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Xterra Series trail run at Henry Farm Park Saturday

Ashley Ossenfort
Senior Staff Writer

This weekend, Jacksonville will get the chance to discover one of its little known natural treasures. On Saturday, October 19, a trail run will be hosted at the Henry Farm Trails behind RMC Jacksonville.

"If you look at the Jacksonville Hospital from Route 21 head on, there's a big hill behind it. That hill's covered in mountain biking trails, [which cover] 3.5 miles," said Dr. Carmine Di Biase, professor of English at Jacksonville State University. The trail is accessed through Henry Farm Park, where participants will park for the event.

"The trail run is part of a national series called Xterra, which means off-road," said Di Biase. "This is a series and people compete to see if they can get a high rank in the series."

The trail run will include a health festival that will offer yoga and Pilates instruction, free health screenings by RMC Hospital in Jacksonville, and locally grown fruits and vegetables sold by the Jacksonville



Carmine Di Biase/special to The Chanticleer

Susan Di Biase works on a switchback on the Henry Farm Park mountain biking trail, where this weekend's trail run will take place. A switchback trail follows a zig-zag pattern, making a steep ascent easier on trail runners, as well as protecting the trail from erosion.

City Farmers Market. Other vendors at the event will include Java Jolt, who will be providing coffee for the runners, and Roma's Pizza, who will offer a 30% discount to runners. Following the race will be a guided tour of the trail.

"When I mentioned [the trail] to Tim Schroer, he said absolutely we can use another venue and add another race to the series. He liked what we had to offer... the park makes for an ideal location for a trail run," said Di

Biase.

"When I let the city council know, I got a call from Johnathon Tompkins, he's a city council member... and he's on fire about this trail and this trail run. He had the imagination to turn this into a comprehensive health festival, which we hope to be able to repeat year after year."

Those interested in running in the competition can register the morning of the event. The registration fee is 40 dollars.

Those registering can also register online before October 11 at dirtyspokes.com for an early registration fee of 35 dollars. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be offered for the top three male and top three female runners. Runners will also be judged in different age categories and the winner of each category will be given an award.

"Even the IMBA,

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Communication professor organizes JSU's first independent Hispanic Health Fair

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

After the homecoming parade is over on Saturday morning, follow the flags of the International Student Organization to JSU's first independent Hispanic Health Fair.

The fair will be held on the second floor of Wallace Hall after the parade. There is no charge for admission and all ethnicities are welcome.

Spanish-speaking representatives of the Calhoun County



Jeffery Hedrick/special to The Chanticleer

Licensed Zumba instructor Jenniffer Whyte performs an exercise routine at last year's Hispanic Health Fair, held at Oxford Lake park.

Health Department will be present. Sarrell Dental and Eye Centers will provide free eye exams and information on dental hygiene.

"We'll have at least two traditional Hispanic food dishes, and pizza," says Dr. Jeffery Hedrick, Associate Professor of Communication at JSU and organizer of the fair. Beverages will be provided by JSU.

There will be a drawing for five

pairs of tickets to JSU's homecoming game, donated by the Athletic Department. Each person who visits the health fair will be entered in the drawing, and could also win Papa John's pizza coupons.

Jenniffer Whyte, a licensed Zumba instructor and member of the Fitness Club, will also be present to demonstrate several Zumba workouts.

Dr. Hedrick says

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the International Mountain Biking Association, which has directed and is continuing to direct the building of Coldwater trail, acknowledge that it is important to have these smaller, local trails, surrounding the big one, because they help to sustain an interest and to spark an interest in mountain biking among younger folks and people who are just beginning to get into mountain biking who don't want to go very far," said Di Biase.

Along with other members of the North East Alabama Bicycling club, Dr. Di Biase built the trail on city property with the permission of the city. The trail includes 3.5 miles of mountain biking trail and one half mile of walking



Carmine Di Biase/special to The Chanticleer

The Henry Farm Park trailhead. Henry Farm Park is located behind Jacksonville RMC.

trail. "This trail is also an arboretum. This is something that my wife, Susan, has accomplished," said Di Biase. "She has a good deal of passion for the green world and she made it possible to have money donated and

resources donated to label the trees on this land. It's a quite beautiful piece of land. It's not the typical hill with a bunch of weedy pine trees. There are hardwoods back there that are precious.

"It was a lot of fun to build and it

was hard work, but it was a lot of fun. It strengthened the cycling community, especially the part of it that are interesting in mountain biking," said Di Biase. "This one of my favorite trails. It's a difficult trail, it's slow, but it'll make you work,

especially if you do it twice or three times."

Xterra conducts trail runs and other competitions throughout the country, including the Monte Sano National Park Family Bike Trail in Huntsville, Alabama; the Cheaha Express mountain at the Cheaha State Park in Delta, Alabama; and the recently built Coldwater Mountain trail in Anniston.

"[The Coldwater mountain trail is] a new biking trail and it's one of the best in the country [and] it's certainly going to be one of the top two or three trails in the whole country," said Di Biase. "It's just off of Route 202 in Anniston... it's now owned by [the State of Alabama] Forever Wild [Organization], and they have allowed IMBA, the International Mountain Biking

Association, to build up to 60 or 80 miles of mountain biking trails there. They've already built 15 which makes it already a very sizable trail."

"Since the students at JSU change here, it's hard to keep them informed that the trail exists," said Di Biase. "It's important to use these resources if we're going to keep them. That's one of the nicer things that will happen after the race."

Dirty Spokes organizes the Xterra trail runs for the states of Alabama and Georgia. A full schedule for all trail runs in the state of Alabama can be found at dirtyspokes.com. For those interested in volunteering for the event or in helping to manage the Henry Farm Trails, please contact Dr. Di Biase at cdibiase@jsu.org.

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he's organizing the fair for two reasons: one, Hispanic Heritage Month takes place partly in October.

Beginning September 15 and continuing until the 15th of this month, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the cultures and contributions of American citizens with Latino ancestry.

The second reason is that the

Calhoun County Hispanic American Association, which typically hosts the fair, was dissolved in 2012.

"Last year's health fair at Oxford Lake was the last event the association held," says Hedrick.

He served as Vice President and event coordinator for the organization before its President, Gladys Denizard, stepped down due to illness.

"All of the paperwork was in her name," says Hedrick. When she

resigned and no one stepped up to re-file that paperwork, the CCHAA ceased to exist.

Students often ask Dr. Hedrick why he took it upon himself to organize a Hispanic health fair at JSU. He says he wants to continue the work that the CCHAA was doing.

"I got involved with the organization after meeting all kinds of nice people in it," he says. He would re-organize the CCHAA if it weren't for the fact that he isn't

Hispanic himself. "I just think someone who is Hispanic should be over it," he says.

Dr. Hedrick hopes that the health fair will become "an exciting new tradition of Hispanic Heritage Month at JSU."

Other cities across the country also organize fairs and festivals celebrating Latino culture during Hispanic Heritage Month. More than 10,000 people attended Birmingham's annual "Fiesta" event held

last Saturday.

The Hispanic Health Fair is one of three events celebrating Hispanic culture at JSU. The SGA and ISO partnered to organize a Latin dance party on September 16, the day after Hispanic Heritage Month began.

JSU's Department of History and Foreign Languages is currently hosting a Spanish and Latin American film festival during the month of October. Each Thursday until

the 29th, a newly-released Spanish film is screened in the Wallace Hall auditorium.

Afterward, a group discussion of the movie's theme and impact takes place. JSU's Spanish Club, sponsored by Dr. Eduardo Pacheco, will be present at each screening.

JSU fraternity raises thousands of dollars for arthritis philanthropy with barbeque cookout

Adam Fagan
Staff Writer

On September 19, Alpha Omicron Pi held their annual Smoke Out Arthritis event on the Theron Montgomery Building lawn.

According to Kacey Jacobs, who is the Philanthropy Chair of AOII and organizer of their charity events, they raised over \$4,200 at this event to go towards the Arthritis Foundation to fund research for possible treatments and a cure.

Kacey said AOII's philanthropy has always been the Arthritis Foundation since long before she joined the sorority, but said they chose the Arthritis Foundation because of the affliction's far reaching and debilitating toll on the lives of many Americans.

The Smoke Out event has always been a barbecue meal, and this year each meal, for \$5, came with a barbecue sandwich, chips, a cookie, and sweet tea.

They had planned for 400 meals to go out this

year, but demand at the cook out was so high that they ran out of food and had to make grocery runs to compensate and replenish their stock. Although it created last minute scrambles to find more food to prepare, Kacey said that all the hard work was very satisfying in the end.

This year they had support from businesses all across the Jacksonville area that wished to help with the charitable cause. The donations they received in supplies helped them save money and maximize what would go towards their philanthropy. The widespread support "was awesome!" said Kacey, who was proud that her organization raised such a large amount at its Smoke Out Arthritis cookout this year.

Kacey said that although they have raised more money for their philanthropy before, such as at the Strike Out event last year that raised over \$5,000, this is the most successful Smoke Out Arthritis they've had.

Kacey cited changing the time to a warmer month and holding it on the TMB lawn as major changes to getting the JSU and Jacksonville communities more involved than before.

In the past they had always held the event in November, and last year they partnered with Music on the Square to share Jacksonville Square as a location. The new time and location made for more comfortable weather and made it more accessible to students.

In addition, they spread word of the Smoke Out through flyers and advanced ticket sales, as well as events on Facebook



JSU Public Relations/special to The Chanticleer

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi pose for a picture at the organization's annual Smoke Out Arthritis barbeque cookout, held this year on the lawn of the TMB.

and other social media outlets.

The next philanthropy event organized by AOII will be the Run for the Roses, a 5K to be held on November 23, in the morning before the football game.

Anyone wishing to get involved can show up that day to sign up. Members

of AOII will also wear blue to the game that day to further raise awareness of their cause.

Kacey says to keep an eye and an ear out for additional information as details are released to media sources such as The Chanticleer, JSU website, and social media.

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7-day forecast

TODAY
Partly cloudy
High: 79
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

FRIDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 79
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 79
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 81
Low: 52
Chance of precipitation: 0%

MONDAY
Mostly cloudy
High: 81
Low: 55
Chance of precipitation: 0%

TUESDAY
Chance of rain
High: 77
Low: 59
Chance of precipitation: 20%

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 66
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Chicken Scratch

When people tell me, "You're gonna regret that in the morning," I sleep in til noon because I'm a problem solver.

*Too bored to do nothing.
Too lazy to do anything.*

That awkward moment when you've said, "What?" three times and still have no idea what the other person said, so you just smile and nod.

In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.

On Wednesdays we wear pink!

I hate it when I'm singing along to the radio, and the artist gets the words wrong.



Special to The Chanticleer
Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta pose with Amy Daley, owner of SWANK Boutique and platinum sponsor of the AmaXing Challenge.

Alpha Xi Delta raises over \$13,000 for Autism Speaks

Kaci Ogle

Special to The Chanticleer

On Saturday, September 28, the women of Alpha Xi Delta hosted their 4th annual AmaXing Challenge on the front lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building. This year the event included a 5K Color Run as well as a 1 M walk through campus.

Over 200 people were in attendance for the run or walk or just to enjoy the morning's events. Alpha Xi Delta members provided a moon bounce and slide as well as face painting for the children and a silent auction tent filled with themed gift baskets.

Through all these efforts, the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at JSU is proud to announce they raised over \$13,000 for Autism Speaks. The Alpha Xi's would like to thank everyone who participated or made a donation. A special thanks goes to the JSU Greek Community for their support and SWANK Boutique on the square for being the event's platinum sponsor.

Next year's event is already being planned and the JSU campus will be hearing more from Alpha Xi Delta in April during Autism Awareness Month.

Autism Speaks. It's Time to Listen.

Campus crime report

10/09/2013
Disorderly Conduct
JSU Stadium

10/08/2013
Obstruction of Governmental Operations, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, & Open Container
Paul Carpenter Village

10/08/2013
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Crow Hall Parking Lot

10/08/2013
Automobile Accident
Bennett Boulevard

10/08/2013
Medical Emergency
Patterson Hall

10/07/2013
Medical Emergency
Patterson Hall

10/07/2013
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Fitzpatrick Hall

10/07/2013
Medical Emergency
Brewer Hall

10/07/2013
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Dixon Hall

10/07/2013
Lost Property
Crow Hall
Parking Lot

10/06/2013
Property Damage
Alumni House

Photos of the week



Hunter Wallace/The Chanticleer

SGA VPSS Brett Johnson, left, and SGA President Jade Wagner prepare to be pied in the face at the annual J-Day field day on Tuesday afternoon.



Leah Whitby/The Chanticleer

Abby Boone, left, and Kelly Martin sell bracelets made by artisans in Nicaragua for a non-profit called the Pulsera Project.



Leah Whitby/The Chanticleer

DeQuana Ellis from Gamma Sigma Sigma raises money for 2nd Chance and A House is a Home shelter in awareness of domestic violence.

Upcoming SGA events:

October 10th
Homecoming Queen and King Election
www.jsu.edu/elections
12:00 AM-5:00 PM

October 10th
Homecoming Pep Rally
JSU Stadium
6:00 PM

October 11th
Campus door judging
1:30 PM

October 12th
Homecoming SGA Tailgate
"Tank the Tigers" (A Salute our Troops America theme)
Tailgate opens at 9:00 AM and closes at 3:00 PM

Family Day
TMB Lawn
9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Homecoming Parade Begins at 11:00 am

Arts & Entertainment



allthatsepic.com

And then there was Saints Row IV

Ashlee Jones
Staff writer

Most sandbox-style video games are pretty straightforward. Whether it's completing missions, maintaining control over parts of a city, or beating up bad guys, there's usually a method to the madness.

And then there's Saints Row IV.

After establishing control of the presidency of the United States, the Saints have graduated from their once humble street crime beginnings in Stilwater and Steelport and have focused their attentions on the White House.

That is, until the Zin alien horde attacks Earth and kidnaps a majority of the population, with your crew included.

Now it's up to you to rescue the remaining Saints and stop the Zin's leader, Zinyak, from destroying all of humanity.

Even if you're not already a fan of the series, you'll definitely want to pick this up for the gameplay and mission rewards alone.

A big plus to this latest installment is the return of the once thought-to-be-dead Johnny Gat, who is ready to fight back with the Saints and make up for the lost time.

The game holds all of its old charm with some new twists thrown in, including a return to a now digitized Steelport where a majority of the game is set.

With a host of video game references and pop culture quips, the Saints' humor never ceases to amuse.

The combat controls are as simple and satisfying as ever, introducing a new super power based combat mechanic.

From super speed, to gliding at incredible heights, the Boss becomes an unofficial superhero in every sense of the word.

Thanks to the side missions from your rescued crew, you'll obtain new weapons and costumes, the NyteBlayde Energy Sword and the Dubstep gun being two of my personal favorites.

As far as downloadable content goes, one of the most satisfying purchasable weapons is the 'Merica gun. Yes, this is a thing, and yes, you do want it.

One thing I never really used this time around though, that was one of my favorite parts of the old games, was driving and customizing the new vehicles.

What's the point of a decked out car when you can just jump to astrological heights and glide to your destination?

Driving around seemed a little pointless because of being able to glide anywhere you wanted, but nevertheless, the new vehicles are impressive.

If you can only see one part of Saints Row IV, it's undoubtedly got to be the opening. Just watch it and you'll see what I mean when I say that this game grabbed me by the thumbs and never let go.

I can't even explain to you just how much I enjoyed playing Saints Row IV.

I played for almost six hours in one sitting and was in no hurry to quit, and that should tell you everything you need to know as a gamer.

In essence, if you love being a cool guy, causing explosions, and walking away from them, you'll love Saints Row IV.

Saints Row IV is available on the PS3, Xbox 360, and PC on Steam.

Faculty recital in Mason Hall a hit

Tara Patterson
Staff writer

Jacksonville State University faculty put on quite a show last Friday!

JSU's most talented musically inclined teachers came together to show off their abilities in benefit of the Legacy Scholarship, which goes to a student whose family members have also attended Jacksonville State.

The evening began with Dr. Gail Steward and music department head Dr. Legare McIntosh playing a duet, Sonata in B-Flat Minor by Muzio Clementi, followed by a lovely tuba piece played by Chris Hosmer.

Ms. Eryn Oft made a last minute decision to change her piece from Mozart to J.S Bach when her cellist was unable to make the concert due to an injury. Her trusty companion Spottacus (a 4 foot tall stuffed giraffe) kept her company on stage, dressed for the occasion in a tuxedo jacket and bow tie as she played her bassoon.

Dr. Wendy Freeland played a solo piano piece, and Dr. Patricia Corbin graced us with her mezzo-soprano voice, singing a bluesy tune, When Sunny Gets Blue.

Tango-Etude No. 4 was played on the alto saxophone by Dr. Logsdon.

The audience was touched by Fantasy for Flute and Piano Movement II Elegie, which was written by Dr. Gail Steward (piano teacher) about a professor she was close to whom had passed away. She quickly

cheered up with the fast-moving Movement III Feliz.

The next performance caused hysterics when Mrs. Teresa Stricklin and Dr. Dani Jones sang Duetto Buffo di due Gatti by Rossini, wrapped in feathered boas.

The entire song is imagery for two feisty kittens fighting, and the complicated lyrics consist of cat language (meows) in variations.

The two accompanists, Dr. Freeland and Dr. Andrew Nevala fought, pushed, and shoved each other off of the piano bench, taking impolite turns assisting the two "cats" with their tune.

After the show, Mrs. Stricklin said, "The faculty recital is for fun for sure, and man if we can inspire our students on top of that, that's even better!"

When asked why she chose the piece, she laughed and said, "Well, it was Dr. Jones' idea. She wanted to do the duet, and we asked Dr. Nevala to play. Then she had the idea to ask Dr. Freeland to work with us, and we just started brainstorming."

There was a brief intermission and, when the concert resumed, four pianists played the Spanish Dances, Opus 12 by Moszkowski on two grand pianos.

Dr. Douglas Gordon inspired on his trombone with The Girl I Love from Lady, Be Good by Gershwin.

Dr. James Woodward played a movie-soundtrack-worthy original piece titled An Old Man and the Ocean, published this year on

the Double Bass.

Dr. Mark Brandon entranced the audience with his smooth clarinet skills.

Dr. Christopher Probst and Dr. David Lambert kept things fun with Fanfare et Funk (Two-Part Intervention for Trumpet and Trombone).

The biggest surprise of the night was Dr. Nathan Wight who dressed in drag and sang I Want to Sing in Opera.

If the crowd was stunned by previous performances, this one took the gold. Staying in character the entire time, he flirted and fooled with the spectators.

The audience was mesmerized and shocked. When asked if the performance made him nervous, he replied "Sure. I get nervous before every performance".

Audience member and music education major Brianna Guest said "Watching the people who teach me every day perform is inspiring because in my lessons I get to see what they know, but I don't always get to see what they can do themselves."

Watching and hearing them perform and seeing how talented they are, inspires me to be as good of a performer and teacher as they are."

She went on to say "Dr. Wight's performance was definitely the most entertaining but Dr. Woodward's had me in tears. It was so moving".

The professors teaching at Jacksonville State University are truly talented and inspirational.

Instructions for Online Voting Homecoming 2013

Please note that there will only be one ballot per student ID number.

Go to www.jsu.edu/election
At the log on page, you will enter your "MyJSU" username in the field that states - "Username."

You will enter the last four digits of your JSU student ID number in the field that states - "Password."

Once you are logged in, you will be at the home page of the Homecoming Election 2013 ballot.

You will click on "Homecoming Election 2013."

After doing so, you will be directed to the ballot page. You will then be allowed to select your top five candidates

for Queen and King.

Once that is done, you will progress to the final page to place your vote. Your vote(s) will not be placed until you click the green "SUBMIT" button on the page.

If you need to edit your votes, you can do so by clicking the "EDIT" button on the final ballot page. Therefore please remember, "do not click the "SUBMIT" button until you are absolutely sure of your selections. Once you click "SUBMIT," you will not be allowed to change your selections.

You will be directed to the "Vote Confirmation" page. At the "Vote Confirmation Page," you will be allowed to print out a confirmation receipt, if you so choose. Once you arrive at this page you may sign-out or close the window to complete the voting process.

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

United Nations Day Tea to be celebrated Sunday

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This Sunday, October 12, at 2 p.m., International House will be hosting the 66th annual United Nations Day Tea. The United Nations established U.N. Day to commemorate the establishment of the U.N. in 1947.

Over the years, the U.N. Day Tea evolved from a formal tea with a “stodgy group of the old guard... who would come dressed quite formally and the students would greet them quite formally and they would just have tea and crumpets,” says Dr. John Ketterer, the Director of the International House, to

to present the IH community to the students, alumni, and faculty of JSU, and also the community as a whole.

More than 200 people attend every year and this year there will be 12 students from Anahuac University in Mexico City.

Apparently, I have been pleasantly ignorant about the differences between the International House and the International Student Organization and it came back to bite me when I tried to interview the president of the ISO about the United Nations Day Tea that IH is hosting.

Maya-Nora Saaid, the president of the ISO this semester, quickly corrected my views



Steve Latham/JSU

Institute (ELI) that the eight elected officers of ISO help to

of the countries students and community members are here representing.

The ISO are for “those who feel homesick,” says Maya. It’s a refuge for those far from home and who feel like they are alone in the community. They can bond with other international students through the ISO.

The International House though, is a more select group of 20 international students and 20 North American students who have applied and been approved to live in the International House and was conceived as a cultural and linguistic exchange project.

IH is basically a more exclusive dorm with emphasis put on actually getting to know each culture that is represented by the internationals that are living there.

“The slogan for the International House is ‘know one another, and you will love one another’” says Maya. “That’s what the house stands for. Everybody is the same, everybody is equal.”

The variety of countries represented by those at IH attest to that fact. Those countries are Turkmenistan, Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Korea, Morocco, Austria, Brazil, Kenya, Guatemala, Jordan, Germany, Ecuador, Vietnam, Colombia, Palestine, The Netherlands, Senegal.

The U.S. students at IH are from Alabama, Maryland, Maine, and Georgia.

The U.N. Day Tea will have food and refreshments for all who attend.

IH will be hosting their annual Halloween party this year on October 24th beginning at 7 p.m.



Steve Latham/JSU

something that better represents them today.

In 2000, the student performances were added and then in 2002 it was taken outside on the front lawn of the International House because of how popular it became.

Dr. Ketterer says that “when we first started doing the student performances, a student would do something from their country. And we got kind of bored with that because that wasn’t really who we are.”

Now, international students from different countries collaborate on something from one specific country and present that, whether it is a dance or a song or even a poem.

The Tea has always been a way

though and even said that most people thought that way. “It’s important that people know there’s a difference.”

She went on to tell me that it was not the ISO that was sponsoring the U.N. Day Tea, but IH.

The ISO is responsible for the parade of flags, which will represent all of the internationals at Jacksonville State University, that will be in the homecoming parade this Saturday.

The International Student Organization represents all of the international students on campus and in the community that are far from home.

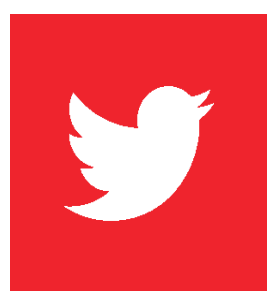
There are over 250 students on campus from foreign countries, not to mention those who are attending the English Language

represent.

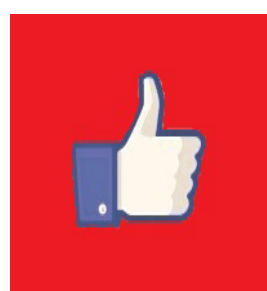
Thus the reasoning behind the ISO working on having the flags



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The American people should win this fight

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

From the red corner stands the recent middleweight champion of the U.S. House, the Republican Party. And in the blue corner stands the former heavyweight champion and current lightweight champion of the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Party.

The contest is on as the two battle it out to claim the title of the loudest, proudest, and most obstructionist Party to save the country from the other Party's obstructionism.

Leading the battle is Speaker of the House John Boehner for the GOP and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for the Democrats.

Each side has a host of moves, but the audience has become increasingly aware of what they're capable of.

The fight is over a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government for the next fiscal year – Oct. 1, 2013 thru Sep. 30, 2014. Democrats say they're ready to do so, but the GOP has employed its stick and move tactic.

Republicans have said that they will not support a CR without concessions from Democrats first. These concessions include partially delaying and/or defunding the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and/or cuts to entitlement programs.

Democrats in the Senate say they will not support such concessions.

So what do we have here? A toe-to-toe match which will likely end in an all-out knock-out.

Pundits are already reporting a sharp decline in GOP

fundraising efforts as well as a national consensus that the GOP is at fault. However, some considerations should be noted.



The GOP-controlled House took control in 2010 when voters gave the GOP 63 seats in the U.S. House in a landslide election as a response to the Affordable Care Act.

So, in some sense, Republicans are making good

on campaign promises to fight against "Obamacare" which gives them political capital in districts where the GOP is viewed as "sticking to their guns."

The same notion can be applied to the duly elected Democrats in the Senate who are also "sticking to their guns" by fighting for the Affordable Care Act.

What's more is that the negotiations are being led by the leaders of each fight rather than by moderate Democrats and Republicans working together.

We've found ourselves in a situation where we have elected Democrats to fight the Democratic cause and Republicans to fight the GOP cause, but we've left out the key to the equation: moderate Democrats and Republicans to foster national compromises.

Without these moderates stepping up to weaken the leaders in the fight, it is going to last until everyone's knocked-out: the government, the economy, and then the nation. It is up to each voter in each district to ask his or her representative to step up and to call this match to a split draw between the Parties and declare the winner as the American People.

A secret in my backyard

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Associate Editor

Would you believe that there are 29 German and Italian POWs from World War II buried in Anniston? Before I moved into Cane Creek Estates in Lenlock, I wouldn't have.

I moved to Lenlock from my hometown of Pell City a little over a year ago. After walking through one of the apartments across from Walmart on Highway 21, I told the property manager I wanted to move in.

I liked the old wooden floors in the bedrooms upstairs, and the landing in the staircase from the first floor to the second. But I didn't stumble across the best part of the apartment complex until a few days later.

I decided to go for a run. I needed the exercise, and it would be good to familiarize myself with the neighborhood. The complex sits on Shipley Road. I left my apartment and turned out onto it.

Shipley Road, and all of the land that Cane Creek Estates sits on, was once a part of Fort McClellan, one of the largest military installations in the country during WWII. I followed the road past my complex's playground and walking track. Past that, Shipley Road rises sharply and curves away to the left up a wooded hill.

I kept to the sidewalk, feet pounding away at the cement as I struggled up the hill. It seemed to keep rising and curving away to the left no matter how many steps forward I took. I finally reached the top and stopped to catch my breath.

I saw a black metal fence around a plot at the top of yet another hill and decided to check it out. When I got close enough to read the cement and stone sign, I stopped short.

"German/Italian POW Cemetery," it read. Neat rows of

twenty-nine white headstones sat in the greenest, softest grass I'd ever seen, shaded by two giant, old oak trees.

I opened the gate and walked beyond the fence. It was cooler underneath the trees. Names like Josef Kohl, Vincenzo Vernacchio and Resorie Spera were inscribed on the marble headstones. A large black and white iron cross monument hunkered in the grass at the back end of the cemetery.



I didn't spend long there among the graves, but after I left, the graveyard

stayed on my mind. It's both a solemn and beautiful place at the same time. It's mysterious. How did Brigadier General Hans Schubert of the German Army come to be buried in Anniston, Alabama?

The answer, while interesting, proved to be less exciting than the Nazi-secret-agents-discovered-in-America scenario my sister's imagination concocted.

The United States took on 425,000 POWs captured by Allied forces during WWII, first from North Africa and then later from Europe. Newspaper coverage and public knowledge of that were kept to a minimum in order to stop people freaking out over the nearly half a million Nazis interred at POW camps in their backyards.

In all, there are 840 German prisoners of war buried in 43 graveyards in the United States, mostly in the South. They died of illnesses and accidents while WWII was still underway in Europe.

Now all that remains is the cemetery, a peaceful place I like to go to read or to eat lunch on nice days.

Germans honor the memory of men who died fighting for their country on "Volkstrauertag," a day of mourning in November.

Maybe next month someone will choose to honor the sacrifice of the 29 men on the hilltop in Anniston, Alabama.

Letter to the Editor: Can I get some service, please?

Here at Jacksonville, there are plenty of options to go to on campus for dining.

During the week it seems as though everything works clock-work, as if everyone is happy to be at work and serve students and faculty who come and dine on campus. Unfortunately, when it hits the weekend hours, it is as though the food becomes scarce and the previous service from that of the same week tends to dwindle away. No day of the week should affect how a customer is treated. No hourly shift should make an employee treat a student as though they came out better giving their dollars to somewhere else. Or regretful of even asking for something. Or worse than that, make a person change their direction of dining all together.

From personal experience, I can say that it is not a pleasure to ask for something as simple as lettuce and get turned down because an employee is too lazy to go in the back and restock the bar of fresh lettuce instead of standing around and conversing.

I asked for lettuce and the employee replied that she had had a long day and had been work-

ing since the early hours of the morning and could only provide to me what was there and was from yesterday.

I don't mind listening to a person's day, but it was more like complaining and being lazy then expressing the folds of her day.

I had no intention of starting a problem. When I first went to observe the entrée station there was nothing for me to eat that interested my taste buds.

So I thought that maybe some soup and a salad would get me through. But the soup I ate I had to scrape up because the container was low. Maybe it was all just a slow and bad day. But after fixing soup, that was surely enough time to refill the salad bowl.

Honestly, if you see a person standing in front of a specific area, most workers of good service come over and inquire, "Is everything okay?" or "Do you need anything?". Others did but she didn't. Another worker had to go get her from her conversation and relay the message that she had someone who wanted some lettuce.

Her body language read that

she would rather continue what she was doing instead of coming over and assisting me. As she began to restock the bar, the lettuce she was putting out seemed to look thrown away and as though it had withered.

I was thinking that she could have used better judgment and seen that it would have been better to just go and get some fresh ingredients from the back. It's not like the resources were not available. She made a big deal out of the issue of restocking lettuce, like she had to plant some seeds and wait for it all to grow.

I refused to eat what she had out. In the end, I felt bad for removing her from her conversation, and even asking in general. It was as though I would have come out better by keeping my mouth closed.

My needs for service had truly gone neglected.

A manager did come over and discussed the situation and stated that the issue would be taken care of, because it was a part of her job to meet the requests of what people ask for.

I most certainly agreed with

that. However, in my personal opinion it should not have even become an issue in the first place.

And now when I am deciding where to get and get a meal, the café is certainly last on the list of options to choose from.

This school should never be off its game of holding the title of the "Friendliest campus in the south" on behalf of a certain employee. Because in that moment, she made me rethink my judgment. I know one rotten apple can spoil it for everybody but as a representative of this school I am reaching out in hopes that it does not get that far.

With the money invested into this University, there should not ever be such a thing as second best or second hand. We've received titles and awards for services, accomplishments, sports, academics, and so much more. No need to bring down even a piece of our representation on the basis of having to ask, "Can I get some service please?"

—Vallean Jackson

Sports

Griffin Thomas added to Fred Mitchell Award watchlist

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State placekicker Griffin Thomas was recognized by the Fred Mitchell Award for his excellence on the football field during

the month of September, the organization recently announced.

The annual Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award (also known as the Fred Mitchell Award) is provided to the nation's top collegiate place-kicker among more than 750 FCS, Division II, III, NAIA and NJCAA football teams. The Award is named for Fred Mitchell, the record-setting place-kicker, Wittenberg University Athletic Hall of Famer, author, philanthropist and Chicago Tribune sports columnist. The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award is chosen based on excellence on the football field and in the community.

Thomas, from Snellville, Georgia, had an outstanding month of September, including leading the Gamecocks in scoring with 52 points after hitting 12 of 16 field goals and was a perfect 16-for-16 on point after attempts.

Thomas currently leads the FCS and the Ohio Valley Conference in field goals, and he also set the school record for points scored with 16 in a 24-21 double overtime win against North Alabama on Sept. 14, including a school record five field goals in the game, with a career-long 51 yard field goal.

He was named the CFPA National Kicker of the Week and the Ohio Valley Conference Co-Special Teams Player of the Week after the win over UNA.

The senior also handles the kickoff duties for Jacksonville State, where he averaged 62 yards on 31 kickoffs, with 14 touchbacks.

Jacksonville State returns to action on Saturday against Tennessee State as the Gamecocks celebrate Homecoming. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. and tickets are available by calling the JSU Athletic Ticket Office at 256-7892-8499 or online at JSUGamecockSports.com.



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Griffin Thomas leads all FCS with 14 made field goals.

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Gamecock Sports Sidebar

FCS Top 25:

1. North Dakota State (5-0)
2. Sam Houston State (4-1)
3. Towson (6-0)
4. Northern Iowa (4-1)
5. Eastern Illinois (4-1)
6. Eastern Washington (2-2)
7. Montana State (4-2)
8. Coastal Carolina (5-0)
9. McNeese State (5-1)
10. Fordham (6-0)
11. Montana (4-1)
12. Wofford (3-2)
13. South Dakota State (3-3)
14. Maine (5-1)
15. Villanova (3-2)
16. Bethune-Cookman (4-1)
17. Lehigh (4-1)
18. Youngstown State (5-1)
19. Northern Arizona (3-2)
20. Central Arkansas (2-3)
21. James Madison (4-2)
22. Georgia Southern* (3-2)
23. Samford (4-2)
24. Jacksonville State (5-1)
25. Hew Hampshire (1-3)

JSU Next Game:

vs Tennessee State (5-1)

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 @ UTM* (W 41-27)
 10/12 vs Tenn State*
 10/26 @ Tenn Tech*
 11/2 @ Austin Peay*
 11/9 vs Eastern Kentucky*
 11/16 @ Eastern Illinois*
 11/23 vs SE Missouri St.*
 ^ Rivalry / * OVC game

OVC Football Standings:

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

NCAA CRCA Rifle Poll:

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

Upcoming Action:

- Friday: Volleyball vs Belmont
 Soccer @ Belmont
 Saturday: Rifle vs UT-Martin
 Football vs Tennessee St
 Volleyball vs Tenn St
 Sunday: Soccer vs Tenn Tech

OVC Volleyball standings:

- East:
 Morehead State (4-0)
 Jacksonville State (3-1)
 Eastern Kentucky (1-3)
 Belmont (1-3)
 Tennessee Tech (1-3)
 Tennessee State (1-3)
 West:
 Austin Peay (3-1)
 Eastern Illinois (3-1)
 SIUE (2-2)
 UT-Martin (2-2)
 SE Missouri State (2-2)
 Murray State (1-3)

Look for the Women's Basketball preview in an upcoming issue

Volleyball drops first OVC match

Cape Girardeau, MO. – The Jacksonville State volleyball team suffered its first conference loss of the season after being swept (25-15, 25-17, 25-15) by Southeast Missouri State in the Gamecocks Ohio Valley Conference road opener at Houck Field House last Saturday afternoon.

Colleen Yarber's double-double of 14 kills and 20 digs helped the Redhawks improve to 9-9 overall and 2-2 in OVC play. The Gamecocks fall to 10-9 overall and 3-1 in OVC play after being limited to just a .097 attack percentage in the match.

Junior Nicole Merget led JSU with 10 kills while junior Alina Agamy added seven kills on a .375 attack percentage. Senior set-

ter Abbey Heredia finished with 27 assists and six digs. Defensively, senior Kelly Cole led the way with 16 digs while sophomore Emily Rutherford added 11 digs.

Emily Coon added 10 kills on a .421 attack percentage to go with three blocks for the Redhawks. Overall, Southeast Missouri managed to finish with a .308 attack percentage on the day. Setter Julie Shives finished with a double-double of 31 assists and 11 digs.

Defensively, Andrea Baylin finished with 19 digs for the Redhawks.

The Redhawks held a 15-14 lead early in the first set and used a 10-1 run to close out the 25-15 victory.

With the second set tied 8-8,

Southeast Missouri used a 5-0 run to claim a 13-8 lead. Yarber again led the way with seven kills to lead the Redhawks to the 25-17 second set victory. As a team, Southeast Missouri hit .368 in the second game while limiting the Gamecocks to a .143 attack percentage despite getting four kills from Merget.

The Redhawks used an 8-1 run to open the third set that featured five kills and three errors by the Gamecocks. Southeast Missouri would hold JSU to a .000 attack percentage while limiting the Gamecocks to just nine kills with nine errors in the 25-15 match clinching victory.

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2013-14 Men's Basketball Preview

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The JSU men's basketball team is gearing up for the new season with games at Auburn and the British Virgin Islands to look forward to.

Last season the Gamecocks finished 17-11 and although they have lost a few key starters there is still much to be excited about.

The Gamecocks scored an average of 66.3 points per game last year, 1.4 percent higher than their opponents. They were 8-8 in conference play and 9-3 in non-conference play.

Even losing several key starters the Gamecocks also have several exceptional players returning to play another season.

Senior Brian Williams returns this year after finishing fifth in the OVC in assists. Williams started in all 28 games of the previous season and had a .402 field goal percentage. He also averaged 13.1

points a game last year along with 2.4 rebounds a game.

In addition to having Williams back as a starter the Gamecocks also have Junior Darion Rackley returning. Rackley is a 6-3 guard who averaged nearly 13.7 points a game, only a little higher than his teammate. A more compelling statistic is his .741 free throw percentage having made 86 of the 116 shots that he took last season. While playing half the time of Williams he shot 40 more free throws on the year than his teammate.

Those two key players have to fill big shoes in the form of former starting guard Ronnie Boggs and forward Tarvin Gaines. Combined the two players had nearly 28 points a game and made 265 of the 556 field goals that they shot over the course of last season.

The Gamecocks have several key games coming up this season not including the several important conference games that are on their schedule each year. On Nov.

11 the Gamecocks will travel to Auburn to take on the in-state Tigers of the SEC.

In addition they will also take part in a tournament being held on the British Virgin Islands on Dec. 20 through 21. They will play Arkansas-Little Rock in the first game then take on either Southern Miss or Coppin State before returning home to Jacksonville.

After a break upon returning home, JSU will open conference play at home against UT Martin. Last year the matchup was not easily won by the Gamecocks and it will be interesting to see if the Skyhawks will be able to overcome last year's 9-21 record.

Another big OVC matchup will be against Belmont who the Gamecocks will play twice once again this year. The previous season Belmont won both games only winning the second by only seven points. The Bruins finished their season 26-7 and made the NCAA Tournament.

FCS Scoreboard

This week:

TSU (5-1)	UTM (3-2)	MSU (4-2)	G-W (4-2)	SIU (3-3)	V'Nova (3-2)
JSU (5-1)	TTU (3-3)	SEMO (0-5)	CCU (5-0)	UNI (4-1)	Towson (6-0)

Last week:

JSU - 41 (5-1)	TTU - 24 (3-3)	UNI - 23 (4-1)	McN St - 59 (5-1)	GSU - 34 (3-2)
UTM - 27 (3-2)	MSU - 35 (4-2)	NDSU - 24 (5-0)	Cen. Ark. - 28 (2-3)	Sam. - 44 (4-2)

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Skyhawk Down! Gamecocks ruin UTM Homecoming

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Jacksonville State made a statement over the weekend with a win in Martin, TN over then #22 ranked UT-Martin at Graham Hardy Stadium. The weather was far from perfect as a storm front moved through, however, it was the action on the field, rather than in the sky, that really dampened the home crowd's Homecoming spirits.

UT-Martin (3-2) sported all-orange uniforms for what is believed to be the first time in school history as they welcomed the Gamecocks for Homecoming. The party turned quickly when JSU struck early on a three play drive that covered 69 yards in less than a minute. Starter Max Shortell hit Markis Merrill for a 46 yards gain that went to the Skyhawk's 23, and DaMarcus James would carry the ball twice more to cover the remaining yards for the opening score.

Later in the first, Griffin Thomas made the first of his two field goals on the day. Thomas would finish 2/2 with makes of 38 and 35 yards making his season total 14/18 which leads the country with 2.3 made field goals per game.

UTM's Dylan Favre couldn't be held down all day and found a receiver in the endzone to make it 10-7 at the end of the first. It looked as if the Skyhawks would take the lead following a punt re-

turn inside JSU's 10, but the following snap went over Favre's head and had to be recovered for a 20 yard loss. JSU held UTM to a field goal tying the game at 10.

In the final six minutes of the half Jax State regained a lead after Shortell threw two touchdown passes to Spencer Goffigan and then Merrill with just seconds remaining before halftime.

The teams exchanged field goals and Favre threw his second TD of the game in the third to send the game to the final quarter with the Gamecocks leading 27-20. With 9:53 remaining JSU hoped James' 1-yard TD run would secure the win, but it was the following possession when James broke free for a 50 yard score while trying to melt the clock that the Gamecocks iced the game with a 41-20 lead. After sending in a backup QB, the Skyhawks found the end zone with just a few ticks remaining to make the final score 41-27.

The Skyhawks gained 10 more first downs than JSU and threw for 150 more passing yards than the visitors, but ultimately Shortell's 14-25 for 226 yards and two TDs along with James' three scores and near 200 yards of rushing that pushed the Gamecocks



DaMarcus James (32) tallied 184 yards and 3 TDs in 41-27 win over UTM

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out on top. James entered the JSU record books as the first player to ever have three career three-touchdown games rushing, and James has done the feat in three consecutive games pushing his season TD total to 10 which ranks fourth in the nation and first in the OVC. Freshman Josh Barge had 114 yards to lead all receivers.

The defense was strong all day and made a team that had previously only lost on the blue turf of Boise State look out of sync most of the day. Pierre Warren and Jermaine Hough led the way with

nine tackles each while Dustin Gayton and Barry Stafford each tallied a sack and Sean Watson came down with two tackles for loss.

The win pushed Jacksonville State to 5-1 and was the 515th win in program history. Now the attentions turn to Tennessee State as the Gamecocks prepare for their own homecoming. JSU has a 54-11-2 record on Homecoming games but faces a tough challenge in the newly 23rd ranked Tigers, however, JSU also entered the coaches poll this week and sits just one spot back at 24.

Tenn. State preview

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Jacksonville State's homecoming opponent is very familiar to the Gamecocks. Tennessee State is an Ohio Valley Conference foe that JSU knows really well.

This is the 9th Meeting between the Tigers and Gamecocks. JSU leads the series 7-1. Last year's meeting was a 31-28 overtime win for JSU in Jacksonville. This year's matchup is between a pair of ranked teams in the #23 Tigers and #24 Gamecocks. The TSU game is the second of four straight games of playing a Tennessee school for the Gamecocks.

The #23 Tigers are 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in the conference. TSU has the number one ranked defense in the FCS. The Tigers defense has only given up 8 total touchdowns all season. That defense is led by Nick Thrasher, who leads the team in tackles, and Anthony Bass, who leads in sacks. Offensively, the Tigers are a balanced offense led by a two quarterback system and a good running back in senior Tim Broughton. The Tigers have already rushed and passed for 1,228 and 1,225 yards respectively this season through week 6.

The Homecoming game should be an evenly matched game with the Gamecocks, having one of the best offenses in the conference. The game depends on if the JSU defense can play up to their potential and limit the balanced attack. JSU's offense will face one of the toughest defenses they have faced all season. Look for the offense to spread the field and do what they have done all season. The game will be an exciting one and could come down to the wire like the Gamecocks have done all season, already playing three overtime games this year.



JSU Rifle coach Ron Frost (center) with his Jax State Rifle squad

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Rifle ranked No. 1 nationally after beating Ole Miss, TCU

MURRAY, Ky. – After posting the best scores in the nation during the first weekend of competition, the Jacksonville State rifle team propelled itself to No. 1 in the first in-season poll by the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association.

The Gamecocks, who entered the season ranked eighth in the preseason listing, vaulted to the No. 1 ranking after turning in aggregate scores of 4673 and 4668 at the Ole Miss Invitational and the Memphis Tiger Open respectively. Jax State topped No. 4 Texas Christian University to win the invitational in Oxford, Miss. last Friday.

JSU is followed by Kentucky, Alaska, TCU and 2013 NCAA

Champion, West Virginia to round out the top-five teams in the poll. Ohio Valley Conference foes Murray State and UT Martin moved to 11th and 12th respectively, while Columbus State is listed 18th overall. Morehead State rounds out the top-20.

Individually, Jax State has three shooters ranked among the top-20 in smallbore and air rifle. Junior Brent Books posted the second best score in the nation in smallbore with a 585 at the Ole Miss Invitational. Junior Dan McCall is listed twice in smallbore top performances with marks of 581 on both events this past weekend. Both of his marks rank fourth nation-

ally. Sophomore Samantha Bullard etched her name in both the top 20 in smallbore and air rifle. Bullard tallied a 578 in smallbore and two points better (589) in air rifle on Friday.

Junior Cole Tucker's mark of 593 in air rifle ranks second-best in the nation and just six points off the national leader, Maren Prediger of West Virginia. Tucker also scored a 588 in Memphis, Tenn. on Saturday. Senior Sam Muegge equaled Tucker's 588 mark at the Ole Miss Invitational.

JSU will host No. 11 UT Martin on Homecoming Saturday at the Gamecock Rifle Range.

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