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 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Despite the interesting workshop 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 of plants, it’s a reference collection with examples. It also a suppository of plant specimens that documents the research done. For example used by Dr. Jimmy K. Tripllett, 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.

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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. This paper was selected to do a season-long collection on cancer and the heroes that it causes.

The American Cancer Society sponsors every year 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 me to be a worthwhile way for our students to make an impact on the university and the community at large.”

Elaine 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 grandmother 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 birth days since I was diagnosed with cancer.” The fact that Mrs. Whitmore is a cancer survivor...
Grades should be based on quality of work

Iowa State Daily

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 advantages and disadvantages of being a student at Ferris, two of his friends as they skip one of their classes at the University of Illinois, high school. Now, as college students, we can all fondly look back on such days of missed classes, but it didn’t take us long for our death beds and not faking, "Bueller… Bueller…?" as our teachers take at resonation of "Bueller…Bueller…Ferris and his pals did, was the low possibility together."

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"You have to tell the young girls get the scholarship, and we bring it," said Etchinson of his team. "You make sure we step our game up. He’s a type of ‘tough’ coach."

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The University of Alabama, Auburn University and the University of Georgia are some of the top Rugby programs in the country.

He brings the platform or “Skyscraper” to give others their own Honors Program hopes big.” By participating lay… I dream big, hope many reasons to Relay... Rugby is such an important part of the team for a York. Students can get an oppor-tunity to watch the student can get an oppor-tunity to watch the students can get an oppor-tunity to enjoy watching or participat-ing in Rugby as JSU Rugby season is on its way.

In addition, students are introduced to courses that focus on literature, science, social studies, mathematics, and foreign languages. These courses are typically offered at the high school level and are designed to prepare students for college-level work. Students can also participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports teams, clubs, and organizations, that help them develop leadership skills and build a sense of community. Additionally, students can earn college credit through dual enrollment programs, which enable high school students to take college-level courses while still attending high school.

The JSU Honors Program has many opportunities for students to become involved in research, attend conferences, and develop leadership skills. The program also offers personalized advising and guidance to help students achieve their academic and career goals.

The JSU Honors Program also offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including social events, lectures, and workshops. These activities provide students with opportunities to interact with faculty members and other students, as well as to explore new ideas and perspectives. Additionally, the program offers study abroad opportunities, which enable students to gain international experience and gain a deeper understanding of different cultures.

The JSU Honors Program has a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration, which encourages students to think critically and creatively about complex issues. This approach helps students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

The JSU Honors Program also has a strong focus on community engagement, which encourages students to take an active role in serving their communities. Students can participate in service-learning projects, community service organizations, and other opportunities that allow them to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Overall, the JSU Honors Program is a unique and enriching experience that provides students with a strong foundation for success in college and beyond.
Students in two sections of 331/332: Sociological Methods conducted a survey last semester on the post-graduation plans of their classmate.

Overall 420 JSU students were interviewed across the JSU campus from October 29 to November 19. The sample was a fairly close reflection of the Fall 2012 JSU student body regarding gender (female: 63% vs. 59%), race (white: 61% vs. 66%) and the fact that 38% (23% and 21%) of students were enrolled. The sample under-represented freshmen (22% vs. 30%) and graduate students (4% vs. 13%). Since the survey was conducted entirely on the JSU campus, students who only took online courses were not included in the sample. Overall, the findings suggest that significant numbers of students expect to move outside the state after graduation; and that they view location as a key consideration before they make a final decision.

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World-famous opera singer to perform in Anniston

Zach Tyler

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

Chioldi is a guest of Dr. Nathan 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 Audrey Wascon, 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 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.

Chioldi tomorrow night.

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 accepted.

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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, brilliant 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 embossed with various schtickish drug runners and the sinister Dixie Mula. 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 back-ground, 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 stilted. During one scene, particularly tense standoff, Raylan dusses a gun-holding felon with gasoline from a pump. When the man cooks the gun, Raylan bombastically asks if he knows how firearms work, and proceeds to explain basic chemistry to him. It’s bits like this that make Ray- lan such a compelling lead. A soft-spoken man with a hidden tem- per and a lightning quick draw, Timothy Olyphant plays him with easy charisma and a charmingly understated sense of humor. The swagger makes a deeply con-flicted character; Raylan is a good man, but also an occasionally self-ish and thuggish 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 Boyd Crowder. A white drug lord, and into this role steps Boyd Crowder. A white drug lord, Boyd comes to front and has a penchant for blowing things up with rocket launchers. As portrayed by the excellent Walter Goggins, Boyd is a wondrously complex character; dark and enigmatic, and into this role steps Boyd Crowder. A white drug lord, and into this role steps Boyd Crowder. A white drug lord, Boyd comes to front and has a penchant for blowing things up with rocket launchers. As portrayed by the excellent Walter Goggins, Boyd is a wondrously complex character; dark and enigmatic,
A Christmas gift for musical- and movie-lovers alike

Lea Isbell

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


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 (Anne Hathaway). “We do a bit of every usual,” said Starr. “But especially anything that’s relatively obscure,” said Starr. “We’re all playing of the games—the club provides its own systems at most meetings.

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Attention members and prospec- tors 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.”

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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 of full mushrooms and pipes from days gone by, there’s a home for you with JSU’s game 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.

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

John Sterling

Staff Writer

Janet Starr, founder and administra- tor of Level Up, JSU’s gaming club, says of his club, “We do a bit of everything. We play so many different games, and just try to have fun.”

Included primarily in video games, the club covers all platforms and periods since the hobby started.

You can drop by for a discussion on latest physics engine or the newest patches to your favorite game, or you can stop by to just play some games!

“Walk-ins are welcome, we’re always looking to expand and bring new players into the club,” answered 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 dis- cussing the history of video game- ing.

The rise and fall of the industry, the Great North American Video Game Crash of ‘83, to the me- dium’s revival a few years later, along with a host of other topics.

Topics range from the historical evolution of gaming, to the de- signs and philosophies behind it.

The discussions also delve into the reasons why some developments hold on and lead to sweep- ing changes in the medium, and why some fall 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.

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America sweeps into the future

Zach Tyler

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 statement: it was kind of a big deal. The spotless, marble-white Capitol building wreathed in large red, white and blue banners looked out over a sea of cheering men and women waving hand-held flags. That sea lapped at the feet of the historic civic ocean, waiting to see the representations 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.

Proceeding the swearing of the oath administered by Chief Justice John Roberts, President Obama delivered an emotive inaugural address.

The theme of the inauguration was “Faith in America’s Future,” but it was clear from the content 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 also stressed 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 innaugural 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 not near the same intensity; the same with my nose piercing, but not a little bit of that feeling.”

She’s so right. Life isn’t about the one “big” moment—it’s about the cliché “little moments.” It was watching my daughter reading the letter at Christmas that told her we’re going to Disney World. It was having my friend Gemi just had a great date; having her 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.

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

“Say 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 …”

Exactly. While it might not be an all-at-once rush, skydiving can’t compare to life as a whole. So while I might 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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Heading into Saturday's game against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Eastern Kentucky, the Gamecocks were scoreless as the teams battled defensively for nearly five minutes of play. The first score of the game was a free throw shot taken by Eastern Kentucky's Brittany Colas that remained unanswered until the second minute when JSU's Brianna Buckner. The score was then tied 1:1 in the Eastern Kentucky's favor until back-to-back pointer by both teams and a tre- mendous three point shot taken by Buckner put the Gamecocks on top 10-6. Jacksonville State was up 10-3 with 11:36 left in the first half, which was the largest Gamecock lead of the night. Eastern Kentucky fought to cut the Gamecocks lead down to seven points by the end of the first half. Jacksonville State was up 16-9 with 7:36 left in the second half. The Gamecocks struggled with hitting their three point shots as Eastern Kentucky maintained their lead down to nine points. The final game saw the Gamecocks within two points of Eastern Kentucky's lead of the night. 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 69. Waltzen pointed in the final moment to move the Gamecocks to 3-5. EKU would score nine more points before the game ended and they were allowed to be crowned March Madness champions with the score 69-51.

Jacksonville State played a superb game of defense and Coach Annette Watts said that she was, “Ticked defensively” but that the team just had to do a better job of shooting shots. She said that 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.”

Did You Know?

In the 2007 AHSAA Class 6A State Championship game, Spian Park faced Prattville in a game that featured the three teams that were the last two seasons' most successful teams. 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 coordina- tor that night as well. Walker's most recent shootout game was with Prattville where he played the state title game.

Softball opens season in just 15 days against St. Louis in Harb- ord, Louisiana. Baseball opens season in 26 days as the Gamecocks will travel to Keiser State.

Last Saturday JSU's Washuan Eakley gained 44 total yards and was one of the leaders for the Crimson Tide's team in the Raycom Col- lege Football All-Star Classic.
BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State men’s basketball team has been picked to finish second by the Ohio Valley Conference’s East Division in 2013, the league announced on Wednesday.

In the first year of the league’s division 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 Jason McGinnis said of the preseason poll. “Competing for championships is where we expect to be as a program, but we don’t just 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 last season, return a pair of All-OVC performers in junior pitcher Tiffany Harbin and sophomore outfielder Sara Borders. Harbin led the Gamecocks’ singles action. The nationally-ranked Tigers took a quick 1-0 lead after claiming all 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 and ranked in the top ten in that category.

The Gamecocks also return senior experienced in the field in Kristal Ruth and Kefi Van Dooren. While sophomore Savannah Batchelor 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 appearances in her junior season. Junior Savannah Hemmings also back for the Gamecocks in the circle, bringing even more experience to McGinnis’ pitching staff.

McGinnis also welcomed a talented crop of newcomers to her program, featuring two highly decorated junior college players and a few prep standouts. Kalamo Tabor is an

VERSITY Field on Feb. 9 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 press box, for more than 550 fans, including chair-back seating. The project will also include a state of the art press box, including 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-Lafayette for the first day of the Laura Classic at Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, La. - Sportswire

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 4-2 loss to nationally ranked Auburn on Saturday at the Yarbrough Tennis Center.

The nationally-ranked Tigers took a quick 1-0 lead after claiming all three doubles matches, AU, who were 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 Nea...