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**Outdoor Adventure Club scales Sandrock**

Megan Gargis  
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Jacksonville State University’s Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) went rock-climbing at Cherokee Rock Village, which is located in Leesburg, Alabama. Leesburg is in Cherokee county near Centre, Alabama. Cherokee Rock Village is also known as Sandrock.

The members of the OAC met at Jacksonville State University’s Pete Mathew’s Coliseum at 10 a.m., and planned on leaving for Leesburg no later than 10:30. The time it would take the group to finish the actual climb depended a lot on the individual climbers.

**Enrollment of international students at JSU is declining**

Ashely Ossenfort  
Senior Staff Writer

Despite a record high level in international enrollment nationwide, Jacksonville State University has seen a decline in international enrollment over the last five years. In the United States, enrollment of international students in institutes of higher education reached 819,644 in 2012, which is the largest international enrollment the U.S. has ever seen. But while international enrollment booms nationwide, JSU international student enrollment has dropped from 247 in 2008 to 204 in 2013.

Director of JSU’s International Program Dr. John Ketterer said, “Most of the variants between the national average and the JSU average can be accounted for by an increase in enrollment in programs that we don’t have. I would say that a comparison of these averages require some analysis.”

Ketterer said that some of the most popular subjects for study for international students are medical, engineering, and graduate level programs that are not offered at JSU.

“Here in the state, [for] the universities with medical programs and medical programs and programs, which are very popular in the third world, it’s been easier for them to recruit in Asia and Africa and the third world because the third world countries and the lesser-developed

**Holding on to prejudice, 50 years after the civil rights movement**

Kara Coleman  
Editor-in-Chief

It’s been about fifty years since the peak of the civil rights movement, but have racism and hate speech been eradicated? If not, is that an issue that needs to be addressed on campus?

SGA President Jade Wagner thinks racism needs to be discussed among students. “There’s racism all around us in the smallest of ways, and people have just learned to ignore it and look over it,” she says.

Wagner, who has a black father and a white mother, recalls one time when she was in fourth grade. A white girl touched her hair and remarked, “Ew, your hair is so greasy! That’s such a black girl thing!” So Wagner went home and cried to her parents, who helped her pick a new product to use in her hair.

“I changed my hairstyle because of one girl’s comment,” she says. “People don’t realize what their words can do to people, especially children.”

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Other students say that they have never had any experiences in dealing with racism or discrimination. “Really, I just think some people have a problem,” said Patrick Paul. “A lot of people who get in trouble with the police are messing with them because they’re a different race. But it has nothing to do with race.”

SGA Senator Kadeem Hubbard points out that some people are afraid to offer help because they fear the consequences. “Every Monday at the senate meetings, we have a portion of time set out where if a student has a problem, they can bring it up, and we have to have to have to,” Hubbard says. “And all semester, we have had no one come say anything about it.”

University President Dr. Bill Mohan seems that a bigger issue underlying racism is prejudice. “It is an extremely large and eradicable as prejudice because somebody is from a different culture,” he says. “It’s just a different way of doing something.” Mohan says that he cannot think of any changes he saw in his high school after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, and noted that the country as a whole has come a long way since then in dealing with acceptance of all races. A popular opinion as to why racism still exists is that it is culturally acceptable. “I think it has to do with what we see on TV, what we hear in music, what we’re exposed to,” says Wagner, who cringes every time she hears the “n-word” coming from the lips of another race, a person from another culture, a person from another background. “Just because you can understand their culture, that is the way that to reduce that prejudice.”

SGA Associate Justice Lauren McClendon says that as culture and environment play a roll in determining prejudices. “I think a lot of people only really know the way they’ve known their whole lives,” she says. “They’ve listened to what their mother says and what their grandmothers say, and what their great-grandmothers say, and it’s an issue that’s been handed to them to go away.”

She adds, however, that no demographic is completely immune to the SGA traffic court in any of the decisions that they make. “There will always be prejudices people are prejudiced against the world that have been corrupted. Mohan says that most prejudices are caused by fear, and that the antifade of fear is education. “When you sit down with a person from another race, a person from another culture, from a diversity that you have not been used to, you may have the same values, that you have the same family and love,” he says. “They may have a different faith, but you can understand their culture, then that is a way to reduce that prejudice.”

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The Chanticleer survey: Fall 2013 results

Adrian Aveni
Special to The Chanticleer

JSU students are almost evenly divided over whether they feel Auburn University and the University of Alabama sports stories should be run in The Chanticleer. Those are some of the findings of a survey conducted by sociology research method students for The Chanticleer this past term. The study, conducted in late October through mid-November, involved interviews with 165 students from across the JSU campus. Altogether 41% of those surveyed were in favor of running stories about the two sports powerhouses in the JSU newspaper while 38% were opposed. By contrast, just 20% stated that stories about national events, like the presidential elections, should be run. Other findings showed that JSU students are not so well informed about their student newspaper. Just under half (49%) of those surveyed could not give the correct name for this student newspaper. Another 36% could not volunteer any name for their newspaper, while 15% gave incorrect names. Some of the more creative but incorrect names given were The Chant-
dellor, The Gamecock Star, and The JSU Times. When asked if the JSU stu-
dent newspaper is available on the Internet, two-thirds (66%) said “no.” (In fact, it is available on the JSU website.)

Delap promoted to Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Adam Fagan
Staff Writer

Last October, Joe Gene Delap was promoted to Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, a position from his previously held position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. In his previous position Dr. Delap played a key role in improving JSU’s dual enrollment initiatives and in overseeing the frameworks in which scholarly, creative, and professional programs develop and thrive. He also aided faculty members in reaching their full potential in their fields of research.

Dr. Delap graduated from Indiana University of Arkansas where he studied Political science and French as an undergraduate and majored in Germanic Studies at the master’s and doctoral level. Thereafter, he received his doctorate in 1992. Though he isn’t an alumnus of JSU, he came into his new position after 11 years of work at the university during which time he has worked closely with students, both graduate and undergraduate. After all this time he enjoys playing an important role in the leadership team of a university that is thriving and growing in both student attendance and global significance. JSU has built a reputation for enriching opportunities for students, and he is committed to working to continue the vital work already undertaken by the university.

In his new position as Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, Joe Delap oversees all aspects of graduate education within the university. He works with all graduate programs to create and implement policies that support the recruitment and academic achievements of graduate students, and he is committed to creating, fostering, and enriching opportunities for graduate research on campus. Dr. Delap will be working to increase the graduate enrollment rate as well as JSU’s reputation for research through degree-level expansion, administrative and academic support for the goals, faculty recruitment, excellence, and student success. Dr. Delap is expected to work tirelessly with his office and associates from other departments, such as the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, the Deans of the Academic Colleges, the Provost, and the President to realize his vision.

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Campus crime report

11/20/2013
Unlawful Breaking and Entering A Vehicle
Peron House Apartments Parking Lot

11/18/2013
Unlawful Breaking and Entering A Vehicle
Carlisle Building Parking Lot

11/19/2013
Harassment
Stone Center

11/16/2013
Harassment
Patterson Hall

11/15/2013
Theft of Property
Sparkman Hall

11/15/2013
Trespass Warning & Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Sparkman Hall

11/15/2013
Campus Misconduct
College Apartments

Upcoming SGA events:

November 21st
Native American Cultural Display
TMB 2nd Floor
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

November 22nd
Last Day of Classes

November 23rd
TSA Taligate "Red out the Redhawks" (Wear red)
Dillon Field
11:00 AM-3:00 PM

December 2nd
JSU in Lights
President’s House
4:00 PM-5:30 PM

December 3rd
Midnight Snack in the Caf
Jack Hopper Dining Hall
10:00 PM-12:00 AM

7-day forecast

TODAY
Partly cloudy
High: 64
Low: 48

FRIDAY
Chances of storms
High: 70
Low: 54

SATURDAY
Chance of rain
High: 57
Low: 28

SUNDAY
Clear
High: 45
Low: 25

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy
High: 52
Low: 37

TUESDAY
Chance of rain
High: 54
Low: 30

WEDNESDAY
Clear
High: 49
Low: 19

Chicken Scratch

My bank has a new service where they text you when they want to talk. It’s cool. I just don’t think they should put “LOL” at the end.

My boyfriend is as real as his birthday, February 30th.

Disappointment: Receiving no likes on a witty status update.

Doing nothing is very hard to do. You never really know when you’re finished.

That rejected feeling you get when you hold a baby and it starts to cry.

Can we all agree to just stop putting mustaches on everything and not “Keep Calm” about anything else?

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On Friday, November 22nd, and Saturday, November 23rd, a Madrigal Dinner will be held in Leone Cole Auditorium. According to Lucy Taylor, a member of JSU Chamber Singers, Madrigal Dinner is a “re- naisance dinner theater with music and com edy” featuring the talents of many of JSU’s vocalists. The performers in Madrigal Dinner include JSU Chamber Singers, while the members of the JSU A Cappella choir act as servers for paying guests and later perform in the “concert portion” of that evening.

Audience members are asked and encouraged to participate in certain scenes of the show, which Lucy says is her favorite part of the performance. Taylor has participated as a “peasant” (A Cappella Choir) of Madrigal Dinner for three years, and this is her first time as part of the “Royal Court” (Chamber Singers). She will be playing the role of the court jester. Ellen Abney, a member of JSU Chamber Singers, has been performing in Madrigal Dinner for four years, and she says that her favorite part of the performance is “getting to play such funny characters and make people laugh.”

Rental costumes from the JSU Drama Department. Abney says, “I particularly enjoy the parts that sound impossibly difficult, but Lockridge pulled it off with ease.”

One of the most interesting parts about Madrigal Dinner is that the script is original every year, written by “chosen students in sessions with Dr. Patricia Corbin,” Abney explains. She has participated in the script writing process for two years. Tickets for Madrigal Dinner cost $28 for regular dining, $50 dollars to sit a patron table, and includes a meal.

The Madrigal Dinner is served, which consists of an appetizer, entree, and dessert catered by Nodess. Non-dining tickets are $5. Tickets must be bought in advance.

### Euphonium player Lockridge performs in junior recital

**Patrice Green**

The Mason Hall Performance Center was filled with hundreds of eager soloists as the David L. Walters Department of Music presented Justin Lockridge in junior recital last Wednesday night. Lockridge is a music education major, a euphonium student, and the president of the Jacksonville State University chapter of the International Tuba and Euphonium Association (ITEA). He is the student of Chris Houze, Professor of Tuba and Euphonium Studies, and his recital, recorded by Michael Panik, was given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

Lockridge delivered an immaculate performance with pieces ranging from Puccini’s ever maculate performance with piece Gillingham’s Blue of three movements, was undertaken the task of performing the world premiere of Concerto for Euphonium, composed by JSU’s very own Dr. James Woodard, to the world of Music. The concerto was written specifically for the euphonium, and it explored the instrument’s extensive range above and below the staff. It was certainly a joy for the ears to behold. “My favorite part was getting to share the music I had worked so hard to prepare, and yes, to my delight, the piece by Dr. Woodard,” says Lockridge, after his majorly successful evening. However, his time with the piece has not yet ended. Lockridge plans on using the piece to compete at the International Tuba and Euphonium Conven tion (ITEC) next year. In the end, Lockridge couldn’t have thought any more for all of the support he received. “I’m extremely proud of all the work going on in the music department, espec ially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn’t be half the musician I am, thankful for all of the faculty provided to him. “I’m extremely proud of all the work going on in the music department, especially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn’t be half the musician I am, thankful for all of the faculty provided to him. “I’m extremely proud of all the work going on in the music department, especially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn’t be half the musician I am, thankful for all of the faculty provided to him. “I’m extremely proud of all the work going on in the music department, especially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn’t be half the musician I am, thankful for all of the faculty provided to him. “I’m extremely proud of all the work going on in the music department, especially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn’t be half the musician I am, thankful for all of the faculty provided to him.

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After a short break, Lockridge, along with Burnett, gave the audience a chance to really understand how wonderfully expressive a sound that the instrument could manifest with a performance of Parcecei’s Nossan sana, a piece near and dear to the hearts of many musicians, vocalists, and theater lovers around the world.

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The five greatest computer hackers of all time

Malcolm Aquino

In a world where a “hack” is a silly Facebook status proclaiming your switch in sexual orientation or how much you love your boyfriend, hackers are easily overlooked. In a world where the profession marginalized. Hollywood hasn’t been too kind to hackers either, usually portraying them as super geniuses hacking together a computer system to transfer ten million dollars from customers’ accounts to his own in 1995. He was caught a few months after the robbery in London’s Heathrow Airport.

3. The Great Bank Robbery

Vladimir Lenin mandated that Soviet citizens could use their computers to transfer ten million dollars from customers’ accounts to his account. He was caught a few months after the robbery in London’s Heathrow Airport.

4. Captain Zap

One of the earlier known hacks and a precursor of the later “hacks” is Captain Zap, hacking into phone companies and getting cheaper rates. However, this was spotted in 1981, instead. Mind you this happened in 1981, when hacking was still in its infancy.

5. Masters of Deception (MOD) 

A hacker group called the Masters of Deception wreaked havoc in 1993. They started off much like Captain Zap, hacking into phone companies and getting cheaper rates. However, the group also learned in 1994 to private companies and create huge groups lines where multiple people would be able to chat for free. MOD began stepping their game up by hacking into many databases including the NSA’s, Bank of America, and AT&T (poor guys). They even accessed the credit reports and bank statements of many of the rich and famous.

MOD was eventually taken down by a joint operation between Secret Service and the FBI.

As you have read, hackers are not to be taken lightly. Many big companies have been crippled by the work of hackers where the impact of their credit can be seen throughout. Many of the hackers mentioned above have since turned their skills into legal professional and private security services. Hackers are a group of people that is going to continue to exist as computers do, so there will no doubt be more high profile attacks in the near future. In the meantime, we have those five to look back on.
We all like to complain about government. However, we should note reasons why we can be thankful for our government. The roads, bridges, and highways that we use each day. The public police officer who responded to the traffic accident. The firefighters who saved your loved one from that burning building. The beautiful thing about our government is that we actually get to see it, interact with it, and communicate with it.

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Another area of government people like to complain about is the political party system. While I agree it has its flaws, I contend that this party system is one of the most successful in the world.

So, let’s look at how our government has problems with gridlock?

Multi-party systems often go through a lot of problems, and the best example to get a majority coalition of par- ties to form a government. This means that many fringe groups such as anarchists, fascists, to a small group, the archist might come together to form a government. Talk about gridlock!

In America, we know that we have to have two choices, Demo- crat or Republic- lit. This gives them to stay within the center of the political scale. There- fore, Americans are able to trust in the government to not stray too far to each extreme or the other.

Lastly, we should be thankful for what our local governments do. As I mentioned above, it is the police, firefighters, school teachers, roads, and bridges that truly represent the government.

The government provides es- sential services that sustain the population and support our standard of living. America’s this government isn’t all made of elitists, millionaires, or dema- gogues. It is made up of laypeople.

Many people don’t think about those everyday workers of government in our lives, but they make all of the difference in our standard of living. I con- tend that they are the linchpins that make the U.S.A., the great- est nation in the world.

Next time you start to com- plain about your local government member who “the government” actually is. We can always be thankful for the government of, by, and for the people.

Kelsey McKinney

via DWIRE

In a surprising come-from-behind-win, “selfie” has been named by Oxford Dictionaries as the 2013 Word of the Year. While we all love to share pictures of ourselves with our friends at the turn of the cell phone camera, “selfie” is not a new word.

The term was actually coined in 2002, presumably when someone began appending absurd amounts of eye- liner, holding one hand in a peace sign and pointing the camera at the mirror for a per- fect front-facing picture.

In the past year, the Pope and the Obama girls have posed for selfies. If that doesn’t make it word of the year, I’m not sure what does. According to Oxford’s edi- tors, the word has gone up an incredible 18,000% in usage since 2012. This is could the result of toddlers being given cell- phones for Christmas, or pos- sibly by teenagers learning to take photos of themselves. In fact, selfie’s nomination is really no surprise at all. The word is used pretty often, has a fairly positive connotation, and is a cool-sounding abbreviation. Snappish at last sold just for $3 million so we obviously aren’t the only ones taking photos of ourselves laughing while eating a bur- rrito from Chipotle.

The real surprise here is that it didn’t make the short list, didn’t win. What defines 2013 more than Miley Cyrus in that teddy bear suit?

Oxford defines “binge-watch” in as “in you just binge- watched all seasons of ‘Breaking Bad’ and now I haven’t finished my research paper.” “Schmeat” was also a con- tender, but as the word de- fines a synthetic meat, it re- ally had no chance.

You can now find last year’s word of the year, “omnishambles,” crying in the corner.

Of, by, and for the people

Zach Tyler
Assoc Editor

I’ve been without a cell phone since last Thursday. What started as a break from constantly checking Facebook, Twitter andGoogle notifications, texts and tweets has become an un- expected, eye- wreaking inconven- ience. Let me tell you how it happened: early that morn- ing, I checked my phone, then it told me to reboot. With smartphones, just like with personal computers, you’re supposed to do this about once a day. But then my smartphone started back up, it wasn’t registering that I had a subscriber identity module (or, SIM card for short), the chip that allows me to receive data over Verizon’s net- work.

Weird, I thought. I removed the back cover of the phone, the battery and the tiny SIM card, then replaced all three. When I turned my phone back on, it got stuck in what’s called a “bootloop,” unable to move past the start up screen.

I like to think I’m a pretty tech-savvy guy. I know that bootloader occurs when your operating system fails to start, and an easy problem to fix; all you have to do is perform a factory reset on the phone, which deletes any custom soft- ware and reverts the phone to its original settings.

In order to do a factory reset, you press and hold down the phone’s power and volume up and down buttons at the same time. About four months ago, I’ve done this a few times, but nothing has worked since. Which means I can’t do a factory reset, which means I’m stuck with a phone in an eternal bootloop, which means I’ll probably have to buy a new one—and since I’m broke, that’s not going to happen im- mediately. Which means I’ll have to go without for a while, but that’s someone who’s been on the smartphone bandwagon since 2011, not hav- ing the internet at my fingertips is al- most torturous. I can’t even Google directions in the car if I get lost, they normally look up words and ideas I’m not familiar with. I took having constant ac- cess to the knowl- edge of the modern age for granted; now that it’s gone, I realize what a pos- sible tool that was access.

I can deal with not being able to constantly check Face- book, Instagram and Twitter. If I ever want to get in touch with my friends, I have to send a message through Facebook with my laptop, which they can receive and read on their phone, and even with the added inconvenience of hav- ing to communicate from the computer, my social life hasn’t suffered much. I’m kind of a hermit.

The absolute worst part of not having a cell phone is feeling cut off from my family. My dad wanted to call just to talk or check up on me, he wouldn’t be able to. I haven’t spoken to my mom or grandmother— they normally call at least once a week—in seven days or more. All week long, I’ve been afraid that something terrible could happen to someone I love, and would feel just know because no one can get in touch with me. That’s a horri- ble feeling. I’ve heard people—espe- cially older people—complain about how much time our genera- tion spends with technol- ogy, but it’s something that could happen to someone I love, and I would feel just know because no one can get in touch with me. That’s a horri- ble feeling.

Executive Assistant

Disconnected

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The Gamecocks had a tough opening schedule in men’s basketball under coach Green, but an 0-5 start was still not in the plans. The Gamecocks had one of its best division 1 seasons a year ago, and Green expected to build off that for another strong campaign this season, while many expected the team to have a winning record. So the competition has been against fairly good, if not really good, teams. Still, with conference play in the Ohio Valley Con- ference closing in, the opponents were not ones to take lightly. The problems through the first five games have been mostly on offense, scoring tops the list, followed by having a hard time in either action, or at the free throw line. The team was shooting just 62 percent from the stripe, and in two very close games may have seen better outcomes with four made percentage points with shooting in the game, Darick Rayle and Brian Williams coming up big. The pressure is going to be the lead scorers for the Gamecocks, but early on all the Gamecocks have their struggles finding the bottom of the net. So the players are shooting ex-actly 38 percent from the field, unusually low compared to previous years. Rayle is averaging just 15 points a game, not bad, but expected to carry a little more weight this season with some of- fensive power from a year ago gone now. But worse is Williams who is barely scoring over ten a game at 12. Rico Sanders, and D.J. Felder along with the rest of the team will add points, but they can’t lead the way and make up ground from Williams and Rayle. The Gamecocks have a shot to get back on track on Friday when they host Dalton State University at the Pete. Even as an NAIA program, the Roadrunners are 8-1 already this season and will likely be on an up tempo style of play to Pete Williams Coliseum where those two programs meet for the first time.

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CHARLESTON, Illinois – Eastern Illinois University has announced the annual schedule for the 2013-14 Missouri Valley Conference men’s and women’s basketball seasons. The Ohio Valley Conference announced the women’s schedule on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The men’s schedule will be announced on Monday, Oct. 14. The women’s season begins Nov. 26 at the O’Reilly Family Event Center.

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Abbey Heredia finished the game with 11 kills. Senior setter Sarah Bohne added nine kills. The Gamecocks with 10 kills on a .185 hitting percentage in the 25-15, second set victory. JSU led 23-20 when Darion Rackley recorded a kill to clinch the 25-22 victory.

The Gamecocks closed out the 2013 season with a win over UTM, as senior Kelly Cole led JSU with 15 digs.

The Hornets took their lead back after the first set as Darion Rackley brought the Gamecocks down 3-2, but the Gamecocks would force a tie at 22-22. The Gamecocks closed the match with a service ace from Taleah Wessling then responded with a kill out of the timeout. Wessling then responded with a kill out of the timeout. Clinkenbeard stepped up to two service aces. Holding onto a 21-20 lead, Clinkenbeard gave JSU a 22-20 lead with a kill to force a timeout by UTM.

The second opened with Nick Cook making a layup to give JSU a 10-7 lead. However it was junior Darion Rackley who brought the Gamecocks back into the match with a 2-0 run to pull away. With the second tied 11-11, the Gamecocks used a 7-2 run to pull away for a 18-13 lead. From there, the Gamecocks used service aces from Heredia and Bohne while pulling away for the 25-19 victory. Overall, the Gamecocks finished the set with four aces while sophomore Emily Ruthflower led JSU with three kills.

The Gamecocks then used a 485 attack percentage in the third set to hold off UTM for the 25-22 victory. Rutherford again led the Gamecocks in kills. However it was junior Giovanni Smith who tied the Gamecocks in scoring with 23 points during the first half.

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

It was history in spite of a loss as JSU fell to Alabama State 84-75 in the home opener last Saturday. Senior guard Brian Williams became just the 22nd player in JSU's history to surpass 1,000 career points in a career. He was also just the fifth in JSU's division I history to score over 1,000.

It was Williams who scored 16 points during the losing excursion in the first half.

However it was junior Darion Rackley that led in scoring with 23 points during the course of the game and was 10-13 when shooting from the free throw line. Senior Nick Cook tied Brian Williams for points scored in the game with 16 and also led in rebounds with six.

The Gamecocks started shooting slow out of the gate, but did make 8-of-20 shots however, before the first half ended, had improved to 12-of-25.
The first half of the Hornets taking an early 16-point lead with the Gamecocks down 32-18 with only 8.44 left in the first half.

It was on two free throws by Darion Rackley that JSU would make an 11-2 run cutting the deficit to 32-38.

JSU was able to quickly score and bump their lead up to 40-39 with JSU trailing. But another JSU run was able to close the gap to one ending the half with the score at 44-43.

The second opened with Nick Cook making a layup to give JSU their first lead of the game.

The Hornets regained the lead almost as quickly as two free throws but it was Cook again who made two of his two free throws putting the lead back with JSU at 47-46.
The Hornets took their lead back after scores put them back in front 50-47. Then it was senior Giovanni Smith who tied the game with a 3-pointer to make it even 50 for both sides.

Alabama State then took a 12-40 leap forward and with 9.99 left in the game brought the score to 56-58 after two 3-point shots.

It was Darion Rackley again who brought JSU within five with just 50-left in the game. But the Hornets kept the Gamecocks coming back for a win by connecting on 9 of the 12 shots they took in the game's final minute.

Rifle splits weekend

JACKSONVILLE STATE - The Jack- sonville State rifle team split a pair of matches this weekend in the State of Texas, falling to No. 10 Texas Christian University on Friday and bouncing back to top No. 8 Air Force on Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Gamecocks, who topped the Horned Frogs earlier in the season, were edged by three points in the aggregate score with TCU. Shoot- ing at its home range, TCU posted final mark of 4,206, while JSU turned in a 4,603. The deciding differ- ence came in smallbore as TCU tallied a 230 to JSU's 238.

Against Air Force, it was another highly-contested match with the Gamecocks recording a 4,644 to 4,642 win over the Falcons. AFA had 14-point lead on JSU after smallbore (2306-2292), but the Gamecocks bounced back in air rifle to dash the AFA by 16 points at 2532-2376.

Senior Sam Muegge, shooting in his home state of Texas, led JSU in the match with TCU with a 58 mark in smallbore and share team-high honors with freshmen Zachary Moore and F. J. Smith with a 598 in air rifle. Sophomore Samantha Bullard finished smallbore with a 579, while junior Dan McCald add- ed a 579 in air rifle.

Bullard led all JSU shooters in the smallbore portion of the match with TCU with a 7.9. The Urals, Ala.-native turned in the third-best score in air rifle with a 585. Punc- ting the Gamecocks in air rifle was junior Cole Tucker's mark of 500, which was the highest in air rifle against the AFA.

The Gamecocks return to the Gamecock Rifle Range this weekend, hosting the annual Gamecock Invitational on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

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tops Air Force

Jacksonville State\n
Team members fire their rifles during the match.

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Football team among several fighting for playoff-at-large bid

As Jacksonville State (8-3) plays SE Missouri State on Saturday, it will be the last regular season game. But the players will tell you forward, they don't want it to be the final time they strap on the pads.

It is what they are in the midst of a tight playoff race and with a win they would be OVC second place team Tennessee State at 9-3. Historically the OVC has only gotten in two teams at the most, so it appears either TSSU or JSU could be on the outside looking in when the playoff field is announced Sunday morning on ESPN.

TSSU beat JU 86-80 and EKU beat JU 74-40. Lots of scenarios remain on the table based on the outcomes of other games Saturday, but all the Gamecocks can do is take care of business against SEMO, and then sit back and wait.

JSU is trying to make the play- offs for the first time since 1980.