

SGA "New Deal" to be presented Spring 2013

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Staff Writer

A series of new legislation proposals will be brought up in front of JSU's Student Senate throughout the spring semester. The new legislative package was written by Brett Johnson, a Junior Senator. Being a part of the legislative branch of the Student Government Association, Johnson looks to the future of the Association by implementing a more JSU relevant form of Frank-

lin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, which consists of relief, recovery, and reform. Johnson created the proposals to better the students' experiences as well as optimize current SGA commitment to the student body.

The package contains over ten bills that will be presented to the Student Senate for discussion each week. The package focuses on SGA reform that can increase duties for those holding offices that can manage it and relieve responsibilities from offices that

are overwhelmed with it. One of Senator Johnson's proposals is centered on the position of Parliamentarian, which takes into consideration a possible conflict of interests regarding current obligations.

Many of the proposals give the Student Senators an opportunity to grow as the representatives of the student body by familiarizing them with specific processes of the Senate itself. These bills include required office hours for the Senators to become acquaint-

ed with these procedures as well as get them more involved in the student body's best interest.

One of Senator Johnson's proposals is also designed to create a new Executive Committee, which would include all of the Senate leadership positions, and would be headed by the President of the Student Senate. This committee would function as a backboard to the positions that have many

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Above: JSU Music student Anthony Foote performs for the residents of Piedmont Health Care.

JSU students and Cocky unite to make a holiday event 'forever...special'

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JSU Senators, along with Cocky, did their part to help the residents of Piedmont Health Care have a Merry Christmas.

On Nov. 29, during the last week of classes for the Fall 2012 term music student Anthony Foote also joined the group on their visit. Foote entertained some of the residents by playing Christmas carols on the saxophone, while Cocky danced with them. The Senators visited residents in their rooms and presented them with Christmas cards that they had made themselves.

For Senator Kenneth Smith, the project seemed like the perfect way to serve others and help the

SGA Senators grow closer together.

"SGA Senators have to have two hours of service each month," Smith explained. "I was trying to think of an interesting project for Christmas. I love old people; they're my heart. So I thought about making homemade Christmas cards. Handmade would be special for them and special for us too, because [we] played Christmas music while we made the cards. It was kind of a time to bond and just have fun."

Smith said that he chose the Piedmont facility because he is from Piedmont, and because groups from JSU typically visit nursing homes in and closer to Jacksonville.

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FASFA 101: Preparing yourself for the new year

Minnie Marbury
Staff Writer

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is responsible for managing the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. These programs provide grants, loans, and work-study funds to students attending college or career school.

FAFSA is the first step in receiving Pell Grant and Student loans. The application opens every year January 1st for the following fall, spring, and summer. The earlier in the year that the application is filled out the more money that may be able to be received.

Online applications must be submitted by midnight Central Time, June 30, 2014.



<http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us>

Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight Central Time, September 24, 2014.

Grad students should also fill out applica-

tions in order to receive student loans.

According to jsu.edu, "A FAFSA is used to determine a student's need/eligibility for financial aid. Since JSU will prepare a financial aid package only after receipt of the results of the FAFSA and any additional paperwork that may be required, it is recommended that each applicant to the university complete their financial aid file before the March 15 priority deadline."

Students may continue to complete their financial aid files after this date, but may not be awarded prior to the tuition due date if completed after July."

After the FAFSA is completed online there are more forms that need to be completed and turned into the financial aid of-

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Above: Cocky greets the lovely ladies that reside at Piedmont Health Care.

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Bill Baker, the Activity Director at Piedmont Health Care, said that to his knowledge, this was the first time a group from the university has visited there. He is hoping that it will become a more frequent occurrence.

“We would love to get JSU on the calendar each month, in whatever capacity they would like to be here,” Baker said. “For singing, doing arts and crafts, helping us with Bingo, whatever they want to do. We love volunteers coming to the facility. They are always welcome. I would love to get as many involved as possible.”

Baker has been working at the nursing home for three years, serving as Activity Director for two and a half of those years. He said that he usually has an outside group come in at least once a week to do an activity with the residents.

“We have a provider who comes and does arts and crafts with them once a month. First Baptist Church of Piedmont comes once a month. We have a couple of singing groups that come in twice a month,” Baker said. “Kenneth contacted us and said what he wanted to do with the Christmas cards and Cocky; we jumped on it.”

There is a possibility that JSU may return to the nursing home in the near future.

“I would love to [make regular visits],” Smith said. “I love the excitement on their faces, because sometimes even though you may not think they’re really understanding what’s going on, I think that they really understand more than you think that they do.”

That will forever be in my mind as something really special.”

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need. It is extremely important that parents use the IRS data retrieval tool to cut down the amount of paper work that the student may

According to studentaid.ed.gov, “Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation.

At the office of Federal Student Aid, our 1,200 employees help make college education possible for every dedicated mind by providing more than \$150 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to more than 15 million students paying for college or career school.”

Pell grants and students loans have a limit for the time they are in school. Students should watch and check for their loan amounts.

Federal Student Aid has many programs that students and families can benefit from by:

- Informing students and families of the availability of the federal student aid programs and on the process for applying for and receiving

aid from those programs;

- Developing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSASM) and processing more than 21 million FAFSA submissions each year;
- Accurately disbursing, reconciling, and accounting for all federal student aid funds that are delivered to students each year through more than 6,000 colleges and career schools;
- Managing the outstanding federal student loan portfolio and securing repayment from federal student loan borrowers;
- Offering free assistance to students, parents, and borrowers throughout the entire financial aid process; and
- Providing oversight and monitoring of all program participants—schools, financial entities, and students— to ensure compliance with the laws, regulations, and policies governing the federal student aid programs.

The Student Financial Services will be helping students and parents fill out FASFA forms on February 24 in Merrill hall at 2:00pm or 3:15pm

responsibilities, and create staff positions when the need arises. “It may not seem like it, but one person dealing with 35 senators with 35 different opinions

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and ideas is a lot to handle.” Says Johnson. Another proposal includes

an establishment a Student Senate in the summer term, which is designed to give the summer students a voice in those less busy months. Other proposals were written to set a time limit on the debate for a bill and to allow the Senators to see bills before they are put to debate. “It provides for a more educated, time efficient and productive debate and discussion on the bill and gives a more educated vote in the end.” Johnson explains.

The Student Senate currently meets every Monday at 6:00pm in the Theron Montgomery Building, Room 300. Anyone in the student body can join these meetings and learn what is being debated in the Student Senate. Two of the many ‘New Deal’ bills are to be discussed at these meetings over a span of six weeks. Johnson hopes to “make the student experience here the best it can be”. Johnson plans to do this by “renovating the SGA”. With this package of proposals, Senator Johnson plans the beginning of a long term goal of establishing a new electoral system which will positively affect the entire student body for years to come.

Housing to host Brain Cell Trivia today

Sarah Peters
Staff Writer

The University Housing and Residence Life Department is welcoming students back to the spring semester with a night of trivia. Brain Cell Trivia game show is being held in the TMB auditorium. The trivia show will take place on Thursday, January 17th at 7 pm. All students are invited to come.

Brain Cell Trivia is a traditional “buzz in” type game show that uses cell phones as the buzzer. The game is phone based, meaning students will use their phones to compete and win prizes. People without phones, or whose phones are not working, will still be able to participate. They may not be able to participate in some of the events, but students who do not have access to a cell phone will not be excluded.

There will be multiple types of trivia played including pop culture and news. To continue the cell phone theme, there will be phone based trivia. Some phone based categories include basic cell phone trivia, “name that ringtone”, and “call screening.” There will also be surveys that allow contestants to guess the rankings on questions such as “What age were you when you got your first cell phone?” or “What’s the most popular cell phone carrier in this room?” The audience will take instant polls to provide the answers to these questions.

Contestants will compete in audience challenges such as, “most accurate text message,” to win a place to play on the stage. These challenges will test the audience’s text messaging skills. Text to screen technology will allow filtered text messages to be displayed on a giant game play screen. The game will be played similar to a live television game show.

According to CJ Johnson, the executive producer of Game Shows To Go, the trivia night will have “all the bells and whistles of a TV style game show with lots of surprises, fun and funny situations and friendly competition.”

Not only will the trivia game show be a fun time, but there will also chances to win cash prizes. Three hundred dollars will be given away in small cash prizes for each game. There will be multiple opportunities to win. The prizes will vary and will be spread out throughout the night.

JSU, SGA celebrate unity by giving back to the community.

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On January 15, SGA sponsored “A Day of Unity” which involved a canned food drive in the TMB’s auditorium.

As soon as students walked into the auditorium, they were greeted by smiles from people in different active organizations at Jacksonville State University.

Students who brought canned food donations could leave them at the entrance before entering the auditorium.

There were approximately eight tables that had posters, plenty of decorations, cards and papers that had information on the different organizations that were present.

Students were educated on certain organizations of their choice and asked ques-

tions on how to join.

This event was planned and prepared by Jeremy Potts, Vice President of Organizational Affairs.

“I am very, very excited about what the semester holds for the student population as well as what it holds with the SGA,” said President Jason Sumner of the SGA. “We definitely want to encourage students to get involved, give when they can and donate their time when they can to better our student community as well as reaching out to our community.”

President Sumner added that they wanted to add another “browse session” to give students a chance to see what organizations have to offer and



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Gamma Sigma Sigma was one of the many organizations who came out for the SGA sponsored event “A Day of Unity.”

honor Martin Luther King Jr. in the process for “his sacrifices and definitely his commitment to bettering our society.”

According to President Sumner the event also gave the SGA another chance to add on their service oriented organization.

“It is important that we give back, because

we have so many advantages and so many things offered to us through our education here at JSU.” said President Sumner.

Students wishing to join the cause can turn canned foods into the office of Student of Life as they will be accepting them until the 22nd.

Op/Ed

What is (or isn't) being done about gun control

Zach Tyler
A&E Editor

The close of 2012 saw dozens of families in the sleepy township of Newtown, Connecticut in the throes of inconsolable grief after an incomprehensible act of gun violence left a score of their children dead.

Christmas, a holiday that revolves around being with family, could've only felt like so much salt in the grievous wound that had just been inflicted upon that close-knit community.

It's been a long, dark month since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary took place, but only the passage of time will heal the hearts hurt by that tragedy.

January 8th marked the second anniversary of another mass-shooting—in 2011, Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Az.) was shot through the head while speaking at a Tucson grocery store by a man using a semi-automatic pistol with extended-capacity clips.

The gunman, Jared Loughner, shot 19 people. Giffords has since fully recovered, but six others present at the rally lost their lives, among them U.S. District Judge John Roll.

On that second anniversary of the shooting in Arizona, USA Today published an open letter from the former Representative and her husband, which begins in this way:

"In response to a horrific series of shootings that has sown terror in our communities,



victimized tens of thousands of Americans, and left one of its own bleeding and near death in a Tucson parking lot, Congress has done something quite extraordinary — nothing at all."

Our Congress has done nothing at all to try and stop violence like the kind that struck Newtown, Connecticut in December of last year.

Giffords points out that since she was shot in early 2011, 11 mass-shootings have occurred in America, including the one in Newtown.

In an effort to stop such tragedies from happening in the future and to balance the political power of pro-2nd Amendment lobbying groups like the National Rifle Association, Giffords and her husband have launched a super-PAC called Americans for Responsible Solutions.

There is no clear and easy answer to the problem of gun-related violence in our country. It's not just a question of crime; this is a broad public health issue,

and should be treated as such.

A step in the right direction would be a ban on any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to allow the user to kill large numbers of people very quickly.

Like the .223-caliber semi-automatic Bushmaster rifle that was used by Adam Lanza to kill 20 school children at Sandy Hook Elementary.

Or the extended-magazine clips Jared Loughner used to spray bullets into the crowd gathered at the political rally in Tucson.

Basically, firearms designed to be used in a combat situation by trained soldiers shouldn't be manufactured for commercial sale, period-point-blank.

A second step in the right direction would be more readily-available mental health care services and more stringent background checks for those attempting to purchase firearms.

In almost every case of mass gun violence in the last two years, the shooter had a history of mental illness. If you can't get a mental grip without medication—if you need to take psychiatric drugs to stay balanced—you don't deserve to own a firearm.

Buy some mace or learn karate if you're worried about self-defense.

Harry Potter, my daughter, and self-control

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I'm currently reading "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." For the first time.

Group gasp! Everyone calm down now.

I understand I'm a bit behind, and most people I know have read the books — not once — but multiple times. My friends are simply aghast when they discover I'm just delving into the world of Hogwarts, Muggles, Quiddich and Professor Snape. But I just didn't care when all the hoopla started back in 1997.

I hate waiting on the release of the next book in a series. I read Deborah Harkness' "A Discovery of Witches" this past spring and eagerly awaited its sequel, "Shadow of Night" for two months. Only two months, but it felt like a lifetime. Now I'm stuck waiting on the final in the series until next summer. Sigh.

I waited only a few weeks before "The Hunger Games" debuted in theaters before reading the trilogy. I inhaled the three. I can't imagine if I'd started "Catching Fire" in real time, and had to live with that cliffhanger until the release of "Mockingjay."

Shudder.

At any given moment I'm eagerly awaiting the newest in the "In Death"



series. I finished the entire Percy Jackson series in a month. You get the idea. When it comes to books, I'm not a fan of delayed gratification. Willpower, discipline ... I have none when it comes to literature.

As you might imagine, this affects other areas of life, as well. In the past, if I decided on a new haircut or color, I wanted it right then. Last fall I made a 'sweeping declaration' that I would let my hair grow, hippie-style, and there are days when it takes all I have not to hack it off.

Pregnancy was a nightmare. I just wanted my little girl to be here, to hold her, to dress her up in all these tiny clothes that lined the drawers. Yet I had no control. And for the past two years I've counted down the months until graduation. I fantasize about finally crossing the stage. Yet

I can't make April 26 arrive any faster. I have no control.

And that's the real issue, right? Control. It's a tricky concept, and now I find its hold on my 5-year-old daughter. The irony? Right now she's learning to read, and I see the same frustration on her face when she's sounding out words. "I just want to read! Why can't I simply do it?" So now I'm learning a new side of it, and it's interesting, to say the least.

But for now she'll continue sounding out 'school' and 'black,' and I'll help her through Level One readers each night. And who knows? I might start reading the next big thing when it begins, rather than waiting 15 years.

Perhaps by next summer, my daughter and I will both have mastered a small bit of self-control. We'll settle down on a warm summer evening, me with Diana Bishop's last adventure — and she with a book of her own.

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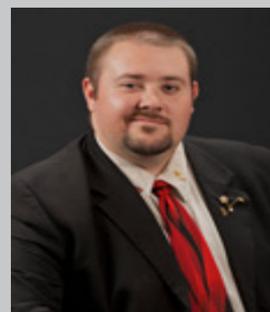
Letter from the SGA President

Greetings Fellow Gamecocks!

I am honored to welcome you back to Jacksonville for yet another wonderful and exciting semester as we engage in the opportunities of a New Year and new semester. I am hopeful that the spring semester of 2013 will yield unto each of us new and exciting opportunities in our academic pursuits as well as our growth as professionals and individuals.

It has been an honor serving our student population this year and I am looking forward to the continued success of our Student Government Association in the future. In order to ensure our success in our representation of the student population, this administration has sought to provide our students adequate information regarding those issues that directly affect each of us. In order to accomplish this goal I wanted to take this opportunity through partnership with our student staff at the Chanticleer to provide a State of the Student Government Address with-in this Issue of the Chanticleer. I am most hopeful that the information that will follow will provide each reader with great insight into our daily functions and operations. While additionally expressing our commitment to represent and serve the student population with a continued commitment to quality student life at Jacksonville State University.

Jason A. Sumner
64th President
Student Government
Association



State of the SGA 2013

President's Report:

The Office of President has numerous responsibilities that require a great deal of time and dedication to effectively represent the student population of our university. In order to achieve this task in my service to our students as SGA President, I have implemented numerous strategies and techniques that have helped create more resourceful and efficient operation of my office tasks and position. I have additionally sought to present myself in a professional manner at all times on campus. This is important as I want to convey that my service to the student body is representative of the professionals we are becoming through our educational undertakings; further, I want to convey the true importance of the office in which I have been selected to hold. I have found that it is important that students elected to serve maintain accurate and detailed records for future administrations, as the need to reference and learn from the past is ever present. I am quite satisfied with the progress my administration has made this year in archiving our progress and I am hopeful for future administrations. I am also hopeful that the information presented will give great insight into our operations and purpose in service of the student population. Additionally, I have great hope that you will be inspired to take part in our student government as each student enrolled on our campus is a member of the Student Government Association and each student has a voice. I assure you that I am always receptive to your thoughts and your concerns and would like to hear from each of you. This is the same with each of your executive officers who will be providing their contact information at the conclusion of their individual reports.

Fall 2012 Recap

October 3, 2012 – SGA sponsored “Invisible Children” which raised awareness about the situation within Uganda and the actions taken by Joseph Kony and the Lord’s Resistance Army.

October 10, 2012 – SGA held the 2012 Homecoming Pageant where 26 female contestants and 7 male contestants vied for the positions within the Homecoming Court. More than 600 students attended the event.

October 18, 2012 – Students elected the 2012 Homecoming Court.

October 23, 2012 – SGA sponsored J-Day, with multiple interactive activities as well as a cook-out, ushering in Homecoming Week 2012.

October 25, 2012 – Students elected the 2012 Homecoming King and Queen from the Homecoming Court.

October 27, 2012 – JSU 2012 Homecoming and Family Day – SGA sponsored multiple family oriented events on the TMB Lawn and the SGA Tailgate on Dillon Field in addition to the Homecoming Parade. 3,500 Alumni, Family and Friends were present on campus to celebrate Homecoming.

October 30, 2012 – SGA partnered with campus and community organizations to host “Trunk or Treat on the Quad, the event provided local community children with a safe alternative to trick or treating activities.

November 5-6, 2012 the SGA sponsored “Rock the Vote” as a reminder to students to participate and exercise their right to vote in the presidential election. Additionally, the SGA mobilized and held voter registration drives which ultimately yielded 105 new or first time voters. 14 other student organizations also participated in voter oriented registration drives in association with the SGA.

November 7-8, 2012, the SGA hosted a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross – 173 Pints of Blood were collected during the two day event.

November 10, 2012 – SGA Tailgate boasted over 300 students in attendance.

November 13, 2012 – The SGA Organizational Council held its annual pot luck.

November 14, 2012 – The SGA hosted the 2012 SGA District VI Conference with a total of 600 high school students, representing 28 schools in attendance.

November 26, 2012 – The SGA and President Meehan co-sponsored “JSU in Lights” and the annual toy drive at the President’s Home.

In preparation for the holiday season, Senator Kenneth Smith coordinated with the JSU Student Senators to adopt the residents at the Piedmont Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. Senators and Office of Student Life Staff hand-made Christmas Cards which senators delivered by a visit to the facility.

December 4-7, 2012 – The Library Extended hours of operation for Final Examinations, the SGA Executive Officers served snacks to students each night.

December 7, 2012 – The SGA concluded the Better World Books Fundraiser, collecting 200 books.

Freshman Forum

The members of our Freshman Forum raised 700 dollars for their “Wine to Water” project, Part of the funds raised were essential to the construction of a clean water well in Cambodia.

The SGA Grade Report for the Fall Semester of 2012: Freshman Forum with 64 freshman students boasted a cumulative GPA of 3.32. The SGA Executive Officers accomplished a cumulative GPA of 3.17. The SGA Senate with 34 Senators achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.00. A combined average of all SGA members GPA resulted in a 3.09. Compared to: The Undergraduate Average for the Fall Semester of 2012 was 2.57. The First Time Freshman Student Average was 2.51.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees will convene on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library. The meeting is open to the public and I strongly encourage student attendance.

Spring General Election Schedule

Monday, February 18, 2013 - Applications for Executive Officer, Student Senator, Associate Justice, will be made available at the Office of Student Life, or Online.

Thursday, February 28, 2013 – Applications for Executive Officer, Student Senator, Associate Justice, will be due to the Office of Student Life by 4:30pm.

Friday, March 1, 2013 – A Mandatory Candidate Meeting will be held at 3:30pm in the TMB Auditorium.

Monday, March 4, 2013 – Candidate Speeches will follow the Student Senate Meeting beginning at 7:00pm in the TMB Auditorium. (Those seeking the Offices of SGA President, V.P.S.S., V.P.O.A., V.P.S.A only)

Monday, March 18, 2013 – Candidate Debates will follow the Student Senate Meeting beginning at 7:00pm in the TMB Auditorium. (Those seeking the Offices of SGA President, V.P.S.S., V.P.O.A., V.P.S.A only)

Thursday, March 21, 2013 – Spring General Election (12:01am – 5:01pm – www.jsu.edu/election)

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 – Spring General Election Runoff (only if necessary)

Monday, April 8, 2013 – The Newly elected executive officers will be inaugurated.

Higher Education Day

The Student Government Association sends students to the state capitol building in Montgomery each year in support of the efforts undertaken by the Higher Education Partnership to keep funding of higher education fair in the State of Alabama. I strongly encourage you to consider attending this year’s higher education rally which will take place on February 28, 2013. For more information about this event and to sign up to attend, please contact the Office of Student Life. Any of the Executive Officers can give you information regarding Higher Ed. Day. (Transportation to this event is provided)

Jason A. Sumner, 64th President, Student Government Association

V.P.S.S. Report:

Senate:

There are 35 elected Senators that represent the schools population. They pass bills that are to help make JSU a better place. We meet every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a place on the agenda referred to as the “Student Body Report,” where students may voice their concerns or complaints and we try to help resolve them. If no one informs us of a problem we will not know about it so please come out and let us hear from you!

Committees:

Anyone is welcome to be a part of our committees: Academic Affairs, Allocations, Athletic Support and Spirit, Campus Safety, Constitution and Code, Homecoming, MADE (Making a Difference Everywhere), Publicity, Residence Life and Facilities, STARS (Higher Ed Day), and Elections. They hold open meetings for people to come and help with.

What we have been working on:

Each of the committees in Senate have different responsibilities on campus. Our MADE committee plans our blood drives with the next one scheduled on February 6th and 7th in the TMB Auditorium. Our STARS committee is also getting ready for Higher Education Day. This is a day when college students are encouraged to go to Montgomery and petition for lower tuition rates. If you are interested on finding out more about Senate feel free to contact me.

Jade A. Wagner, Vice President of the Student Senate

2012-2013 Student Senators: Jade Wagner, V.P.S.S.; Joshua Adams, Mariah Allen, Sarah Blair, Nicholas Brown, Bria’anna Buckner, Kalyn Cabral, Caitlin Campbell, Alexandra Carnes, Mark-Anthony Carter, Christopher Conde, Laura Gallagher, Sean Glaster, Matovu Godfrey, Kadeem Hubbard, Randolph James, Brett Johnson, Jimmeka Loverette, Kelsey Mann, Abby Manus, Christopher Moon, Margaret Nevels, Destini Perry-Glaze, Josh Robinson, Jessica Ross, Kenneth Smith, Darien Spruill, Jon Stone, Michelle Taylor, Ariel Tolson, Jayme Wagner, Jewel Williams

Senate Officers: Clerk-Nicholas Brown, Parliamentarian-Alexandra Carnes, President Pro Tempore-Brett Johnson

V.P.O.A. Report:

Finishing out the fall semester with the successful events, Get on Board Day (Welcome Week) and Organizational Council Potluck (Thanksgiving), the executive team along with the Organizational Council have plans to finish the year with an even more positive effort. With a Day of Unity scheduled for January 15th and community service projects, Jacksonville State University will have a more unified and active Organizational Council.

Making an impact on the campus and our community is our main focus as a council of the SGA.

A Day of Unity Announcement:

The Student Government Association hosted an event on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, called "A Day of Unity" in celebration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event was located at the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium, and began at 5:00pm with a browse session of student organizations. This provided those students who want to become more involved with-in the campus community an opportunity to collect information and meet members of groups they may want to join. During the browse session the SGA will begin our service project in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a canned food drive, entitled "Driving out Hunger." The Browse Session and Canned Food Drive kick off was followed by the Pantry Party Mixer which will begin at 6:00pm and continue until 9:00pm. The Student Government will continue to collect canned food items throughout the mixer and throughout the remainder of the week concluding the collection of these items on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Canned food items may be brought to the Office of Student Life on the Fourth Floor of the Theron Montgomery Building following the event of the fifteenth, and will be received until noon on the January 22, 2013

Jeremy D. Potts, Vice President of Organizational Affairs

V.P.S.A. Report:

Upcoming Events:

- February 12- Drive-In Movie
 - o 7:00 p.m., Coliseum Parking Lot
- February 13- History Who? A Day in Their Shoes / Stop Light Mixer
 - o 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
 - o 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- February 21- Soul Food Night in the Café
 - o 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- February 27- Intensity Game Show
 - o 7:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- March 13- Women's History Special Guest Speaker (Mrs. Teresa Huggins)
 - o 6:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- April 3- Spring Carnival
 - o 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., TMB Lawn



I am always open to hearing new ideas for events YOU would like to see on campus!

Student Activities Council meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 in the TMB Auditorium. It is our job to plan and execute all of the events that SGA plans here on campus. Everyone is welcome! It is no cost to join.

Thank you to our already active members:

Allison Porter, Alyssa Fulenwider, Ashlyn Odom, Breana Thompson, Brett Johnson, Cassie Walker, Destin Hubbard, Elise Erb, Emily Bell, Emily Smith, Erica Adams, Gabrielle Long, Hailey Scott, Holly Inhulsen, Jewel Williams, Kalyn Cabral, Kelsey Mann, Mariah Allen, Melissa Minor, Michael Coker, Philipa' Johnson, Tyler Brown, William Ravenell and Zach Henderson.

These members attended 3 meetings last fall and/or our first meeting this spring, which was held on January 7.

Our officers and committee heads are:

Vice President - Mariah Allen
 Secretary - Hailey Scott
 Chaplain - Allison Porter
 Cultural Affairs Committee Head - Jewel Williams
 Family Day/ J-Day Committee Head - Shelby Triplett
 Major Entertainment Committee Head - Sara Hampton
 Spirit Committee Head - Allison Porter

Alex B. Rainwater, Vice President of Student Activities

Chief Justice's Report:

I am currently working on improving the parking concerns that the students have expressed. We are taking proactive steps towards helping these situations. My role in the Student Government Association is to help improve the parking concerns of the student body, increase safety on campus, and host student Traffic Court each month for parking ticket appeals. This month's Traffic Court was held on January 7th at 4:00 p.m. There were seven students on the appeals docket to dispute their parking tickets. Only one person showed up and the other six did not come. When a student signs up for traffic appeals court and does not come then they are automatically guilty. When a student is found guilty for their citation, there is an extra \$5.00 fee added to their ticket price. If you sign up for Traffic Court then it is important that you come. Please feel free to stop by my office in the Theron Montgomery Building to voice any concerns and safety issues that you have.

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Krystal A. Hardy, Chief Justice

Director of Publicity's Statement:

Boards are always available for organizations to use. If you or your organization is interested in using a board you can come to the Office of Student Life and pick up a request form. All boards must be drawn free hand so that students and guests on our campus are more likely to view the boards. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at sgadop@jsu.edu or call me at 256-782-8435.

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Arts & Entertainment

Miss JSU to be crowned on Friday

Madison Rhoads and Zach Tyler
Senior Staff Writer and A&E Editor

Jacksonville State University will be holding its annual pageant for the title of Miss Jacksonville State University tomorrow, January 18th, 2013.

The pageant serves as a preliminary pageant for the Miss Alabama Pageant, which will take place during the summer of 2013.

The Miss Alabama Pageant winner will then go on to compete for the title of Miss America in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Perhaps the most notable Miss Jacksonville State University is Heather Whitestone, who went on to be crowned as the first deaf Miss America in 1995.

Beth Milam won the honor of representing the university as Miss JSU at last year's pageant.

Since being crowned, Milam has used every available opportunity to represent JSU: "If there was a university event I was capable of attending, I went as Miss JSU," she said in an interview.

That included being present at nearly every pep rally of the football season, reading to students at Kitty Stone Elementary and participating in fundraising for her platform's cause, Think Pink.

A lot of Milam's involvement on campus is totally of her own accord. She says she "looked at how Miss Alabama strives to be as visible and involved as possible," and then followed that example.

"People get touchy—they say, 'Oh, she's just a pageant girl,' but it's so much more than that. It's a scholarship opportunity," she said.



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The reigning Miss JSU, Beth Milam, poses with Cocky.

According to their website, the Miss America Organization is the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in the country.

Last year, that assistance

amounted to more than \$45 million paid to over 12,000 women who contended in state and local competitions.

The Miss America Organization also promotes community service

by requiring contestants to select a platform, which is an organization or idea that the contestant will support throughout her reign.

The organization also has its own platform, the Children's Miracle Network. Women competing at the local, state, and national levels must raise funds on behalf of the CMN Hospitals and for the Miss America Scholarship fund.

The pageant tomorrow night will consist of three competitive categories that contestants will be judged on: physical fitness, talent performance and an interview.

The winners of the talent and fitness portions will receive various prizes and a partial tuition scholarship.

The young woman crowned at the end of the night will not only leave with a prestigious title, but receives tuition for a year—amounting to almost \$3,000 in Milam's case.

Miss JSU also receives money for books and other small gifts, like an oil change or gift cards to local boutiques and businesses.

The grand total of prizes and awards given to the various competitors in the pageant has totaled over \$12,000 for the past three years.

While the current Miss JSU can't win tomorrow's competition, Milam says she will be there to perform a brief entertainment piece. She'll also be crowning the winner.

"I just hope that whoever it is strives to be active on campus," she said. "It's a full-time job, but winning the title comes with a lot of responsibility."



WLJS Top 10 for the week of January 15th, 2013

1. First Right Theft - The Ride
2. ZZWard - Put The Gun Down
3. These City Limits- Stars Align
4. My Radio - Bricks and Mortar
5. Air Traffic Controller - Hurry Hurry
6. All The Locals - Monday
7. Bend Sinister - Don't You Know
8. Roses and Revolutions - Home
9. BennFrank - Who
10. Sheppard - Let Me Down Easy

Jacksonville State University Drama Department's Upcoming Productions

Brigadoon

February 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th,
March 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Blithe Spirit

May 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th

For showtimes and tickets, call the JSU
Box office at 256-782-5648.

Justin Timberlake dons a 'Suit and Tie' for his comeback

Alexandra Busalacchi

Daily Collegian, Penn State University

Via UWIRE

After taking a six-year hiatus from his music career, Justin Timberlake is back and better than ever with his new single "Suit & Tie."

The release of the single coincided with Timberlake's announcement via an open letter to his fans that he will release a new album, "The 20/20 Experience," later this year.

Although Timberlake has enjoyed success in his acting and producing career, it is nice to see him back to doing what he does best—singing.

While not as catchy as past Timberlake songs, "Suit & Tie" has a very smooth, almost hypnotic sound that works well with Timberlake's smooth falsetto. The up-tempo track heavily features horns and harps in the background, which provides a refreshing twist on the typical R&B style.

The lyrics, in typical Timberlake

fashion, are not exactly philosophical. As the title would suggest, the song is quite literally about putting on a suit and a tie and showing off on the dance floor.

The song starts off slowly, but after a mysterious voice asks, "Are you ready JT?", Timberlake kicks it into high gear.

With lines such as "I can't wait to get you on the floor, good-looking" and

"As long as I got my suit and tie, imma leave it all on the floor tonight", this song is perfect to listen to while getting ready to go out for the night.

The song abruptly transitions from Timberlake's vocals into an unexpected verse from Jay-Z near the end of the song. The rap seems a little bit out of place, but it is hard to complain when two powerhouse artists such as Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake come together for something like this.

If this single is any indication of what the rest of Timberlake's album will be like, fans are in for a long-awaited treat.

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Sports



JSU Rifle takes top 4



Sam Muegge

Sportswire

JACKSONVILLE – In its first competition of the new year, the Jacksonville State rifle team turned in a solid effort on Saturday at the Gamecock Rifle Range as JSU topped Ohio Valley Conference foes Murray State and Columbus State.

The Gamecocks posted an aggregate score of 4638, which was 29 points better than Murray State's final total of 4609. Columbus State finished with a 4574. Jax State carded a 2304 in smallbore and tallied a 2334 in air rifle.

Jax State claimed the top four individual spots in smallbore, led by medalist Sam Muegge. Muegge bagged a 586, followed by Samantha Bullard's 579. Dan McCall registered a 576, while Brent Books rounded out the top-four spots with a 575.

In air rifle, MSU's Kelsea Emme won the individual crown with a top mark of 591. JSU turned in the next three best scores. Monica Fyfe was one point shy of matching Emme with a score of 590. Bullard closed out the day with a third-place finish in air rifle with a 585. Muegge posted a 584 to aid in JSU's score.

~ Sportswire

Men's hoops having success

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Gamecocks are having one of the most successful seasons in the program's division 1 history. Coach James Green has JSU playing hard and focused as the team begins to head towards the homestretch of the schedule.

Jacksonville State is currently 12-5, just three wins away from already matching last season's total wins of 15. The losses have come to quality opponents for the most part with the first two coming in mid-November in the Global Sports Classic Tournament. The first loss to UNLV, who just fell out of the top 25 this weekend, and the following loss to Oregon in Eugene where the #21 Ducks knocked off unbeaten Arizona a week ago.

Then on December 18 the Gamecocks traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to face the Cornhuskers of the Big XII. JSU took an early lead but fell behind before halftime. A late rally had the Gamecocks within two point with seconds remaining, but ultimately Jax State fell 55-59.

Early this month JSU dropped back to back games to tough conference opponents Belmont and Tennessee State, neither has yet to drop an OVC game this season.

With the apr penalties enforced on JSU, leading to the biggest punishment of no postseason, the Gamecocks only have 11 more games left to make the season as great as possible. Tonight the Gamecocks have a chance at revenge against Tennessee State in Nashville, and then Saturday JSU hosts also undefeated in the OVC, Eastern Kentucky. A week from Saturday big name Murray State comes to Pete Mathews Coliseum in what is sure to be a great game.

These big games are what the Gamecocks have left to make a statement for their season, and a few wins over those opponents will make them remember the Gamecocks, even if JSU isn't in the postseason.

Gamecock ranks/standings

NCAA Rifle Top 10

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

OVC M. Basketball standings East division

- Tennessee State (5-0) [11-7]
Eastern Kentucky (4-0) [14-3]
Belmont (4-0) [14-3]
Jacksonville State (4-2) [12-5]
Morehead State (2-2) [6-10]
Tennessee Tech (1-4) [7-10]

West division

- Murray State (3-1) [12-4]
SE Missouri State (2-3) [10-9]
SIUe (1-3) [5-9]
Austin Peay (1-3) [5-13]
UT- Martin (1-5) [4-14]
Eastern Illinois (0-5) [3-15]

Upcoming Action:

- Thursday: MBB @ Tenn State
Friday: Track & Field @ UNC
Saturday: M Tennis @ Auburn
Rifle @ Murray State
WBB vs EKU
MBB vs EKU

By the Number: (17)

The men's basketball team has played 17 games so far this season and will play number 18 tonight in at Tennessee State. With a 12-5 record the team may be headed for the first winning season since the 2005-06 team.

Did You Know?

In the 2007 AHSAA Class 6A State Championship game, Spain Park faced Prattville in a game that featured the three core coaches for JSU's new football program. Offensive coordinator, John Grass, was the head coach of Spain Park and went up against coach Bill Clark's Prattville squad. Clark's new defensive coordinator, Duwan Walker, was his coordinator that night as well. Walker's defense shutout Grass' team as Prattville won the state title 14-0.

Softball opens season in just 22 days against St. Louis in Hammond, Louisiana.

Baseball opens season in 29 days as the Gamecocks will travel to Kennessaw State.

On Saturday JSU's Washuan Ealey and Alan Bonner will be playing in the Raycom College Football All-Star Classic. They will be teammates on the 'stars' team which also features Murray State QB Casey Brockman, and Auburn RB Onterio McCallebb.

The opponent 'stripes' team features Alabama's Carson Tinker and kicker Jeremy Shelly, along with LSU's kicker Drew Alleman.

Rivalry renewed

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State will play the University of North Alabama in football during the 2013 season, JSU Athletics Director Warren Koegel announced on Wednesday.

"We are pleased to announce that we have agreed to play North Alabama in 2013," Koegel said. "I know that our fans, alumni and students will enjoy renewing one of our oldest rivalries in school history."

The game will be played on Sept. 14, 2013, at Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium in Jacksonville, and it will mark the 45th meeting between the two teams and the first since 2003.

The two teams first met in 1949, with the Gamecocks claiming a 12-7 win, and Jacksonville State

has a 21-10-1 record vs UNA since the 1964 season. Jax State has won seven of the last eight meetings between the two teams, including seven straight from 1988 to 1992, the longest winning streak by the Gamecocks in the history of the series.



~ Sportswire

Crowe released by Gamecocks

The following story was a breaking story published Dec. 1 only on The Chanticleer's website due to not printing over the holidays.

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Jack Crowe is out after 13 seasons on the sidelines at Jax State. The 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year compiled an 87-56 record with the Gamecocks.

The arguments can be made on both sides whether the move to release Coach Crowe two years before his contract ran out was right or not.

For starters it's easy to say that JSU had a good thing with Coach Crowe and that it should be left alone. Crowe was the winning active coach in the Ohio Valley Conference at the conclusion of this season with a 73-28 (.658) record. That's comfortably ahead of the next coach, Dean Hood of Eastern Kentucky, with a 34-23 (.596) record.

Coach Crowe's 87 wins ranked second on the school's all-time list behind only Don Sall's 95 wins. A strong season in 2013 may have put Coach Crowe over the mark to take the top spot, but that's just the problem, it seems in the past JSU has fallen short of goals and expectations of the sort, and it appears the athletics' department has finally decided to

resort to large scale changes to try and fix that situation.

While Coach Crowe did enjoy success at JSU, it says a lot for the program that simply accepting winning seasons with not much more afterwards is no longer acceptable and that the Gamecocks have a higher standard than just that now.

Coach Crowe helped bring Jacksonville State's football program up to a certain level, a successful level, and any true Gamecock fan who doesn't get caught up in recent let downs will admit that Crowe was a huge asset to JSU. But it has shown in those let down recent years that Crowe may not be the coach to take JSU to that 'next' level, and apparently it's now time to find that coach who can.

Maybe the largest critique against Crowe was his seemingly inability to win big games consistently. Against FCS ranked teams JSU went 7-20 under Crowe, and in the 13 years only reached the playoffs three times, never winning a single postseason game. Still, it will never be forgotten that Crowe brought one of the largest wins in program history, possibly second behind the

1992 Div. II national championship game win, when his Gamecocks shocked the college football world on the opening weekend of the 2010 season beating SEC Ole Miss 49-48 in double overtime.

Coach Crowe won three OVC championships from the time JSU joined the conference in 2003. His released was announce Friday, November 30, late at night by Athletic Director Warren Koegel.

After his comments on Crowe, Koegel stated that the search for the programs 13th coach would be underway immediately. The FCS playoffs expand from 20 teams to 24 teams next season, and the Gamecocks want to be in the field.

Jack Crowe's debut for JSU came on September 2, 2000 in Tampa, FL where the Gamecocks were shutout by South Florida 40-0. Crowe's first win came the following week against Nicholls State. His finale was a few weeks ago in the same state as his debut, in Gainesville against the Florida Gators where this time the Gamecocks were again shutout, for the first time in 133 games, in a 23-0 loss.



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Coach Clark surrounded by media cameras at his opening press conference that took place in Stadium Towers

New Era Starts With Clark

Jacksonville State named Bill Clark next head coach

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

On December 18 news broke that Bill Clark had become the new head football coach at Jacksonville State University, the 13th in the program's history.

On November 30, former coach Jack Crowe was fired even with two years still remaining on his current contract. The initial news was surprising, but Gamecock fans seemed to warm up to the idea soon looking back at the moderate success Crowe brought in his long tenure, but nothing special besides the Ole Miss upset. Hurting Crowe worst of all was only three playoff appearances and zero playoff wins.

Just over two weeks later Athletics Director Warren Koegel announced the hiring of Bill Clark.

Clark comes from South Alabama as the defensive coordinator, but his roots are very deep here in Jacksonville. Clark graduated from JSU in 1990.

After quick stops early at Piedmont, Tuscaloosa, Coffee County and Dothan High, Clark became the head coach at Prattville High in 1999. Clark made a name for himself over his

"Jacksonville State has a great tradition and I'm looking forward to building off the past success, while also making us a national contender..."

~ Coach Bill Clark

next nine years at Prattville building one of the top programs in the country that was at one point ranked second nationally by USA Today.

Clark posted an astonishing 107-11 record at Prattville, a winning percentage of 90 percent. His final two squads went 30-0 winning back-to-back 6A state championship titles before Clark left in 2008. Coach Clark moved to the college ranks in 2008 having last lost a regular season game early in the 2002 season, leaving a 55 game regular season game winning streak.

Clark became the defensive coordinator at South Alabama as the FCS program was transitioning to FBS where it is now a full time member of the Sun Belt Conference. Last season, Clark's defense ranked second in the SBC in total defense. AD Warren Koegel believes coach Clark can take JSU to the next level.

"Our vision and mission are winning conference championships and advancing to the postseason on a regular basis and we feel like Bill Clark brings the experience and skills to help us achieve our goals. When you look at

the success that Bill has enjoyed in our state, both on the collegiate and high school levels, we feel like he is the perfect fit to be our head football coach," said A.D. Koegel.



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Coach Bill Clark speaking at press conference

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to come back home and become the next football coach at Jacksonville State," said coach Clark. "Jacksonville State has a great tradition and I'm looking forward to building off the past success, while also making us a national contender on the FCS level in the future."

Clark tabs Grass, Walker as new coordinators

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

In the case with most head coaching changes in college football, the new guy wants his guys to feel his new staff. Coach Clark felt JSU was the place for his family, and it didn't take long for him to soon bring on some of the members of his coaching family to JSU as well.

New offensive coordinator John Grass is also returning home to Jacksonville State where he graduated from in 1990. His ties with Bill Clark go back to the days the two were on campus in the late eighties. Grass began his coaching career in 1990 as an assistant at Ashville High School. He became a head coach for the first time in 1995 at Ashville and guided the program for the next five years. After a 10-0 season in 1999 (the first in school history) Grass left to become the offensive coordinator at powerhouse Hoover High for two years where the Bucs posted a 28-2 record in route to two 6A state championship game, winning the 2001 state title.

After short stints at Albertville, Moody, and Spain Park High coach Grass took the head job at Oxford in 2008 where he'd been for the past five years prior to joining the

JSU staff. While at Oxford, his Yellowjackets posted a 41-16 record reaching the playoffs in all but one season.

Total between all his stops his high in the high school ranks Grass compiled a 122-61 (.666) record and was twice named AH-SAA Coach of the Year. He brings with him a spread offense which have led to success in the past, and coach Grass has indicated the Gamecocks will move in that direction on that side of the ball. Next year senior quarterback Coty Blanchard would work well in the system with a nice arm that he's shown during his playing time in his first three seasons and his has great mobility as is proven by his talents as a star shortstop on the Gamecock baseball squad. Baseball possess the question if Blanchard will return for his senior year, and if he chooses not to it leaves true freshman Jayce Barber, who is already on campus this spring for workouts, and probably junior Steven Coates who seemed to have the position of third string QB last season behind Ivory and Blanchard.

New defensive coordinator for the Gamecocks is Duwan Walker. Walker graduated from Troy in 1996 where he played cornerback for the arch rival

Trojans. He began coaching as a graduate assistant at Troy for a few years before teaming up with coach Clark who he's coached with ever since.

Coach Walker first joined Clark's defensive staff at Prattville High in 1999 and was soon promoted to defensive coordinator in 2001.

Walker was a vital part of the program during the successful run of eight playoff appearances which resulted in two state championships and an overall 91% winning percentage. Walker earned Defense Coordinator of the Year in 2006.

In 2008, Walker left Prattville behind Coach Clark and joined the South Alabama defensive staff. With the Jaguars, Walker coached cornerbacks and along with Clark the duo put together a defense that pushed USA from an FCS program to a full time FBS program in the Sun Belt conference. Last year the Jaguars defense was second in the entire conference.

Coach Walker plans to run the defense out of a basic 3-4 formation, which features three down lineman on the line of scrimmage, but he expects to have other formations involved to specialize talent and schemes to put together the best possible defense.



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Offensive coordinator John Grass



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Defensive coordinator Duwan Walker

The combined head coaching record between head coach Bill Clark and offensive coordinator John Grass is 229-72 (.761)