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The Cpt. Kyle Comfort 5K takes place on Saturday at 9 a.m. at McClellan Medical Park in Anniston.

Also on Saturday, join in on one of the last tailgate parties of the season on Dillon Field at 11 a.m. The theme is "Color the Colonels."

New College Scheduler web application makes planning your semester easier

Marie McBurnett
Staff Writer

On November 1, JSU began offering students the option to use the new College Scheduler section of MyJSU.

College Scheduler is a website that helps students plan out their semester before the registration period begins. Instead of browsing the Class Schedules hyperlink on the MyJSU homepage, students can click the Schedule Planner hyperlink to plan and save their classes to the Schedule Planner Registration Cart.

Students add courses and desired breaks for a weekly schedule. After that, the planner will generate a number of schedules based on the student's given specifications. There is a comparison tool where students can compare

up to four schedules at once.

Users can also "lock" classes that they know they want to take and dismiss those they do not want to take. The View/Edit option under each selected course will allow the user to view all of the classes available for scheduling.

There is also a place to schedule breaks, which eliminates all schedules which conflict with the given break times.

Once the desired schedule is selected, students should be sure to save it to their Registration Cart. It will stay there until and throughout the student's registration.

When the user's registration opens, they can click on their registration cart and the planner can register the student for all open classes.

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Painting the town pink



Photo courtesy of Ashlee Jones

One women's fraternity decorated Jacksonville with more than one thousand pink bows sold to benefit breast cancer awareness, research and education

Kalyn Cabral
Special to The Chanticleer

Last month, the members of Zeta Tau Alpha hosted their annual "Think Pink Week," which began on October 20. The week gives the fraternity a chance to raise money for their philanthropy, and helps them teach others about breast cancer awareness and education.

The Zeta Tau Alphas of Jacksonville State University sold pink bows to raise money for their philanthropy. Each bow was \$10, and the ZTAs raised \$19,320—almost \$2000 more than they raised from selling bows last year.

It is a tradition for the ZTAs to hang up the big pink bows along Pelham Road in the Jacksonville community. The bows are put up at the beginning of the week and then taken down at the end.

"It was a great experience being the ZTA Philanthropy chair. I loved being able to plan events to raise money for a great cause such as breast cancer awareness and education," says ZTA recruitment chair Holly Inhulsen.

During the "Think Pink Week," many other activities were held to raise awareness and

money for the breast cancer philanthropy. On Monday night, October 21, the ZTAs hosted a "Yoga and Yogurt" party and invited all members of the Pan-Hellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Council. Upon entering the party, each guest had to provide a pink Yoplait lid; the lids were collected and sent back to General Mills, who will donate ten cents to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for every lid received.

Throughout the week the fraternities on campus participated in a house decorating competition to see which house could be "decked out in pink". About 15 ZTAs went to each house to judge its decorations. The house with the best decorations won a pizza party, courtesy of Zeta Tau Alpha.

"I love being able to say that I've made a difference and while doing it, been able to spend time with some amazing people," says Katie Smith, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Overall, the ZTAs had a very successful "Think Pink Week," and raised more money than expected. The goal for the years to come is to continue to make a difference, not only in the community, but also for breast cancer awareness and education.

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Scheduler, from page 1

Having a cart with the desired courses does not guarantee the user's admittance in every class. If the class is closed or if additional requirements are not met, the student will not be able to register even though it is in their cart.

College Scheduler is a company that services many universities including University of Alabama, Ohio State University and University of Arkansas. Jacksonville State University will now implement this software for all registration times.

"This may boost enrollment," says Emily White, Registrar. "People will be more likely to attend a school if things like this are easier." White also said that the planner is undergoing a soft roll-out. When the outcome of the soft roll-out is apparent, the new tool will be more publicized.

To get College Scheduler at JSU, representatives from each college deliberated before taking the proposal to Dr. Timothy King, the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. The proposal then went to Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President of Academic

Affairs, and eventually was finalized and accepted by Dr. William Meehan, President of JSU.

There are help videos available on the Schedule Planner homepage that teach users how to get the most out of the tool. The ACE computer lab in room 305 of the Theron Montgomery Building will be open to students on Friday, November 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for anyone who needs help with using the Schedule Planner. The Registrar's office will answer any further questions about the software as well.

JSU's Small Business Development Center offers support to area businesses

Adam Fagan
Staff Writer

Since 1981, the JSU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has contributed help and counseling to entrepreneurs who wish to make their small business dreams into reality.

Robbie Medders, Acting Director at the Center for Economic Development and the SBDC, says that readily available counselors give trained assistance for business plans, securing capital, selling their products and services to the government, and a variety of other areas that are requested by their clients. These one-on-one meetings are free, confidential, and include access to a research library, workshops, technology assistance, and conferences.

To ensure accessibility, the SBDC procured partnerships with Chambers of Commerce in a seven county area of Northeast Alabama which includes Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair, and Talladega counties to provide their full range of services, and can provide government procurement services in the two additional counties of Randolph and Clay.

While the SBDC offers counseling Monday through Friday at their campus office in Room 114 of the Merrill Building, these Chambers of Commerce provide additional space for the SBDC to meet with clients and to expand the scope and range of their services to these communities.

On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, a SBDC representative is available for counseling at the

Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce in order to render their services.

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce has maintained the partnership with JSU's SBDC since 1983 to provide these services to the local communities. Linda Hearn, Chamber Manager at the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, stated that this long-time partnership has been characterized by close, open communication.

Each party provides necessary resources for the other to more easily bring these significant services to small businesses. Linda says that while the Chamber provides a more centralized location, the SBDC provides knowledgeable advisors and a great library of research.

Over 500 businesses are assisted annually with counseling and training thanks to JSU's SBDC and their partners. According to Robbie Medders, they have contributed to the economic vitality of Alabama by helping generate sales and jobs for Alabama businesses.

They are a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration and, whether aspiring entrepreneurs are looking to explore new business ideas, or to expand the services or areas covered by their existing small business, the JSU SBDC is available to assist them.

Small business owners outside of Calhoun County who need assistance or counseling for their business can seek it through the JSU SBDC by contacting their local Chamber of Commerce to verify when the next scheduled visit will take place.

Freshman Forum organizes 'glow run' in support of the Wounded Warrior Project

Inspired by their summer reading project, JSU's Freshman Forum decided to give back to veterans with a charity event held at Dillon Field

Tiffani Foster
Staff Writer

For their Summer Reading project, JSU's Freshman forum read "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien, which is about a platoon of American soldiers in the Vietnam war.

"It was a great book," says freshman student Mallory Kirk. "It was really inspiring."

The book had such a profound effect on the students that the forum decided to hold a 'glow run,' and donate the proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project.

From their website, the Wounded Warrior Project has a vision "to foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history."

Started in 2003 by veterans in Roanoke, Virginia, the Wounded Warrior Project has been serving disabled veterans by providing services that are supported by donations. Organizations that have been involved with the Wounded Warrior Project in the past include the NFL, Geico, and Verizon Wireless.

In honor of the 10-year anniversary of the Wounded Warrior Project, the Freshman forum invited participants to join them in a 10-lap walk around Dillon field on Monday,

November 4th at 7:00 pm.

Although it was fairly cold outside, the spirit of the attendants was high as they lit their glow sticks and prepared for the walk.

"We really wanted to do something worthwhile—something that would mean something and help someone. We feel like raising money here tonight is a positive thing for all of us," says Kirk.

The participants walked the first lap silently in honor of all American soldiers who have lost their lives defending our country. Afterwards, participants continued circling the field, either walking or jogging, while listening to live music performed by a local band, Hazel and Spree.

Freshman forum mentor Brittnei Scott expressed her satisfaction in the event. "As a mentor, I am very proud to see the forum come together for such a wonderful cause, and as the daughter of two military veterans it was an honor to see all of these students coming together for people who get forgotten about sometimes."

Overall, the forum raised \$200. One hundred percent of the donations will be given to the Wounded Warrior Project.

"It feels great," says Miss Kirk, "It's good to know that you can be a part of something so big that means so much to many."

Energy drinks: tools to increase productivity, or dangerous caffeine and supplement cocktails?

Chelsea Stanger
via Uwire

Since Red Bull was introduced to the United States just over one decade ago, energy drink use has risen considerably as a method for staying awake and active. However, the ingredients included in these drinks may cause some negative long-term effects for frequent consumers.

There are more than 130 different brands of energy drinks, one of which has the caffeine equivalent of 14 cans of a normal soda, according to a study done at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The problem with such high levels of caffeine is that they can lead to harmful health consequences.

"One such adverse effect is caffeine intoxication, a recognized clinical syndrome included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders," the Johns Hopkins study said.

The study mentions anxiety,

restlessness, insomnia, tremor, gastrointestinal upset, tachycardia and other symptoms as possible effects of caffeine intoxication. The amount of caffeine in energy drinks is much more than that found in other caffeinated beverages.

"Any cola drink is well below an energy drink in caffeine levels, especially energy shots," said Rickelle Richards, PhD, MPH, RD, of the Brigham Young University department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Science. "So this is definitely why there is concern among health professionals about energy drinks, specifically because the level of caffeine in them is well above anything you would drink in a soda."

Caffeine, however, isn't the only advertised ingredient meant to boost energy levels. B vitamins are often marketed as energy-improving supplements.

"B vitamins are used in energy metabolism," Richards said. "But if you aren't already deficient in



Samantha Paskins/via Uwire

Energy drinks, popular among college students looking for an extra boost of energy, may do more harm than good, especially when habitually consumed. Some brands of energy drink contain 14 times the amount of caffeine of a single can of soda.

B vitamins, then taking more isn't going to increase your energy levels."

In the United States, most grains are already enriched with B vitamins, so most people are already getting enough, according

to Richards.

"My opinion is that it is mostly the caffeine that affects the energy levels," Richards said. "But we also can't tease out any single ingredient to know exactly what is affecting energy."

In limited amounts, caffeine is known to help with headaches, which is why senior Ian Anderson tried his first Rock Star last Thanksgiving.

"I probably drink about two a month," said Anderson, an industrial design major from Washington. "Only when I really need a boost or have a headache. Because I don't drink it often, it works really well."

The drink will leave Anderson feeling jittery for a couple of hours after drinking a whole can, but the effects don't last much longer than that.

"I use it as a tool," Anderson said. "I don't see it as a beverage I like to drink; I see it as something that can be useful."

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7-day forecast


TODAY
Chance of rain


High: 63
Low: 34
Chance of precipitation: 30%


FRIDAY
Clear

High: 63
Low: 37
Chance of precipitation: 0%

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 63
Low: 37
Chance of precipitation: 0%

SUNDAY
Clear

High: 68
Low: 41
Chance of precipitation: 0%

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy

High: 70
Low: 41
Chance of precipitation: 0%

TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy

High: 66
Low: 46
Chance of precipitation: 0%

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy

High: 64
Low: 48
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Chicken Scratch

I eat cake because it's somebody's birthday somewhere.

Your life is only as full as your heart. <3

Never argue on Facebook with someone who types faster than you do.

I dream of a better world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.

Love and Roses, Sisters!

I need to find a job where I get paid based solely on how awesome I am.

What ever happened to the Batman of JSU? I haven't seen him since Homecoming!

I'm thankful for...

This week, The Chanticleer posed the question to JSU students, "What are you thankful for?" Here is a sampling of some of the responses we recieved:

"I am thankful that Momma Goldberg's makes life better with Doritos nachos. Mmmm." -Scotti Simpson, Senior, Liberal Studies

"I'm thankful for financial aid." -Danleigh McDaniel, Junior, Secondary Education (Math)

"I'm thankful for my faith." -Kyle Lumpkin, Freshman, Criminal Justice

"I'm thankful that the campus bookstore doesn't set the prices for Chik-Fil-A." -Dalton Barnett, Sophomore, Communications

"I'm just thankful for living, that I have the opportunity to do something with my life." -Jermaine Wyche, Junior, Child Development

"I'm grateful for the nights when I get more than 6 hours of sleep!" -Haley Pendleton, Freshman, Secondary Education (English)

"I'm thankful for that end of the semester stress-free feeling." -Zack Anesty, Senior, Drama Tech./Music

"I'm thankful that after Corey Monteith/Finn Hudson died, we still have Glee for two more seasons." -Carly Stokes, Senior, Communications

"I'm thankful that I don't have to work while I'm in school." -Erin Wetzal, Freshman, Biology

"I'm thankful for our U.S. armed forces." -Noah Long, Freshman, Criminal Justice

"I'm thankful for microwaveable dinners." -Summer Isbell, Freshman, Business

I'm thankful that I'm close to graduating!" -Milea Hanner, Senior, Early Childhood/Elementary Education

"I'm thankful for that one kid who rides around on a scooter. He makes my day go from bad to marginally better." -Michael Quattrochi, Senior, Geography

"I'm thankful for not having Friday classes!" -Ashlee Jones, Senior, Graphic Design

"I'm thankful for the chance to collaborate and interact with so many talented and creative people." -Mark du Pont, Senior, Photography

"I'm thankful for caffeine!" -Hailey Scott, Sophomore, Business Management

"I am thankful for Dr. Harding's literature classes, Dr. Gregg's geography classes, Madame Knight's French class, and Dr. Pacheco's Spanish class." -Ashley Figueroa, Junior, Foreign Language (Spanish)

"I am thankful for the 2 for \$20 option at Chili's on date night!" -Chris Hubbard, Junior, Communications

"I'm thankful that dogs made it on the ark." -Cheryl Winfrey, Junior, Pre-Med

"I am thankful for Mrs. Teresa Stricklin for being Mason Hall Momma." -Tara Patterson, Junior, Communications/Music

"I'm thankful for hot tea, fireplaces, and a hand to hold." -Heather Corrine, Senior, Psychology/Sociology

"I'm thankful for 25 cent drafts at Brothers on Monday nights. I'm also thankful for dollar tacos at Loco Mex on Tuesday nights." -Dylan Miller, Junior, Management

"I'm just thankful that this semester is beginning to wind down and that the majority of my reading assignments (plays in Shakespeare, books in Young Adult Lit, etc.) are pretty much done with." -Lea Isbell, Junior, Secondary Education (English, Language Arts)

"I'm thankful that Waffle House is open on Thanksgiving, just in case Mom can't come through. It's good to have a backup option." -Michael Norris, Senior, Criminal Justice/Communications

"I'm thankful for the STL and my Marching Southerners family!" -Haleigh Tibbs, Senior, Communications

Campus crime report

11/04/2013
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Crow Hall

11/04/2013
Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

11/04/2013
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle
Patterson Hall Parking Lot

11/03/2013
Information Report
Patterson Hall

11/02/2013
Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle
Dixon Hall Parking Lot

11/01/2013
Information Report
Stadium Tower

11/01/2013
Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

11/01/2013
Medical Emergency
Penn House Apartments

11/01/2013
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Patterson Hall

10/30/2013
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Off Campus

10/30/2013
Theft of Property
Stadium Tower Parking Lot

10/29/2013
Automobile Accident
Penn House Apartments Parking Lot

Upcoming SGA events:

November 9th SGA Tailgate "Color the Colonels" (Bright colors) Dillon Field Tailgate opens at 11:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM

November 11th Senate Meeting TMB Auditorium 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

November 12th Student Activities Council TMB Auditorium 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

November 18th Senate Meeting TMB Auditorium 6:00 PM

Arts & Entertainment

Students think outside reality at Writers Bowl

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

While the countdown to next Halloween has already begun, Jacksonville State's campus had a week full of the paranormal activities for students and faculty alike. This included local high schools that came to Leon Cole Auditorium last Wednesday to put their literary skills to work for the annual Writers Bowl.

"As the producer of a reality TV show, write a letter to a classic monster explaining why the monster is being eliminated from your show." This prompt, along with a list of classic horror movie monsters (Frankenstein, Dracula, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, etc.) and popular reality television shows (The Voice, Survivor, Dancing With the Stars, etc.) was what participants of the Writers Bowl were given in order to test their writing abilities. What's better? This was only round one.

The Writers Bowl consists of two portions each year: prose and poetry. These two genres of writing test a variety of skills and allow the judges to determine which team has the strongest writing abilities. Students are given their prompts, divided into their groups, and set free to get their creativity in motion.



Alex McFry/The Chanticleer
ABOVE AND LEFT: Participants brainstorm ideas for the prompt they were given.

High school students sprawled out in the grass, sat together on benches, or just huddled into a corner inside of the auditorium. Whatever the location, they all collaborated with their team mem-

bers in an event to bring home first prize and revel in victory.

Christy Burns experienced her very first year volunteering with the Writers Bowl last Wednesday. "It's been a very pleasant experience so far. I've gotten to meet a lot of different students. It seems like the program is going strong and improving from year to year." She was selected to be on the Writers Bowl committee earlier this semester and has enjoyed every minute of it.

"It really gives them a chance to develop their skills as writ-

ers, which is ultimately the goal here," said Burns in regards to how helpful the program was for students in the state.

On the other end of the spectrum, Dr. Randall Davis has been involved in Writers Bowl since the very beginning. He has seen the program skyrocket in size from just twenty-five teams to the incredible seventy-two teams that were present last week.

"It started seventeen years ago. Several members of the English department were all invited to a meeting where event was conceptualized. We held the first Writers Bowl in the library, but found out that it was going to be an event that quickly grew."

Students from across northeastern Alabama and beyond are asked to participate in the event in an effort to challenge those with an interest and talent in the field of English.

"This year, we even have students from Tuscaloosa and Pickens County," says Davis in regards to how the program is spreading.

"It's a good time for the students. We get very lively responses from everyone who comes to take part every year. I've had students in freshman level classes with fond memories of their experience with the Writers Bowl."

Album review: 'New' by Paul McCartney

Joely Friedman
via Uwire

I don't trust people who don't love The Beatles. I was once friends with a girl from work until she told me she didn't respect The Beatles. After that she was dead to me.

The music made by The Beatles was nothing short of genius, and the four Beatles were nothing short of geniuses themselves.

With his Beatles years far behind him, Sir Paul McCartney has time and time again proved himself as an incredible solo artist. He has given us twenty-four studio albums post-Beatles. His latest album, *New*, was released on October 11, 2013 with amazing reviews.

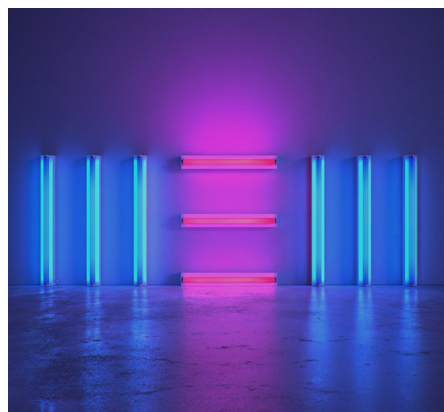
No need to be jealous, except that you have all the reason in the world to be because I have seen Sir Paul live. Yes, that is right; he performed for almost three hours at Bonnaroo this past summer. I spent every second of that time teary eyed and near seizing.

I have been lucky enough to have attended many live musical performances, and nothing compares to the bewilderment that one experiences when standing before the legend himself hearing *Yesterday* and *Hey Jude* being performed by his majesty.

After seeing Paul McCartney in the flesh and hearing his liquid gold voice, I began to look into his post-Beatles career and I liked what I found.

I have loved all of his solo albums, but his latest album is hands down in my opinion his best yet.

New is colorful and showcases Paul's never ending vat of creativity. This album is forty-six minutes of evi-



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dence that Paul is incapable of making a single song that isn't profound and catchy.

My favorite song on the album, *Alligator*, is what I like to call 'eternal youth.' The song has a changing melody that makes you want to skip across a flowery field and spin in circles while swaying your entire body from head to toes. Listening to *Alligator* removes all of your troubles and forces a smile of your face. The song, as with all of Paul's songs, has his classic sound with new modern tunes intertwined.

Every song on the album has an original feel to it with Sir Paul's classic touch. This album is undoubtedly a work of art that proves that Mr. McCartney is a timeless artist who continues to create amazing music.

I highly recommend this album to anyone who likes music that makes you feel good. If you are a music hater, this is an album that I am confident would change the way you feel about music. I cannot stop listening to this album and I am positive that once you listen to it, you will not be able to stop either.

JSU choirs to perform Handel's 'Messiah'

Special to The Chanticleer

The historic Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Anniston will be the setting for the Jacksonville State University A Cappella Choir and the Calhoun County Civic Choral's joint performance of Part One of George Friedrich Handel's *Messiah* on November 17 at 3 p.m. Guest soloists will be University of Montevallo faculty member and tenor Roderick George and JSU alumna and Mezzo Soprano Judy Holt Shealy. The choirs will be accompanied by an orchestra of JSU students, faculty and professional string players from the Birmingham area.

The choirs are under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, JSU director of Choral Activities, and are accompanied by Ms Vicki Brock, organist at Parker Memorial in Anniston. Other featured soloists on the concert are Soprano Debra Mantua (Rockville, Md.), Pat Kirkland, (Weaver), David Lawshe (Jacksonville), and Ellen Abney, (Haralson, Ga.).

This is the fourth time that Dr. Corbin has chosen to have her choirs perform *Messiah* since joining the JSU music faculty in 1999. "*Messiah* is the most popular oratorio written by Handel and is beloved by singers and audience members alike," says Dr. Corbin. "We always get a great turnout of singers when we do this

work. It is so important for our college singers, especially the soloists, to learn this work because they will be called upon to sing it often throughout their performing years," she continues.

The entire *Messiah* is in three parts and details the birth of Christ, his death and resurrection, respectively. The choirs will only be performing Part One, which includes all of the familiar Christmas selections such as "And the Glory of the Lord", "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion," and "For Unto Us a Child is Born."

The Church of St. Michael and All Angels has been a favorite performance venue for this work. "There is something about the beautiful and historic architecture of St. Michael and All Angels that creates a great atmosphere for this performance," says Dr. Corbin. "We are lucky to have the opportunity to perform in such a glorious place." The church is located at 1000 West 18th Street in Anniston.

Tickets for the performance are \$8 for General Admission, \$5 Youth/Children (16 ages and under), and \$4 for JSU students with ID. Tickets will go on sale November 4th and may be purchased in person from the JSU Choral Activities Office in November, or at the door. This concert is expected to sell out.

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Is Grand Theft Auto 5 too controversial for production?

Malcolm Aquino
via *Uwire*

The release of Grand Theft Auto 5 cemented the franchise's place not just in video game history, but in the history of US culture. In its opening weekend, Rockstar Game's crown jewel made over a billion dollars, making it the fastest selling game of all time.

The game has garnered universal acclaim and a firestorm of controversy due to a rather gruesome torture section. The series has been attacked from all sides since the release of Grand Theft Auto 3 for anything from drunk driving to misogyny to racism.

No stranger to controversy, Rockstar Games has brushed off the criticism and has managed to make one of the greatest franchises of all time.

Many current college students, including myself, have been raised with the series. A forbidden fruit of gaming that, at 12 years old, I couldn't keep curiosity away from it any longer.

An old neighbor of mine, who was four years my elder at the time, had obtained a copy of Grand Theft Auto 3 through his brother. His house soon became the place to be for my after school entertainment.

After finding a reason to leave the house, I would go over to my neighbor's and just sit and watch in awe at him and his friends switching off between deaths. There was nothing else like it at the time.

When I finally got my chance to play, I was hooked. My visits turned into a daily ritual of public displays of murder, prostitution, and creative ways to make explosions. All of this was done for the sake of getting your "star rating" up.

One of the main parts of the Grand Theft Auto series was the ability to openly shoot, kill, destroy, or steal anything at any point of the game.

The disregard for human life in the game is something that has led many to believe that the string of school shootings is directly connected with the Grand Theft Auto series' depiction of violence, which at face value, is a ridiculous claim.

However, the biggest thing that a lot of groups that criticize the series fail to realize is the importance of choice in the series.

There are no missions in any of the games that order you to murder a hundred random pedestrians or go blow up a school bus full of kids. Each game's plot was both engaging and complex, involving many different characters and locations.

Grand Theft Auto 5 is a crime epic that involves a trio of unlikely friends that make their riches conducting high risk robberies. After a couple successful missions, the group

gets involved with shady government agents that are trying to undermine a rival agency.

Good character development, high quality voice acting, and excellent game play and visuals make this game much more than a glorified violence simulator...if the player chooses it to be that way.

Even the torture scene in GTA 5 can be short or long depending on what the player decides

It's like my friend Rob always says, "You can learn a lot about a person by watching how they play GTA."

The GTA experience is a personal one, shaped by the players and sometimes stealing a car and committing countless acts of vehicular homicide is what some gamers consider fun. I prefer the classic car chain explosion.

No Grand Theft Auto game is complete without the radio stations. Each game has its own set of radio stations, each catering to a specific genre or group of genres.

Grand Theft Auto games have often served as a gateway of music. Many of the songs featured on the radio stations are either old classics or current underground phenoms.

Also, with every game taking place in a different version of a famous American city, the music is very regional, giving more exposure to some artists you may not hear on your local station.

Since almost every form of popular American genres are covered, the game caters to music lovers as well.

The Grand Theft Auto series is something that will define the Millennial generation.

With sales that surpass even the insanely popular Call of Duty series and a legacy of controversy that will be debated for years, it is a perfect representation of the attitudes of young people.

If you look at other famous bits of pop culture (i.e. South Park, Family Guy), the point of them is to make fun or make light of something that is a very serious issue.

The Grand Theft Auto series can be considered to be part of this 21st Century attitude toward the violent and the taboo. With the other forms of exaggerated violence we are exposed to (torture porn and blood symphonies come to mind), the tongue in cheek attitude that the games have made them pretty harmless when it comes to exposure to violence in the media.

Sure, there are times when the game's portrayal of things like sex and human life are trivialized, but the core of the game is far from some mindless murder simulation.

The choice is in the player and after playing through GTA 3, Vice City, San Andreas, GTA 4, and currently playing through GTA 5, it is safe to say that I came out of it okay, as did most of the people who I know have played them.

Upcoming events on and around campus

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Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 tournament to be held as a fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior Project. 2nd floor of Stone Center, 7 p.m.

November 9, 2013

Cpt. Kyle Comfort 5K planned for Saturday at 9 a.m. at McClellan Medical Park in Anniston.

November 9, 2013

"Color the Colonels" SGA tailgate, 11 a.m. on Dillon Field

November 10, 2013

A joint musicale concert will be held by Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Mu Alpha, and Kappa Kappa Psi at 3 p.m.

November 12, 2013

Jazz ensembles will be in concert to showcase their talent at 7:30 p.m. in the performance center of Mason Hall.

November 14, 2013

Sigma Gamma Rho will be hosting a comedy show at 7 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building

November 14, 2013

"Antigone" opens at 7 p.m. on the Stone Center stage and continues until Sunday, November 17.

November 16, 2013

Native American Heritage month will be celebrated at the Little River Canyon Center with games and other activities.

November 16, 2013

Tellebration, an annual celebration of story-telling around the world, scheduled to be at Little River Canyon Center.

November 17, 2013

Several JSU choirs are planning to perform Handel's "Messiah" Part 1 at the historic Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

November 18, 2013

The JSU Community Orchestra Fall Concert will be held at 7:30 on the Stone Center stage.

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 their talents.



JSU's percussion and steel bands perform in concert

Zachary Hester
Staff Writer

Tuesday night in the Mason Hall Performance Center, an incredible percussion concert took place. It featured Jacksonville State University's Percussion Ensemble in collaboration with the Chamber Singers, Steel Drum band, and a world-renowned percussion composer by the name of Arthur Lipner.

The concert opened with a Concerto for Timpani and Percussion Ensemble, which heavily featured Oliver DuPree on timpani. The next pieces were A Garden of Weeds, which was performed by an almost all-mallet ensemble, and then Mallet Fantasia, a four-movement piece that has been performed over 30 times in 5 different countries. The Chamber Singers were incorporated during the second move-

ment of the piece.

After a brief intermission, Arthur Lipner came back and played a unique composition on vibraphone with only his fingers, before moving into a duet with Dr. McCutchen, a professor of JSU, called Space Dancer. A song called Four Brothers (based on a jazz chart) brought in a drum set, upright bass, and piano, and the next song included the audience clapping, and was called Sunny.

The concert concluded with an original composition of Mr. Lipner's called City Soca. It brought in the steel drum band, and featured the percussion ensemble as well as Lipner himself. All of the music selected and performed tonight was of a high level of difficulty, but every note and rhythm was brilliantly executed by each performer on stage, and was very entertaining to the entire audience.

Opinion & Editorial

The good, the bad, and the ugly of Obamacare

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Americans are beginning to feel the impact of the recently implemented Affordable Care Act, widely referred to as “Obamacare.” This impact includes a list of good, bad, and ugly consequences that Americans are just now starting to sort through.

Some individuals are losing their current plans, some are gaining new coverage, and some wonder whether their coverage will or will not change.

For years the Obama administration has insisted that no one would lose coverage, despite the fact that at least 3.5 million Americans have received cancellation notices. Many officials claim that these individuals’ coverage is being “transitioned” into better coverage plans, rather than actually being canceled.

President Obama recently stated that this problem only affects about 5 percent of the population, those who have “cut-rate plans.” However, in a nation with over 300 million people, that 5 percent actually equals about 15 million Americans.

Another side of the coin is considered to be a “pro” of the new law. An expanded version of Medicaid that has been offered to and embraced by 25 states so far, Alabama not included.

In a recent survey the Associated Press found that in 14 of those states at least 240,000 Americans had applied for the program as of its third week in effect.

Another segment of the population affected, which accounts for about 50% of Americans, are those with employer-provided health insurance. They too have been reassured by the administration that their coverage will not change.

However, in 2018 a new tax will be implemented on companies with expensive insurance plans. This is resulting in some companies raising deductibles and co-payments for employees, while blaming the new law and potential tax. Some experts wonder whether many of these companies’ claims will actually be warranted.



Other changes include that young adults can now stay on their parents’ coverage until they’re 26 years old (a win for us college students). Insurers can no longer deny or raise costs on individuals with preexisting medical conditions. Also, employers now cover birth control, screenings, and other preventive services free of charge.

In Alabama, the governor has opted out of the Medicaid expansion. A study conducted at UAB found that if Alabama opted into the program approximately 300,000 Alabamians would be able to receive healthcare coverage for the first time.

Moreover, the new program would not cost the State of Alabama anything for the first three years. Thereafter, Alabama’s share would incrementally rise to its cap of 10 percent in 2020 and would result in a \$1.5 billion per year increase to the State’s economy.

Anytime that you have a 906-page bill that is hurriedly rushed through the legislative branch, there are going to be plenty of unintended consequences, both good and bad. However, as many Democrats continue to note, the bill is now the law of the land.

My hope is that leaders in federal, state, and local governments will come together and sort through the good and the bad to make this law a little less ugly.

Un poco advice

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

The Thursday before Halloween, I decided to go to Oxford’s Center of Hope thrift store for some last-minute costume shopping. I had been invited to the International House’s Halloween party, and my plan was to go as Norville “Shaggy” Rogers, sans Scooby-Doo.



I was disappointed when I couldn’t find anything—not even a ratty, green v-neck t-shirt—that would pass me off as the perpetually hungry and perpetually terrified slacker. I did spend some time browsing through the paperback books, though.

Most of the books that end up in thrift stores are pretty much worthless, in my opinion. On any one visit, you’re guaranteed to find the entire Left Behind series in paper and hardback edition, thirty different kinds of Bibles and a huge collection of religious, self-help and parenting manuals.

The rest of the books are all works of forgettable fiction from the 1980s and 90s—think CIA operatives, the Cold War and nuclear holocaust. If you go into a thrift store’s book section and pick up a book printed after 1997, you’ve struck gold.

Anyway, after looking around for about fifteen minutes, I’d found two worth buying: The Western World Philosophy, printed by Penguin in 2004, and Cassell’s Compact Spanish Dictionary, printed in 1984.

I walked to the front of the

store to check out. Now, I’ve taken the foreign language sequence required by my major, which was two semesters of Spanish with Dr. Pacheco. I know enough of the language to carry on a very basic conversation.

The guy running the register was Hispanic. He picked up the Spanish dictionary, looked at it, and looked back at me. He asked: “¿Entiende español?” I knew what he was asking, and I knew how to respond. Still, my tongue got caught in my throat.

“Uhh, yeah, uhh...” I knew the phrase I needed: un poco, a little. But before I could stammer it out, he said it for me. I told him I was working on my Spanish, and he replied with “esta bien.” The books were \$2.50, and he counted out my change in Spanish: “uno, dos, tres,” up to, “siete dolares y cincuenta centavos.”

I was thinking about how I knew those words the whole time he was counting, and how this would’ve been a perfect opportunity to practice my Spanish, but I couldn’t muster the courage to say a single word to him in his language. I took my change, thanked him in English and left.

I realized something walking out of that thrift store, though: if I don’t break out of my shell of self-consciousness and interact with people, my language skills will never improve. If you’re taking a foreign language at JSU now, do more than just learn enough to get through the course—immerse yourself in it. Take my advice, and don’t follow the example I set at that thrift store.

Letter to the Editor

It is rare for me that after four years and two master degrees at JSU that I find reason to fault editors of The Chanticleer. Let me explain. The article that your paper ran that concerns questions posed to Dallas, Texas journalist Hugh Aynesworth about the Kennedy assassination was Aynesworth’s self-serving way to promote and sell his book and continue to attack those of us that don’t believe the Warren Commission got it completely right when they selected Lee Oswald as the “lone nut assassin.”

It is my opinion that because of people with authority like Aynesworth, the truth about who and why Kennedy was killed is slow to become public. Coincidentally, The Anniston Star ran an article on Sunday entitled “50 years. 1 shooter. Oswald.” It was written by Richard M. Mosk, a justice on the California Court of Appeal, who was a member of the staff of the Warren Commission. His thesis, not surprisingly, is that the Warren Commission got it completely right. In his narrative submitted as a special to the Los Angeles Times, he leaves out any knowledge that is now available that the Commission was not provided back in 1964. But he does say that nothing would have made a difference, Oswald was the lone assassin and killed Kennedy.

I testified before Congress, was interviewed by Dan Rather on 60 Minutes and was a guest of Oprah Winfrey on her TV show. And I told the truth under oath. My FBI file has been sealed until 2024. I’ll be 82 years old and will finally find out why I was told by three FBI agents in Nashville in 1967 that, quote, “Mr. Hoover sent us here to shut you up.” I can’t print the message I asked them to deliver to my former boss, J. Edgar Hoover. My closing suggestion to The Chanticleer, stick to topics of education and college sports, leave selling JFK-related books to Amazon.

—William Walter, JSU Graduate Student, former FBI

Mr. Walter,

First of all, thank you for reading The Chanticleer, and for your feedback. The story that you are referring to was obtained via UWIRE, a wire news service for college newspapers, and was a Q & A between students at the University of Texas and Aynesworth. We thought that the article might be of interest because a large portion of our readership, and all of our writers, are student journalists. No claim was made, other than the words of Aynesworth himself, that the information he gave was ‘completely right’. As journalists, it is our job to print what was said. There was no ‘promotion’ of the book on our part; we were printing an interview, not an advertisement.

—The Chanticleer Editors



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Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

FCS Top 25:

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

JSU's Next Game:

@ Eastern Kentucky (6-3)

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 UTM* (W 41-27)
 - 10/12 vs #23 TSU* (L 15-31)
 - 10/26 @ TTU* (W 34-14)
 - 11/2 @ APSU* (W 42-10)
 - 11/9 vs Eastern Kentucky*
 - 11/16 @ #2 Eastern Illinois*
 - 11/23 vs SE Missouri St.*
- ^ Rivalry / * OVC game

OVC Football Standings:

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

Upcoming Action:

- Thursday: Rifle @ Alaska
- Friday: VB @ Eastern Illinois
WBB @ Ole Miss
MBB @ Bradley
- Saturday: VB @ Southern Ill.
Football vs Eastern Kentucky
- Sunday: MBB @ Illinois
- Tuesday: WBB @ Auburn

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)
 - Belmont (0-0)
 - Morehead State (0-0)
 - Jacksonville State (0-0)
 - Tennessee State
 - Tennessee Tech

- West:
- Murray State
 - SE Missouri State
 - Austin Peay
 - UT-Martin
 - Eastern Illinois
 - SIUE

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Volleyball falls on Senior Day

JACKSONVILLE

– Sophomore Emily Rutherford led the Jacksonville State volleyball team with a 14 kills on a .345 attack percentage but it was not enough to overcome a Morehead State team that hit .421 in the 3-0 (25-19, 25-15, 25-22) victory on Saturday afternoon in Ohio Valley Conference action.

The Gamecocks fall to 11-16 overall and 4-8 in OVC play with the loss on senior day while the Eagles improve to 21-6 overall and a perfect 12-0 in conference play.

Senior Abbey Heredia finished with 32 assists on the night while



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Seniors Kelly Cole (6) and Abbey Heredia (10)

senior Kelly Cole led the way with 15 digs defensively.

Laura McDermott led the Eagles with 12 kills

on a .455 attack percentage while Aryn Bohannon added 11 kills on a .333 attack percentage. Setter Colbey Cameron

finished with 36 assists and nine digs on the day.

Defensively, Leslie Schellhaas led the Eagles with 13 digs to lead a MSU defensive unit that limited the Gamecocks to a .189 attack percentage.

Both offenses came out strong in the first set, with the Gamecocks hitting .323 percent behind five kills from junior Nicole Mergert and four kills from Rutherford. The Eagles were able to counter with a .419 attack percentage thanks to five kills from Hannah Sigala and four kills apiece from Alex Fitzmorris and McDermott to

pull away for the 25-19 victory.

The Eagles continued their strong offensive play in the second set, using a .571 attack percentage to pull out the 25-15 victory. McDermott led the way with five kills as MSU limited the Gamecocks to a .062 attack percentage in the set.

Trailing 11-8 in the third set, the Gamecocks went on a 7-1 run to take a 15-12. Bohannon then finished with seven of her 11 kills while helping the Eagles tie the match at 18-18. From there MSU managed to pull away for the 25-22 match clinching victory.

—Sportswire

Basketball tops Miles in exhibition

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State women's basketball team ushered in the Rick Pietri Era the way he likes to see with a solid defensive effort as the Gamecocks thumped in-state foe Miles College, 73-48, in an exhibition contest at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Sunday.

Pietri, in his JSU debut, moved to 13-0 in exhibition games as he claimed the previous 12 at the University of South Alabama. While at USA, Pietri's teams played solid on the defensive end limiting the opposition to 50 points or less 217 times and posted a 164-53 mark in those contests.

After a close first half in which it saw six lead changes and three ties, the Gamecocks close out the first 20 minutes of game action

with a 9-3 run and take a 34-28 lead into the halftime break. JSU opened the second half with a stronger stance on the defensive end of the floor as it held the Bears to zero points in the first 5:42 of the half. While limiting MC, Jax State built its first double-digit lead at 38-28 with 17:28 left to play. The Red and White would extend the lead out to 21 points at 51-32 at the 10:35 mark of the half on a Miranda Cantrell jumper. JSU led by as many as 30 points at 66-36 after a Candace Morton bucket.

JSU held the Bears to 5-for-23 shooting in the second half and just 20 second-half points. On the offensive end the Gamecocks were 14-of-37 for 37 percent shooting. With a new emphasis on hand-checking on defense this year in

the NCAA, the teams combined for 49 fouls. Jax State turned in a 24-of-35 night at the free throw line.

Morton, a third-year member of the program, led all scorers with 17 points and six rebounds in 34 minutes of action. The Lexington, Ky.-native also had three assists and eight steals. Junior Bria'unna Buckner finished with 16 points and scored eight of her 16 points at the free throw line. Cantrell finished the contest with 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Playing in her first collegiate game, freshman Briana Benson added eight points, while freshman Kelly Naughton had four assists and a pair of steals at the point guard spot.

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Stakes are high as the Colonels come to town Saturday

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Saturday the Gamecocks (7-2) will host the Eastern Kentucky Colonels (6-3) in what was circled as one of the biggest games of the year during the preseason. Now that it's here, the circumstances call for it to be an even bigger game.

Going into the season the player all agreed that you want to win every game, but if there was one opponent that it would feel just a little better beating than another, that team would be ECU.

The Colonels have had JSU's number as of late winning five of the last six matchups and are

currently the only Ohio Valley team that the Gamecocks have a losing record against in a series. As is the case most years, ECU was one of the team picked preseason to fight for the conference title, but a slow start made it

look like the Colonels may not be as strong.

While JSU opened the year 4-0, WKU started 2-3. However, the early schedule was brutal for the Colonels with a 44-7 loss to FBS Louisville behind Teddy Bridgewater. A week later ECU fell to Coastal Carolina 51-32, it turns out now that the loss wasn't as bad see-

ing as the Chanticleers (good nickname) are undefeated and ranked in the top five. ECU's other early loss came to another top five team in Eastern Illinois, the team that JSU will face next week.

Since the rough start,

ern Illinois in control of the conference title, the race for second and a chance at an at-large bid in the 24-team playoffs is rapidly heating up.

A win Saturday will almost guarantee either team being ranked next week. After JSU, the Colonels finish their season against UT-Martin (6-3) and Murray State (5-4) while the Gamecocks have the daunting

task of traveling to face Eastern Illinois (8-1) and then return home for SE Missouri State (2-7).

Aside from everything just mentioned, a win for Jacksonville State Saturday would be a milestone as it be the 250th win for the Gamecocks at JSU Stadium since it was originally opened in 1946.



FCS Scoreboard

This week:

EKU (6-3)	EIU (8-1)	CCU (9-0)	MN St (7-2)	Woff (5-3)	NDSU (8-0)
JSU (7-2)	MSU (5-4)	CSU (9-1)	EWU (7-2)	Chat (7-2)	Ill St (5-4)

Last week:

JSU - 42 (7-2)	EKU - 44 (6-3)	MSU - 17 (5-4)	Dela. - 32 (7-2)	SE Lou. - 41 (7-2)
AP - 10 (0-9)	TSU - 0 (7-3)	UTM - 45 (6-3)	Towson - 31 (8-2)	McN St - 7 (7-2)

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Jax State survives Redhawks, prepares for regular-season opener

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

On Monday, JSU hosted the Martin Methodist Redhawks in their final exhibition game before the regular season begins. The Gamecocks started off slow and with under seven minutes to play until halftime trailed their NAIA opponent 20-18.

Less than a minute later Brian Williams was fouled on a made three-pointer and converted the rare four-point play to give Jax State a 22-20 lead. From there, Undra Mitchem hit another three followed immediately by a Darion Rackley steal and fast break basket to push the lead to eight. The Gamecocks would go into the lock room up ten, 38-28.

Midway through the final half JSU reached their largest lead of the night at 14 points, but the Redhawks became hot from behind the arc and began to cut into the lead. Over a five minute stretch from 11:50 to 7:09, Martin Methodist used a 21-8 run to pull within one, 63-62, forcing a JSU timeout.

The Redhawks are no slouch on the court having had their best season in 2011 winning 34 games. Still, the Gamecocks were able to regroup and extend the lead for

the time until the game was tied up 70-70 with 3:43 remaining. As was the case all night, JSU shot poorly from the stripe in the final minutes to keep the game close. JSU made just 18 of 35 attempts (51%) all night, which in the end allowed Martin Methodist to have a full-court heave for the win, but the shot was short letting the Gamecocks survive with an 80-78 win.

Missing from Monday night's action were seniors Rico Sanders and Nick Cook. Both were getting final rest to heal minor injuries but are expected to be ready to play on Friday. After transferring from South Alabama, Sanders came on strong at the end of last season shooting 40 percent from long range and proved to be an improving ball handler. Cook, will aid the defense as he has nearly 300 rebounds and 108 blocks in the last two seasons.

Cook will get relief from 6'9" sophomore Mike Louder and newcomer standout D.J. Felder who had 19 rebounds alone Monday night. Brian Williams and Darion Rackley will likely carry the load scoring wise but will have help from Undra Mitchem and Grant White who returns to Jacksonville after a year at Palm Beach State where he started all 32 games

and led the Panthers to a 29-3 record. Two seasons ago White saw time in all 33 of JSU's games and scored 121 points.

The Gamecocks start a rigorous three-game road trip to offi-

IL., where the Gamecocks will meet the Big Ten's Fighting Illini of Illinois. The Illini were 23-13 a year ago with wins over Butler, then eighth ranked Ohio State and tournament 1 seed Gonzaga.



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The 2013-14 Gamecocks hope to improve from an impressive 17-11 record a year ago.

cially kick off the 2013-14 season starting Friday when they visit the Bradley Braves of the Missouri Valley Conference. Last season Bradley was 18-17 with wins over OVC schools UT-Martin and Eastern Illinois. JSU next Champaign,

Before returning home JSU will face the Chicago State Cougars, who is no walk-over, but will be a much more comfortable matchup following JSU's opening pair of contests.

Gamecocks roll past Govs

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

Last Saturday, the scoreboard proclaimed the Gamecocks' dominance over Austin Peay: 42-10.

In the major win against the Govs, the Gamecocks came out

nors' low ranked defense, it only took the start of the second quarter for things to change.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Kyle West completed nine straight passes and eventually led the Gamecocks to a lead of 28-3 before halftime.

mainder of the game.

It was the defense that scored first for the Gamecocks when junior Rashod Byers picked off Austin Peay's quarterback and made a 95 yard return for a touchdown. It was not the only interception of the night as senior Rob Gray returned one to the 3-yard line during the second quarter.

JSU's 245 yards of total offense allowed is the lowest amount of yards in a game by an opponent since Austin Peay gained only 157 on Oct. 23, 2010.

James made his first three touchdown runs in the second quarter and after JSU returned to the field after halftime he made his fourth on the longest JSU drive of the night. The drive was a 10-play 61-yard drive that ended with James scoring.

It was then that the Governors managed to score their first and only touchdown of the game and then saw DaMarcus James finish the night with his fifth and final score coming from 40 yards out with 23 seconds remaining in the quarter.

This is the 11th straight winning season for the Gamecocks which is the longest in school history. JSU also has the highest winning percentage in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 62-22 record against league opponents since joining the conference in 2003.

JSU will play host to Eastern Kentucky (6-3) this Saturday which marks their first home game in four weeks. The game begins at 3 p.m. and is Military Appreciation Day, where a person with a military ID will receive free admission for them and a guest.

OVC tabs James Offensive POTW

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State's DaMarcus James has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week, the league office announced on Sunday.

James tied an Ohio Valley Conference record and set a school record after rushing for five touchdowns in JSU's 42-10 win at Austin Peay on Saturday, while his 30 points scored also tied a school record. James had 19 carries for 102 yards, and scored on touchdown runs of 1, 3, 1, 2, 40 yards and he also had a pair of receptions for five yards.

James scored three rushing touchdowns during the second quarter to become the first Gamecock to have three rushing touchdowns in a quarter since Jamal Young at Eastern Illinois on Sept. 25, 2010 during the second quarter.

The junior runningback has scored a touchdown in six straight games and has 17 this season, which is the second most in a single-season in school history. He now has scored 102 points this season, which is also the second-most in school history behind Oscar Bonds' total of 114 set in 2004, and he is currently ranked third in the NCAA in rushing touchdowns and sixth in scoring.

The Demopolis, Ala., native became just the fourth player in FCS to rush for five touchdowns this season, joining Cody Kirk (Montana State vs North Dakota on 9/28); Ben Dupree (Citadel vs Old Dominion on 9/21); and Terrance West (Townson vs Delaware State on 9/14). The five rushing touchdowns tied an OVC record held by Derek White, Tennessee Tech vs. Concordia (Ala.) (2007); Daniel Williams, Austin Peay vs. UT Martin (1996); and Paris Wicks, Youngstown State vs. Northern Iowa (1981).

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DaMarcus James (32) set a school record with 5 rushing TDS against Austin Peay

with a seven-game winning streak between the two teams since the series resumed in 2007.

It was the impressive feats of junior DaMarcus James that boosted the team's scoring as he alone scored five touchdowns. James rushed for 102 yards on 19 carries and broke a school record for rushing touchdowns in a single game. He now has 23 career touchdowns and 17 for this season.

Although Jacksonville State (7-2) got off to a slow start initially with the offense only accumulating 18 yards in their first three possessions against the Gover-

West did not just depend on DaMarcus James to help with their scoring, he also turned to freshman wide receiver Josh Barge who caught nine passes for 115 yards lifting his season total to 569 yards breaking a freshman record held by Bubba Long from the 1966 season.

The impressive Gamecocks' defense limited the Govs to less than 300 yards of total offense, doing so for the second straight week against their opponents. While the defense gave up 104 yards early, they quickly rebounded and held the Governors to 141 for the re-

Basketball opening schedules:

MEN:



Nov. 8



Nov. 10



Nov. 12

WOMEN:



Nov. 8



Nov. 13