

After a three year face-lift, JSU unveils its digitalized herbarium

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Jacksonville State University's herbarium hosted its first annual open house in Martin Hall last Thursday, January 17, 2013 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Despite the interesting weather of last Thursday, Martin Hall was visited by many people. Over the past three years, JSU's herbarium has been receiving a face-lift.

A herbarium is basically a library for plants, it's a reference collection with examples. It also a sup-

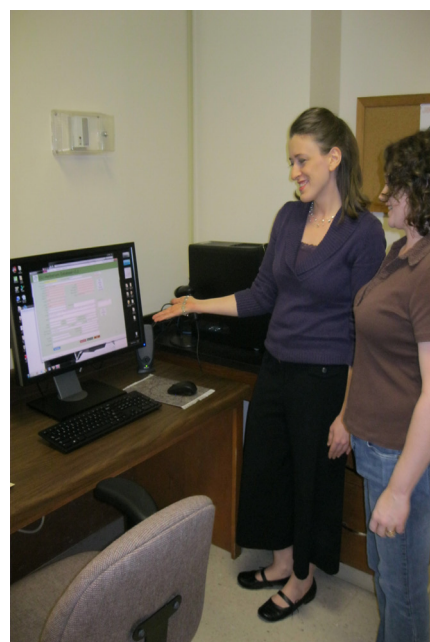
pository of plant specimens that documents the research done.

An example used by Dr. Jimmy K. Triplett, the herbarium's curator, if a scientist is doing research on the birds of Talladega National Forest and their feeding habits they might be interested in the plants associated with those birds and they can take a specimen of those plants and deposit at JSU's herbarium for proof.

JSU has had a herbarium since the late 1960s it was created by Dr. Ken E. Landers and Dr. Jerry A. Clonts. Since 2010,

the herbarium has been under direction on Dr. Triplett. When Triplett first arrived the herbarium was in desperate need for more storage space. But after being awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation's "Collections in Support of Biological Research" sponsor program Triplett was able to get all the herbarium needed. With a compactor storage system, Triplett was able to double the amount of storage space and have room to grow.

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Megan Gargis/THE CHANTICLEER
Jayne Lampley and Francine Hutchinson visit the new and improved herbarium.



Above: Sara Beth Drake takes the Miss JSU crown.

Sara Beth Drake crowned Miss JSU 2013

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Sara Beth Drake takes the win as Miss JSU 2013.

Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, 18 ladies from Jacksonville State competed for the title of Miss JSU 2013 in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

The young ladies competed in the swimsuit, talent, interview, an on stage question and evening gown categories.

Beth Milam, Miss JSU 2012, crowned Sara Beth Drake Miss JSU 2013.

Jayne Wagner received first runner-up. Second runner-up was Kristen Young and third

runner-up was Tyler Williams. The swimsuit winner was Sara King. Miss JSU won talent by tap dancing to "Move" from the "Dreamgirls" soundtrack.

Miss JSU 2013 receives a JSU Tuition Scholarship of up to 16 in-state hours per semester for two semesters. She is also awarded several gift cards from local restaurants and stores all around Jacksonville.

Miss JSU will be participating in the Miss

America Organization's National platform, Children's Miracle Network, and is working to improve literacy throughout the community,



Tori Wheelles/THE CHANTICLEER
Sara Beth Drake energizes the audience with a tap dance to the "Dreamgirls" soundtrack.

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Gamecocks softball picked to win OVC title

The JSU softball team has been picked to win the OVC's East Division in 2013. >Complete story, Pg. 8

America sweeps into the future

This year, the public inauguration ceremony fell on the same day as the



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JSU Honors Program to participate in "Relay for Life"

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Cancer. Everyone knows about it and fears it.

No matter the type, cancer affects everyone, either directly or indirectly. There are many volunteer organizations that aim to lessen this impact and share the common goal to end cancer and the havoc that it causes.

The American Cancer Society sponsors many events in order to rid the world of this disease by raising funds in order to find a cure. Relay for Life events are one of the main ways that the American Cancer Society raises this money.

The JSU Honors Program has decided to make Relay for Life their philanthropic project for this year. Dr. Steven Whitton, the director of the program, says that service is one of the core aspects of the Honors Program. Dr. Whitton said, "Relay for Life seems to be a worthwhile way for our students to make an impact on the university and the community at large."

Elite Honors Scholar Amanda Parker is excited about the Honors Program's involvement with Relay for Life. "I participated in high school, and I am ecstatic to be a part of Relay for Life. Personally, I have lost my grandfather and a very close friend to cancer. Also, several of my friends have survived the

battle. I like knowing that I am part of the fight, and I hope that the Honors Program's efforts give people with cancer more hope and, if possible, even more of a will to fight."

The coordinator of the Honors Program, Mrs. Janet Whitmore is especially excited that the program has selected to donate their time and service to Relay for Life for perhaps an even more personal reason.

Mrs. Whitmore herself is a cancer survivor of both thyroid and breast cancer: "I relay because I am blessed to have had 21 more birthdays since I was diagnosed with cancer." The fact that Mrs. Whitmore is a cancer survivor

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Tori Wheelers/The Chanticleer

Musical acts such as singing are an important part of the competition.

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Miss JSU
Miss JSU is also expected to act as an ambassador of Jacksonville State, to judge local pageants, and to make appearances at events on campus.

Sara Beth Drake is a Pre-Engineering major and a Marching Ballerina for Jacksonville State University. She is involved in The Phi Mu Fraternity. She said, "I'm from Cullman, Ala. It's a small town, I just love it-but Jacksonville's my home."

Drake plans to utilize her philanthropy by advancing knowledge of low literacy rates in Ala. She calls her platform 'Improving Literacy

which is her platform of choice.

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is "work."

Drake is not new to the pageant scene. She was crowned Miss Wallace State 2012 just last year. She won't be a first time competitor in the Miss Alabama pageant but that doesn't mean she gets to take a break. Sara Beth admits, "Let's just say workouts, got to getting in swimsuit shape, evening gown, it's going to start right now."

The humble Miss Drake explained, "It feels great to be Miss JSU. I heard 'talent' and just winning talent was good enough for me but becoming Miss JSU has been my dream ever since I've been here, and it's a dream come true."

throughout your community.' She explains, "I help with the Organization 'First Book.' It gains mothers the books that they need to help their children to start reading at an earlier age; so we can gain more literacy for our Elementary students and take that percentage of illiteracy out of Ala. The percentage in Ala. literacy rate is terrible. It's so low. I just want to build that up."

Drake explained she picked her platform because it's for a cause not far from her heart. "My brother has dyslexia, which is a learning incapability for him, and he had problems reading."

A scholarship representative of JSU said that she helps the girls get the scholarship but it is a lot of hard work. "You have to tell the young lady that to win Miss Ala. it usually takes 2 to 3 times, because very rarely does a first timer win. But its possible, anything's possible. But you have to work. The key word

Along with being able to hire an assistant curator, Francine Hutchinson, graduate student for studies, Jayne Lampley and many undergraduates to help.

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Herbarium
"It went from just being me to a thriving community of plant lovers." said

Dr. Triplett. The herbarium is home to close to 75,000 plant specimen, most are from here in Alabama, but during some of Dr. Triplett own field work he collected some specimen from China and Japan.

They have about 10,000 of these plant specimen available on a student-friendly data entry forum so students can easily look up the information for the plant, along with pictures.

They take pictures with a large camera of the specimen, along with putting the information on the slide labels online so it will not only be available to JSU students but students from any university.

"The University cares dearly about the collection and we cherish it as part of the legacy of JSU and we're doing everything possible to make this not only a resource for the Uni-

Grades should be based on quality of work

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UWire.com

It would be hard to state our favorite movie of the 1980s. A leading contender on any list, however, surely is "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." That classic of American comedy lays out the adventures of the eponymous hero, Ferris, and two of his friends as they skip one of their last days of high school. Now, as college students, we can all fondly look back on such days of our own.

The movie even engages in a kind of juxtaposition, setting the hand-holding of high school, with an activist principal who will break into our homes to make sure we're actually on our death beds and not faking, alongside the promises of an adult life filled with liberation and responsibility together.

One thing we looked forward to leaving in high school, as surely as Ferris and his pals did, was the low resonance of "Bueller...Bueller... Bueller...?" as our teachers take attendance.

And yet, instances of attendance counting for 5 or 10 percent of a class grade are not unheard of. We would have thought that since the vast, overwhelming majority of college students are adults, such parent-style monitoring of our activities would pass into the sunset of adolescence.

If college should be a time of discovery before we head out into the "real world," we should also have to discover responsibility in addition to new cultures, world views, ideas, languages, and all the other horizon-broadening aspects of university life that get sold to high school juniors and seniors in the postcards and prospectuses sent out by admissions and recruitment offices.

When attendance-based grading occurs, the distinction between high school and college — a distinction that ought to be as visible as it is large — vanishes.

Both institutions have the goal of preparing their students for adulthood, with one difference that has far-reaching implications.

Indeed, attendance should affect students' grades. But it should only do so indirectly.

If students are to be penalized or rewarded for showing up at class, that penalty or reward should be apparent in the quality of work the student turns in.

Perhaps our final thought should take the shape of a question: Is an attendance component of a grade an opportunity for students to gain points through focused, deliberate work, or is it an opportunity to lose them through carelessness that in the end has no bearing on the quality of the essays, quizzes and tests we turn in?

Getting Cocky: JSU Rugby Club set to make an impression

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Spring is here and football isn't.

For those who did not know, Jacksonville State University has a Rugby Club.

Students have an opportunity to enjoy watching or participating in Rugby as JSU Rugby season is underway.

Rugby is another sport compared to football because of its similarities in the concepts of receiving points and advancing the ball. They are both competitive sports that involve tackles, blocks and touchdowns.

On Wednesdays, students can get an opportunity to watch the Rugby club in action as they practice. The club practices on the Coliseum field next to the track.

The teammates are very close and work well with one another.

Chasio Adams, JSU student and a member of the Rugby club, described the team as "brotherhood."

Cortez Etchinson, 23, Manufacturing Engineer major, is also a member of the club. Etchinson has been



Ebonee Roston/The Chanticleer

Cortez Etchinson, a JSU student is being recruited to play rugby in Europe.

apart of the team for a year and a half.

He spoke very passionate and highly of the coach and team members. "We have a team that knows how to win. We work hard and when it comes down to crunch time, we bring it," said Etchinson.

Etchinson is being recruited for a two year tour to play in Europe.

He added, "I want to get my degree first then I will take that opportunity to go."

There are approximately 22 members on the team this year and they have played some heavyweights such as the University of Georgia, Middle Tennessee, Auburn University and University of Alabama

and won approximately six or seven games.

"[Mike] Trouser is like an assistant coach who comes like twice a month and he is also an Alumni. "Knuckles" (better known among the community as David Williams) is the type of "amp" coach that makes sure we step our game up. He is definitely not a quiet coach," said Etchinson.

"Knuckles" is described as a coach who is strict yet he does keep it light with humor for his players.

"Football is different from Rugby... Rugby is way tougher, rougher and the whistle doesn't get blown that often," said Etchinson.

According to Etchinson, most rugby players have limited

protection. They use mouth pieces but not helmets.

"Playing rugby helps you bond with people you think you wouldn't get along with on a regular day," said Etchinson of his new friends and teammates.

Etchinson feels there is a tremendous amount of leadership between the teammates as rookies are always being guided on the right path by the experienced members.

Students can check out YouTube for some of the club's game highlights.

For more information regarding rugby, students should contact Donald Prudlo 256-782-8244 or email him: dprudlo@jsu.edu

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Relay

made the decision to participate in Relay for Life an easy one. Whitmore says, "I have many reasons to Relay... I dream big, hope big, and plan to Relay big." By participating in Relay for Life, the Honors Program hopes to give others their own

reasons to Relay.

The JSU Honors Program is participating in the Calhoun County Relay for Life event at the McClellan Soccer Complex in Anniston, Alabama. The event will take place on Friday, May 10th. The program will be selling discount cards for local businesses beginning in March. They

will also be hosting other fundraisers this semester, so be sure to be on the lookout for other upcoming events. If anyone would like any more information or would like to donate to the JSU Honors Program Relay for Life Team, they simply need to only pay a visit to the



Relayforlife.org

Honors House located near the Stone Center.

Where you're going: Student plans after graduation

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Special Contributor

Students in two sections of SY301 Sociological Methods conducted a survey late last semester on the post-graduation plans of their classmates. This is a preliminary summary of the findings.

Altogether 420 JSU students were interviewed across the JSU campus from October 29 to November 19. The sample was a fairly close representation of the Fall 2012 JSU student body regarding gender (females: 63% sample vs. 59% JSU), race (whites: 61% sample vs. 66% JSU), age (median age: 22 sample vs. 25 JSU) and the college in which students were enrolled. The sample under-represented freshmen (12% vs. 29%) and graduate students (4% vs. 13%). Since the survey was conducted entirely on the JSU campus, students who only took online courses in the Fall term could not be included. Interpretations of the findings should keep these limitations in mind.

Overall, the findings suggest that significant numbers of students expect to move outside the state after graduation; and that they view locations outside of the state as desirable. Just about three-fourths (74%) of the sample said they grew up in Alabama. However, when asked where they thought they would be living three or four months after graduation, under half (47%) specified a city in Alabama or mentioned the state itself. Another 31% said they were uncertain. When asked where they would like to live after graduation, only 33% mentioned a city in Alabama or mentioned the state itself, with another 26% expressing uncertainty. The findings are consistent with other answers given. A large proportion said that under the right conditions they would be willing to move away from their home state and region. Altogether 77% said would 'definitely' or 'probably' be willing to move from their home state; and 57% said they would be so willing to move from their home region. When asked about their ideal city size, students were evenly divided between 'medium-sized' (like Huntsville); 'large' (like Birmingham); and 'very large' (like Atlanta). For the three categories, the percentages ranged from 27% to 29%. Comparatively few persons chose 'small' cities (like Jacksonville) as their ideal city size. Considering that many students at JSU are from small cities and towns, this suggests an inclination to move away from their home towns after graduation.

Decisions of where to live after graduation are dependent upon many factors, including job offers, marriage plans, family desires, and the attractiveness of alternative locations. A few are described here. Those surveyed were given four choice-alternatives to consider: paring a 'great job' with a competing characteristic. The sample consistently chose 'great job' over: a 'great city' in which to live (77% vs. 23%); being in the 'same city as your family' (64% vs. 36%); being in the 'same city as your friends' (78% vs. 22%); and being in a 'city with many things to do' (64% vs. 36%).

About half (49%) of the sample said that no other people were involved in their decisions of where to locate after graduation. However, about one-third (32%) said their parents were involved; and another 19% said that their spouse or partner was involved. Significantly, two out five (38%) said they were part of a family or household in which they and their partner would be working after graduation. This further suggests that many decisions to locate are not independently made.

Finally, students were asked about other aspects of their lives besides where they hoped or planned to live. Altogether 28% of seniors said they now have an internship. Nine percent of juniors said they have one. Exactly three-quarters of seniors said they had specific plans for what they would do after graduation. The same proportion of juniors said they also had specific plans. Most juniors and seniors said they either planned to go to graduate school (53% and 54% respectively), or said 'don't know or maybe' (25% and 25% respectively). And, slightly under one-third (30%) of seniors said they had job offers.

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Student Senate report

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Since the beginning of this semester, your SGA Student Senate has held two sessions in which students and senators have voiced and resolved concerns of the student body respectively. Within these sessions we have appointed new senators, debated legislation, and began working together on a push for a 24-hour study space for students.

The Student Senate is the legislative branch of the Student Government Association. The Senate consists of 35 elected and appointed at-large student senators whose job is to present and debate legislation on behalf of the student body. Anyone with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and 12 credit hours at JSU has the opportunity to serve as a student senator.

The Senate hit the ground running this semester, meeting on the first day of classes January 7th. During this first meeting the senate debated two pieces of legislation sponsored by myself. SB66 redefined the path that a bill must take in order to ensure that senators have time to research facts and student opinions before having to take a vote on a bill. The second, SB67, outlined concrete time limits for debate on bills so that senators are aware of how long they have to discuss legislation and that they can prepare their remarks accordingly. After lengthy and sometimes heat-

ed debate, the senate approved both pieces of legislation.

In order for a bill to become law, the SGA President must sign it. He has the option to sign, veto, or withhold his signature (pocket veto) from any piece of legislation. After consulting the SGA Executive Board, President Jason A. Sumner opted to veto SB66 & 67 citing that they were "too vague" in language and needed clarification before being placed in the Code of Laws. Upon his request and suggestions from fellow senators, I re-drafted the two bills into more sound, working pieces of legislation.

At the January 14th session of the Senate I presented a revised version of SB67 as SB71. The revisions included that debate on one bill must be limited to 15 minutes (instead of 20) and each senator has 2 minutes (instead of 3) to speak each time he or she is called upon. It also allowed for these times to be changed, but only before debate begins so that senators are fully aware of the time constraints. The senate approved of the revisions and President Sumner signed it into law. Also discussed was SB72, sponsored by Kelsey Mann and Alexandra Carnes, which prohibited the use of tobacco products during senate meetings. SB72 passed without much discussion.

Also taking place were the appointment of senators to fill vacant senate seats. Those senators

who were nominated by V.P.S.S. Jade Wagner and approved by majority vote of the Senate were: Sean Glaster, Caleb Matthews, Tyler Brown, and Kelly Manley.

On the agenda for each Senate meeting is the Student Body Report which is the designated time for which any student at JSU can express concerns, comments, or questions to the Student Senate. At the January 7th session JSU senior, Bergen Bolt, expressed her concern that there is not a designated study space on campus after hours. She also noted that she has drafted a petition to request that there be designated a specific place for studying after hours on campus. She requested the assistance of the Student Senate and VPSS Wagner assigned the Academic Affairs committee to handle Ms. Bolt's requests.

The Student Senate meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium (room 300). All students and faculty are welcome to attend. Gordon Stone of the Higher Education Partnership will be a guest speaker at the next meeting of the Senate (Jan. 28th).

Brett Johnson is President Pro-Tempore of the Student Senate and has been a Student Senator since Spring 2012. Before that, Brett served as Vice-President of Freshman Forum. Brett also serves on the Constitution and Code Committee and is Committee Head for the S.T.A.R.S. Committee.

Americans vote Twitter term #hashtag as word of the year

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Caroline Stone compared hashtags to parentheses.

"If we're talking about writing ... I would say this is honestly like a new type of punctuation," said the 29-year-old U. Florida doctoral student in media studies. She said when one writes and uses parentheses, it's used as a side thought.

"The hashtag, for a lot of young people, is used that way," Stone said.

"Hashtag" was voted as the word of the year during the

American Dialect Society annual voting session earlier this month.

"From a societal and cultural standpoint, I think it's a perfect word of the year," said UF journalism instructor Steve Johnson. "It represents more than just a single word."

The first high-profile hashtag appeared on Twitter in 2007, according to the Poynter Institute website, and categorizes for the dual function of filtering and searching.

Daniel Harrison, a 19-year-old UF mechanical engineering freshman, disagreed with the ranking of

"hashtag" as word of the year.

"I really don't think it's the word of the year — maybe the word of 2010. It's a little late to the game," he said. "YOLO should have been the word of the year because it blew up and died down in 2012."

The word of the year does not have to be brand-new, but it has to be newly prominent in the past year, according to the American Dialect Society's website.

Word of the year runners-up included YOLO, fiscal cliff, Gangnam style and marriage equality.

Scale Back Alabama

Jacksonville State University will once again be participating with hundreds of other organizations in a statewide weight-loss program called "Scale Back Alabama." The 10-week program is designed to capitalize on those New Year's resolutions and create a fun atmosphere for weight loss and physical activity. We're asking employees interested in losing weight to form teams of four individuals (including a captain) and to sign up during the week of Jan. 22 - 25.

The goal of the contest is to get each individual on a team to lose one pound per week for a total of 10 pounds during the contest. For every individual who completes the 10-week contest and loses at least 10 pounds, his/her name will be placed in a drawing for one of 50 statewide prizes of \$100 each. For the team that maintains all of its original team members throughout the contest with each team member losing at least 10 pounds, the team name will be placed in a drawing for one of three grand prizes (first team drawn will win \$1,000 each, second team drawn, \$500 per team member, and the third team drawn will win \$250 per team member). In addition, for everyone who loses at least one pound and makes time to weigh out, they will be placed in a drawing for one of five participation prizes of \$50 each. Prize winners will be announced on April 26 in Montgomery and will later be posted on www.scalebackalabama.com. Last year, four JSU employees won \$500 each when their team was drawn for the second grand prize.

To participate, come to JSU WELLNESS CENTER in Pete Mathews Coliseum on one of the following days: THURSDAY (Jan 24) from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or FRIDAY (Jan 25) from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Your team can sign up and have its first official weigh-in. Individual beginning and ending weights will be kept (confidentially) on each participant, as well as the weight of each team. Health Tips and exercise will be offered weekly during the 10 week program: WEDNESDAYS from 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. @ Pete Mathews coliseum.

For more information on our university's efforts, contact Gina Mabrey; gmabrey@jsu.edu or ext. 5114.

Arts & Entertainment

World-famous opera singer to perform in Anniston

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Jacksonville Opera Theatre has arranged for Anniston to receive a visit from internationally-acclaimed opera singer Michael Chioldi tomorrow night.

The 43-year-old baritone will be performing at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Anniston at 7:30 p.m.

"This is probably the most decorated singer we've ever had," said director of operatic activities Dr. Nathan Wight in an interview. "To have someone coming who's won an Emmy, that's really impressive."

Chioldi is a guest of Dr. Wight, whom he knows personally: the two men met back in 1992, when they both worked as apprentices for the Santa Fe Opera Company.

"I've watched his career since then and just asked him if he would come and do me a favor," said Dr. Wight.

Jacksonville Opera Theatre has hosted performances by visiting opera singers for students of JSU before—Metropolitan Opera baritone Aubrey Allicock performed most recently in January 2011.

Soprano Amber Wagner, who also sings with the Metropolitan Opera, came to Jacksonville back in 2008.

Neither artist can match the fame of Chioldi, who has lit up the stages of America's most popular



www.michaelchioldi.com

Forty-two year-old world-class baritone Michael Chioldi will be performing at First Presbyterian Church Friday night. Chioldi has recently finished a production of "La Traviata" with the Palm Beach Opera.

opera houses, including the Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera, and the Washington National Opera.

"It's a unique opportunity for students that they may never get at this university again. It's never happened before," said Wight.

Chioldi currently lives in New York City, but frequently travels outside the country for performances in countries like Brazil, France and Japan.

He most recently appeared as Giorgio Germont in the Palm Beach Opera's production of "La Traviata."

When asked why Chioldi's performance would take place in Anniston rather than on campus, Dr. Wight explained that the University just doesn't have anywhere suitable to host the singer.

"There is no real concert venue at this university, which is kind of ridiculous for a school of this size and a music department of this caliber," he said.

While the music department does have a performance center located in Mason Hall, Dr. Wight says that it's far from adequate; he described it as a "shell of a room with paint on the walls."

"We essentially slapped lipstick on a pig," he said.

Any and all interested are welcome at the concert—admission is free, though donations to help cover the cost of the artist's performance will be collected.



WLJS Top 10 for the week of January 21st, 2013

1. ZZWard - Put The Gun Down
2. My Radio - Bricks and Mortar
3. Air Traffic Controller - Hurry Hurry
4. All The Locals - Monday
5. Bend Sinister - Don't You Know
6. BennFrank - Who
7. Sheppard - Let Me Down Easy
8. Yellow Red Sparks - My Machine Gun
9. Thus:Owls - Farmers in Japan
10. P.O.S. - Weird Friends (We Don't Even Live Here)

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TV review: 'Justified' offers clever, gripping western drama

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"Justified" doesn't immediately seem like the best western on television. Indeed, with its modern setting and modest budget, it doesn't look much like a western at all. But don't let the trappings fool you — based on the works of Elmore Leonard and premiering on FX, "Justified" is tight, thrilling television of the highest caliber.

Raylan Givens, U.S. Marshal, is an unhappy man. Re-assigned to his home county of Harlan, Ky. after a controversial Miami, Fla., shooting, the Marshal finds himself embroiled with violent felons, scheming drug runners and the sinister Dixie Mafia. But the most dangerous people around him may be his own friends and family.

"Justified" is probably the best written cop show on television, and that is not said lightly. Much of the pleasure of the show comes from its deft juggling of stand alone cases with more serialized elements.

The story arc of the first season is introduced quietly in the background, gathering tension and momentum with each episode until it explodes into a bloody and devastating climax. That attention to detail affects other aspects of the show as well, including the uncommonly sharp dialogue. Scenes manage to veer between hilarious and serious without ever sounding unrealistic. During one particularly tense standoff, Raylan douses a gun-holding felon with gasoline from a pump. When the man cocks the gun, Raylan bemusedly asks if he knows how firearms work, and proceeds to explain basic chemistry to him. It's bits like this that make Raylan such a compelling lead. A soft spoken man with a hidden temper and a lightning quick draw, Timothy Olyphant plays him with easy charisma and a charmingly



James Minchin/FX

Actor Timothy Olyphant plays the rough-around-the-edges U.S. Marshal Raylan Givens on FX's hit drama.

understated sense of humor. The swagger masks a deeply conflicted character; Raylan is a good man, but also an occasionally selfish and thoughtless one, and the writers do a nice job of exploring the contradiction between his cool affect and the anger boiling within.

Of course, every hero needs a villain, and into this role steps the marvelously complicated and enigmatic Boyd Crowder. A white supremacist turned evangelical preacher, he knows his scripture back to front and has a penchant for blowing things up with rocket launchers. As portrayed by the excellent Walter Goggins, Boyd speaks with a slow articulate drawl and hypnotic eyes, dominating every scene he's in. Watching him and Raylan in their verbal duels is never anything short of a show set in rural Kentucky to slip into caricature, but "Justified" balances humor, violence and pathos with uncommon skill. Those looking for gripping and addictive television will not be disappointed.



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A Christmas gift for musical- and movie-lovers alike

Lea Isbell
Staff Writer

On Dec. 25, 2012, the motion picture adaptation of *Les Misérables* made its debut.

Originally a Victor Hugo novel published in 1862, *Les Misérables* gained world acclaim as a musical in 1980.

In his 2012 film version, director Tom Hooper attempts to bring the magic of a famous Broadway musical to the big screen.

Les Misérables is set in 19th century France and revolves around the character of Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman), an ex-prisoner turned “good Samaritan.”

Valjean is constantly on the run from Javert (Russell Crowe), who believes that, despite the fact that Valjean has served his time, he is a thief and a sinner and will be until the day that he dies.

The movie focuses on Valjean’s redemption, much of which comes from his agreeing to care for factory worker Fantine’s (Anne Hathaway) daughter Cosette.

From the very beginning, audiences are faced with tough-to-swallow images and ideas; this pattern continues throughout the movie.

Scenes such as the protagonist’s beating, the rape of a supporting character and the antagonist’s death are so emotionally compelling that viewers are frequently moved to tears.

Perhaps the main reason these scenes fill audiences with such emotion is because of the music and lyrics accompanying the visual.

One of the most well-known



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Actress Anne Hathaway, pictured above, received a Golden Globe for her portrayal of factory worker Fantine. All of the songs in the movie were sung live by the actors while being filmed instead of being edited in later, resulting in powerfully emotional scenes.

songs from the musical is “I Dreamed a Dream.” Actress Anne Hathaway, who is not known for her singing ability, did a phenomenal job with this emotional piece.

The fact that audiences could hear the struggle, the tears, and the heartache in her voice makes this particular scene one of the most memorable scenes in the entire movie.

In contrast to its emotional scenes, the movie brings in some comic relief of sorts with the Thénardiens (Helena Bonham Carter and Sacha Baron Cohen).

These two are cast perfectly for their roles as thieving inn keepers who blame society for their state of suffering.

Who can hold back laughter when these two ridiculous characters sing “Master of the House”

while stealing from their patrons and feeding them “kidney of a horse and liver of a cat” in their sausage?

Les Misérables has been very successful, receiving mostly positive reviews from moviegoers and critics alike.

It led all other movies on its opening day with \$18.1 million at the box office, a record opening day for a musical, beating out *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* by \$1.1 million.

Les Misérables also became the second-highest grossing movie launched on Christmas day, topped only by *Sherlock Holmes* in 2009.

The movie has already won numerous awards, including three Golden Globes for Best Motion Picture-Musical or Comedy, Best

Actor-Motion Picture Musical or Comedy (Jackman), and Best Supporting Actress-Motion Picture (Hathaway).

It has also been nominated for eight Academy Awards.

Les Misérables is a very moving film, just maybe not in the most heart-warming, Nicholas Sparks-kind of way.

With themes such as compassion, political unrest, self-sacrifice, love at first sight, social injustice, unrequited love, forgiveness and redemption, this movie tells a story anyone can appreciate.

The movie is virtually all singing, so those who don’t appreciate musicals might have a harder time enjoying it.

Les Misérables comes highly recommended to those who love musicals by this critic—just don’t forget to have some tissue on hand.



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Eight-bit and beyond: get a life with Level Up, JSU’s group of gamers

John Sterling
Staff Writer

Jared Starr, founder and administrator of Level Up, JSU’s gaming club, says of his club, “We do a bit of everything. We play, we share stories, and just try to have fun.”

Dedicated primarily to video games, the club covers all platforms and periods since the hobby began.

You can drop by for a discussion on the latest physics engine or the newest patches to your favorite game, or you can stop by just to learn about the hobby.

“Walk-ins are welcome, we’re always looking to expand and bring new players into the club,” assured Starr.

Starr says he also tries to plan group events each semester: “We held a tournament last semester,

and we’re thinking of trying to organize release parties for some of the newer games coming out now.”

The club is also dedicated to discussing the history of video gaming.

The rise and fall of the industry, the Great North American Video Game Crash of 83, to the medium’s revival a few years later, thanks mostly to the NES—and a certain nameless plumber.

“We were just talking about the fall of Sega at the last meeting,” said Starr. “We might pick that back up next time, or switch to something completely different.”

Topics range from the historical evolution of gaming, to the designs and philosophies behind it.

The discussions also delve into the reasons why some developments held on and led to sweep-

ing changes in the medium, and why some fell by the wayside.

Learning about the hobby, and the thoughts and motives behind it, is another focus of the club.

Of course, there comes the actual playing of the games—the club provides its own systems at most meetings.

As Starr himself puts it, “I’ve got a collection stretching back to the Atari all the way up to the most recent-generation systems, so I’m usually bringing something different every week.”

Attending members and prospects are also more than welcome to bring their own consoles: “Especially anything that’s relatively obscure,” said Starr. “We’re always looking to learn about hidden gems.”

Games and systems brought out to the group’s meetings have

ranged from Sega Saturns, old Nintendo consoles, handhelds, and there’s even an Atari or two floating around in the pool somewhere.

Whether you’re a diehard gamer that can recite your achievement list by heart or a newbie who’s only video game experience are of a world full of mushrooms and pipes from days gone by, there’s a home for you with JSU’s gamer group.

Meeting times may be found, as well as further information, by inquiring at the group’s Facebook page—simply enter “JSU Level Up” in the search bar.

Grab your controllers, pull up a chair, and join Level Up for a tour of worlds of wonder, fascination... and perhaps an entertaining Easter egg or two.

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America sweeps into the future

Zach Tyler
A&E Editor

On Monday, our first black president swore the oath of inauguration for a second time before a massive audience of more than 1 million people on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol.

This year, the public inauguration ceremony happened to fall on the same day as the national holiday celebrating the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Allow me to make an ironic understatement: it was kind of a big deal.

The spotless, marble-white Capitol building wreathed in large red, white and blue American flags looked out over a sea of cheering men and women waving hand-held flags.

That sea lapped at the steps like a patriotic ocean, waiting to see the representatives of its government observe a time-honored tradition.

And while the weather may have been frosty, everyone looked happy—so happy to be in America, so proud to call themselves Americans and so filled with hope for the future.

Preceding the swearing of the oath administered by Chief Justice John Roberts, President Obama delivered an emotionally rousing speech.

The theme of the inauguration was “Faith in America’s

Future,” and it was clear from the contents of his speech that Obama sees that



future—at least the next four years of it, anyway—as being extremely progressive.

While he acknowledged that not all of society’s problems can be solved with more government, he pointed out that travel and commerce rely on government-built railroads and highways to function.

And when the natural world rises against us and destroys our homes and our lives through fire and flood, it’s our government that helps us pick up the pieces.

And if, as all do from time to time, we get sick and just can’t make it to work, we can rely on entitlement programs funded by our government to make sure that we can still buy groceries for our kids.

It seems like Obama was sending a message with his inaugural address, both to the American people and to his political opponents in Washington.

To the American people: the future is coming with all its obstacles; we have so much work to do, and

the only way to get it done is by working together to expand the role of our government.

To those opposed to Obama’s approach to the future: get in line or get out of the way.

There are just too many complex problems that demand our attention right now (among them equal rights and climate change) to be bogged down in ideological debates for the next four years.

If we let even one more year pass without doing something to provide equal protection under the law to all citizens of this country or to seriously curb our carbon emissions, we will be doing grievous harm to not only ourselves, but also to our children.

Barack Obama has already ensured that he will be a part of America’s history—his guidance of the country through the Great Recession and his work on health-care reform guarantee that.

Obama has been good President—he’s been a force for calm and reason through a tough four years. I can’t imagine a more suitable man to lead our country into the future.



I’ve lost that daredevil feeling

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Hurling through the sky from 11,000 feet. Hands outstretched. The ground rushing to greet me.

For my 18th birthday, my parents gave me the gift of skydiving. I know, right? What were they thinking? And recently, my mom found a box of pictures, among them the two rolls of Kodak premium — of me, falling from the sky.

The images made me melancholy. Skydiving is probably one of my most vivid memories; I remember the adrenaline rush so distinctly.

Riding up, up, up in the small airplane, on the floor behind the pilot, gripping the edge of his seat so tightly my knuckles were white. You can see me on the video — yes, there’s a video — eyes clamped shut, whispering the mantra, over and over.

“Please let the parachute open. Please let the parachute open.”

And then I was strapped to my tandem partner, and because I was in front, I had to make the first step out of the plane. That’s right. One giant leap for Emily. And suddenly — I was falling.

The pictures made me sad because I realized I’ve never again felt such a rush. Sure, getting a tattoo was somewhat similar,

but not near the same intensity; the same with my nose pierc-



ing. The moment before I walked down the aisle is probably the closest I’ve come to that jumble of knots in my belly — but it never reached such a grand scale.

However, my friend Ali put things in perspective when I broached the subject with her Tuesday evening.

“What comes to my mind,” Ali said, “is that song ‘You’ve Lost That Loving Feeling.’ But instead, you’ve lost that daredevil feeling. But you haven’t lost it, and that’s the thing. You want to find it again — you want to see where you can find it.”

The reason I’m sad, she continued, is because I know I’ll never jump out of an airplane again. True.

“But you still can find those moments,” Ali said. “We all still have those moments. I know if I got news right now that I was pregnant, it would give me a shot of that feeling. Same thing if and when my sister ever called me and said she was getting married — it would

be a little shot of that feeling.”

She’s so right. Life isn’t about the one “big” moment — it’s the cliché “little moments.” It was watching my daughter reading the letter at Christmas that told her we’re going to Disney World. It’s knowing my friend Gemi just had a great date; having my 2-year-old niece run up to me, shouting, “Hey Mimi!” It’s planning my next girls’ weekend or a visit to my brother in Colorado.

It’ll be the feeling I have when Ali announces she’s pregnant.

“So you’re right,” Ali said, “you can’t recreate that exhilarating ‘let go of life’ feeling of falling out of a plane every day, but there’s got to be little things that can help you find that. There has to be, or ... why bother?”

Exactly. While it might not be an all-at-once rush, skydiving can’t compare to life as a whole. So while I may not ever step out of a plane again, I’ve made my peace. The little moments add up, and will continue to do so.

And suddenly — I am falling.

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Sports



Gamecocks fall to Colonels

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff writer

Saturday's game against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Eastern Kentucky started scoreless as the teams battled defensively for nearly five minutes of play. The first score of the game was a two point shot taken by ECU's Brittany Coles that remained unanswered until a three pointer taken by JSU's Bria'unna Buckner. The score was then 6-5 in Eastern Kentucky's favor until back to back 2-pointers by both teams and a tremendous three point shot taken by JSU's Buckner put the Gamecocks on top 10-6. Jacksonville State was up by six with 11:36 left in the first half, which was the largest Gamecock lead of the night.

Eastern Kentucky fought to catch up eventually tying the score for the first time. The score would be tied four times in the first half with three lead changes coming in the final four minutes of play. As the score became tied at 21 Eastern Kentucky moved ahead with 1:16 left in the first half making the score 25-21 in their favor. JSU would not score again in the first half and Eastern Kentucky would make a two point shot fol-

lowed by a three point shot at the buzzer to bring the first half to a close with a score of 30-21 ECU on top.

The second half started in East-



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Candace Morton leading the Gamecocks in Saturday's Game

ern Kentucky's possession with the first points of the half belonging to them. JSU struggled to score as the second half wore on only scoring seven points by the thirteen minute mark making

the score 37-28 with ECU hanging on to their lead. The Gamecocks moved within nine points of ECU after both teams scored two to make the score 39-30. Eastern Kentucky would then go on to make a pair of back to back 3-pointers making the score 45-31. JSU would continue to fight back scoring several 2-pointers and an incredible three point shot taken by Candace Morton to move the score to 52-38 still short of ECU.

The final four minutes of the game saw the Gamecocks within ten of their opponent with the score at 55-45. After scoring on both sides the Colonels would hang onto the lead at 60 and JSU would eventually bring their score to 49. With the game coming down to the final minute JSU managed to gain two more points off of free throws bringing the Gamecock's points to 51. ECU would score nine more points before the game ended and they allowed time to be run off ending the game with the score 69-51.

Jacksonville State played a superb game of defense and Head Coach Annette Watts said that she was, "Tickled defensively" but that the team just had to "make the shots". She also said her team rebounded well and that she "Feels like a young team has come a long way" and that if they, "Play hard wins will come".

Oliver, Clemons claim gold medals

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Seniors Laveeta Oliver and Elizabeth Clemons won gold in their respective events as the Jacksonville State track and field team wrapped up a solid weekend of competition at the Dick Taylor Invitational, hosted by the University of North Carolina.

Oliver won the women's 60 meter dash after clocking a time of 7.66, just a shade off the JSU program's top all-time mark of 7.51, which was set by Oliver in 2011. Clemons posted the best time in the women's 400 meter dash after crossing the finish line in 58.72.

Jax State also had top-ten finishes by others in the 60 meter event and the 400 meter event. In the

60 meter dash, Shamira Barrett claimed fifth with a time of 7.82. Barrett also won Friday's 200 meter dash with a mark of 25.15. Junior Lecresha Horton finished sixth in the 200 event after clocking a 1:01.81. Sophomore Jasmine Martin finished 13th in the field.

In the 800 meter run, a trio of Gamecocks were among the top-10 finishers, led by junior Kevyn Tracy, who placed seventh with a time of 2:23.18 Whitley Towns was on Tracy's heels with a mark of 2:28.75. Senior Kailey Jensen rounded out the top-10 after marking a 2:31.12. Jensen also had a top-10 finish in the mile run (5:21.65).

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Struggles continue for women's hoops

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

How long is the leash for coach Annette Watts and her women's basketball program? The Gamecocks are out to an 0-19 start in the 2012-13 season. The Gamecocks play Wednesday night, so by the time this issue is released on Thursday, Jan. 24, JSU may be 0-20. The game is at Tennessee State, who is 6-10 on the season. One of their six wins was a 20 point victory over JSU earlier in the season at The Pete.

Coach Watts took over a program that won 11, seven, and nine games the three seasons prior. The 2010-2011 season was coach Watts' first at JSU and a 9-20 record slipped the Gamecocks into a late seed in the OVC tournament. JSU won their first game 57-55 over Tennessee State to advance to the second round, where they were ousted by Morehead State to finish 10-21.

Last season the Gamecocks went 4-25. Barring

a win last night against TSU, an 0-20 team will be 1-39 in it's last 40 games. The last win for the Gamecocks was a one point victory at Austin Peay last year on Jan. 14, 374 days ago. Luckily, of the four wins a year ago, one was against the rival Trojans of Troy. Monday night the Gamecocks will face Austin Peay for the first time since that last win. Hopefully history repeats itself.

In her first three seasons, coach Watts is 14-66 (or 15-65) and with the schedule coming to a close soon the Gamecocks are rivaling the worst season in the program's history since the team went 2-31 in the 1984-1985 season, only the second year of the JSU women's basketball program.

Compared to Coach Green, who is turning the men's program around in his fifth season, coach Green was 27-61 during his first three seasons at JSU. Now in the middle of a 27-25 record in his last two seasons, and a 21 -11 record in the last 32 games it looks like the men's program may claim their first winning season since 2005-2006.

So the leash may not be extremely tight with Coach Watts still to have time to put her players in the system, but it's far from loose. With eight games left on the schedule a couple of wins is truly needed, even if for nothing more than building moral when next season rolls around.



Head coach Annette Watts gathers her team together during a break in one of JSU's games

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Gamecock ranks/standings

NCAA Rifle Top 10

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

OVC M. Basketball standings
East division

Belmont (6-0) [15-4]
Tennessee State (6-1) [12-8]
Eastern Kentucky (5-1) [15-4]
Morehead State (4-2) [10-10]
Jacksonville State (4-4) [12-7]
Tennessee Tech (1-5) [7-11]

West division

Murray State (5-1) [14-4]
SE Missouri State (3-4) [11-10]
SIUe (2-4) [6-10]
Austin Peay (1-5) [5-15]
UT- Martin (1-6) [4-15]
Eastern Illinois (1-6) [4-16]

Upcoming Action:

Thursday: MBB vs Austin Peay
Friday: Tennis @ Southern Miss
Saturday: Track & Field @
Indiana Relays
Tennis @ Nicholls State
WBB vs Murray State
MBB vs Murray State

The men's basketball team hosts the Murray State Racers Saturday in a big game against the team that last season went undefeated longer than any other div. I team, and then entered the March brackets. MSU is just as good this season and enters leading the OVC West

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 15 days against St. Louis in Hammond, Louisiana.

Baseball opens season in 22 days as the Gamecocks will travel to Kennesaw State.



Last Saturday JSU's Washuan Ealey gained 44 total yards and was one of the leaders for the stripes team in the Raycom College Football All-Star Classic.

Gamecocks picked to win OVC

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State softball team has been picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference's East Division in 2013, the league announced on Wednesday.

In the first year of the league's division

bin missed the first month of the season with a hand injury but stormed back to post a 17-10 record and a 2.41 earned run average. She led the OVC in strikeouts per seven innings with 7.0 and posted a 2.04 ERA in league play.

appearances in her junior season. Junior Savannah Hennings also is back for her third season in the circle, bringing even more experience to McGinnis' pitching staff.

McGinnis also welcomes a talented crop of newcomers to her program, featuring two highly decorated junior college players and a few prep standouts. Kalee Tabor is an infielder from Seminole State College that earned All-America and JUCO Player of the Year honors in the state of Florida after belting 17 home runs and driving in 65 runs as a sophomore.

Amanda Martinez is a first baseman that comes from Eastern Arizona College, where she was an all-region performer that hit 19 home runs and drove in 77 runs in 2012.

Cadi Oliver and Ella Denes highlight a group of four freshmen on this year's roster. Oliver was a four-time all-state performer from Sumiton Christian in Sumiton, Ala. She was the AHSAA Hitter of the Year in Class 3A as a sophomore and junior before earning the same honor in Class 2A as a senior. She set the state record for hits in a season with 122 in her senior year.

Denes was also a four-time all-state player for Pisgah High School in Pisgah, Ala. She was a career .489 hitter with 34 home runs and 237 career RBI. She is the state record holder for career runs scored with 364 and is second all-time with 460 career hits. She is also in the top 10 in the state record books in career walks, doubles, RBI and home runs.

The Gamecocks open a renovated University Field on Feb. 19 against Alabama A&M. The stadium, which is being constructed around the same playing field the Gamecocks have been on since 1996, will feature seating for more than 550 fans, including chair back seating. The project will also include a state of the art pressbox, with radio booths and also an overflow media workspace with video capabilities.

The lower level of the new press box will include a new concession stand, new public restrooms and other storage areas. The stadium will also include a new plaza entrance for fans and guests.

The Gamecocks open the season on Feb. 8, when they take on St. Louis and Louisiana Tech in the first day of the Lion Classic at Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, La.

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Sophomore Sara Borders returns to the Gamecock lineup as one of the top hitters from a year ago

format, the Gamecocks received 21 of the 24 first-place votes in the six-team East, and were not eligible to receive JSU's two votes. Defending champion UT Martin was selected just ahead of Eastern Illinois to win the West Division, also comprised of six teams.

"It's always nice to earn the respect of your peers," head coach Jana McGinnis said of the preseason poll. "Competing for championships is where we expect to be as a program, but we don't put any emphasis on preseason polls. We are just excited and eager to get the season started, and hope to be there at the end of the season. Our league will be very tough this season, and the new division format should make for an exciting year."

The Gamecocks, who finished third in the league a year ago, return a pair of All-OVC performers in junior pitcher Tiffany Harbin and sophomore outfielder Sara Borders. Har-

Borders was the Gamecocks' most consistent player as a freshman, boasting a team-best .320 average and 10 doubles in league play to claim All-OVC and OVC All-Newcomer honors in her freshman season. The team's leadoff hitter for much of the season, she hit .310 on the year and racked up 13 doubles, third-most in the OVC. She also drew 27 walks from the leadoff position, ranking in the top 10 in that category.

The Gamecocks also return senior experience in the field in Krystal Ruth and Kelci Johnston, while sophomore Savannah Sloan looks to build upon a freshman season that saw her hit .290 with a homer and 17 RBI. Senior Jessica Guy adds depth and experience in the outfield.

In the circle, Harbin leads the way but senior Hilary Phillips hopes to return to form after an arm injury limited her to just seven

Men's hoops fall to tough ECU

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Last Saturday a 12-6 JSU team faced Eastern Kentucky (14-4) at Pete Mathews Coliseum in a big Ohio Valley matchup that was televised by Fox Sports South.

Senior Tarvin Gaines pushed the Gamecocks out to a quick 4-0 lead with two early buckets, but the Colonels hit a three immediately after to climb with 4-3. The game was tight for the first ten minutes, but following a 10-10 tie, ECU went on a 12-2 run in a two minute stretch to take a 22-12 lead and force coach James Green to use a timeout to calm down the Gamecocks.

Ronnie Boggs, who totaled 11 points while playing all 40 minutes, hit a big three pointer out of the timeout to give JSU a spark, but ECU responded with a pair of their own threes on back to back possession to grow to an 11 point lead, 28-17. That lead would expand to 14 before the teams left the court for halftime.

Out of the break the Colonels didn't let the Gamecocks back in the game and soon held a 46-29 lead. Junior Rico Sanders hit a pair of three pointers within one minute to pull JSU within 11, 35-46, but ECU would extend its lead again.

With 5:20 remaining in the game ECU seemingly had the game with a 42-56 lead, but a three by Brian Williams gave JSU a jolt that started a rally. A basket by Gaines made it a ten point game, and when Williams hit another three with 2:50 remaining the Gamecocks were within six, their closest since it was 17-12. However, with time running out JSU had to go to fouling and the Colonels hit their free throws to stave off a late Jax State comeback and win 73-62.

ECU made 21 of 25 free throws overall and shot 51 percent from the field while the Gamecocks shot a tough 31 percent. Two stars, Corey Walden and Mike DiNunno, led the Colonels both playing all forty minutes and scoring over twenty points apiece. Gaines led JSU in scoring with 17 followed by Williams with 14. Sophomore Darion Rackley, the Cocks leading scorer, did not play in the game due to injury.

Tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum the Gamecocks return to action against Austin Peay (5-15) and then hosts another big OVC game on Saturday when the Murray State Racers come to town with a 14-4 record leading the OVC West division.



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Brian Williams' late threes couldn't pull JSU back even with ECU

Jacksonville State drops opening tennis match to nationally ranked Auburn

AUBURN, Ala.– The Jacksonville State men's tennis team opened the 2013 season with a 7-0 loss to No. 21 Auburn at the Yarbrough Tennis Center on Saturday.

The nationally-ranked Tigers took a quick 1-0 lead after claiming all three doubles matches. AU, who has the No. 2 ranked doubles tandem of Andreas Mies and Daniel Cochrane at the No. 1 spot, made quick work of the Gamecocks in doubles. Mies and Cochrane topped JSU's pairing of Nenad

Marcec and Axel Sundberg, 8-1. At court two, AU's duo of Lucas Lopasso and Dennis Lengsfeld turned back Jax State's team of Igor Santos and Felipe Wenzel, 8-3. JSU's Felipe Watanabe and Felipe Diaz dropped an 8-3 decision to AU's Lukas Ollert and Joseph Van Dooren.

In singles competition, Santos' match with Lengsfeld at No. 2 highlighted the Gamecocks' singles action. Lengsfeld edged Santos, 7-6, in the opening set before ousting Santos,

6-1, in the second set to claim the

point. Sundberg dropped a 6-1, 6-2 decision to Cochrane at No. 1. Watanabe battled Joseph Van Dooren at No. 6 before falling, 6-3, 6-1.

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