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Homecoming 2013



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FLAG: Homecoming Queen Kayla Haynes, Homecoming King Kenneth Smith.
TOP: ROTC marching in the parade, Southerners marching in the parade.
CENTER: Kayla Haynes receives a hug from Alex Rainwater after being crowned the 2013 Homecoming Queen.
BOTTOM: Parade-goers show their JSU spirit with face paint, Family Day featured bongo ball on the TMB lawn, a JSU fan waves as the parade passes by, the JSU cheerleaders perform at the Homecoming pep rally, and members of the International Student Organization carry flags from their home countries during the parade.



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Talks beginning for changes to traffic appeals system

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Talks have begun between the University Police Department and other entities on campus to try to expand and update JSU's traffic court appeals process.

Like other departments on campus, UPD has to be re-accredited. This past spring, the Virginia Community Policing Institute (VCPI) held sessions where students and faculty and JSU met to address concerns or problems that they had with the way that UPD operates.

The end result was a report of a few hundred suggestions and recommendations for change that would help UPD to reach its goals for accreditation.

"One of the points that came through the report was that our traffic court appeals system is outdated," explains Vice President of Student Senate Brett Johnson. "It doesn't really serve the student body as well as it could."

Currently, campus traffic court is held on the first Monday of each month. Students who have tickets and wish to appeal them may present

their case before eight Associate Justices and the Chief Justice. The court then decides whether the student is guilty or not guilty.

"We have a lot of non-traditional students here," Johnson says. "An example that one of the officers gave was that we have some single parents who live in, let's say, Fort Payne, or a couple of hours away. They take two night classes a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they drive back and forth, and they have a babysitter during that time.

If they get a parking ticket and they want to

appeal it, they have to wait til the next month, on the first Monday at 4:00. Generally, most of them have full-time jobs, or they're watching their children. So it's just really not feasible for them to come."

The solution? VCPI suggested that the university have an online format for appeals. UPD has met with university officials, the Faculty Senate, and the Student Government Association to get everyone's input on that idea.

"The original, up-in-the-air idea was to replace traffic court with

an online only system," Johnson says. "That idea immediately was met with 'we don't want that' from just about everybody."

So this past Friday, SGA met with UPD to discuss alternatives and how to work towards a solution that would be best for everyone involved.

"What we talked through is adding an online option to our current court," Johnson explains.

"This would allow any students who can't make court but want to appeal to go the online route.

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Then the Justices, before the monthly meeting, would review those cases, perhaps through e-mail, and submit their votes accordingly.”

“The goal is basically to serve more students by lessening the inconveniences on those who wish to appeal their traffic violations.”

University Police Chief Shawn Giddy said that the online system would be anonymous.

That way, no bias would be shown in favor of or against students, and the verdict would be based on the appeals themselves.

“Let’s say you had three students who got tickets for parking in the wrong zone,” he says. “Two were found not guilty and one was, but they all committed the same

violation. So the one student would say, ‘Why were they not guilty, when they did the exact same thing I did?’

That wouldn’t happen with online appeals, because it wouldn’t matter how well you did or didn’t present yourself in front of the court.”

One consideration is to have a review board of students who would review all online submissions.

This panel would decide if an appeal online is warranted, or granted worthy of a hearing. If so, then the person who filed the appeal could continue the process online, or could go before the Justices and plead their case in person at traffic court.

Under the system currently in place, if a student appeals to the court and is found guilty of a parking violation,

they must pay five dollars in addition to the cost of their ticket.

They would face a similar situation if they choose to appeal online; any case that is lost or considered unwarranted would result in an additional five dollar fine for the student who appealed.

Johnson says that he is going to start working on a legislative proposal, and then ask if any Senators want to back that.

“Right now, there is no formal proposal,” he says.

“So it’s just something that we’re taking slowly.

But before anything is official, it will have to have gone through the Student Senate.”

As of right now, no definite deadline or time frame has been set for when the legislation would be proposed or become effective, if passed.

Greek Unity Day scheduled this Saturday

Sarrah Peters
Staff Writer

Kenneth Smith, Jr. is not your typical homecoming king. More than receiving honors, he would like to promote positive change.

“Somebody’s got to make a difference, and I want to be part of that difference,” he says.

Before he even thought of running for king, Smith decided that something had to be done to bring the different fraternities and sororities of Jacksonville State University together. So he started planning a Greek Unity Day, a day when all the Greeks work together on a community service project.

“No matter what the letters are on our chests, we are all a part of JSU’s Greek life. There is no reason not to get along and help each other out,” says Smith, who is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Greek Unity Day will take place on Oct. 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. Members of Greek life will meet to clean up the city of Jacksonville with the help of city officials.

All members of the Inter-Fraternity Council fraternities, National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and Pan-Hellenic fraternities have been invited, and most have already confirmed that they will attend.

“Some of them already had plans that day, but that’s the only reason they aren’t coming,” Smith says.

“It’s really hard to schedule something for so many different groups.”

The members will be cleaning up parks in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville mayor Johnny Smith has offered overtime for city workers so that the participants of the clean-ups will have trucks and other utilities at their disposal.

Kenneth Smith believes that this community project could lead to fraternities helping each other with their various philanthropies, resulting in more good done for the community as a whole.

He also believes that it will help the citizens of Jacksonville see the students of the university as an asset.

“I want the people of Jacksonville to see the students giving back to the community,” he says.

He also said that everyone has been eager to help. He has gotten the support of the mayor and President Meehan, who will be at Greek Unity Day helping out.

Just the planning of the event has helped build relationships with other Greek organizations.

“I hope this builds a foundation of peace and unity, not just for Greeks, but for all the students of Jacksonville. This is just a start,” says Smith.

For any questions about Greek Unity Day, please contact Kenneth Smith, Jr. at 256-484-1805.



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Candlelight vigil held for breast cancer awareness

Megan Gargis
Staff Writer

Last Monday night the Zeta Theta chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma here at Jacksonville State University held it’s second annual candlelit vigil for breast cancer awareness with the theme “Stay and Fight” on the steps of Bibb Graves Hall.

This was the second activity in their founders week, titled “Love and War.” Gamma Sigma Sigma boasted of a great turn-out of the vigil that had two singers, Courtney Crosson and Steven Richardson, and a poet Laquentin Ragland.

The singers sang “In the Arms of an Angel” originally sung by Sarah McLaughlin and “Hero” by Mariah Carey.

Ragland recited an original poem about his grandmother and her long fight against cancer and his regrettable lose.

After the performances, balloons were released to honor those who lost the fight against cancer and to symbolize hope remaining for those who still fight.

Shalea Atkins, a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma was in charge of the event. Atkins was put in charge of the event last year after fellow members found out her mother was a survivor of breast cancer.

“It’s important to me, so it’s important to them [Gamma Sigma Sigma],” said Atkins when asked why Gamma Sigma Sigma decided to host the vigil.

Many other organizations at Jacksonville State University are hosting events for breast cancer awareness in the month of October to remember and empower those lost or fighting.

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PUBLIC FORUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING: COST OF ATTENDANCE & THE FUTURE OF IT ALL

WHAT: Public Forum on Higher Education Funding

WHEN: Monday, October 21st, 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: TMB auditorium

WHO: All students are invited. A panel of State Legislators, JSU Board of Trustees, and Dr. Meehan will discuss the process of funding public universities and how it affects tuition rates and costs of attendance.

WHY: Students can gain an understanding of why tuition rates rise, decrease, or stay the same, and what goes into that process.

Advisement and Registration

All students must be cleared and advised by an advisor before pre-registration. Please contact your advisor or the department of your major to set up an advisement appointment.

Spring 2014 classes are viewable now and Priority Pre-Registration begins November 4th.

Priority pre-registration allows students, depending on their number of hours earned, to pre-register for classes. Below is the priority pre-registration dates and times.

Nov. 4	Graduate Students 8:00
Nov. 5	111+ hours earned 8:00
	95+ hours earned 1:00
Nov. 6	79+ hours earned 8:00
	63+ hours earned 1:00
Nov. 7	47+ hours earned 8:00
	31+ hours earned 1:00
Nov. 8	15+ hours earned 8:00
	Open Registration-All 1:00

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7-day forecast




TODAY

Chance of storm

High: 70

Low: 48

Chance of precipitation: 70%




FRIDAY

Partly cloudy

High: 72

Low: 50

Chance of precipitation: 0%




SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy

High: 73

Low: 43

Chance of precipitation: 0%




SUNDAY

Clear

High: 70

Low: 41

Chance of precipitation: 0%




MONDAY

Mostly cloudy

High: 72

Low: 52

Chance of precipitation: 0%




TUESDAY

Thunder-storm

High: 72

Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 80%



WEDNESDAY

Fog

High: 70

Low: 46

Chance of precipitation: 0%

Chicken Scratch

I just keep reminding myself that no matter how bad it gets, I'll always be able to afford Taco Bell.

People will stop asking you stupid questions if you answer in interpretive dance.

I think I'm going to change my voicemail greeting to, "just hang up and text me."

Whenever I see the word "Wednesday," I read it "Wed-nes-day."

I only do two kinds of crunches: Captain Crunch and Nestle Crunch.

Major Dwayne Williams Memorial scholarship awarded

JSU alumna Pearl Williams established the scholarship as a way to honor her son, who was killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Patrice Green
Staff Writer

Seven Jacksonville State University students will get help to pay their tuition from the Major Dwayne Williams Memorial Scholarship this year. The scholarship is awarded to ROTC and College of Commerce and Business Administration students. It went to business students Marcy Wagner, Leonard Smiley, Joshua Robinson, and Ashley Lowe. The ROTC recipients are Emerald Padgett, Russel Dean, and Brittany Noell. A scholarship of \$1,000 is also awarded to one senior at Jacksonville High School for exemplifying good citizenship, and this year's recipient is Patiana Pendelson. The JSU students are very thankful for Mrs. Williams's contribution to their education. "It brings me great joy to know that I've made a difference in their lives," says Williams.

Pearl Williams established the Major Dwayne Williams Memorial Scholarship back in 2007 in honor of her son, Dwayne Williams, a victim of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. "People have given me so much," says Williams, "and I wanted to give back to JSU students by way of this scholarship." The scholarship is funded by Golf tournaments coordinated by Williams, and next year's tournament will be held in May at Siber Lakes Golf Course in Glencoe, Alabama.

Williams is an alumna of JSU, where she developed an interest in drama. Though she had a slight speech impediment, Williams persevered, taking voice and speech lessons with Dr. Sam Brown and Mrs. Sylvia Lovett, who still helps her today. Dr. Brown was known for arranging for students to perform as guest soloists at the Centurion Chapel at Fort McClellan.

Williams was one of the students to take advantage of the opportunity, and two months after her performance, she was asked to be the choir director there. "It was amazing to know that I had soldiers in my choir," says Williams. She eventually began directing Christmas plays at Fort McClellan and ended up writing her very own play entitled "Amahl and the Night Visitors." It encompasses

the very well-known story of the Three Kings, who stop for the night in a small shack where Amahl and his mother live. The two are very poor, and in an effort to better her family's situation, Amahl's mother stills the gifts that are meant for baby Jesus. However, she was caught, and surrendered everything that she had taken. Young Amahl even offers his crutch as a gift to baby Jesus, and he is allowed to follow the Three Kings to Bethlehem. Williams is currently securing the rights to her play in an effort to raise more money for the scholarships.

Williams credits many people with her success: Opal Lovett, Sylvia Malone, Gwen Moulder, Dr. Wayne Clarence, Dr. Thereon Montgomery, Dr. Charlotte Thornberg, Dr. Glen Browder, Dr. Mickey Stallings, Dr. Don Derosches, Carlton Ward, and many others. "I am grateful to these instructors for helping me to get where I am now. I would not be here if God had not sent these people into my life," says Williams.

Her keen interest in drama only sharpened after taking Dr. Steve Whitton's course, entitled "Current New York Theater," and Dr. Clarence's course, entitled "Drama Lab." "The interest continued when I performed at theaters in Anniston, and I was even nominated for an award. I took more drama classes (stage make-up, directing, etc.) and was encouraged to major in drama." Williams did so well in the subject that she became the director and stage manager for the African American Association's productions of "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Purlie." Williams also directs plays at a local nursing home.

Williams is now the only person in her immediate family with a college degree, despite having withdrawn from high school for personal reasons. "I thank God for doing immeasurably more in my life than I could have imagined," says Williams. "I never thought that I would be a guest lecturer on a cruise ship. I never thought that I would have a college degree, especially after being a high school dropout, but I thank God for making impossible things possible in my life."

Campus crime report

10/10/2013
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle
Patterson Hall Parking Lot

10/10/2013
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle
Stadium Tower Parking Lot

10/10/2013
Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
Crow Hall

10/09/2013
Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall Parking Lot

10/09/2013
Arrest- Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall Parking Lot

10/09/2013
Arrest- Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall Parking Lot

10/09/2013
Trespass Warning Issued
Rock House

10/09/2013
Trespass Warning Issued
Carlisle Building

10/09/2013
Disorderly Conduct
JSU Stadium

10/09/2013
Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card
Unknown Location (off campus)

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

Upcoming SGA events:

October 21st
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

October 22nd
Student Activities Council
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

October 23rd
TBD

October 28th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

October 31st
Harvest Festival
JSU Quad
4:30 PM

Arts & Entertainment

Student performance hour at Mason Hall a success

Michelle Blansit
Staff writer

A group of musicaly inclined students demonstrated their amazing abilities last Friday afternoon in the Mason Hall Performance Center during the Concerts and Recitals Student Performance Hour. The program consisted of music major singers and musicians.

The performance hour started off with a beautiful arrangement of “Ah, Love, But a Day” sung by Mezzo Soprano singer Anna Stuart accompanied by Keri Parrack on the piano.

Anna also performed another beautiful but entertain-

ing song that had the audience chuckling called “Amor,” which tells the story of a woman walking around town with “amor!” being shouted out by the men who saw her.

Next up to perform was Cary Mckinney, a soprano, with a beautiful voice that hit every high note in the song Quella Barbara Cantena by Francesco Ciampi, accompanied on the piano by Rhonda Robinson.

Her voice flowed effortlessly throughout the Italian song while pronouncing each foreign word without a problem.

When asked if she gets nervous about singing in front of

people she replied, “Yes, it feels like everyone is judging me.” Although Cary says she gets nervous performing, she failed to show those nerves and she gave the audience an exceptional performance.

Next was pianist Mengyue Jia who showed her exceptional talents on the piano by performing Three Concert Etudes, “Un Sospiro” (A Sigh) by Franz Liszt. The audience sat in awe as they watched Mengyue’s fingers move swiftly up and down the key board. The sound produced by each key stroke resonated throughout the performance center.

Caitlin Long, a student and audience member, stated “She was an amazing pianist and I really enjoyed watching and listening to her perform.”

Not only was the audience mesmerized by Mengyue but she herself appeared to get lost in the music as she performed.

Following the pianist was another Soprano singer, Rebekah James. Rebekah took the stage with her piano accompaniment played by Rhonda Robinson. Rebekah performed a French piece called “Ouvre Ton Cour.”

Her soprano voice was put on display when she hit each

high note despite the difficulty it presented in being performed.

The piece she sung seemed dramatic but gave a delicate comparison of one’s heart opening up like a flower. Not only was the comparison delicate but Rebekah’s voice was also tantalizingly gentle and beautiful throughout the whole song.

Lastly, to close the performance hour, out walked Eric Hardin with trombone in hand. Eric prepared a piece called “Annie Laurie” by Arthur Pryor to perform for everyone that afternoon. He was accompanied by Dr. Gail Steward on the piano.

It was remarkable

to hear the range of notes that Eric could hit by moving the hand slide of the trombone into different positions.

It takes a lot of nerve to be able to get up in front of a room full of strangers and sing or play an instrument but the music students who performed last Friday seemed to do it effortlessly.

If you would like to see a handful of musically talented fellow Jacksonville State students perform, Concerts and Recitals Student Performance Hour is held once or twice a month on Fridays at 1:45 in Mason Hall Performance Center.

The best places to stream music - legally

Joely Friedman
via Uwire

Anyone who says that music is not a crucial part of life is no friend of mine. Without music, my life, and the life of fellow normal humans, would be a sad existence.

Music is a powerful tool when it comes to one’s mood.

I could be stressed out one minute, and then 40 Day Dream by Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros comes on Pandora and I instantly feel like doing cartwheels or frolicking in a flowery field.

I could be upset about receiving a less than desirable exam grade until I hear the Ignition remix by R. Kelly and then I have no choice but to get up and dance.

There is so much good music out there and I am a big proponent of exposing yourself to as much of it as you can.

You never know what could become

your new ‘inspirational homework jam’ or your new ‘get pumped for stats class song.’

Hands down the best way to hear new music is to listen to songs via either Spotify, Grooveshark, Pandora, Rdio or Rhapsody. These are the five top music streaming sites right now and each of them will expose you to new music and new artists.

If you are new to the music streaming scene, then read on to learn the pros and cons of these five sights so that way you can begin to enjoy listening to your favorite music and hearing new music in the easiest way possible.

1. Spotify
Spotify has over 20 million songs and is available in 23 countries. Spotify has about 24 million users, so yeah it’s pretty well liked.

Spotify is free. However, if advertisements annoy you,

then you can pay \$4.99 a month to get rid of them.

Also, unless you pay the 5 bucks a month, you can only listen to 10 hours of music a month.

That may seem like a fair amount of time, but if you are anything like me and can’t operate without Mumford and Sons in the background, then this will not cut it.

Also, Spotify allows you to see what your friends are listening to. This could allow the bonds of friendship to be strengthened over a shared love of Kendrick Lamar.

Or it could prevent you from ever hanging out with that person again if you see they like Kesha.

2. Grooveshark
Grooveshark is free. Yay! Grooveshark is also awesome because it has the Power Hour Friendly feature which ends every song in your playlist after 60 seconds, although this can be great for exercising to.



Finding Josephine/flickr.com

There are about 13 million songs in their library and Grooveshark is available everywhere but Germany and Denmark. There are about 20 million people who use Grooveshark.

Unfortunately, Grooveshark is collecting lawsuits like Walmart shoppers collect coupons, so one day in the not so far away future, 20 million users could fall down to zero.

But hopefully not for a while because I love Grooveshark.

3. Pandora
More good news

for broke college students, Pandora is free. Bad news, if you use Pandora for free and chose not to upgrade to Pandora One for \$3.99 a month, you can not ditch the 12 skip-per-day limit, which gets old real fast.

Pandora only has 1 million songs available for free users.

Yet it recently surpassed the mark of having over 200 million users. It is only available in the United States, New Zealand, and Australia. For those of you who can not connect the dots, this means that Pandora is pretty damn popular.

4. Rdio
Rdio has approximately 9 million songs.

If you are into paying for things, then Rdio is the one for you because the free trial period is very short lived.

You can get new albums on launch day so it’s not a bad deal.

It is available in 24 countries which

is pretty impressive since it only opened in 2010.

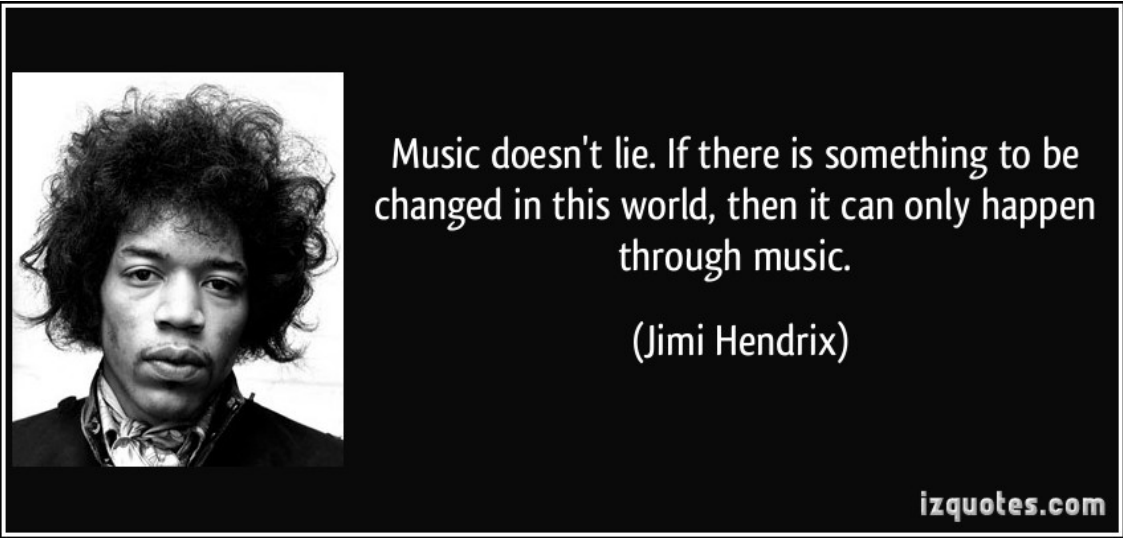
Fun fact: Rdio was founded by the creators of Skype.

5. Rhapsody
Rhapsody is the only streaming service that has no free option and it is only available in the United States. \$9.99 a month is what it will cost you to be able to listen to the 16 million songs that Rhapsody has.

There are only about 1 million people who use Rhapsody.

I am not one of those people. But I can definitely understand the appeal. You have access to over 250 radio stations with your subscription and you can download a free Rhapsody To Go app for your iPhone.

So there you have it. It doesn’t really matter which site you chose to use, what matters most is that you are listening to music and therefore that you are having a happy day.



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Do you want some more heavy metal?

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Tuesday night, I went to my first Avenged Sevenfold concert. I had only ever been to concerts in small venues, like Workplay in Birmingham, so Aaron’s Amphitheater at Lakewood was a new experience. After a long drive, during which my brother and I listened to Deftones and Avenged Sevenfold albums, we got off the interstate in Atlanta and were immediately dumped into what can only be described as the ghetto part of town. Men and women (and a few children) were screaming or holding up orange flags trying to convince us of where we should park and that we would be “right across from the amphitheater.” Well, we found a place to park (it cost us five dollars) and then

and the event staff probably didn’t want to get knifed by a rabid fan. Ghost B.C., a Swedish heavy metal band, opened for Avenged Sevenfold. They were grown men dressed in these weird clergy costumes and facemasks. We were not impressed by them or their music. We skipped most of their performance by being late. During the intermission (is that what they call it at concerts?) we got hungry after observing that there were kids no older than 10 or 11 in the audience (who came with their parents) and that every time the wind shifted it was like being hit with a wall created from various body sprays, cigarette smoke, and other controlled substances. So we went to find something to eat but got sidetracked when we heard Chino Moreno’s lovely voice start screaming from



The performance set of Avenged Sevenfold

a good song. But (and I know this is stupid to say) I couldn’t really understand him. I love Deftones’ albums and really enjoy their music but live is a whole lot different than in a recording studio where there aren’t hundreds of screaming fans and Chino is throwing the mic around. So Deftones finished up and we went to get some food from the food stands. When the curtain hiding the set of Avenged Sevenfold was revealed, the crowd went crazy (though not moshing crazy yet). Then the lights went out and screaming worthy of haunted houses ensued. The curtains parted and the set for Avenged Sevenfold amazed me. It was like they were playing in a castle (or a church) and there was pyrotechnics, fireworks, and some other pretty stupendous features. They opened with the song Shepard of Fire, which if you’ve played zombies on Call of Duty, Black Ops II, you should be able to recognize, then welcomed those who were seeing them in concert for the first time with Welcome to the Family. The amphitheater was filled with hundreds of voices joining in on the chorus, welcoming the family. In a word, it was divine (not sacrilegious).

It was the Hail to the King tour, so of course, they played that song. The lights went dark and when they started playing, the doors that were built into the set opened and out came the king that can be seen of the album cover of Hail to the King, with his head moving back and forth like he approved of the concert and the craziness that was the audience. Several times, lighters could be seen across the audience as some of the more mellow songs of Avenged Sevenfold were played, and especially when the band honored dead band mate Jimmy Sullivan. Avenged sevenfold played two sets and then the lights went down. We stood there for a minute, the beginnings of shouts of encore starting up, and the lights still stayed dim. The crowd began to bang on the back of the plastic seats and it sounded like thunder was ripping apart the night sky but the stage still stayed dark. Five minutes go by, then ten, with the crowd demanding more the whole time. “Do you want some more?” M. Shadows’ voice came over the sound system and the crowd went wild (moshing wild this time). “I said, do you want some ... more?” The audience was even louder when they responded this time. Thus began the encore, and just before it was over, Zach and I left in order to beat the crowds out of the amphitheater. All in all, it was a great concert experience with a whole lot of screaming thrown in for good effect. I would definitely recommend seeing Avenged Sevenfold live if you ever get the chance (but not Deftones - they’re better on the CD).

All photos taken by Christiana Tyler



Chino Moreno, lead singer of Deftones, onstage

found out that, yes, we were across from the amphitheater, but across from the back of it. And you can’t get in from the back, just in case you were wondering. So we walked the four or so blocks to the (front of the) amphitheater with a mass of people in front and behind us (all of which were wearing at least some black). Every block or so we would come across a person begging for change who looked homeless and about every half a block we would come across someone selling (or buying) tickets. Once we got to the front of the amphitheater, we found out there was parking. Provided for free. “Well that’s okay,” I said. “We only paid 5 bucks.” “But we could have parked for free,” was Zach’s smart reply. So we got in, showed our tickets and got patted down because this is Avenged Sevenfold we’re talking about. Moshing was a given

onstage. Deftones is one of my favorite bands so this was really what I had been waiting for so when we got back to our seats I had a lot of fun singing along (terribly) and enjoying the greatness that is the lead singer of Deftones. Chino was hopping around and slamming the mic to the ground after



Avenged Sevenfold took advantage of fire during thier performance.

GameStop about to get busy with new console release

via Uwire

Seasonal employees including college and university students to fill critical roles during GameStop’s busiest time of year GRAPEVINE, Texas (October 15, 2013) – GameStop, the world’s largest multichannel retailer of video games, today announced plans to hire approximately 17,000 employees nationwide as the company prepares for the upcoming PlayStation 4 and Xbox One console launches, and the busy holiday shopping season. The positions GameStop is currently recruiting for include in-store Game Advisors, consumer electronic technicians within its refurbishment operation center (ROC), and warehouse personnel within the company’s two distribution centers. This year’s total number of seasonal hires is in line with the number of hires GameStop made during the same period in 2012. In the weeks leading up to the holidays, GameStop experiences a substantial peak in the number of customers it services online and

within its retail stores. As a result, ensuring that there is an adequate number of talented Game Advisor staff to support this increase in store traffic is a priority in order to maintain the high quality of customer service shoppers expect from GameStop. “Providing our customers a great experience is of paramount importance when it comes to defining who GameStop is as a retailer and delivering the total value we offer our customers,” said Mike Buskey, Senior Vice President of Human Resources at GameStop. “The holiday season is our busiest time of the year, accounting for approximately 40% of our annual revenue. As we near the 2013 holiday season, and the upcoming launches of the PS4 and Xbox One consoles, it is critical that we attract and retain high quality-talent both in our stores as well as in our consumer electronics refurbishment and distribution centers.” GameStop’s recruiting efforts for identifying and hiring talented, hardworking and passionate employees for this holiday season

are already underway and will continue into December. Interested applicants at colleges and universities should visit the career’s section on GameStop’s website, GameStopCorporate/EmploymentListings, or check out the company’s recruiting efforts on LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter for a full list of available jobs, descriptions qualifications and application details. Seasonal jobs offer student employees part-time, flexible work schedules during the week, week-nights and weekends. In addition, all employees will receive a 15 percent discount off select merchandise made at GameStop stores and online-savings, which should come in handy when buying gifts for friends and family this holiday season or treating oneself to a new title like Grand Theft Auto V, Call of Duty: Ghost, Assassin’s Creed IV: Black Flag, Battlefield 4, or Super Mario 3D World. The GameStop Associate Experience Working at GameStop is so much more than a retail job, rath-

er it is a chance to interact and engage with like-minded individuals who collectively make up the gaming culture. Whether helping a seasoned gamer make a purchasing decision between the new Xbox One or the PS 4, or assisting a parent or family member as they navigate the shelves of new titles to find the perfect entertainment for a 10 year old, employees play a critical role in the GameStop experience from the minute a customer walks in the door. In recognition of the positive impact seasonal associates can have on a customer’s encounter with the GameStop brand, the company also rewards those seasonal associates who truly embrace the retailer’s commitment to quality and knowledgeable customer service by potentially offering them full-time employment. Between 25 – 30 percent of the 2012 holiday season associates were hired on full-time at GameStop in 2013. For the full year 2013, GameStop has hired more than 13,000 associates in various roles across the company.

Opinion & Editorial

Hate high tuition? Blame the Alabama State Legislature

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Alabama is often noted for being low on national rankings in education. This time, we ranked fourth! The nature of our ranking, though, is not so ‘good.’

A five-year study released in January ranked Alabama fourth in the nation in cuts to higher education funding. In the past 5 years, Alabama lawmakers have cut funding to public universities by a whopping 28 percent.

In fact, Jacksonville State’s funding has been cut by 34.4 percent since 2008; slightly more than the state average.

What does this mean to you? It means that in order to make up the differences, colleges and universities across the state have been forced to hike up tuition.

Recently, the JSU Board of Trustees made the difficult decision of raising tuition again to meet the needs of the university. Due to the lack of adequate state funding, the Board approved a 6.79 percent increase in tuition as well as the University’s first ever general fee.

Our own Board of Trustees chairman described the economic concern here best when he said that if the trend continues, only the wealthy will be able to afford to attend college. Not only do I

agree, but I recognize that it is a matter of economics.

The state of



Alabama needs to realize that the fact that universities “can charge tuition” isn’t really a solid justification for blindly cutting state funding. Forcing universities to raise tuition only puts a burden on our state economy as a whole.

When tuition rates are higher, less can afford college. When less people can afford college they have one of two options: take out more loans or forego a higher education. Neither of these options have a positive outcome for the state.

It is common knowledge that when a business is deciding where to locate it looks for a well-educated local work force. If Alabama continues on the road it has been on for the past 5 years, we will never be able to recruit quality jobs to the State of Alabama and our best educated citizenry will be in financial ruin due to outrageous student loan debt.

A lot of people contend that the debate over education funding pits K-12, which relies solely on state funding, against Higher Ed which “can charge tuition.” However, the debate is much more than that.

Senator Vivian Figures (D-Mobile), who serves as a JSU Trustee, addressed what I agree is the core issue concerning Higher Education Funding: how education is funded. Currently, education is funded largely on volatile and unpredictable state sales and income tax revenue.

In 2003, Alabamians overwhelmingly defeated a proposal for the state to restructure its tax system. Part of that plan was to restructure the way education was funded to make the budgeting process more sustainable.

One thing is for sure: we cannot continue on the path that we are on now. It is going to take students, faculty, and general citizens coming together to find a way to better serve our public universities.

In the words of Senator Figures: “We need a change. We are all going to have to come together as one.”

Dinner: still the best way to bring a “family” together

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

On any given day, the extent of the conversations I have with my three roommates is something like, “Oh, you still live here? Cool, me too... Well, I’ve got to go. See you later!”

Aside from my work at The Chanticleer, I have another part-time job that keeps me in Anniston 25 hours each week, a full load of classes, the BCM Creative Movements team, and responsibilities with the SGA Student Activities Council. That’s not including homework, miscellaneous errands, and spending time with friends. Bottom line, I basically use my apartment as a place to store my belongings, take a shower, and sleep (a little).

Even though I share a roof with three other girls, two of whom are Communications students like me, the four of us live separate lives. We learn things about one another in little snippets of the conversations, and we have never once all sat down and eaten dinner together.

Then, last Sunday happened.

There were some things that needed to be discussed: reorganization of a chore system, paying power overages, the amount of people we could have over at

night while others in the house are trying to sleep or study, etc. Sunday night seemed



to be the best time that we could all get together and talk.

So for the first time in the two months that we had been living together, the four of us sat in the living room at the same time. One of my roommates has two best friends who spend more time at the apartment than I do, so they were part of our conversation as well.

The six of us ended up spending close to two hours just sitting and talking. Everyone expressed their concerns, pet peeves, and suggestions for how to distribute responsibility around the house. We learned a lot about each other in the process, and even shared stories about classes, internships, and which teachers to take (or not to take) for various subjects.

We decided to schedule a “family” dinner, too, where we each invite a couple of our closest friends and we all cook a big meal together.

People tend to get

stuck in routines, I guess. Even though there’s really no such thing as a “routine” day for me, I usually talk to the same people at school or make lunch plans with the same friends. But since last Sunday night, I’ve decided that I want to be more than an acquaintance to the people that I’m around. I want to be a true friend. I want to be the person that people know will sit and listen to them when they need to share their heart, who will give them a ride to the doctor’s office when they’re sick or to pick up their car when they get new tires or brakes put on it.

Over the past week, I have had the opportunity to spend time with two individuals and two groups that are not in my usual circle of friends. (This includes being shut in a room with three Student Senators, three Associate Justices, and no cell phones for three hours on Thursday night.) When you actually take the time to get to know a person, it’s cool to see how much you have in common. And sometimes the quiet ones are the funniest ones to have a conversation with!

So my goal from here on out is to smile a little bit more, speak up in class, and be a better listener.

That, and maybe schedule a few more “family” dinners with my roommates.

In our last issue, we printed a letter from a student who had an unpleasant experience at Jack Hopper Dining Hall. This is Executive Chef Manager Brian Cosby’s public response to that letter.

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Brian Cosby, and I’m the Executive Chef Manager with Sodexo on the campus of JSU. I have been on campus since August 2012, and take tremendous pride in making sure the food service is top-notch for students, faculty, staff, guests and visitors alike.

This brings me to the point of why I’m prompted to write this letter. I was going about my normal routine last Thursday when I received a phone call that I needed to make sure to read a letter to the editor that had been published in The Chanticleer. I immediately read the article and was distressed to see the observations being made by Ms. Vallean Jackson. It didn’t take long to investigate her comments and realize there was a situation that needed to be corrected. I called Ms. Jackson within an

hour of reading the article with an apology for her sub-standard experience and to let her know the problem had been remedied.

With that said, I’m not writing this letter to simply address the editorial written by Ms. Jackson. My point in responding to the letter is to let the entire student body, along with the faculty and staff, understand the Sodexo team is here to make your dining experience as pleasing as it can possibly be. The individuals working for Sodexo, whether they be management, full time, part time or student employees, are coached, taught, and trained on customer service and know exactly what is expected of their work ethic. We pride ourselves on being part of the reason for the phrase, “the friendliest campus in the South.” It’s our goal to maintain the highest of standards and to make your

dining experiences on campus completely satisfying. We want you to “come again” and “bring a friend!”

We want to provide the best possible service and we want you to be part of helping us maintain our quality service. So, I would like to ask that if anyone dines with us and experiences anything less than a satisfactory experience, please contact me personally so we can discuss your concerns. I can be reached by phone at 256-782-8353 or by email at brian.cosby@sodexo.com. I have an open door policy and would like to hear your comments, both good and bad. If you’d like to remain anonymous, you can fill out a comment on our website at dining.jsu.edu.

Now is the perfect time to mention that we have been interested in establishing a food service committee that would

meet on a regular basis and would be comprised of our recurring patrons to provide feedback from the customer’s point of view. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please let me know. The more we can know from you, the better our service can be.

Again, I would like to publicly apologize to Ms. Jackson, but would also like to say thank you at the same time for bringing this situation to our attention. And, to everyone else who is reading this response, thank you for listening. We look forward to serving you... I’ll see you at “the caf.”

Sincerely,
Chef Cosby

Want to see your face on these pages? Got a complaint about campus parking, or a deep musing on the origins of life, the universe and everything? Send it to chantynewstips@gmail.com and you could be published in The Chanticleer’s Opinion & Editorial page!

Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

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

JSU's Next Game:
@ Tennessee Tech (3-4)

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

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: VB @ Morehead St
Soccer @ Eastern Illinois
M Tennis @ Samford
Cross Country @ Alabama
Saturday: Rifle @ Columbus St
M Tennis @ Samford
Volleyball @ ECU
Sunday: Soccer @ SIUE
M Tennis @ Samford

OVC Volleyball standings:

- East:
- Morehead State (6-0)
 - Jacksonville State (4-2)
 - Belmont (3-3)
 - Eastern Kentucky (2-4)
 - Tennessee State (2-4)
 - Tennessee Tech (1-3)
- West:
- Austin Peay (5-1)
 - Eastern Illinois (3-3)
 - SIUE (3-3)
 - SE Missouri State (3-3)
 - UT-Martin (2-4)
 - Murray State (2-4)



Head coach James Hobbs (right) with the JSU women's golf team following win at Austin Peay Invitational

Sportswire

JSU storms back for win

CLARKSVILLE - Tenn. – After entering the day 18 shots back and in sixth place, the Jacksonville State women's golf team fired a tournament course record 293 to claim a one-shot win over Murray State in the F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate on Tuesday.

Freshman Anne Albrecht had the low individual round of the day with a 4-under 68 on the 5,960-yard Clarksville Country Club, pacing the Gamecocks to their second win in three events so far this fall. Albrecht claimed second place in the 83-player field, while JSU stole the team title from the 14-team event. The Gamecocks snuck past Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State, whose second-round 312 allowed JSU to claim the one-shot win with a 36-hole score of 607.

The event featured nine OVC schools, four of which the Gamecocks either trailed or were tied with entering Tuesday's final round. Their 293 was 13 shots better than any other team in the field on Tuesday, capping an improbable comeback for the win. In three fall events, the Gamecocks have won two and finished second in the GolfWeek Program Challenge.

Albrecht, a native of Winsen, Germany, carried JSU in the tournament. She opened with a 3-over 75 on Monday, the team's best score in that round. She turned it on Tuesday, when she was not only the only player in the field to break par, but she tied for the fourth-lowest round in school history. She finished one stroke behind medalist Delaney Howson of Murray State, who hung on with a

second-round 74 after a Monday 66.

Junior Maya Parsons was the only other Gamecock in the Top 10, tying for ninth with a 36-hole 153. The Whitby, Ontario, native answered an opening round 80 by carding a 1-over 73 on Tuesday. Her 73 was the second lowest score in the field in the final round.

Sophomore Melania Bajo Geijo also bounced back from a first-round 80, using a 74 on Tuesday to finish with a 154 and in a tie for 12th. Sophomore Melani Sisto shot 79 on Monday and 78 on Tuesday for a 36-hole 157 that put her in a tie for 22nd, while sophomore Erin Gunnels' 82 gave her a 163 and tied her for 45th.

~ Sportswire

Soccer draws scoreless tie with TTU

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State soccer team closed out Homecoming weekend on the JSU campus with a scoreless draw with Tennessee Tech on Sunday afternoon at the JSU Soccer Field.

The tie was the Gamecocks second of the year, while it was the first of the season for the Golden Eagles of TTU. JSU heads into the final two weekends of conference play with an overall mark of 4-9-2 and 0-5-1 in OVC play. TTU's overall mark moved to 3-10-1 and 1-3-1 against league opponents.

Both squads combined for 37 shots



in the 110 minutes of action, but neither could connect on a goal. TTU did send a ball into the back of the net in the second extra session, but it was negated due to an offside call on the Purple and Gold.

JSU, the conference leader in total shots taken, had ample scoring chances throughout the contest, turned in 14 shot attempts in the second half. Both squads played to a defensive stalemate in the first 45 minutes with eight shots taken combined in the first 45 minutes.

Junior Jackie Rush, the OVC leader in shots taken, will maintain that lead after registering

ing a career-high nine shots in the match. The Trophy Club, Texas-native had four on-goal chances, but could not put one away. Sophomore Kristen Hoo came off the bench to spark the JSU runs with six shots. Sophomore Kelsey Bright added four shots on the afternoon.

Ellie Iacofano paced the TTU offense with four shots taken in the contest.

Freshman Cate Eden made her first career start in goal and credited with a shut out in her first start. Eden, the Pell City, Ala.-product has seen action over the last two weeks, finished with six saves and faced 12 shots in the tilt.

~ Sportswire

First half FCS season headlines

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

It's week eight of the college football season and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) is shaping up to have an exciting second half as it usually does.

Two-time reigning champions North Dakota State sit atop the polls with a perfect 6-0 record and much like Alabama in the FBS, they likely will remain there unless someone knocks them off. That someone has a tough challenge as even Kansas State couldn't beat Brock Jensen and the Bison earlier this season, although Southern Illinois will give it their best shot this week. The Salukis (4-3) are coming off back-to-back upsets of top 10 teams defeating South Dakota State and Northern Iowa and hope to make it three in a row.

Outside of the top ranked Bison, only four other FCS teams remain undefeated: Fordham (7-

0) is in the Patriot League that usually isn't known for quality opponents so by reaching this point in the season it's likely the Rams could run the table with not many challenges in the way.

After starting the season a month late as all Ivy League schools do, the Harvard Crimson have opened to a 4-0 record. The other two, Coastal Carolina (6-0) and Charleston Southern (7-0) are in the Big South. Coastal appears to be a real threat and will likely make a deep run in the playoffs. CSU still has it's toughest three conference opponents, one being Coastal, remaining on the schedule and faces a tough task this week at Colorado.

Eastern Illinois so far has looked nearly unstoppable and fell only in a shootout with FBS ranked Northern Illinois. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, is arguably the leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award which is the FCS version of the Heis-

man. Garoppolo leads the nation in passing with over 2,300 yards and has 28 touchdowns to just four interceptions.

Central Arkansas started out as a top team but a tough early schedule has given the Bears a 3-3 record. While the games may get easier, the season took a tough turn Saturday when playmaking quarterback Wynrick Smothers was lost for the season with a broken ankle. The injury ends not only the season, but the career for the senior player.

Georgia Southern and Appalachian State are ineligible for the 24 team postseason as the two programs prepare to move to the Sun Belt, but the schools are heading in opposite directions. The Eagles remain ranked and playing fairly well, while the always dominant Mountaineers have stumbled out of the gate to an embarrassing 1-5 start with upset after upset coming under a new first year head coach.

FCS Scoreboard

This week:

TSU (6-1)	SEMO (1-5)	TTU (3-4)	NDSU (6-0)	W&M (4-2)	SHSU (5-1)
UTM (4-2)	EIU (5-1)	EKU (3-3)	SIU (4-3)	Maine (5-1)	McN St (5-1)

Last week:

TSU - 31 (6-1)	UTM - 28 (4-2)	Mur St - 34 (4-3)	S. Illinois - 24 (4-3)	V'Nova - 45 (4-2)
JSU - 15 (5-2)	TTU - 17 (3-4)	SEMO - 37 (1-5)	N. Iowa - 17 (4-2)	Towson - 35 (6-1)

JACKSONVILLE STATE

JSU sweeps TSU, Cole named POTW

JACKSONVILLE – Freshman Kacy Clinkenbeard led three players in double figures with 15 kills to help the Jacksonville State volleyball team complete the 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 30-28) sweep over Tennessee State Saturday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Senior setter Abbey Heredia finished with 38 assists and eight digs to lead a JSU offensive unit that hit .256 for the match. Defensively, senior Kelly Cole led the Gamecocks with 18 digs.

The Gamecocks opened the first set on a 5-0 run behind the serve of Emily Rutherford. TSU would manage to fight back and pull within one at 17-16 following an attack, but from there, the Gamecocks would hold on for the 25-21 victory.

The Gamecocks fell behind 10-5 in the second set but used a 9-1 run to claim a 14-11 lead.

Rutherford would then answer with a kill to help JSU reclaim the lead before an attack

error by Anderson helped JSU escape with the 26-24 victory.

The Gamecocks would manage to rally in the third set using a 4-0 run to tie the match at 24-24. The two teams would swap points until Clinkenbeard’s kill tied the match for the final time at 28-28. The Gamecocks would then use an attack error by the Lady Tigers and a kill from Merget to seal the 30-28 victory to secure the sweep over the Lady Tigers.

Kelly Cole was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week earlier this week by the conference office after helping JSU split a pair of matches last week.

Cole picks up the conference honor after leading the Gamecocks with 37 digs over the weekend. She averaged 6.17 digs per set while helping Jax State improve to 4-2 in OVC play.



~ Sportswire

JSU's Kelly Cole earns OVC honors

JSU Sportswire

Top ranked rifle squad wins again

JACKSONVILLE – The top-ranked Jacksonville State rifle team opened the 2013-14 home schedule with a win over Ohio Valley Conference rival UT Martin on Saturday at the Gamecock Rifle Range.

The Gamecocks, who moved to the No. 1 spot in the latest Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association’s weekly poll, finished with an aggregate score of 4645. JSU was 25 points better the UTM mixed squad (4620), while the Skyhawk women acquired an aggregate mark of 4486.

JSU posted 2291 in the smallbore section of

the match and a 2354 in air rifle.

Junior Dan McCall and sophomore Samantha Bullard shared medalist honors in smallbore with final marks of 574. Junior Cole Tucker and senior Sam Muegge and scored a 572 and 571 to round out the top-five scores.

“We struggled with the smallbore portion of the match, shooting about 15 points lower than what was expected. This is definitely an area we need to improve upon, if we want to be one of the top contenders for the national title,” said head coach Ron Frost.

Tucker and Bullard turned in the top score

in air rifle to share the top spot. Both finished with a 590 to bolster the Jax State final aggregate score. McCall took second with a mark of 589.

“As for the air rifle discipline, I’m quite satisfied with how the team has been doing, as well as how our three freshmen on the team have been improving. We look forward to trying to improve upon this performance next week.”

~ Sportswire

Gamecocks lose more than just a game to TSU

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, Jacksonville State (5-2) fell in a marquee matchup of two tough OVC teams to Tennessee State (6-1) on a Homecoming that didn’t end the way many had hoped. A strong crowd of over 19,000 saw the Game-

Following an injury to starter Max Shortell on a tackle, Eli Jenkins played most of the second half. With a few minute to go in the third backed deep inside JSU territory, Jenkins took a snap and rolled right before looking back left and heaving the ball toward the home sideline to a wide open Markis Merrill who went 76 yards before being dragged down



James Harkins/JSUfan.com

Center Max Holcombe (62) and teammates kneel as receiver Markis Merrill is attended to by medical staff.

cocks welcome in the #23 ranked team in the nation to Burgess-Snow Field.

Donned in all red uniforms for just the second time since joining the OVC in 2003, JSU put the first points on the board early in the first with a 33-yard Griffin Thomas field goal that gave the Gamecocks a 3-0 lead. Tennessee State responded with a 70-yard touchdown drive that ended when TSU quarterback Michael German hit his top target all day, A.C. Lenard, for a five yard TD pass. Before the end of the first, Thomas added his second field goal of the day to make it 7-6.

JSU seemed to be handling the stiff defense in the early part, but it quickly became a challenge to move the ball consistently. Tennessee State had two scores in the second and went to halftime leading 21-6. The Gamecocks came out a held their ground defensively in the third and tried to fight back closing in on the fourth.

just before the goal line.

Merrill stayed down after the tackle. The medical staff soon worked quickly as the sophomore from St. Augustine, FL. was attended to for an extended time as the game came to a haul just before the final period. Merrill was taken off the field on a stretcher with his legs wrapped tightly and left the stadium via ambulance. Maybe inspired by a few fallen teammates, the Gamecocks made a game of it after DaMarcus James punched the ball in to bring the score to 21-13 going into the fourth.

On TSU’s next possession, JSU backed the Tigers up and then forced a fumble on third down that resulted in a safety making it a 21-15 game with the Gamecocks set to receive the ball.

JSU was unable to move the ball on the following possession and the Tigers put up a field goal that made any chances of a come-

Three sidelined with injuries

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State has a bye week this weekend, and no one prior to the season could have seen just how fitting it would be for that bye to come at this. JSU fell to 1-2 in OVC Saturday falling to Tennessee State, but worse than that, Jax State suffered a series of injuries that could affect the rest of the season.

Sure-handed receiver Dalton Screws suffered a broken collarbone. Screws, a redshirt freshman out of Anniston, AL. has 10 receptions for 137 yards this season. He also has special teams duties as the holder for Griffin Thomas on field goals and PATs, at the moment Thomas is the leading kicker in all of FCS. Screws had surgery Tuesday, which reportedly went well. He is expected to miss at least a month, but attempt to return by the end of the season.

Shortell, junior transfer quarterback from Minnesota, suffered a leg injury which required crutches to move around for at least the remainder of game. The injury’s believed to not be serious and he could return as early as Tennessee Tech in two weeks following the bye week. If not, neither of JSU’s next two opponents have a winning record and backup Eli Jenkins had shown he can step into the role. Third string, Kyle West, took snaps as well late Saturday.

Merrill, the strong sophomore receiver out of St. Augustine, FL. suffered a more serious injury by way of a hip injury. He is out for the remainder of the season, but reports along with statements from coach Clark make it seem the injury is not as bad as the staff initially feared and Merrill’s health and even football career should return to normal with time. Merrill was second on the team in receptions and yards (24 for 363) and led the way with two touchdowns.

back scarce. Late in the game TSU would add a final touchdown that gave the final score, 31-15.

Following a series of strong games offensively, the Gamecocks struggled mightily against the Tigers accumulating a stunned just 21 yards on the ground between James, Jenkins, and Troymaine Pope. The yardage was the lowest rushing for JSU since prior to 2000.

The Gamecocks get a bye week to regroup and then face a more favorable schedule in the near future facing Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay following back-to-back grueling games against ranked opponents.