SGA “New Deal” to be presented Spring 2013

Marie McBurnett
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 Brent 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 Franklin 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 office in order to 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 considerations 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. These bills include required office hours for the Senators to become acquainted 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 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

Staff Writer
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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) 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.

FASFA is the first step in receiving Pell Grant and Student loans. The application opens every 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. Grad students should also fill out applications in order to receive student loans.

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

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

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 cards 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 elderly.

“Old people; they’re my heart. So I thought about what I could do. I do an interesting project for Christmas. I love to shop and to craft, so I wanted to give the residents something special for Christmas.”

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 close to Jacksonville.

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FASFA 101: Preparing yourself for the new year

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The Student Financial Services will be helping students and families can benefit from by:

• Providing oversight and monitoring of all federal student loan borrowers;
• Providing more than 15 million federal grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to more than 15 million students and families;
• Providing more than 6,000 colleges and career schools;
• Accounting for all federal student aid funds that are delivered to students each year through more than 3,000 colleges and career schools;
• Working with the IRS data retrieval service to help students understand what’s going on;
• Giving back to the community.

It is important that we give back, because "We would love to get JSU on the calendar each 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 really understand 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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is designed to allow the user to kill large numbers of people very quickly.
Like the .22-caliber semi-automatic Bushmaster rifle that was used by Adam Lanza to kill 26 school children at Sandy Hook Elmen.

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.

Our Congress has done nothing at all to try and stop violence like the kind that struck Tucson, Connecticut in De-
month since the shooting in Newtown.

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.

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January 8th marks the anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary. In 2012, Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Az.) was shot in a Tucson parking lot, while heading to speak at a Tucson grocery store. That was the day 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. That sense of loss is

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 Reason-

Respond to your query about gun control, the administration has sought to provide its students adequate information regarding those issues that directly affect each of us. In order to accomplish this goal, the school decided to appoint an

Shudder.
At any given moment I’m eagerly reading another book 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, I read a lot of 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 ‘weeping declaration’ that I would let my hair grow, hipster-style, and there are days when it takes all I have not to cut it off.

I arrived only a few weeks after “The Hunger Games”

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.

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

But for now she’ll continue sounding off “school” and “black,” and I’ll help her through Level Four.

Our passage of time since the shooting in Newton.

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 continue our success in motivating each student popu-

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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 the 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 addition-
ally 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 main-
tain accurate and detailed records for future administrations, as the need to reference and learn from the past is ever present. I am quite satisfied that the Student Government Association has made strides 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 popu-
lation. As I refer to the office that I have an individual duty to fulfill, I want to convey to those interested 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 for each with 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 “Invincible 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 hold the 2012 Homecoming Pageant where 26 female contestants and 7 male contestants vie for the positions within the Homecoming Court. More than 600 students attended the event.
October 18, 2012 – Students elected the 2012 Homecoming Court.
October 25, 2012 – SGA sponsored 1 Day, with multiple interactive activities as well as a cook-out, ushering in Homecoming Week.
October 25, 2012 – Students elected the 2012 Homecoming King and Queen from the Homecoming Court.
October 27, 2012 – JSC 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 cel-
brate 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 2, 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 9, 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 680 high school students, representing 28 schools.
November 26, 2012 – The SGA and President Meehan co-sponsored “JSU in Lights” and the annual toy drive at the President’s Home. In the competition for the annual toy drive, Senator Kenneth Smith was selected 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 and gave to the residents.
December 4, 2012 – The Library Extended hours of operation for Final Exams, the SGA Executive Officers served snacks to stu-
dents each night.
December 8, 2012 – The SGA concluded the Better World Books Fundraiser, collecting 200 books.
Freshman Forum:
The members of our Freshman Forum raised 710 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 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 3.40. A combined average of all SGA members GPA resulted in a 3.09. Compared to 2011: at 3:00 p.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 21, 2013 – Applications for Executive Officer, Student Senator, Associate Justice, will be due to the Office of Student Life, or Online.
Friday, March 1, 2013 – A Mandatory Candidate Meeting will be held at 3:30pm in the TMB Auditorium.
Monday, March 4, 2013 – Candidate Sponsors 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. £) will register with the SGA.”
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Thursday, March 21, 2013 – Spring General Election Runoff (only if necessary) Monday, April 2, 2013 – Spring General Election Runoff (only if necessary)
Thursday, April 25, 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)

State of the SGA 2013

Jade A. Wagner, Vice President of the Student Senate

2012 Student Senators: Jade Wagner, V.P.S.S.; Joshua Adams, Mariah Allen, Sarah Blair, Nicholas Brown, Bri’anna Buckner, KaylynCablin, Caitlin Campbell, Alexandria Carnes, Mark-Anthony Carter, Christopher Conde, Laura Gallagher, Suin Glaister, Matoula Goulfi,

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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 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 month 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
  - 7:00 p.m., Coliseum Parking Lot
- February 13- History Who? A Day in Their Shoe / Stop Light Mixer
  - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- February 21- Soul Food Night in the Café
  - 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- February 27- Intensity Game Show
  - 7:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- March 13- Women’s History Special Guest Speaker (Mrs. Teresa Huggins)
  - 6:00 p.m., TMB Auditorium
- April 3- Spitting Canvass
  - 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., TMB Law

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. Allisson Porter, Alyssa Fulenwider, Ashlynn Odum, Breuna Thompson, Britt Johnson, Cassie Walker, Destin Hubbard, Elise Erb, Emily Bell, Emily Smith, Erica Adams, Gabrielle Long, Hailey Scott, Hidly Inthulsen, Jevell Williams, Kalyin Cabral, Kesley Mann, Mariah Allen, Melissa Minor, Michael Coker, Philia’s Johnson, Tyler Brown, William Ravennol 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 - Allisson Porter
- Cultural Affairs Committee Head - Jevell Williams
- Family Day/ I-Day Committee Head - Shelby Triplett
- Major Entertainment Committee Head - Sara Hampton
- Spirit Committee Head - Allisson 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 pm. 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.

Associate Judges - Robert Culp, Torsten Dryden, Rajon Hudson, Nakia Lewis, Shelby McDonough, Rainey Taylor, and Erika Warren.

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.

Amanda N. Cave, Director of Publicity

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2012-2013 SGA Officers, L-R: Jade Wagner, Alex Rainwater, Jason Sumner, Jade Wagner, Jeremy Potts, Amanda Cave
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 Whitehorne, 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.

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

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 Children’s Hospital 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 unleaded gift card 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 is strive to be active on campus,” she said. “It’s a full-time job winning the title comes with a lot of responsibility.”

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.

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

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Clark made a name for himself over his 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 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.

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