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Outdoor Adventure Club scales Sandrock

Megan Gargis Staff Writer

Jacksonville weekend, State Last 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.



Kara Coleman/The Chanticleer

Enrollment of international students in JSU's International Program has fallen over the past five years. Dr. John Ketterer, who is head of both the International Program and International House, says that's because JSU doesn't offer the fields of study that are most appealing to international students.

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 engineering 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

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Matt Reynolds/JSU

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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are really after engineering, medicine and graduate sciences," said Ketterer. "JSU as a regional university does not offer all of those programs, and therefore, we can't recruit an entire niche of students. That's a major problem, but given the parameters that we work under, I think we're doing an excellent job."

Without these programs, JSU needs to find other ways to attract international students to enroll at the University.

"We need to sell the things that we do have better and we have to identify the population that will respond to us," said Ketterer. "The more aggressively you market your program in a positive way, the better you do in admissions."

JSU has an initiative to increase international enrollment. Plans to encourage international enrollment are included as strategy number eight in the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan for JSU, which can be found on the university's website.

"The purpose of this strategy is to increase international students at JSU, foster curricular expand innovations and collaboration," international states the plan. "With a long history of international exchange programs, JSU is well-positioned to build on current efforts to attract international students, provide English language



Matt Reynolds/JSU

Jacksonville State University's partnership with Wuhan University of the People's Republic of China allows Chinese professors to conduct research, teach classes and observe educational practices here in the United States, and is one of the programs that encourages international enrollment at JSU.

support, expand study abroad opportunities for JSU students and faculty, and increase cultural exchange for the JSU community and its international partners."

JSU plans to incorporate existing programs currently working to increase the enrollment of international students and to assist them while they are studying at the university in their strategy to increase international enrollment. These programs include the Fulbright scholarship program, exchange programs such as the Wuhan Scholars program, the International House at JSU, and the English Language Institute administered by the College of Arts and Sciences at JSU.

Ketterer states that growing an international program at a university comes in three stages, with enrolling international students as stage one and encouraging university students to study abroad as stage two.

"We're now in stage three," said Ketterer. "It's a time of experimentation. People are experimenting with all kinds of models: Joint Degree Programs [and] Professorial exchange and training programs. The other factor in stage three is the playing field is very level. It used to be if you were in near Asia or far Asia, your goal was to study in the United States. In the Englishspeaking world, Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. have really stepped up."

JSU has also worked to provide study abroad programs at JSU. Current programs offered include a Political Science course in Rome, Italy and a British Studies program offered through the University of Southern Mississippi. Study abroad programs have been offered in the past through the Biology, History, and English departments.

"Universities that were ahead of us fifteen years ago are still ahead of us in this next phase. I think that's probably where JSU is lagging behind," said Ketterer. "Although, I wouldn't say we're lagging that far behind."

The top programs for international students at JSU are nursing, pre-business, and biology. Ketterer said that other growing programs for international students are the computer science and emergency management programs offered at JSU.

Ketterer said, "We want them to stay here with us once they're educated to that high level, because their high level of education, particularly in those very necessary areas for us will bring the level of the entire country up."

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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 are overdramatic," says JSU student Patrick Paul. "A lot of people who get in trouble try to blame other races or say that 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 students are able to tell campus leaders if they ever are having a problem with racism or bullying.

"Every Monday at the senate meetings, we have a portion of time set out where if a student has a problem, they can come voice what they have to say," Hubbard says. "And all semester, we have had no one come say anything."

University President Dr. Bill Meehan thinks that a bigger issue underlying racism is prejudice in general. "It will never be totally eradicated as prejudice because somebody is always going to be prejudiced about 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 a lot 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 an acquaintance or the lyrics of a song. "Just because we're exposed to it doesn't make it OK."

SGA Associate Justice Lauren McClendon agrees that culture and environment play a roll in determining prejudices. "I think a lot of people just go by what they've known their whole lives," she says. "They've listened to what their mother says and what their grandmother says and what their greatgrandmother says, and it's an issue that's going to have to take its time to go away."

She adds, however, that no demographic is taken into consideration by the SGA traffic court in any of the decisions that they make.

While there will always be prejudiced people in the world, prejudice and racism can be

another race, a person from another culture, from diversity that you have not been used to, you realize that they have the same values, that they have the same family and love," he says. "They may have a different faith, but if you can understand their faith, then that is a way to reduce that prejudice."

McClendon agrees that education is the best tool in fighting racism. "The more education you have, the more open-minded you are," she says. "As long as we continue to push education and open-mindedness, that's what will determine how long this stays an issue."

Wagner spoke last night at an open forum hosted by the African American Association on campus. The forum educated students on racism and diversity.

"I don't think it's fair that racism is still so rampant, and not just white on black racism," she says. "There's a lot of black on white racism, there's a lot of Latino racism, there's a lot of Asian racism."

While Paul acknowledges that he's aware that some people harbor racist feelings, he isn't concerned with racism. "If they believe that, that's what they believe," he says. "They're not affecting me. I'm graduating December thirteenth."

something," Meehan says.

He did talk about the changes he saw in his high school after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed, and noted that the country as a whole combated. Meehan says that most prejudices are caused by fear, and that the antidote for fear is education.

"When you sit down with a person from

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"It really depends on the amount of people, muscle exhaustion and overall attitudes," said Michael Quattrochi, founder and president of the JSU Outdoor Adventure Club. "My current ETA (estimate time of arrival) would be around dusk," he continued.

Saturday's excursion wasn't the first of Quattrochi's trips since founding the Outdoor Adventure Club. The club has been backpacking, hiking and caving, and recently went white-water rafting down the Ocoee River—the same Ocoee River that hosted the 1996 Olympic Summer Games. "It was beautiful, fun and provided a nice getaway from the stresses of school," said Quattrochi.

Not everything the club does is off campus. The JSU Outdoor Adventure Club holds the annual "Spring Festival" on the Quad. Last year's event had a rock-climbing wall, a hammock giveaway, free t-shirts and stickers, plus door prizes, tugof-war and live music. The event was sponsored by Mountain High Outfitters and Idle Wild Adventure Company.

The JSU Outdoor Adventure Club has a lot going for them. The group is sponsored by Mountain High Outfitters, who provides all members with a ten percent discount and as Quattrochi put it, "the occasional gear giveaway.

"In addition to this, all members receive free stickers, 15 percent off at Gadsden's Coosa Outfitters, and access to a group of like-minded individuals," said Quattrochi. "Don't forget to visit our website at www.jsuoac.com, and find us on Facebook," he adds.

This is just the beginning for the club. "Oh man, we're just now getting the club going!" said Quattrochi. The organization has a three-day backpacking trip to the Appalachians planned for next semester. They are also planning mountain-biking excursions, campus-wide hammock days, hikes, and the spring festival.

"There will definitely be some exciting events happening," said Quattrochi.

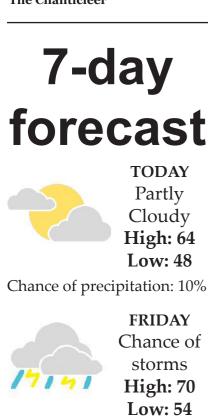


Photo courtesy of Ocoee Adventure Center

Jacksonville State University's Outdoor Adventure Club, from left to right: David Rickless, Paul Killen, Brittany Hinger, Erica Hostetter, Morgan Raines, Lindsey Moloney, Katelyn Brasher, Taylor Key, Michael Quattrochi, Wes Robinson, and Caleb Vines.

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SATURDAY Chance of rain High: 57 Low: 28

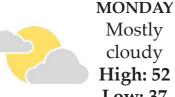
Chance of precipitation: 20%



Clear High: 45 Low: 25

SUNDAY

Chance of precipitation: 0%



Mostly cloudy High: 52 Low: 37

Chance of precipitation: 0%



TUESDAY Chance of rain High: 54 Low: 30

Chance of precipitation: 70%



WEDNESDAY Clear High: 48 Low: 19

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 University of Alabama sports stories should be run in The Chanticleer. These are some of the findings of a survey conducted by sociology research methods students for The Chanticleer this past term. The study, conducted in late October through mid-November, used 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 over 70% said that stories about national events, like the presidential elections, should be run.

Other findings showed that JSU students are not so wellinformed about their student newspaper.

Just under half (49%) of those surveyed were able to give the correct name for this student newspaper. Another 36% could not volunteer any name for the newspaper, while 15% gave incorrect names. Some of the more creative but incorrect names given were The Chandelier, The Gamecock Star, and The JSU Times.

When asked if the JSU student newspaper is available on the Internet, two-thirds (66%) said "no". (In fact, it is available on the JSU website.)

And, two out of five (41%) said they had "never" read The Chanticleer this semester. Another 36% said they read it "one or two" times. Importantly, about two out of five (42%) of those who had read the newspaper one or more times during the semester said that they had used it to "learn about upcoming events".

Although the sample size was not large, the sample characteristics were generally similar to those of the JSU population. The proportions of males and females in the sample exactly matched those of the JSU student population: 42% male and 58% female. Regarding race, 62% of the sample was white and 28% African American, while 67% of the JSU population is white and 26% African American. The sample under-represented freshmen (23% sample vs. 29% population) and graduate students (4% sample vs. 13% population), while it overrepresented sophomores (28% vs. 18%) and juniors (25% vs. 18%), and closely matched seniors (19% vs. 22%). The sample characteristics suggest that the overall findings give a general indication of JSU student sentiments and familiarity with the student newspaper. For more information contact Dr. Adrian Aveni at aaveni@jsu.edu.

Thanks to the following interviewers who made the study possible: Angel, Erika, Taneria, Priscilla, April, Laura, Patricia, Kathy, Caryn, Joshua, and Lunden.

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 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 developed and thrived in order to aid faculty members in reaching their full potential in their fields of research. Dr. Delap graduated from Indiana University and the 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 alike. 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 research and meaningful learning.

In his new position as Vice

Campus crime report

11/20/2013 Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle Penn House Apartments Parking Lot

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

> 11/18/2013 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 Criminal Mischief College Apartments

Upcoming SGA events:

November 21st Native American **Cultural Display**

Chance of precipitation: 0%

Chicken Scratch

My bank has a new service where they text you your balance. 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? Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, Joe Delap oversees all aspects of graduate education within the university. He works with all graduate programs to implement policies that support the recruitment and academic achievement 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 grants, faculty excellence, and student success. Dr. Delap hopes 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 endeavor.



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TMB 2nd Floor 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

November 22nd Last Day of Classes

November 23rd SGA Tailgate "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

Arts & Entertainment

Madrigal Dinner to be held this weekend

Catherine Foote *Staff Writer*

On Friday, November 22nd, and Saturday, November 23rd at 7:30pm, Madrigal Dinner will be held in Leone Cole Auditorium.

According to Lacy Taylor, a member of JSU Chamber Singers, Madrigal Dinner is "a renaissance dinner theater with music and comedy," featuring the talents of many of JSU's vocalists.

The performers in Madrigal Dinner include JSU Chamber Singers, while the members of



Kaylon Gilley/JSU

the JSU A Capella Choir act as servers for paying guests and later perform in the "concert portion" of the evening.

Audience members are asked and encouraged to participate in certain scenes of the show, which Lacy says is her favorite part of the performance.

Taylor has participated as a "peasant" (A Capella 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 fun characters and making people laugh."

Renting costumes from the JSU Drama Department, Abney says that the performers always "feel like a part of the royal court." She will be playing the role of the Evil Queen.

The performers stay in character for the entire evening, which is "anywhere from 3 to 4 hours," Abney says. She also adds that, "Dr. Meehan and his family come every year without fail" to support Madrigal Dinner.



Kaylon Gilley/JSU

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.

During the show, dinner is served, which consists of an appetizer, entree, and dessert catered by Sodexo. Non-dining tickets are \$5. Tickets must be bought in advance.

Euphonium player Lockridge performs in junior recital

Patrice Green Staff Writer

The Mason Hall Performance Center was filled with hundreds of eager onlookers as the David L. Walters Department of Music presented Justin Lockridge in junior recital last Wednesday night. Lockridge is a musiceducation 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 Hosmer, 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 familiar Nessun Dorma to Gillingham's endurance-challenging Blue Lake Fantasies. A slight shock, covered with a smile, graced Lockridge's face when he first stepped out onto the stage. "I was extremely nervous, and in no way was I expecting a full house," says Lockridge. "However, I was able to use that in a positive way to help improve my performance." Lockridge began his recital three unaccompanied with movements of Gillingham's Blue Lake Fantasies entitled "Firefly", "Moonlight Across the Water", and "All That Jazz." The piece sounded impossibly difficult, but Lockridge pulled it off with the grace of a professional. His second piece, also consisting of three movements, was Marcello's Concerto in C Minor, with said movements entitled to indicate a certain idea of the piece's tempo. Joining him for the remainder of the recital was the wonderfully talented piano accompanist, Tom Burnett, and

his assistant, Michael Greenwood. For this piece, Lockridge was able to secure time with world renowned euphonium player and teacher, Dr. Brian Bowman, during last month's OctubaFest. Bowman worked with Lockridge on Concerto in C Minor to get it recital worthy, and it was certainly time well spent.

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 Puccini's Nessun Dorma, a piece near and dear to the hearts of many musicians, vocalists, and theater lovers around the world. For his final piece, Lockridge undertook the task of performing the world premiere of Concerto for Euphonium, composed by JSU's very own Dr. James Woodward of the D.L. Walters Department 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, especially the piece by Dr. Woodward," says Lockridge, after his much deserved day of recovery. However, his time with the piece has not yet ended; Lockridge plans on using the piece to compete at the International Tuba and Euphonium Convention (ITEC) next year. In the end, Lockridge couldn't thank everyone enough for all of the support provided to him. "I'm extremely thankful for all of the faculty in the music department, especially Mr. Hosmer, my euphonium professor. Without them I wouldn't be half the musician I am."



Joely Friedman/Uwire

Want to have the closet of a rockstar?

Joely Friedman via Uwire

The easiest and cheapest solution is probably not to go out and have major plastic surgery if you want to look like someone famous, so here are three crucial, but much cheaper, healthier, and happier options to getting you to look so much like your favorite rockstar that you are mistaken for them on a daily basis. will be able to create a pretty chic outfit for a fraction of the price.

Second, buy some scissors.

This is the simplest piece of advice a person can give. You have no idea how much just owning scissors will allow you to expand your rockstar look.

If by chance you do happen to already own a pair of scissors, or if you wisely decide to splurge and invest in a pair, good for you, because after that all you need to do is cut up some cheap shirts and make them into funky, hipster, retro, vintage looking works of art.

First, embrace the art of thrift shopping.

This is the most valuable piece of advice when it comes to dressing like a rockstar. In order to dress like a rockstar does, one must have the attire that a rockstar does. A true rockstar's look usually does not come cheap.

Thrift shopping is an excellent form of shopping. It is the best way to shop when you are trying to spend as little money on clothes as humanly possible.

I use to look down upon thrifting. I viewed it as gross and dirty and I was under the illusion that the clothes have cooties and other terminal diseases sewn into them. But after five minutes into my first trip to the Plato's Closet in Columbus Ohio, I was hooked.

The store seemed to answer all of my prayers. There were endless rows of racks of adorable one-of-a-kind vintage shirts and t's. I could not have counted the amount of stylish belts and purses and jackets I saw. I left the store with thirty-three new additions to my closet for the grand total of forty-seven dollars. It was divinity.

Just take a trip to some of the thrift stores nearest you and you

Lastly, sunglasses.

Our favorite rockstars have taught us that rain or shine, sun or snow, sunglasses complete any outfit. It is rare to see a candid photo taken of a rockstar where a pair of sunglasses don't make an appearance.

I would recommend either buying one awesome pair of shades that you could make your signature look, or buy a different pair for every outfit.

The problem with the latter choice is that the sunglasses that our beloved rockstars are rocking are usually well over your allocated budget for glasses, as well as probably a couple of weeks' worth of groceries and electricity.

In order to avoid starvation in exchange for looking cool, check out Sunglasses Love where you can find any shades your heart could possibly desire at no more than eleven dollars each.

If you properly employ these three tactics, then in no time you will be looking fresher than ever while still having enough money to turn lights on in the evening.





courtesy of castalabama.com

CAST theater in Anniston to perform The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Christiana Tyler

Arts & Entertainment Editor

This marks the last issue of The Chanticleer for this semester but by no means does that mean the events that are going on around campus will stop while the newspaper is on hiatus.

The Anniston CAST theatre troupe will be putting on The Best Christmas Pageant Ever beginning December 5 and running until December 15, 2013 with performances Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with ticket prices set at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Thursdays are pay-what-you-can night with a preferred minimum donation of \$5.

Written by Barbara Robinson in 1971 and first performed as a play in the 1980s, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever follows the disastrous events that happen as a church group tries to put on a Christmas play with the worst kids in town cast as some of the more prominent characters.

Kim Dobbs, artistic director of CAST and an alumna of Jacksonville State University, commented that the show was chosen based on the fact that it's "thought of fondly" and the troupe is trying to build an audience and the key to doing that is "by pleasing the patrons" with warm hearted shows like The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

CAST has a history with the show, which has been performed numerous times over the past ten years or so. Dobbs explains that even the some of the cast members have come back to perform in the show again and again, with one child who first played in the show when he was 4 or 5 coming back now at as an 11-year-old.

"With such a large cast," says Dobbs, "it's often hard to have everyone there at rehearsal."

She went on to say that there had been many members who had to back out of the show and she had to re-cast 4 or 5 times.

Dobbs said that "when those are missing, we fill in and sometimes it gets to the point where I'm talking to myself," because of the people that are missing.

Although the show presented some serious difficulties to Dobbs, she said that she kept reminding herself that she had "over 300 shows cast and put on, and they were all [done] correctly."

As a comedy, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is a fun show with brief moments of serious concern. Dobbs tries to impart the "spirit of Christmas" that can be found in the show to all who attend by making the "theatre more than a pleasure," and taking "them to another world and letting them forget all their troubles."

All the actors and crew of the show are volunteers and go without pay to bring the show to the people living in the area and because of that, CAST can always use help in all the areas that have to do with putting on a show.

The board members of CAST are always looking for more donations in order to continue to put on shows like The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and actively pursue that goal.

The five greatest computer hacks of all time

Malcolm Aquino via Uwire

In a world where a "hack" is a silly Facebook status proclaiming your switch in sexual orientation or how much you love your best friend, the real hackers are seeing their profession marginalized. Hollywood hasn't Captain Zap, or Ian Murphey, managed to break into AT&T's mainframe and change the settings on all of the internal clocks that tracked phone usage. This meant that many people were getting night time rates when it was the middle of the day. Unfortunately, for those who waited for the night timer rates were hit with high day time rates

Upcoming events on and around campus

November 21, 2013

Senior Show 2013 will be presented beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a reception introducing the seniors of the fine arts department in the Hammond Hall art gallery.

November 21, 2013

The JSU Symphonic Band and the JSU Chamber Winds will be presenting their fall concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. with a \$5 admission at the Oxford Performing Arts Center

November 22-23, 2013

JSU Choral Activities will host the annual Madrigal Dinner in Leone Cole Auditorium. Advance ticket purchase is required.

November 23, 2013

The last tailgate of the season will be held at 11 a.m., with the theme "Red Out the Redhawks". Performers that were chosen in the battle of the bands earlier this year will showcase thier talents and after, the game will be held.

December 2, 2013

There will be a holiday reception at Dr. Meehan's home in order to celebrate lighting JSU for the holidays.

December 3, 2013

Midnight snack in the Caf beginning at 10 p.m. and going until 12 a.m.

December 4, 2014

Snacks in the library, beginning at 10 p.m. until the snacks are gone. Sponsored by the SGA.

December 7, 2013

A Cheery Canyon Christmas at Little River Canyon Center to cel-

been too kind to hackers either, usually portraying them as spazzy nerds who can control traffic lights or unrealistically hot.

However, with Syrian hackers taking over President Obama's Twitter a couple weeks ago and Anonymous hacking many of North Korea's websites during the summer, hackers have shown just how much damage they can really do. Groups have even gotten political and hacktivism has become a big thing. Here's a list of the five greatest hacks of all time.

1. Operation Sony

Back in 2011, hack group Anonymous was having quite the year. The group made headlines by hacking into Sony's network and taking all of the information about people, including addresses and credit card numbers. The Playstation Network was down for months after the initial attack. The attack was an act of revenge in honor of hacker George Hotz, who discovered the source code for the Playstation that allowed people to develop and play unlicensed games. Sony had Hotz's home raided and filed a big lawsuit against him,

2. The Morris Worm

One of the earlier known hacks and a milestone in American law, the Morris Worm incident happened on November 2nd, 1988. The worm spread to an estimated 6000 Unix systems and caused fatal errors in many computers. U.S. government officials estimated that the Morris Worm caused over ten million dollars in damages. The creator of the worm, Robert Morris, was the first person to be convicted under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

3. The Great Bank Robbery

Vladimir Levin managed to get Citibank's 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. Citibanks received all of the money back but not without upgrading its security systems. 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 listened in to private conversations and even created huge group 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 and the impact of their craft can be seen throughout. Many of the hackers mentioned above have since turned their skills into legal profit by developing their own security systems. Hackers are a group of people that is going to continue to exist as long as computers do, so there will no doubt be more high profile attacks in the near future. In the meantime, we have these five to look back on.



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ebrate Christmas in an environmentally friendly way. Most activities will be free. Beginning at 10 a.m.

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Merry Mountain Christmas at Cleburne County's Mountain Center in Heflin, Alabama to celebrate Christmas in an environmentally friendly way. Beginning at 10 a.m.

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4. Captain Zap

Opinion & Editorial

Of, by, and for the people

Brett Johnson Staff Writer

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 you drive on each day. The public schools you grew up in. The local police officer who responded to your traffic accident. The firefighter 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.

While it may not seem significant on the surface, the fact that our elected representatives and candidates come to us for support is truly a blessing. In many countries, common people aren't allowed to address their government. In America, they might even show up at our doorstep.

Another thing to be thankful for is free and open elections. The fact that a simple mark of a ballot actually chooses who makes decisions on our behalf is remarkable.

Moreover, if these individuals aren't behaving in a way that we approve of, in just a few years we have the opportunity to replace them with someone else who will. Talk about power!

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

Think our government has problems with gridlock?

Multi-party systems often go through dozens of elections just ties to form a government. This means that many fringe groups from socialists, fascists, to anarchist might come together to make one government.

Talk about gridlock!

In America, we know that we have two major Demochoices, crat or Republican. This forces them to stay within the center the political of scale. Therefore, Americans are able to trust that if one party is elected they won't stray too far to one extreme

or the other.

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

Government provides essential services that sustain the population and support our standard of living. In America, this government isn't all made of elitists, millionaires, or demagogues.

No, it's made up of the local trash collector who goes fishing on the weekends, the local school teacher who volunteers in the summertime, the police officer who coaches the little league baseball team. Our government is made of us.

Many people don't think about these every-day aspects of government in our lives, but they make all of the difference in our standard of living. I contend that they are the linchpins that make the U.S.A. the greatest nation in the world.

Next time you start to complain about the government, remember who "the government" actually is. We can always be thankful for a government of,

Disconnected

Zach Tyler Associate Editor

phone since last Thursday. What started as a break constant from Facebook notifications, texts and tweets has become an unmitigated, nervewracking inconvenience.

Let me tell you how it happened: early that morning, I checked my

phone, then told it to reboot.

With smartphones, just like personal with computers, you're supposed to do this about once a day. But when 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 send and receive data over Verizon's network.

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 bootloops occur when your operating system fails to start, and are an easy problem to fix; all you have to do is perform a factory reset on the phone, which deletes any custom software 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, my phone got wet, and the volume up button hasn't 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. As someone who's been on

I've been without a cell the smartphone bandwagon

since 2011, not having the internet at my fingertips is almost painful. I can't Google directions in the car if I get lost, or look up words and ideas I'm not familiar with. I took having constant access to the knowledge of the modern age for granted; now that it's gone, I realize what a pow-

erful tool that access was.

I can deal with not being able to constantly check Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If I 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 smartphones. Even with the added inconvenience of having 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. If 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 grandmotherthey 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 I would be the last to know because no one can get in touch with me. That's a horrible feeling.

I've heard people-especially older people-complain about how much time our generation spends with technology, and maybe some of us do take things a little too far (I'm looking at you, Instagram addicts). But being connected to the people you care about and the rest of the world is a wonderful thing, and it's something I won't take for granted ever again.



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'Selfie' named 2013 Word of the Year

Kelsey McKinney via UWIRE

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 take pictures of ourselves with our front facing cell phone camera, "selfie" is not a new word.

The term was actually coined in 2002, presumably when everyone began applying absurd amounts of eyeliner, holding one hand in a a peace sign and pointing the camera at the mirror for a perfect Myspace profile 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 editors, the word has gone up an incredible 17,000% in usage since 2012.

This is could the result of toddlers being given cellphones for Christmas, or possibly grandmothers 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-hell- Snapchat almost just sold for \$3 million so we obviously aren't the only ones taking photos of ourselves laughing while eating a burrito bowl at Chipotle.

The real surprise here is that "twerk," which made the short list, didn't win.

What defines 2013 more than Miley Cyrus in that teddy bear suit?

Other losers include "bingewatch" as in "yes I just bingewatched all seasons of 'Breaking Bad,' and no I haven't finished my research paper."

"Schmeat" was also a contender, but as the word defines a synthetic meat, it really had no chance.

You can now find last year's word of the year, "omnishambles," crying in the corner.



Sports Hard times on the hardwoods

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

FCS Top 25:

- 1. North Dakota State (10-0)
- 2. Eastern Illinois (10-1)
- 3. Eastern Washington (9-2)
- 4. Maine (10-1)
- 5. Montana (9-2)
- 6. McNeese State (9-2)
- 7. Towson (9-2)
- 8. SE Louisiana (9-2)
- 9. Sam Houston State (8-3)
- 10. Northern Arizona (8-2)
- 11. Coastal Carolina (10-1)
- 12. Fordham (10-1)
- 13. Montana State (7-4)
- 14. Bethune-Cookman (9-2)
- 15. Youngstown State (8-3)
- 16. South Dakota State (7-4)
- 17. Lehigh (8-2)
- 18. Charleston Southern (10-2)
- 19. William & Mary (7-4)
- 20. Southern Utah (8-3)
- 21. New Hampshire (6-4)
- 22. Princeton (8-1)
- 23. Chattanooga (8-3)
- 24. Samford (7-4)
- 25. Tennessee State (9-3)

JSU's Next Game: vs SE Missouri State (3-8)

2013 Football Schedule:

| 8/31 @ ASU | (W 24-22) |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 9/7 vs J'ville U. | (W 48-13) |
| 9/14 vs UNA^ | (W 24-21) 2OT |
| 9/21 @ GSU | (W 32-26) OT |
| 9/28 vs MSU* | (L 34-35) OT |
| 10/5 @ #22 UT | M* (W 41-27) |
| 10/12 vs #23 T | SU* (L 15-31) |
| 10/26 @ TTU* | (W 34-14) |
| 11/2 @ APSU* | (W 42-10) |
| 11/9 vs EKU* | (W 68-10) |
| 11/16 @ #2 EIU | J* (L 14-52) |
| 11/23 vs SE Mi | ssouri St.* |
| ^ Rivalry / * OV | 'C game |
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OVC Football Standings:

1. Eastern Illinois (7-0)

- 2. Tennessee State (6-2)
- 3. UT-Martin (5-2)
- 4. Jacksonville State (4-3)
- 5. Eastern Kentucky (4-3)
- 6. Murray State (3-4)
- 7. SE Missouri State (2-5)
- 8. Tennessee Tech (1-6) 9. Austin Peay (0-7)

Daniel Porter Sports Editor

It was known heading into the season that 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. Jacksonville State had one of it's best division I seasons a year ago going 17-11 and hoped to build off that for another strong campaign this season, while that's still possible, a turnaround has to come quick.

The five opponents JSU has opened the season against: Bradley (4-1), Illinois (4-0), Chicago State (2-3), Alabama State (3-2), and Auburn (2-1) have a combined 15-7 record with only one team having a losing record early on. So the competition has been against fairly good, if not really good, teams. Still, with conference play in the Ohio Valley Conference closing in, the opponents won't get any easier.

The problems through the first five games have been mostly on offense. Shooting tops the list whether in action, or at the free throw line. JSU is shooting just 62 percent from the stripe, and in two very close games may have seen better outcomes with a higher made percentage. Also shooting in the game, Darion Rackley and Brian Williams are going to be the lead scorers for the Gamecocks, but early on both have had their struggles finding the bottom of the net.

Both players are shooting exactly 38 percent from the field, unusually low compared to previous years. Rackley is averaging just 15 points a game, not bad, but expected to carry a little more weight this season with some offensive 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 Rackley.

The Gamecocks have a shot to get thing back on track Friday when they host Dalton State from just across the Georgia line. Even as an NAIA program, the Roadrunners are 8-1 already this season and will likely bring an up tempo style of play to Pete Mathews Coliseum when the two programs meet for the first time.



On the Women's side, first year head coach Rick Pietri is working out some early adjustments too after an 0-3 start. However, most are willing to let Pietri take his time, a proven winner as the winningest coach at South Alabama, he took over a Gamecocks squad that squeaked out only a single win a year ago.

The early losses are no doubt building JSU's strength after facing two good SEC teams on the road in Ole Miss and Auburn and then a trip Georgia Southern.

Jacksonville State hosted Kennesaw State on Wednesday and now looks ahead to a road trip to New Orleans on Saturday before returning to The Pete to face Central Arkansas on Nov. 26 before taking part in the Georgia State Invitational.

Gamecocks throttled by Panthers

Illinois proved worthy of its No. 2 national ranking.

The high-powered Panthers secured their second straight Ohio Valley Conference championship with a 52-14 win over No. 22 Jacksonville State Saturday at windswept O'Brien Field.

Eastern Illinois (10-1, 7-0) put up a school-record 35 points in the first quarter and outgained the Gamecocks 595-253 for the afternoon.

On a day of few bright spots for

CHARLESTON, Illinois - Eastern the Gamecocks' offense, junior next four possessions to extend DaMarcus James etched his name in JSU's record book with a 1-yard touchdown dive in the fourth quarter.

> James surpassed Oscar Bonds' school record for touchdowns in a season with his 20th. He finished with 85 yards on 20 carries.

> The tone of the game was set on the third play from scrimmage when quarterback Max Shortell fumbled a handoff and EIU's Clint Simpkins recovered at JSU's 15.

EIU added touchdowns on its

the lead to 35-0 before the first quarter ended.

EIU's Shepard Little caught an 18-yard touchdown from NFL draft prospect Jimmy Garoppolo, ran 37 yards for another score and tossed a 10-yard throwback pass to Garoppolo to make it 28-0 at the 3:22 mark in the first quarter.

Little finished with 274 all-purpose yards, including 245 rushing on 26 carries.

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Upcoming Action:

Friday: MBB vs Dalton State Saturday: Rifle (Gamecock Inv) WBB @ New Orleans Football vs SE Missouri St Monday: MBB @ Alabama A&M Tuesday: WBB vs Central Ark.

NCAA Rifle Top 10:

1. Alaska 2. Kentucky 3. West Virginia 4. Murray State 5. Nebraska 6. Army 7. Jacksonville State 8. Air Force 9. Memphis

10. TCU

OVC M. Basketball Standings:

East:

Eastern Kentucky (0-0) [5-1] Belmont (0-0) [3-1] Morehead State (0-0) [4-1] Jacksonville State (0-0) [0-5] Tennessee State (0-0) [0-5] Tennessee Tech (0-0) [2-3]

West:

Murray State (0-0) [2-2] SE Missouri State (0-0) [2-2] Austin Peay (0-0) [2-1] UT-Martin (0-0) [1-4] Eastern Illinois (0-0) [2-1] SIUE (0-0)

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JSU XC men and women teams finished 25th in the NCAA South Reginal head in Tuscaloosa.

Cross Country finishes in Top 25

TUSCALOOSA - The Jacksonville State cross country teams wrapped up the 2013 season with top-25 finishes at the 2013 NCAA South Regional, hosted by the University of Alabama last Friday morning.

Both teams finished 25th among the teams entered in the postseason event that took place on the Harry Pritchett XC Course.

JSU senior Ericka Stam wrapped up her cross country career leading the Gamecocks throughout the campaign and did so again in her final meet after clocking a time of 21:43.65 to place 78th individually. Stam concluded a stellar cross country career as a Gamecock with three top-10 finishes, including a win in the JSU Foothills Invitational after turning in Texas-native became the first JSU female cross country athlete to earn All-Ohio Valley Conference honors twice in a career after a ninth-place mark at the 2013 OVC Championships.

Senior Kevyn Tracy also ran in cross country for the final time Friday and covered the course layout in 22:31.46 (130th). Tracy, from Austell, Ga., finished with two top-10 placements with a third-place finish this past October at the JSU Foothills Invitational. Ju-ells McLeod concluded her solid freshman season with a time of 23:04.78. Whitley Towns and Ryan Green rounded out the finishers for JSU with times of 23:16.07 and 24:11.28 respectivelv.

On the men's side, junior Nick a career-best time. The Keller, Hager continued to pace the

Gamecock men with a team-best time of 34:11.35. The Rowlett, Texas-product led JSU in every meet this season, including a second-place finish at the JSU Foothills Invitational in Oxford, Ala. Junior Mickey Sanders and freshman Stephen Payne crossed the finish line mere seconds of each other as Sanders clocked a time of 34:22.94. Payne finished the meet in 24"24.13. Junior Jordan Cummins registered a mark of 34:58.52, while Andrew Green rounded out the team score with a 36:16.20.

The University of Georgia claimed the men's team title and moves on to the NCAA Championships. Florida State won the women's event and a trip to the NCAA Championships.

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| Follow on Twitter @ChanticleerJSU | SEMO (3-8) EKU (6 JSU (8-3) MSU (5 | 6-5) AP (0-11) NAU (8-2) | SDSU (7-4) YSU (8-3) | Mon (9-2) Mon St (7-4) |
| | () | Last week: J - 10 (5-6) UTM - 16 (7-4) SI - 17 (9-3) EKU - 7 (6-5) M | · · · | · · · |



JSU Sportswire The Gamecocks finished up a tough season with back-to-back victories against Tennessee Tech and UT-Martin

Volleyball wins season finale

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State volleyball team closed out the 2013 season with a sweep over Ohio Valley Conference rival UT Martin on Saturday afternoon at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The Gamecocks (13-18, 6-10 OVC) hit .282 on the day while holding the Skyhawks (9-23, 3-13 OVC) to a .092 hitting percentage in the 25-15, 25-19, 25-22 victory. JSU had a chance to sneak into the OVC Tournament with the sweep if SIU Edwardsville could manage a sweep over Tennessee State but the Tigers managed to win one set in the 3-1 defeat to end the Gamecocks' season.

Junior Nicole Merget led the Gamecocks with 10 kills on a .348 attack percentage while freshman Kacy Clinkenbeard added nine kills. Senior setter Abbey Heredia finished the day with 37 assists while se-

nior Kelly Cole led JSU with 15 digs.

Madison Wessling led UTM with 11 kills while Amanda Crask led the Skyhawks with 22 assists. Defensively, Chelsea Bowles led the way with 14 digs.

Merget led JSU with five kills while Clinkenbeard added four kills in the Gamecocks 25-15 opening set victory. JSU limited UTM to a -.051 in the set while racing out to an early 9-2 run. The Skyhawks would manage to cut the lead to 12-9 off an error by the Gamecocks but that would be as close as UTM would get as the Gamecocks would force nine attack errors in the set to pull away.

With the second set tied 11-11, the Gamecocks used a 7-2 run to pull away for a 18-13 lead. From there, the Gamecocks used servce 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 Rutherford 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 way with four kills thanks 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.

Wessling then responded with a kill out of the timeout before Clinkenbeard responded with a kill to give JSU a 23-21 lead.

The two teams then swapped points again before freshman Trisha Mockapetris recorded a kill to clinch the 25-22 victory for JSU.

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Rifle splits weekend, tops Air Force

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State rifle team split a pair of matches this past 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 Forth Worth, Texas.

The Gamecocks, who topped the Horned Frogs earlier in the season, were edged by three points in the aggregate score with TCU. Shooting at its home range, TCU posted a final mark of 4,656, while JSU turned in a 4,653. The deciding difference came in smallbore as TCU tallied a 2306 to Jax State's 2304. JSU came up mark short in air rifle at 2350-2349.

Against Air Force, it was another tightly-contested match with the Gamecocks recording a 4,644 to 4,642 win over the Falcons. AFA had a 14-point lead on JSU after smallbore (2306-2292), but the Gamecocks bounced back in air rifle to out-shoot the AFA by 16 points at 2352-2336.

Senior Sam Muegge, shooting in his home state of Texas, led Jax State in the match with TCU with a 580 mark in smallbore and share team-high honors with freshman Brandon Muske as both shot a 588 in air rifle. Sophomore Samantha Bullard finished smallbore with a 579, while junior Dan McCall added a 587 in air rifle.

Bullard led all JSU shooters in the smallbore portion of the match with the AFA with a 575. The Uriah, Ala.-native turned in the third-best score in air rifle with a 585. Pacing the Gamecocks in air rifle was junior Cole Tucker's mark of 593. Muegge carded a 590 in air rifle against the AFA.

JSU returns to the Gamecock Rifle Range this weekend, hosting the annual Gamecock Invitational on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

Williams passes milestone, JSU falls

Rebekah Hawkins

Sports Writer

It was history in spite of a loss as JSU fell to Alabama State 84-73 in the home opener last Saturday.

Senior guard Brian Williams became just the 22nd player in JSU history to score over 1,000 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 loss including 13 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-of-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 only making 3-of-10 early shots however, before the first half ended, had improved to 12-of-23.

The first half saw the Hornets taking an early 16-point lead with the Gamecocks down 32-16 with only 8:44 left in the first half.

Rackley that JSU would make an 11-2 run cutting the deficit to 34-27.

ASU was able to quickly score and bump their lead up to 40-29 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 with two free throws but it was Cook again who made two his own 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 an even 50 for both sides.

Alabama State then took a 12-4 leap forward and with 9:59 left in the game brought the score to 68-58 after two 3-point shots.

It was Darion Rackley again who brought JSU within five with 5:50 left in the game. But the Hornets kept the Gamecocks from coming back for a win by connecting on 9 of the 12 shots they took in the game's final minutes.



JSU Sportswire Brian Williams (21) became just the 5th player in JSU's division I history to surpass 1,000 career points

It was on two free throws by Darion

Football team among several fighting for playoff at-large bid

Daniel Porter

Sports Editor

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.

Jax State is in the midst of a tight playoff race and with a win would tie 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 TSU or JSU could be on the outside looking in when the playoff field is announced Sunday morning on ESPNU.

TSU beat JSU head-to-head mid-season, but since then JSU beat EKU 68-10 and EKU beat TSU 44-0. 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 playoffs for the first time since 2010.