North Dakota State (6-1)
4. Montana State (6-1)
5. Sam Houston State (5-2)
6. Old Dominion (6-1)
7. Wofford (6-1)
8. Lehigh (8-0)
9. James Madison (5-2)
10. Stony Brook (7-1)
11. Cal Poly (7-0)
12. New Hampshire (6-2)
13. Northern Arizona (6-1)
14. Central Arkansas (6-2)
15. Indiana State (6-2)
16. Appalachian State (6-3)
17. Illinois State (6-2)
18. Eastern Kentucky (6-2)
19. Villanova (6-2)
20. Delaware (5-2)
21. Tennessee State (7-1)
22. Youngstown State (4-3)
23. Towson (3-4)
24. Albany (6-1)
25. Richmond (5-3)

Jacksonville State (4-3)

JSU Next opponent:
Murray State (3-4) HC
Oct 27 (Home)

OVC Standings

UT- Martin 4-1
Eastern Kentucky 4-1
Tennessee State 3-1
Eastern Illinois 3-1
Jacksonville State 3-2

OVC Volleyball Standings

East Division:
Morehead State (10-0)
Tennessee State (7-3)
Belmont (6-4)
Jacksonville State (5-5)

West Division:
SE Missouri St (8-2)
Austin Peay (6-4)
SIUE (4-6)

OVC W. Soccer Standings

UT- Martin (6-1-1)
Austin Peay (5-2-1)
Eastern Kentucky (5-2-1)
SIUE (4-3-2)

Jacksonville State (3-4-1)

Upcoming Action

Thursday: W. Tennis @ Southern Miss (Halloween Classic)
Friday: Soccer vs UT- Martin
Volleyball @ EKU
Saturday: Rifle (Murray St)
Cross Country (OVC Champ.)
Football vs Murray State (HC)

On This Day in JSU Sports History:

Oct 25, 1986 the Gamecocks beat in-state rival North Alabama 29-26 to end a three game losing streak in the series. After ending the losing skid, JSU won eight of the last 10 meetings before the rivalry's last game in 2003

By the Number: (25)

Senior Nathalee Lariviere from Ontario, Canada wears #25 on the soccer team. She has appeared in 16 games logging over 1000 playing minutes with 2 goals.

Did You Know?

The thrilling overtime win over Tennessee State was Coach Jack Crowe's 85 win at JSU, passing former Coach Bill Burgess' 84. Crowe is now 10 behind all-time leader Don Salls with 95 career wins at JSU.

The OT win evened up JSU's all-time overtime record at 4-4.

Women's Golf finish up MTBR Invite

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State women's golf team shot a 318 in Tuesday's final round of the Middle Tennessee Blue Raider Invitational to finish in seventh place in the 54-hole event.

The Gamecocks were led in the two-day event on the par-72, 6,177-yard Old Fort Golf Course by sophomore Maya Parsons,

who finished 10th in the 93-player field. As a team, JSU claimed the seventh-place finish in a field of 18 teams. Host Middle Tennessee won the event for the second-straight season.

Parsons, a native of Whitby, Ontario, entered the day tied for the lead but carded an 80 in her final 18 holes. She finished the three rounds with at eight

over with a 224, seven shots behind medalist Cassie Rushing of Southern Illinois.

Freshman Melani Sisto had the low round of the day for the Gamecocks with a 78.

Seniors Ornella Arrizon (74-75-83-232) and Luz Armijo-Fernandez (79-74-79-232) tied for 41st for the Gamecocks.

~ Sportswire

Hough honored nationally by The Sports Network

PHILADELPHIA – Jacksonville State's Jermaine Hough was named the National Freshman of the Week by The Sports Network, the organization announced on Monday.

Hough had two interceptions to help Jacksonville State claim a 31-28 overtime win over No. 17 Tennessee State on Saturday to snap the Tigers' seven-game winning streak.

The Lovejoy, Ga., native intercepted TSU's Michael German on the third play of the game which led to a Gamecock touchdown nine plays later as the Gamecocks took an early 7-0 lead.

Hough, who also finished with three tackles in the game, recorded his second interception with just 6:07 left in regulation and returned it 14 yards to end a Tennessee

NASHVILLE – Jacksonville State's Jermaine Hough and Griffin Thomas have been named Ohio Valley Conference Players of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday.



Freshman Jermaine Hough

James Harkins

Thomas was named the OVC Special Teams Player of the Week, while Hough was named both the OVC Defensive Player of the Week and OVC Newcomer of the Week.

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Thomas kicked a 44-yard field goal in overtime to lift Jacksonville State to its fourth straight win overtime. It was the second game-winning kick for Thomas this season and it gave the Tigers their first loss of the year, snapping a seven-game win streak.

~ Sportswire

Bubble teams fight to make playoff

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

With Jacksonville State's thrilling overtime win against Tennessee State last week, along with Princeton overcoming a 24 point fourth quarter deficit to come-back and beat rival Harvard... only two unbeaten teams remain in the FCS.

Cal Poly scored the final 17 points last week to beat Portland State 37-25 to move to 7-0 and jump to #11 in this week's Top 25. Lehigh blew past one-win

Bucknell, 42-19 to become the first FCS team to reach 8-0 this season. The Mountain Hawks climbed to 8th this week.

Second ranked Georgia Southern plays at Chattanooga on Saturday, the Mocs started off slow including a loss here in Jacksonville to the Gamecocks, but now UTC has turned their season around and seem to be in control of their destiny.

After this season the playoffs will expand once again, this time to 24 teams. There's plenty of teams, not excluding the Gamecocks, who may wish that the field was a little wider this season as well. Come November 18, when the playoff field is announced it can be assured, as in every year, there will be three or four teams left out who seemed to have a strong case to be in.

The Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA) has

often been a power conference in the FCS and things aren't going any different in 2012. Currently seven CAA teams are ranked: Old Dominion (6), James Madison (9), New Hampshire (12), Villanova (19), Delaware (20), Towson (23), and Richmond (25). Someone is going to be left out, but for the most part those teams still can decide who that will be with their remaining conference schedules.

The OVC has seen two teams reach the playoffs the past few years as opposed to just the conference champion. This season looks as strong as ever for that to be the case once again, Eastern Kentucky seems fixed in the top 25 and if the Colonels don't win the OVC title a wildcard spot is a strong bet. Tennessee State still currently holds the conference race lead, but any slip from this point on could cost the Tigers dearly with Ut- Martin and JSU knocking at the door.



Gamecocks end Tenn. State's Perfect season



James Harkins/Special to The Chanticleer

Gamecocks storming the field after Griffin Thomas' 44-yard FG gave JSU a 31-28 OT win over #17 Tennessee State

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State didn't disappoint the more than 14,000 in attendance last Saturday for the game against #17 Tennessee State, well not the Gamecock fans anyways. Last week the Gamecocks couldn't overcome the turnovers they gave away, this week the same thing may have opened the door for the Tigers to receive their first loss of the season. Entering the game TSU had won nine straight games going back to last season, their last loss was to JSU in 2011, and the Gamecocks were ready to repeat.



James Harkins

Washuan Ealey diving for his 44 yard TD

On TSU's first drive Tiger QB Michael German was picked off by freshman Jermaine Hough to begin the momentum for JSU. Running back Washuan Ealey led the drive inside the five, but it was freshman Troy-maine Pope who crossed the goal line on his two yard TD run to give JSU a 7-0 lead with

10:32 left in the first.

Later in the first TSU tied the game on a 19 yard TD pass. Early in the second quarter Jax State was driving and soon regained the lead when senior QB Marques Ivory found Ealey in the flat with space around him. The pass wasn't very long, but Ealey did the rest taking it in from 44 yards out for the score, 14-7 JSU.

TSU's following drive was less than three minutes and the Tigers again tied the game. Tennessee State had a 21-14 lead and was looking to expand their lead just before the half, with 18 second remaining the Tigers completed a pass to JSU's 18 but without any timeouts the clock expired before the Tigers could get a field goal off- ironic huh?

The Gamecocks responded in the second half owning the third quarter putting up 14 points to regain the lead. Washuan Ealey capped JSU's opening drive with an eight yard touchdown run and Coty Blanchard gave the Gamecocks the lead when he scrambled inside the 10 and found the endzone.

In the fourth TSU tied the game with just over nine minutes left. On JSU's next drive the Gamecocks fumbled a toss exchange and the Tigers recovered in JSU territory primed to score late in the game. However, the Gamecock defense stood tall as they did all day against an explosive offense and on the first play Jermaine Hough snatched his second INT of the game after grabbing his first career interception in the first quarter.

Tennessee State got the ball back and was driving as time melted away. With four seconds left the Tigers attempted a 42-yard field goal to win. The kick went through the uprights and stopped about 10,000 hearts before an illegal motion penalty negated the kick. Pushed back to 47 yards, the following kick was missed wide right by only a foot or two.

JSU went to overtime for the first time since they did so in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta against Georgia State in 2010. The

Gamecocks won the toss and deferred. After the defense held strong, TSU missed another field goal, this time to the left. The Gamecock offense took the field with a chance to knock off an unbeaten. Ealey drove the ball, but after Blanchard was sacked on third down JSU was back to the 27.

Griffen Thomas came out for the game winner. The junior from Snellville, GA nailed it from 44 yards out for his second game winning field goal of the season.

Even leaving early with a hamstring injury, Ivory led the passing game with 187 yards



James Harkins

Coty Blanchard on his TD scramble

with a TD on 11/17 passing. Ealey was the main offensive threat leading rushing and passing with 190 total yards and 2 TDs. Jermaine Hough had a huge defensive day including both interceptions that came at critical times for JSU. Sophomore linebacker Ben Endress was also key as usual with his eight tackles and two sacks.

Gamecocks embrace Red Ribbon week with community

Jamil Ghazal
Staff Writer

Red Ribbon Week was kicked off with a proper bang Monday as JSU athletes visited local schools in support of awareness against drug and alcohol abuse. Members of the JSU football squad and track team visited White Plains Middle School during the pep rally for their last game and gave short talks on the reasons why drugs are harmful to them and encouraged them to speak out on the topic of drug abuse.

Freshman linebacker Steven Snyder spoke to the gathered grades of 4th through 8th about how staying away from drugs has kept him focused on football and school. And staying clean keeps him physically healthy and in shape for the football season and helps him maintain his focus on his studies, football and his life overall.

The gym full of students reacted very positively to the presence of the athletes as they listened intently to every word that was spoken. The 7th and 8th grade football teams were especially focused on the advice as

they are preparing for the challenges and strains of entering high school and high school athletics.

After the talk and the pep rally, dozens of kids were anxious to meet and have their pictures taken with the visiting athletes.

Some came up and thanked the players for their coming and talked excitedly about their own game that night. JSU's presence generated an extra element of excitement to an already exciting atmosphere.



Jamil Ghazal/The Chanticleer

Game Cock football players Steven Snyder (35) and Austin Parker (77) take pictures with

After the pep rally, Snyder and offensive lineman Austin Parker; a freshman also, spoke about their roles as campus leaders and their presence in the local community at large. Snyder spoke of "leading with his actions as opposed to just words". Parker echoed that sentiment by saying his role in the community and the fact that athletics are held in such high esteem keeps him in check and he is mindful of how his actions will be looked at and how they can influence others.

They also embrace the responsibility of being role models to younger athletes and encourage them "to do the right thing, even if others do not" as Parker said. Sophomore long-jumper Crystal Williams added that their visibility as athletes made them role models that others looked up to and that played a big role in how they carry themselves.

These underclass athletes will be the future leaders of not only their respective sports teams, but leaders of the university and the local community. And getting the word out early to the younger kids about important social issues of our day speaks to the maturity that these young athletes are already demonstrating.

The 2012-2013 Gamecock basketball seasons will be underway shortly starting at the first of November. Be sure to check out The Chanticleer next week to get all the pre-season news you need on the teams. Check out the first few home games for the Men's team and plan to come to Pete Mathews Coliseum a few times this season and support the Gamecocks.

Opening Home Games

Nov. 1 - William Carey
Nov. 5 - West Georgia
Nov. 9 - Reinhardt
Nov. 11 - Eastern Lichigan