

Accredited and ready to go, JSU's Behavioral Analysis can be intriguing for psychology majors

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Psychology, like many other disciplines, has several different subfields: behavioral analysis is one of them.

"It's a kind of psychology," says Dr. Paige



Dr. McKerchar

McKerchar, the JSU Psychology Department Chair "that is used in various ways to make socially significant changes in human behavior. Applied behavior analysis is specifically the application of behavior analysis principles to a human population, generally."

To keep up with the scientific breakthroughs taking place in the field, and to create a centralized curriculum to ensure that everyone who desired to practice in the field of behavior analysis was properly trained and educated; the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)

was founded in the year 1974.

Currently, ABAI has accredited 17 master's program in behavior analysis to universities all around the country.

The hard work of Dr. McKerchar, and the other distinguished professor and faculty members, have made it possible for JSU's master's program in applied behavior analysis (ABA) to be one of them.

"The ABAI is the longest standing professional organization in behavior analysis. They began accrediting masters and doctoral programs in behavior

analysis and just in the past two years they have started doing it for bachelor level programs. They do this mainly just to provide some basis for exemplary education in behavior analysis." Says Dr. McKerchar.

The process of being accredited by the ABAI was a long and tedious one.

Dr. McKerchar and the rest of the faculty began preparing the department to be reviewed in 2009.

It wasn't until April 2012 that

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Above: Representative Craig Ford in front of the state seal.

Representative Craig Ford visits JSU's College Dems

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On January 30th, Representative Craig Ford of the Alabama Legislature attended the JSU College Democrats' monthly meeting to offer encouragement to the group of young leaders.

Twenty-seven members of "the best party on campus" gathered in room 100 of Brewer Hall at 5 p.m. to hear Rep. Ford speak.

He stressed the importance of getting more people—especially young people—involved in the political process.

Ford's wife teaches English at Gadsden State Community College. He talked about asking one of her classes of students how many had voted in the Presiden-

tial election.

"Out of her class of 18 students, guess how many voted?" he asked. The answer was disappointing—only two exercised their 26th Amendment rights in November.

"I blame myself for that," said Ford. "I blame that on elected officials in Alabama. We're not doing enough to get people registered to vote."

Rep. Ford also talked about the challenges facing his party, of which he was elected Minority Leader in 2010.

"The Democratic Party needs to rethink its philosophy in this state," he said.

Their motto—"We stand up for working families"—sounds good, he says, but who isn't

part of a working family these days? According to Ford, his party needs to get to the "meat and potatoes" of what it means to be a Democrat in Alabama.

With the GOP holding a supermajority of the seats in the state legislature, however, the Democratic Party is hamstrung when it comes to actual political action.

"Alabama is ruled by a dictator," lamented Ford. He thinks that may soon change, though.

People "who used to be Democrats but voted Republican in 2010—like teachers, firefighters and state employees" are no longer supportive of the GOP due to its efforts at balancing the state's

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Student loan defaults increasing, study suggests

Margaret Waterman
 The Daily Free Press
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In light of a new study finding college students more likely than ever to default on their student loans, students must be aware of various repayment options and strategies to avoid default, Boston U. officials said.

The average size of student loan debt has increased 58 percent since 2005, while the average credit card loan balance and average balance on car loans have decreased, according to a study released by FICO Labs Wednesday.

"You can always default on your loan,

obviously, but my understanding is if you make money below the poverty line, you basically don't have to repay things anyway, it can change your loan terms," said Johannes Schmieder, a BU economics professor.

In 2005, the average student loan debt was \$17,233, whereas in 2012 the average was \$27,253, according to the study.

Students were more likely to default on their student loans in 2012 than in 2005 due to significant growth in the amount of debt new graduates carry, the study stated.

Frederic Hyunh, FICO's senior principal scientist, said he was not surprised by the results of the study as student loan default rates have been increasing.

"We've been hearing for quite some time regarding some of the dangers in the student loan sector," he said. "We have come across previous studies that indicated student loan debt is increasing — defaults are increasing."

Consumer interest regarding the student loan and the student loan sector has increased, which prompted FICO's research, Hyunh said.

"We basically wanted to corroborate this to better understand what we're seeing in terms of the growth of outstanding debt — being able to qualify that as well as measuring how well the consumers with student loan debt

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are repaying those sort various obligations," Hyunh said.

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For federally subsidized loans, Schmieder said students have the option of entering the Income-Based Repayment Plan, which allows borrowers to pay back their loans based on their current income in relation to the poverty line.

"They basically calculate your disposable income, and that's only your income above the poverty line. Of that you have to pay a certain percentage," he said. "In some ways there are some mechanisms that allow people to really limit their loan payments, and I wonder if some people just don't realize that."

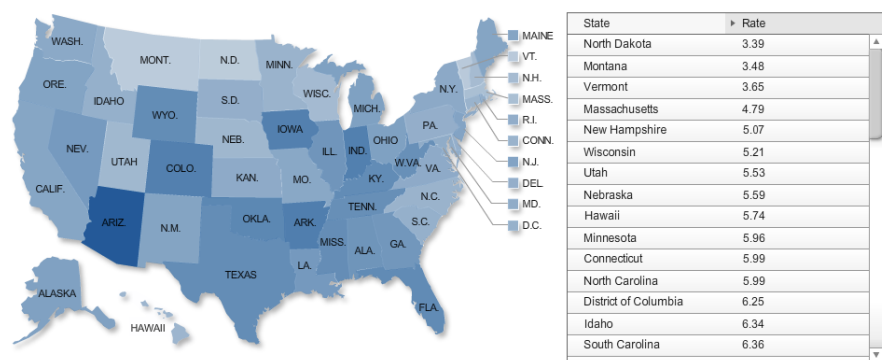
Schmieder said there are also options available for students who struggle to find jobs after college and go to graduate school, thereby adding to their debt.

"It seems if you are unemployed, you can definitely get a deferment," he said. "Then you don't have to repay it until you have a job again. For that reason I'm not completely sure I understand why there's a sudden increase in these defaults unless people really make these kinds of mistakes."

Some students said they are concerned that while college prices have spiked in recent years, entry-level position salaries have not gone up.

"A lot of people don't consider that the starting wages and the starting positions just aren't earning that much, so it's getting progressively harder and that's a factor," said Ana Delcid, a BU

Default rate on federal student loans



Source: U.S. Department of Education

sophomore.

Delcid said it is still difficult for recent college graduates to find a job after graduation.

"Job markets aren't getting any better," she said. "It's harder to find a job and there's just, overall, less security for people to be able to prosper right after college."

Azura Ge, a BU freshman, said the weak job market might be contributing to student loan defaults.

"It's really hard for students who can't afford that money to go to college. I think colleges should lower their tuition," she said.

Brandon Siegenfeld, a BU sophomore, said college graduates' salaries have not increased to match the increase in rising college tuition.

"We had the recession, so salaries haven't increased over this amount of time even though the price [of higher education] is going up, so it's not reflected in the salary increases," he said.

Siegenfeld said the high cost of college has caused unfortunate divisions between schools based on the income of students' families and their abilities to afford tuition.

"It definitely limits the ability for talent to enter college. It makes it more separated by income level, which is not a good thing," he said.

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Ford budget. According to Rep. Ford, people also resent the fact that the Republican Party has shut down all dialogue in the state legislature.

Because they hold a majority of the seats, the GOP can call for a motion of previous question—also known as cloture—which ends any discussion of the current topic.

"We can't even debate—if they get tired of hearing us, they can vote for cloture, which just shuts us up," said Ford.

Ford estimated that since Republicans gained control of the legislature, "they have voted for cloture over 130 times."

Add to that the Republican Party's voting methodology—vote with the caucus instead of with the constituency—and you've got a recipe for possible political upheaval.

Rep. Ford believes that the Democratic Party's key to retaking Alabama is a double-edged sword: young people and the party's inherent diversity.

Not only is Ford's party recruiting for the next

election cycle, it's also "trying to identify targets in our state caucus of good potential candidates for down the road."

In his mind, the best candidates are students because "they're young, healthy, and they don't mind getting out and knocking on doors."

Acknowledging that new techniques in education paired with advancing technology creates smarter students, Ford urged those in attendance to "think about becoming the next leader in your community."

He did more than just talk, too—Rep. Ford and his caucus also donated \$250 toward the trip to Washington, D.C. that the College Democrats are planning.

He even offered to get the students in touch with newly-appointed Secretary of State John Kerry's office.

Ford began representing District 28 in the Alabama House of Representatives after winning a special election in September of 2000 that was called because his father, the late Rep. Joe Ford, passed away.

Hagel faces scrutiny on first hearing day

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In sharp contrast to the speedy and near-unanimous Jan. 29 confirmation of Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) for secretary of state, Georgetown professor and former Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) faced a contentious first day of questioning Thursday at his hearing for secretary of defense.



Hagel

Hagel testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee, which consists of 14 Democrats and 12 Republicans. Although Hagel is a Republican, some of his most vocal critics since Obama nominated him Jan. 7 have been fellow party members. Some Democrats on the committee also

voiced concern with Hagel's nomination at the hearing.

The first criticisms of Hagel came in the opening statements from committee chairman Carl Levin (D-Mich.) and ranking member Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.).

While Levin noted Hagel's service in the Vietnam War, he also criticized the former senator's willingness to engage in talks with Iran as well his stance on U.S. relations with Israel.

Inhofe expressed dissent towards the nomination, saying that he and Hagel are "too philosophically opposed."

Hagel had support, however, from former Chairmen of the Armed Services Committee Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and John Warner (R-Va.), who introduced him prior to his own remarks.

"War for Chuck Hagel is not an abstraction," Nunn said. "I'm confident that if he is confirmed, he will ask the tough questions."

If confirmed, Hagel would be the first enlisted person and first Vietnam War veteran to be secretary of defense.

In his opening statement, Hagel said that as secretary of defense he would focus on counterterrorism and training Afghan forces in addition to enforcing his policy of prevention—as opposed to containment—of Iranian nuclear capability.

He also stressed his commitment to the men and women in the armed forces.

"Their safety success and welfare will always be at the forefront of the decisions I make," he said.

Once the committee began its questioning, the hearing atmosphere became more heated.

Several senators grilled Hagel on Israel, but he emphasized that his record shows a clear support of the country and said that he had never voted against Israel in his 12 years in the Senate.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) countered Hagel's statements by bringing up a letter that expressed support for Israel.

Another recurring theme was Iran. Hagel came under fire following his nomination for his beliefs that the United States should engage with Iran, which has been called a state sponsor of terrorism.

"Engagement is not appeasement. Engagement is not surrender," Hagel said at his hearing.

Nuclear disarmament, particularly Hagel's involvement with Global Zero—an organization pushing for the elimination of nuclear weapons—and a report co-authored by him in 2012 was called into question by several senators.

However, Hagel's most difficult moment may have been Sen. John McCain's (R-Ariz.) questioning regarding the military surge in Iraq, which sent over 20,000 troops abroad in 2007.

If Hagel's confirmation is approved by the committee, it will be brought to a full vote in the Senate, where politicians from both parties have pledged support.

From Pg. 1 Behavioral the ABAI's chairperson alerted Dr. McKerchar that JSU's program would be recommended for accreditation. On December 9, 2012, she was notified that the program had been officially accredited.

"To me, I think of it as a justification for everything we are doing. I know what I do is the best that I can do. This isn't going to change anything about how we behave, and it wasn't the case that we changed anything right before we went up for accreditation. We have been doing the same things in this department for years."

What the department was doing before accreditation by the ABAI was already being noticed.

JSU is one of two universities in the state of Alabama where graduating from its master's program in Psychology allows students to take the exam to become a Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA).

In addition to this, the department is currently working on getting their bachelor's graduates eligible to take the exam to become a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA).

"The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) certifies bachelors level behavior analysts and masters level behavior analysts. Those bachelors level behavior analysts are certified as BCaBA's. Our master's students can take the exam, but currently our bachelor's students cannot. We would like to add more classes to the bachelor's program so that those students are able to become certified as well." Says Dr. McKerchar.

Although Dr. McKerchar and the other faculty members still have more work to do to achieve their goals, they can rest assured knowing that their hard work is paying off.

"I think it's just that seal of approval: proof that what we are doing and saying we are doing is actually good."

Study finds smoking worsens hangovers

By Alex Constantino
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Smoking could lead to a worse hangover, according to a new study from Brown U's Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. The research was published in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs.

To conduct their study, researchers including Damaris Rohsenow, a research professor of behavioral and social sciences, analyzed daily reports from students at an unidentified Midwestern university about how many drinks they consumed, how much they smoked and how they felt the next day.

The researchers focused on drinking episodes when students had an estimated blood alcohol level above .11, slightly over the legal limit of .08. On those nights, students who smoked were more than twice as likely to have a hangover than students who did not. Additionally, students who smoked more cigarettes reported having more intense hangovers the next day.

Hangovers are "not one of the common negatives" reported by students during alcohol counseling, said Frances Mantak, director of health education, so it is difficult to tell whether Brown students have similar experiences. There is a large gap between perceived and actual smoking on campus, with less than 5 percent of students falling into the heavy smoker category, she noted.

The researchers found a correlation between smoking and hangovers but could not explain the relationship. Due to poor understanding of hangover mechanisms in general, explaining that link is difficult, Rohsenow said.

One possible explanation could be that alcohol affects nicotine receptors, Rohsenow said. Smoking has also been linked to poorer sleep quality, which is known to worsen hangovers, she said.

She said she hopes college students will see her study as yet another reason to quit smoking.



Come join Freshman Forum at the "50's Sock Hop" Valentine Mixer! Get loose on February 11th at 8:00 pm in the TMB auditorium. Rock out in your 50's attire with your sweetheart and friends! All students are welcome. Admission is \$2 or a craft item. All proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls club of Anniston.

Upcoming events at JSU Spring 2013

KB Solomon in Concert
February 7, 6:30 p.m., Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center
Internationally-known Basso Profundo KB Solomon will kick off the world tour of his Paul Robeson Tribute "Speak of Me As I Am."

Author/Photographer/Outdoor Adventurer David Haynes
March 4, 7 p.m., Houston Cole Library
Author/Photographer/Outdoor Adventurer David Haynes, along with his canine companions Bailey and Roscoe, will be featured at the Friends of the Houston Cole Library spring speaker event. Haynes has seen Alabama by land and by water and shares it all in print and photo. His first book, *Motorcycling Alabama, Fifty Ride Loops Through the Heart of Dixie*, was researched along Alabama's most beautiful highways and byways, often with Bailey and Roscoe riding shotgun in their own sidecar. Last spring, he and the dogs traveled by canoe on 631-mile, 45-day float down the Alabama Scenic River Trail. The book about this adventure is forthcoming.

Annual Ayers Lecture Featuring Diane McWhorter
March 14, 1 p.m., Stadium Tower
This is a major annual event that brings nationally known journalists to campus. Ms. McWhorter is an Alabama native who won the Pulitzer Prize in 2002.

Holocaust Remembrance Featuring Holocaust Survivor Max Steinmetz
April 11, 7:30 p.m., Ernest Stone Center Theatre
31st annual Remembrance of the Holocaust of World War II. Holocaust survivor Max Steinmetz of Birmingham is the keynote speaker. Between 1942 and 1945, Steinmetz was held in German captivity in at least five ghettos or camps, including both Auschwitz and Dachau.

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band
May 18, Time and Location TBA
We are thrilled to welcome Oscar nominee Gary Sinise and his band to campus this May for a major event in support of our wounded warriors. Although Sinise is most known for his acting, perhaps his life's best work is accomplished through his Gary Sinise Foundation, which supports our nation's defenders, veterans, first-responders, and their families.

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Come meet Coach Clark this Monday!

On Monday night February 11 JSU new head football Coach Bill Clark will visit SGA Senate during the regularly scheduled meetings which takes place each Monday night at 6 pm in the TMB Auditorium. This will be one of the first chances to see and hear Coach Clark since he was named JSU head coach back in December. The Senate wishes to extend, as always, a welcome to this exciting meeting!

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Arts & Entertainment

Secondhand Jones to open concert series hosted by WLJS

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Editor-in-Chief

WLJS 91.9 FM, Jacksonville State's radio station, is hosting a concert series this semester featuring local bands.

The first event is to be held tonight from 7:00-9:00 at Wake & Bake Pizza and Coffee Company on Ladiga Street and will feature alt-rock band Secondhand Jones.

The band's Facebook page describes their sound as "riff-based rock and soaring melodic texture that overlays often raw and pointed lyrical content". Secondhand Jones features Charles Bailey on drums and vocals, Richmond Culp on bass guitars and vocals, Jonn Medders on guitars and vocals, and Ben Hasse on guitars and vocals.

According to Curtis Holman, Program Director at WLJS, the concerts will be held every two weeks on Thursday nights and will feature a different band each time.

"The last one's going to be on April 25th, because that's the night before graduation," said Holman. "We thought that might be something people will want to check out before they get out of town." There will not be a concert on April 18th, due to finals.

WLJS is hoping that the concert series will be beneficial to all parties involved. "It's promotion for the station, it's promotion for Wake & Bake, and it's promo-

Photo credit: Secondhand Jones

JSU's WLJS is hosting a concert series, which begins tonight with a performance by local alt-rock band Secondhand Jones at Wake & Bake Pizza and Coffee Company on the square.

tion for the local band trying to get their name out there," said Holman. "It's a great way to get ourselves out of the bubble of our radio station, get involved with the community, and just hang out with everybody. It's a win-win for all three."

"Wake & Bake's been such a good patron for us that we thought it would be great for them to get people out there every two weeks," said WLJS Patrons Director Billy Dunn. "They've really done a great job of supporting our station, so we want to support them as well."

According to Dunn, bands who participate in the concert series can get

DJ at WLJS for an hour, do an on-air interview, or something else at the station, as free promotion.

Local bands who are interested in playing for the series can contact Curtis Holman at 256-782-5509 or Billy Dunn at 256-782-8204, or via the WLJS Facebook page, facebook.com/wljs-919fm.

Bands from any genre are welcome to contact the station as potential acts.

Holman said that his goal is to see a big crowd at Wake & Bake for great music and great food.

Dunn added, "And hope that they're serving their chocolate chip bacon cookie."

Local musical acts band together to assist man fallen on hard times

Meredith Speciale
Staff Writer

Last Friday night, at The Smoking Moose Saloon in Anniston, a group of friends banded together for a benefit concert, to help out a friend in need.

him get on his feet," said Bohannon. He got in contact with some local bands in the area and The Smoking Moose Saloon, and the event was a go.

They decided to charge a \$10 cover fee, with all proceeds

event and was moved by the experience. "It was good to see so many people get together to help out a member of their community," said Gilmore. "Mark even made it a point to introduce himself to everyone and to thank



Meredith Speciale/The Chanticleer

Anniston-based jam-band Gypsy Begonias was one of five local acts that performed last Friday night at the benefit show at The Smoking Moose on behalf of Oxford High School graduate Mark Stephens.

Mark O'Hara Stephens, 29, is an Oxford High School alumnus. His friends describe him as a "very special person and a great friend." People remember him for managing the basketball and football teams at Oxford and for being a truly genuine friend to everyone he meets.

Stephens has fallen on hard times recently, with the loss of his stepfather to cancer a few years ago, followed by the loss of his mother this Christmas. He is now left with bills to pay and not much of a means to make those payments.

It was Stephens' friend Tyler Bohannon who decided that something needed to be done. "He has never had a bill to pay in his life so I put the show together to help

going to a bank account set up in Mark's name. The show started at 8:30 and featured many artists and bands from around the area, such as Matt Owens, Gypsy Begonias, Stomp Roger, First Right Theft, and Beach Party(!).

A couple of the bands even include members who are students here. JSU's very own Kyle Pritchett is the guitarist for the band First Right Theft, and Matt Blaszkowski plays guitar for Beach Party(!).

The show started at 8:30 and it wasn't long before the entire bar was filled with Mark's buddies, friends of the bands, and people from around the area who wanted to support the cause.

JSU senior Kirstie Gilmore attended the

them for coming to the show. I thought that was really cool."

The event ended up raising \$4,600. Bohannon and Stephens were extremely grateful: "Thanks again to all the bands and the Moose. We really did a good thing for a great person. And, thanks everyone for coming out!" Everyone was more than happy to support such a worthwhile cause.

Bohannon has decided to keep the bank account for Stephens open for at least another month, so that people who could not make it to the show but want to donate can do so. For information on how you can donate, contact Tyler Bohannon at (256)689-9068, or you can contact him on Facebook.



WLJS Top 10 for the week of February 4th, 2013

1. Paper Parlour - Brand New
2. P.O.S. - Weird Friends (We Don't Even Live Here)
3. Jenn Alexander - All At Once
4. Mr. Envi - Don't Wait
5. Pat Maine - Doomsday Charades
6. Robert DeLong - Few Years Make
7. Feedback Revival - Delta
8. Manafest - Pushover
9. Local Natives - Heavy Feet
10. ZZWard - Put the Gun Down

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Vengeance unleashed: 'Django Unchained' not the average western

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Django Unchained is a drama/western film starring Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio, Samuel L. Jackson, Christoph Waltz, Walton Goggins, Kerry Washington, Dennis Christopher, Laura Cayouette, M.C. Gainey and Don Johnson.

This isn't your average western.

The film is set in the South a couple of years before the Civil War. Jamie Foxx plays a slave character named Django, whom the movie basically revolves around.

Django has brutal memories of the time he spent with his former owners.

However, this history makes him valuable to a German bounty hunter named Dr. King Schultz, played by Christoph Waltz.

Schultz is hot on the trail of Django's former owners, the Brittle brothers, and needs the slave to lead him to them. In return for his freedom, Schultz asks Django to accompany him to the plantation where they reside so that he can kill them and claim their bounty.

On the journey to find the Brittle brothers, Schultz and Django bond and enhance their bounty hunting skills.

After assisting Schultz with his bounty business, Django focuses on

finding and rescuing his beautiful German-speaking wife, Brunnhilda, who is played by Kerry Washington. She and he were separated by the slave trade, and Schultz agrees to help Django find her. Along the way Django and Schultz meet trouble and are forced to use their bounty hunting skills.

Their search finally leads them to Calvin Candie, played by Leonardo DiCaprio. Candie is the very rich property owner of "Candyland," a well-known plantation. Candyland is huge with slaves dressed in nice, laced clothes. The slaves there are portrayed to be happy.

Calvin Candie happens to own Django's wife, so he and Schultz have to come up with a plan to get her back. Under false pretenses, the two bounty hunters explore Candie's land and talk to his slaves. Unfortunately Stephen, a highly trusted and shrewd house slave played by Samuel L. Jackson, becomes very suspicious of their actions, leading to the movie's climax and resolution.

The film is gratuitously violent and encourages controversy with its casual depiction of the horrors and ignorance of slavery.

Basso profundo K.B. Solomon will perform his one-man musical depicting the life and character of iconic civil rights activist Paul Robeson tonight at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center.



The musical, entitled "Speak of Me As I Am," will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is free to all JSU students, faculty and staff.



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Op/Ed

Why politicians spin the truth

Zach Tyler
A&E Editor

Last Wednesday, the JSU College Democrats welcomed Representative Craig Ford of the Alabama State Legislature as guest speaker at their meeting.

I was there representing the Chanticleer and I wrote about what he had to say to the student organization.

I'd like to use this week's column to highlight something Ford touched on during his time with the College Democrats: issue-framing.

Issue-framing as used in a political context refers to the presentation of an issue in a way designed to appeal to the most people.

Alternatively, an issue can be framed in a negative light, generating public distaste for that issue.

When Rep. Ford talked about issue-framing, it was in relation to the Affordable Care Act, which many Republicans still can't seem to get over.

"We allow them to spin it to sound bad—I love President Obama, but 'Obamacare' sounds terrible," he said, speaking of the Republican Party's efforts to demonize attempts at health care reform.

Those efforts have proven effective—even though many Republicans in Alabama stand to gain from the passage of Obama's reform, they still view it with

derision. Rep. Ford gave an example of this, as politicians are want



to do. Recently, he said, a Republican with college-aged children approached him with financial problems stemming from not having health insurance to cover health care costs incurred by her children.

Ford said he sympathized with her, and then asked her how she felt about the Affordable Care Act. Her reply, according to Ford: "Oh my gosh, it's just going to bankrupt us."

Even though this unnamed conservative will now be able to provide health insurance for her children in college up until the day they turn 26 years old thanks to the ACA, she's still not sold on reform.

I have to think that's due in large part to Republican propaganda. But make no mistake, the Democratic Party engages in issue-framing as well.

It's just that when they do it, they tend to frame issues more specifically than the GOP.

Conservative

politicians like to refer to the broad dangers of "big government," and how "government spending" needs to be cut, because the demographic they appeal to identifies strongly with those statements.

On the other hand, liberal politicians call for specific action to be taken to safeguard a group seen as being particularly vulnerable—such as the elderly—because other liberals eat that stuff up.

"There's a lot of good in the Affordable Care Act," Ford said. And while he conceded that there may be some bad too, he feels the President's intentions with the act were good.

According to him, if the state entered into the Medicaid compact that has been designed as part of the ACA, it would "provide 250,000 Alabamians with healthcare today."

There's that specificity Democrats are so fond of.

Thing is, I'd rather have numbers and diagrams and plans that I can check out for myself from my politicians than broad appeals to paranoid delusions that big brother wants to take my assault weapons away.

No matter what your political views may be, remember that both Democrats and Republicans have a vested interest in spinning the truth to appeal to their constituency.

Three important words

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Three words, people: Bonnaroo Music Festival.

I've written about this before, so why keep mentioning Bonnaroo? Sorry, people: you'll be hearing more of it as the event draws closer.

It's mid-June, so we've got plenty of time to bring you up-to-date.

Let's start with the basics. Bonnaroo is a music festival, and if you're unfamiliar with the concept, think Woodstock. Pretty much the same thing, only years later and we've got a few more amenities. It's located in Manchester, Tenn., just a little ways past Monteagle on Interstate 24. It's basically in our backyard. This will be its 12th year, and this will be my third.

It's four wonderful days of camping with 100,000 or more people, no showers (unless you pay \$7), open fields, open skies, but most importantly, stages and stages full of artists and bands.

In the past two years, I've seen Florence + the Machine, Mumford and Sons, My Morning Jacket, Arcade Fire, Radiohead, Red Hot

Chili Peppers, Danzig Legacy, Alabama Shakes and Fun.

Have no clue who



I'm talking about? I've also seen The Beach Boys (with Brian Wilson), Alice Cooper, Kenny Rogers (with guest appearance by Lionel Richie), Buffalo Springfield, Robert Plant and Gregg Allman. This isn't just a young person's event, y'all.

And while 75 percent of the people there might be 30 or younger, the other 25 percent is made up of older adults and children. Yes, children.

But it's more than the music. Think going without a shower is disgusting? So do I. I'm the girl who takes two a day. But not at Bonnaroo. I hardly ever go out without make-up. But I do at Bonnaroo. I never wear sundresses that are comfortable and pull my hair up without brushing it. But I do at Bonnaroo.

And it is ... liberating. To be where no one judges.

Can you imagine a place where you can be 100 percent yourself without worrying one bit what people think?

Because no matter how comfortable we are with ourselves, we innately worry about other's opinions. We pick out our clothes wanting to look nice. We brush our hair because people would stare if we didn't. We shower, yes, because it's nice and relaxing, but also because we don't want to stink.

I'm never more relaxed than when I'm on the farm (Bonnaroo's official nickname, since it spans close to 800 acres) and out of all the music festivals in the country - Coachella, Life is Good, Hangout, and the many others now cropping up across the country - I've heard countless people say that nothing beats 'Roo.

So why do I keep mentioning Bonnaroo? Because it's the one time of year I get to be completely free. From the responsibilities of being a mom, being a wife; from being someone who cares about anything but music and blue skies and staying hydrated in the June heat.

And now, the countdown's on: 126 days. And I can't wait.

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What is there to do in Jacksonville?

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As everyone knows, Jacksonville is a small college town. Normally, most people go to either Oxford or Gadsden for any kind of entertainment. But what do you do when you are low on fuel and still want to have fun? Surprisingly, there is a lot to do in Jacksonville. The University always has events going on. On Thursday, February 7th, there will be a blood drive from 11- 5:30 at the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. There are basketball and softball games and tennis matches happening all throughout the week. The JSU softball team has two games on Friday the 8th, one at 12:30 against St.

Louis and another at 5:30 against Louisiana Tech, both located in Hammond, Louisiana. Also on Friday, the Women's Tennis team is playing against UAB at 1:00. On Saturday the 9th the Women's Basketball team will be playing against South Alabama at 11:00 in Mobile, Alabama and the Men's Basketball team will be playing at Tennessee Tech at 7:30. Go out and support your Gamecocks!

Other than athletics, if you are wanting to go out to relax and have fun with friends there are a number of restaurants. At Loco Mex, enjoy \$0.99 tacos while you play trivia on Tuesday nights.

Another local favorite is Heroes Bar & Grill. Wednesday nights are karaoke and all burgers are

\$5.99! Every now and then Heroes will have a comedy night. Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing a stand up comic, Chad Wells. Wells has been doing stand up for only a short amount of time. He says "making people laugh is a wicked buzz, man." Wells also says he gets most of his material from his everyday life. Wells is working on getting a spot in the February 11th Pelham's show. If you like to laugh this show would be a good one to see.

Tuesday, February 12th, there will be a drive-in at 7:00 the movie playing will be Crazy, Stupid, Love. at the Pete Mathews Coliseum. Also, at 8:00 there will be a NAACP week Black History Program at

the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Thursday nights are usually the nights students like to go out and unwind from a stressful week of tests. Pelham's and Brothers are the two bars where people go to have a night of drinking and fun. Brothers usually has a live band; Thursday, March 7th West Water Outlaws will be performing. At Pelham's on Wednesdays you can get a Budweiser for only \$2 along with a WOO shot or only \$3.

Jacksonville State University also offers many different clubs and organizations you can join. If you are interested in joining a sorority or fraternity there are several options. The Greek system is a great way to meet new people and

not only will they be your sisters or brothers, but you can make friends for a lifetime.

You may not think there is anything to do in Jacksonville, but really there is a lot to do. Even if you want to stay in, watch a movie, and order a pizza there are Red-Box machines and pizza places around here. So next time you are bored and have nothing to do, remember Jacksonville is a town full of events.



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Sports



Macdonald named new coach of Gamecock soccer program

JACKSONVILLE – Neil Macdonald has been named women's head soccer coach at Jacksonville State University, athletics director Warren Koegel announced on Monday.

Macdonald has posted a 207-137-19 record during his 15-year coaching career, including the last nine years as the head coach at Mississippi State University.

"We had a lot of interest in our women's soccer head coaching position and we are excited to have Neil Macdonald join our Gamecock family," said Koegel. "He has coached and recruited in one of the premier conferences in the country and we feel like his success and experience will take our soccer program to the next level."

The Inverness, Scotland, native came to the United States in 1997, where he was four-year starter for Augusta State. He played and started in every game he was eligible for during his illustrious career in Augusta, and he left the distinguished academic institution as the career record holder in games played and games started.

"I'm thrilled to become part of the Jacksonville State family," said Macdonald. "I think the thing that struck me the most about JSU was how friendly everyone was, and how the staff and team is pushing for everyone to do well. It was refreshing to see everyone so full of energy."

Macdonald began his coaching career as an assistant at Iowa Central Community College in 1997, where he helped coach both the men's and women's soccer teams. In his initial season, the women finished the season as regional champions with a 9-3-1 record and featured the nation's leading scorer at that level. The men's team also won the regional

championship with an impressive 15-4-1 record and a No. 14 national ranking.

Following a 1998 campaign that saw both the Tritons and Lady Tritons march to regional and national rankings, Macdonald was named head coach at ICCA and over the next five seasons, he would guide the men's team to five regional championships, four times reaching the Sweet 16 of the National Junior College Association of America (NJCAA) national tournament, including his final season in 2002 when the squad advanced through to the Final Four.

Over the same five years, he led the women's soccer team to the same success as the Lady Tritons won five consecutive regional championships, including an appearance in the Elite Eight in 2002.

During his five-year tenure in Fort Dodge, Macdonald collected an impressive 149-34-5 coaching record. At the conclusion of the 2002 campaigns, he was honored with NJCAA Region Coach of the Year accolades, along with being named one of three finalists for NSCAA National Coach of the Year honors.

Macdonald joined the staff at Mississippi State in 2003 as a volunteer assistant coach and was promoted to a full-time assistant last in the year, and he helped the 2003 squad turn in a program-best 0.86 goals against average. That team finished the year 9-8-3 and recorded the program's first wins over nationally-ranked teams, including a victory over No. 6 Florida.

The next season, Macdonald

became head coach of the Bulldogs and became the most-successful rookie head coach in Mississippi State history, taking the team to nine victories and an SEC Tournament berth.

In 2011, MSU secured its most SEC victories since 2004, including upsets of two Top 20 teams for the first time since 2003, and the 2012 Bulldogs opened the year with an eight-game unbeaten streak, a mark that matched



JSU's new soccer coach Neil Macdonald

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the 2009 squad's 8-0 start for the best opening to a season in school history.

Born May 16, 1972, in Banff, Scotland, Macdonald currently holds his coaching license from the Scottish Football Association. Two years ago, Macdonald returned to his home country and completed his Scottish FA UEFA "B" license, one of the top coaching decorations in international soccer.

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Gamecocks extend winning streak

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Last Saturday Jacksonville State extended their win streak to three games after defeating Morehead State in a game where JSU never trailed.

Senior Tarvin Gaines opened the scoring with a 2 point basket. Over the next three minutes the Gamecocks would add nine more points capped by Ronnie Boggs' steal and fast break slam that forced Morehead State to use a timeout trailing 11-0.

It was nearly four minutes into the game before the Eagles scored but once they did they soon brought the score within four, 18-14. The Gamecocks then went on their second 11-0 run of the half to take a 29-14 lead. Jack-

sonville State shot a strong 74 percent from the field in the first half that led to a 40-26 halftime lead.

With 16:50 remaining junior Brian Williams lifted the Gamecocks to their largest lead of the night when his three made the score 48-30. The lead only grew for JSU as before long Williams was knocking down another three-pointer as the shot clock buzzer went off to make it 58-36.

Down the stretch JSU began to get sloppy and the Eagles climbed within eight with just under two minutes to go, but never got close enough to threaten then game. JSU won 70-59 and picked up its 15th win of the season, matching last year's total.

Jax State looked very impressive for the most part shoot-

ing 66 percent from the field, 34 points came off turnovers, and 18 of those turned into fast breaks. Gaines led the scoring with 23 points, followed by Boggs with 19 and Williams who added 18. Senior Mason Leggett dished out eight assists and swiped four steals. If there was a black eye on the dominating performance it was JSU shooting less than 50 percent (10/22) from the free throw line.

Leading scorer Tarvin Gaines felt the quick start propelled JSU to play at a higher level the rest of the way.

"It's all in the first five minutes, that sets the tempo for the rest of the half," said Gaines, "after half-time the score's zero, zero and we go out and try to do the same thing."

Men's basketball to battle Bulldogs in NC

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State men's basketball team learned its Ramada BracketBusters opponent on Monday, when the Gamecocks found out they would travel to face UNC Asheville on Feb. 23.

The Gamecocks (15-7, 7-4 Ohio Valley Conference) were paired with the Bulldogs (13-10, 6-2 Big South Conference) from the pool of 122 teams.

The announcement comes with both teams playing well, with the Gamecocks having won three in a row and five of their last seven. UNC Asheville has won its last five and seven of nine. Now that its opponent has been announced, JSU can now direct all of its focus this week to Tennessee Tech, who the Gamecocks will play in Cookeville, Tenn., on Saturday.

"It's good to know who our opponent is in the BracketBusters, so we can begin making travel plans for that game," JSU head coach James Green said. "But from a basketball standpoint, all of our concentration is on Tennessee Tech."

The Gamecocks are in the middle of one of their best seasons in their 18-year Division I history in 2012-13. Their 15-7 start secures their first winning season since 2005-06 and just the fourth since moving up to Division I.

In the latest RPI released by the NCAA, JSU is 146th, while UNC Asheville is ranked 164. The Gamecocks are undefeated against teams outside of the RPI's Top 100 so far this season.

It will be the first meeting between the Gamecocks and Bulldogs on the hardwood. Led by 17th-year head coach Eddie Biedenbach, UNC Asheville has made two-straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament and is currently second in the Big South's South Division.

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Gamecock ranks/standings

NCAA Rifle Top 15

1. West Virginia
2. TCU
3. Kentucky
4. Alaska- Fairbanks
5. Army
6. Jacksonville State
7. Air Force
8. Nebraska
9. Memphis
10. Ole Miss
11. Murray State
12. Nevada
13. NC State
14. Ohio State
15. Navy

OVC M. Basketball standings East division

- Belmont (10-0) [19-4]
Tennessee State (7-3) [13-10]
Eastern Kentucky (7-3) [17-6]
Jacksonville State (7-4) [15-7]
Morehead State (5-5) [11-13]
Tennessee Tech (2-8) [8-14]

West division

- Murray State (7-2) [16-5]
SIUe (4-5) [8-11]
Eastern Illinois (3-7) [6-17]
SE Missouri St (3-7) [11-13]
UT- Martin (3-7) [6-16]
Austin Peay (1-8) [5-18]

OVC Softball standings: (pre-season projections) East Div.

- Jacksonville State 0-0 (0-0)
Tennessee Tech 0-0 (0-0)
Eastern Kentucky 0-0 (0-0)

West Div.

- UT- Martin 0-0 (0-0)
Eastern Illinois 0-0 (0-0)
Murray State 0-0 (0-0)

Upcoming Action:

- Friday: W Tennis @ UAB
Track & Field @ Samford
Softball @ Lion Classic
Saturday: Softball @ Classic
W Tennis @ South Ala.
WBB @ Tenn Tech
MBB @ Tenn Tech

DID You Know? Men's basketball:

In the College Insider's Mid-Major poll JSU was 16th on the bottom list of teams receiving votes. Following the top 25 that would place JSU 41st of all Mid-Major teams.

Jax State will not be participating in any postseason tournaments being one of the 10 teams placed on APR ban. Of those teams, JSU is tied with 2004 and 2011 national champion, UCONN, for most wins.

- UCONN (15-5) JSU (15-7)
Towson (12-12) Ark. PB (10-13)
Toledo (9-10) NC- Wil. (8-14)
Cal St. BF. (8-14) Cal- Riv. (5-17)
MS Valley St (3-18) TX CC (2-17)

Jacksonville State has the most wins this season of any Div. I team in the state of Alabama.

- Jax State (15-7)
Alabama (14-7)
South Alabama (12-9)
Troy (10-13)
UAB (9-13)
Auburn (8-13)
Alabama A&M (8-14)
Samford (7-15)
Alabama State (7-17)



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JSU's Rifle team won their seventh OVC championship last weekend.

Softball holds annual Fan Day

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports writer

Sunday's skies were blue and the sun was shining bright as fans came out to show their support for the JSU softball team.

Fan Day saw over two thousand people crowd to the newly renovated University Field for the festivities. Free food and drink were among the things offered to fans that were in attendance. Fans were also encouraged to participate in games that were played on the field.

The team was introduced to the cheers of the crowd followed by the introductions of coaches and training staff. Several door prizes were given out to lucky fans while the team prepared for a game of dizzy bat against Cocky. Unfortunately Cocky fell short and had to be carried to the finish line by the team.

The afternoon continued with various activities such as t-shirt shoots and *Family Feud* games. The younger fans were even brought out onto the field to participate in a race against Cocky.

The Jacksonville State softball team is picked to win the OVC East. They will open their season against Saint Louis on February 8th. Their first home game in the newly renovated University Field will be on February 19th against Alabama A&M.

Jax State rifle goes back-to-back

Gamecocks claim second straight OVC title

MOREHEAD, Ky. – The Jacksonville State rifle team won its seventh Ohio Valley Conference Championship and second in a row on Sunday after completing the sweep of smallbore and air rifle crowns.

After winning the smallbore title on Saturday with a score of 2308, the Gamecocks carried a 45-point edge into Sunday's air rifle relay. JSU posted an air rifle score of 2345 to cruise to a 21-point edge over Murray State in air rifle. The Gamecocks won the overall title with an aggregate score of 4653 and won by a 66 point margin over the Racers.

The championship was the 52nd for Jax State athletics since joining the OVC – which is the most by any school in the league since 2003-04.

A trio of Gamecocks shared medalist honors as Juniors Sam Muegge, Monica Fyfe and sophomore Cole Tucker all turned a 589. Fyfe was tabbed the OVC Air Rifle Athlete of the Year after her mark on Sunday. Sophomore Dan McCall rounded out the top-10 with a score of 578. Freshman Samantha Bullard equaled McCall's score.

The league also announced its All-OVC squads after the championship meet and they were heavily favored for JSU. After Muegge won the smallbore section, the Boling, Texas-native was named the OVC Smallbore Athlete of the Year. Muegge earned spots on both the OVC First Team in smallbore and air rifle. Fyfe, from Winnipeg, Canada, was named to the OVC Air Rifle First Team and tabbed to the OVC Smallbore Second Team.

Bullard, who tallied the best score in smallbore on Saturday, was named to the OVC Smallbore First Team and the OVC All-Newcomer squad in both smallbore and air rifle. Tucker was the third member from JSU on the OVC Air Rifle First Team. Jax State head coach Ron Frost was voted by his peers as the 2013 OVC Rifle Coach of the Year. It marks the fifth time that Frost has garnered the award.

The Gamecocks will now prepare for the NCAA Sectionals on Feb. 17 in Murray, Ky.

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Softball preview

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Coming off a season in which they went 28-28, the Jacksonville State softball team is looking to get back on track that saw them win five consecutive OVC Championships.

"We've got to get the pride back," said Head Coach Jana McGinnis who is entering her 20th season at JSU. "If we're going to get back to the conference championship, it's going to take all of this team and doing what's expected of them."

One problem facing the Gamecocks is replacing former catcher Kaycee Crow who was the team leader last season.

"We'll never replace Kaycee Crow," said McGinnis, "but what we will do is have another player that comes in at catcher and catches with her own personality and in her own way."

Two of the players coach McGinnis mention taking over at catcher were sophomores Sara Boarders and Savannah Sloan.

"I want to assume more of a leadership role this year," said Boarders. "I hope I get the opportunity to help us win. However we make that possible is fine by me."

Boarders is fighting for a spot at first base as well. Last year's

first baseman Shelby Holly led the Gamecocks in homeruns with 32 and batting average with .341. Holly left the program this off-season to pursue other interest.

Coach McGinnis also expects junior pitcher Tiffany Harbin to assume more of a leadership role.

When told that McGinnis feels Harbin is one of the leaders, Harbin said it feels good and it gives her confidence. "We're all kind of leaders on the team."

Coach McGinnis is approaching her 700th career win. Her record is 654-369. All of those games were with JSU.

Despite uncertainty in the line up and looking for new leaders to step up, JSU was voted by the other OVC schools to win the Eastern Division.

"That's nice and it shows the respect that other coaches around the league have for our program," said McGinnis "but what matters is where we are in May. That's what I tell our girls."

The Gamecocks start their season on the road in Hammond, Louisiana to take on Saint Louis University as part of the JJ's Lion Classic on Friday. Their first home game will be a doubleheader on Tuesday, February 19 at the newly renovated University Field against Alabama A&M University.

Baseball preview

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The 64th season of Gamecock baseball is just a week away when JSU opens their season next Friday at Kennesaw State. Coach Jim Case is back for his 12 season as the head man with a 353-278 record over that span. The Gamecocks return 19 players from a year ago, and have 13 newcomers on board.

JSU will have to replace 145 hits, 26 home runs, and 89 RBIs which were the totals of Sam Eberle and Ben Waldrip combines a season ago, both were drafted by Major League squads. Along with Eberle and Waldrip, JSU lost pitcher Daniel Watts to the draft. Watts' 89 innings pitched and 87 strikeouts were the most by a pitcher last season.

"We are very excited about getting on the field," said coach Case. "There is excitement everywhere right now, we are all undefeated. We know the season is right around the corner and it's going to start counting."

On the mound the Gamecocks will turn to Travis Stout and senior Cody Ponder to be the lead guys followed by Ben Haynes, Robby Lilly, Casey Antley, Michael Barber, and Kurt Lipscomb will play key roles as well. The outfield will be covered by the Bishops, Michael and Andrew, while Zach Elbirt and Adam Miller see lots off time as well. Newcomers Chase Silvani and Ty Pierce could add depth as well.

One of the major changes this year will be not having Todd Hornsby to come in as closer. Hornsby set the all-time Ohio Valley Conference saves record last season closing out a win against Auburn.

"We will have all new starters this year and a new closer," said coach Case. "But, we do have some guys that have some experience and their roles are going to increase and its opportunity for them."

The infield is pretty solid with Coty Blanchard out of football pads and back at shortstop. Blanchard and Andrew Bishop both spent last summer in the Cape Cod League. Slugging catch Cal Lambert will be behind the plate. After rotating positions, Colby Dixon, Byrom Ferrell, Gavin Golsan, and A.J. Reynolds will all add depth to the infield.

"This is going to be a different team, we are not going to hit as many home runs as the past, but I think this team will be able to run," added Case. "I really believe this team has a chance to play really good defense, which could be a big help to a young pitching staff."

Offensively Cal Lambert returns after hitting 14 doubles a year ago, second only to Eberle, and 23 RBIs. Blanchard will look to get on base early and have one of the Bishops bring him in as the two combined for 32 RBIs a year ago.

Jacksonville State opens at home on February 19, against in-state opponent UAB.

Big non-conference home game:

Softball-



Miss. St.
March 12



Geo. Tech
Feb. 27

Baseball-



Auburn
May 7



Troy
March 19



Jax State's catcher Cal Lambert

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