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SGA PUBLIC FORUM: decoding the costs of higher education

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The Lady Gamecocks begin the 2013 season with a new head coach, Rick Pietri. See Sports, page 8.

## Meehan: no rise in tuition or fees planned for 2014-2015 school year



Brett Johnson/Special to The Chanticleer

The SGA public forum on Higher Education Funding featured a panel consisting of JSU Trustee Ronnie Smith, President William Meehan, State Senator Vivian Figures, and State Representative Rod Scott, who answered questions fielded by both the SGA and students present at the forum.

**Ashley Ossenfort**  
Senior Staff Writer

For students at Jacksonville State University who are frustrated with constant increases in tuition and new fees, good news has finally arrived. At the SGA Public Forum on Higher Education Funding held Monday, JSU President William A. Meehan announced that no tuition or fee increases will take place for the 2014-2015 school year.

"Today, they passed a budget for the university," said Meehan. "A budget that will support us the rest of this year and a budget that will help us begin next year with no tuition increases or fee increases."

The public forum hosted by the Student Government Association at JSU addressed funding for higher education and tuition and fees. Panel Members for the forum were Meehan, State Senator Vivian Figures, State Representative Rod Scott, and JSU Trustee Ronnie Smith.

"We have organized tonight's events as both [an] educational and communication opportunity for the student body," said the SGA STARS Committee Head Kenneth Smith who opened the forum. "The focus for tonight's event is higher education funding, the cost of attendance and the future of it all."

Students were allowed to submit questions

for the panel. SGA Vice President for the Student Senate Brett A. Johnson mediated the forum and asked the panel prepared and student submitted questions.

The panel was asked a total of 12 questions that addressed various concerns and areas of higher education funding. The panel answered the questions for a full auditorium at the TMB.

"It is my belief that we as elected officials of the state of Alabama should do everything we can to adequately fund higher education," said Figures. "As we all know, the state of Alabama, I don't think has ever adequately funded education period."

The Education Trust Fund for the state of Alabama finances both two-year and four-year colleges as well as K-12 education. Funds for the ETF are collected through ten different tax sources, including income, sales, and property tax.

Scott has served on the ETF for three years. "We really have never had enough money to finance education the way we really want to... Our budget went from like 6.7 billion dollars to about 5.4 billion dollars. So cuts had to be made across the board for each type of educational institution," said Scott. "It's a very difficult situation to be in to allocate funds when there has been a substantial cut and we absolutely

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## Phi Mu women's fraternity raises thousands of dollars for Children's Miracle Network with 5k fundraiser



The Children's Miracle Network will receive a large donation of over \$8,000.00 thanks to the Phi Mu fraternity's organizing a 5k on Saturday, October 19 as their philanthropy project this year.

The goal of the 5K was not only to raise money but also to raise awareness of childhood illnesses in the community. The event was open to the public and more than 240 people ran or walked in the 5K, which had more than 40 community sponsors.

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is crucial for our state and as the economy recovers, and it has been recovering, hopefully we will have the funds that’s needed to provide the money that we haven’t provided over the last three or four years.”

Changes in appropriations provided by the state to higher education institution have changed the way that colleges and universities are funded.

“When I was teaching here in 1977, the state provided approximately 60 percent of the appropriations or total expenditures for the institution. This last year it was between 33 and 34 percent,” said Meehan. “What has changed, not just at JSU, but across this country, is who pays for the education, and that’s all of you. That cost that was on the government has been passed to the student, to the consumer.”

With the decrease in funding provided by the state, administrators of higher education institutions often struggle to find a balance between offering affordable education for students and providing quality services and education to students.

“We find ourselves always trying to balance the quality education that you have with the resources that we have available. I think that we have been able to meet that expectation quite well in the last few years in what [are] significantly difficult circumstances,” said Ronnie Smith.

“[There’s] nearly 13 million dollars that we’ve had to find

other ways to replace without deteriorating the quality of education... In order to provide the quality of education that we’ve had we’ve increased tuition.... [Those seniors who began in 2009 were] the unfortunate population. The five years prior to 2009, we had no tuition increase, but 2009 was when the state appropriations started to decline and we’ve seen that tuition increase substantially since that point in time to today’s value of \$283 per credit hour.”

Two years ago, Federal Pell grants allotted to fund education to students whose family earned a combined family income of \$32,000 or less. For the 2013-2014 school year, Pell Grants will only be awarded to students whose combined family income is \$23,000 or less.

“Because of the Pell grant situation, we’re seeing a decline in enrollment,” said Smith.

Tuition and fees have seen a continuous increase nationwide. JSU managed to keep tuition and fees at a flat rate for four years, but starting in 2009 JSU students have seen constant tuition and fee increases.

“Inflation for colleges since 1978 in the United States has been 1,120 percent. That’s twice the inflation for medical care which has been about 600 percent and four times the inflation rate for the consumer price index,” said Scott.

“The burden has been placed initially on the states, where the states began to really accelerate their funding on higher education. Most recently we’ve detracted and our funding has been in decline. Now with that happening, for the first time in the history of this country, student debt has crossed

one trillion dollars. That means that you all are facing the burden of paying for your education.”

The ETF funds education in the state of Alabama by splitting the budget to have thirty percent of the budget fund higher education and seventy percent of the budget fund K-12 education. The ETF budget is the largest budget in the state.

“When you look at the ETF budget, which is about 5.85 billion dollars this year, that’s almost three times the general fund budget. So the emphasis in education has been there, but it’s just not great enough.”

The panel was asked a variety of questions. One student submitted a question asking the panel how they felt about funding education through a state lottery. Meehan stated that he would support a state lottery while Smith and Figures felt that the subject should be put to a vote.

The panel was also asked by the audience how a JSU student could get the best value from their tuition and education.

“I can tell you that all of us that work here at the institution, faculty and staff, the greatest disappointment that we see is when you as students, don’t take advantage of all the opportunities that we have,” said Meehan. “This institution has over 110 million dollar budget that has been approved today. It is all for you... How do you get the money out of it? Take advantage of everything that this institution has to offer you.”

Smith and Meehan repeatedly urged students to recommend JSU to others. “Get others involved. A rising tide floats all boats,”

said Meehan. “If we can grow enrollment at this institution, get more people experiencing the JSU experience, then we can hold tuition flat. If we can continue to grow, that brings more in to the coffers and helps this institution and helps you.”

In the face of constant tuition and fee increases nationwide over the last several years, Smith expressed admiration of JSU’s ability to keep tuition flat.

“I am absolutely astounded and impressed with JSU’s ability to keep its tuition level. Prior to 2009, there had not been a college tuition increase for five years. That is exceptional for any college within this country,” said Smith. “This year for them to hold tuition at the same rate as it was last year is absolutely exceptional. I can say that overall if the management of other institutions were as good, then we wouldn’t be experiencing the enormous amount of inflation for college tuition that we’ve had in this country.”

Figures identified the problem with education funding in Alabama as the source of ETF funds.

“I do not believe that the Education Trust Fund budget will be less [in the future], however I don’t believe that it will be increased either,” said Figures. “The problem is in how we fund education. We fund education from sales taxes and income taxes. And as you know those things are dependent upon the economy and they will fluctuate up and down with the economy... Until we change how we fund education, so that we have revenues that are stable, we are always going to face the problems that we do.”

## Donate recyclables and get a cupcake from Delta Zeta

In the spirit of Pink Goes Green Week, Delta Zeta is giving out free cupcakes in the TMB food court on October 24 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. for anyone donating recyclables. Recyclables include aluminum, paper, plastic, and more!

## Celebrate Halloween with the ISO on October 24

The International Students Organization is pleased to invite all JSU students to their Halloween Party on Thursday October 24 from 7 - 11 p.m. Join them in the basement of the International House for free drinks, food, music, fun - and many other surprises. Costumes are encouraged but not required.


## It’s a good day to be Greek: fraternities and sororities unite to clean up Jacksonville



Above, JSU students participate in Greek Unity Day, which took place last Saturday. Organized by Homecoming King and Sigma Nu member Kenneth Smith, Jr., the event was an opportunity for members of the fraternities and sororities at Jacksonville State to work together on a community service project. Smith said he hoped that working together to do some good for the city of Jacksonville would encourage Greek organizations on campus to help each other with their philanthropies more often.



# 7-day forecast




TODAY

Partly cloudy

High: 64

Low: 36

Chance of precipitation: 0%




FRIDAY

Clear

High: 55

Low: 28

Chance of precipitation: 0%




SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy

High: 61

Low: 39

Chance of precipitation: 0%




SUNDAY

Partly cloudy

High: 70

Low: 45

Chance of precipitation: 0%




MONDAY

Partly cloudy

High: 72

Low: 46

Chance of precipitation: 0%




TUESDAY

Partly cloudy

High: 72

Low: 48

Chance of precipitation: 80%



WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy

High: 73

Low: 48

Chance of precipitation: 0%

# Chicken Scratch

It’s not the end of the world. It’s just intermission.

Today I didn’t wear makeup, and four people asked me if I was feeling okay. Thanks for thinking my natural face makes me look like I’m physically ill.

*That awkward moment when you walk into a spider web and suddenly become a karate master.*

Keep the dream alive; hit the snooze button.

“User name or password incorrect.” Well, at least tell me which one it is.

*The best things in life are sweet. Like cupcakes.*

# Love and War: A Review

Vallean Jackson  
*Special to The Chanticleer*

On Monday, JSU professor Dr. Pitt Harding shared an original story, *Love and War*, with students and faculty. Harding teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in literature, creative writing, and composition here at Jacksonville. His area of specialization is 17th-century British literature with focus points on Milton.

Fellow professors and students of the university came to Stone Center Room 234 to hear the reading, which depicts a topic everyone can relate to: lost love.

The main character of the piece is a man named Edgar who is in love with a woman named Amy. The two of them share a connection that not only he feels but she shows through the connation and illustration of her words.

The antagonist, the thief who steals Edgar’s prize possession, carries the name of Dick.

The story is set in New Orleans and divided into three sections.

The first part is about Edgar recapping his history with Amy, the second part is how Dick stole her from him, and the third is when Edgar realizes that they will never get back together.

In the first section, Edgar gives details on how he and Amy used to send letters to one another because they spent so much time apart. These letters were more than just words on a page; it was as though Amy was there with Edgar without her actual physical being present. It gave Edgar feeling and kept him in sync with his beloved.

One day Edgar received letters that were not as heartfelt and passionate as they had been, but more distant and empty.

This was a reference of a common experience of having been so in love with someone that you know when things start to change for the worse. You begin to try and reach out to fix what you think is wrong. For

instance, once finding out Amy was back in town, Edgar pulled out a pair of his old Levi jeans from college which had shrunk a couple of sizes since the years they once fitted. He decided to put up his habit of smoking Camels for a good ten days, because he wanted to look and be his best with the hope to impress her and confess the love he still harbored for her.

Secondly comes the realization that she has really moved on, because she actually married Dick.

The true drama of the story that put the audience on edge is depicted in the emails that were exchanged between Edgar and Amy in the third section, where they agreed to meet one another in a museum.

Edgar came prepared with proof in his pockets and was dressed to impress. He wasn’t expecting, though, that Amy was not coming alone. Dick was there to protect her.

The lesson that I got from this short story is that addictions are bad habits to shake and easily to pick up. Edgar was on the verge of quitting smoking and weans himself away slowly from cigarettes, only to become obsessed with Amy who he could not seem to shake.

Every letter reflected on the past of what once was, how things used to be between them when things were good.

Sixty-nine letters all kept to Edgar’s hope of one day getting back together with Amy.

The story concludes that the letters that ended it all and carried such harsh connotations were not Amy’s words, but those of her husband, Dick.

Edgar didn’t realize that he was being protected from himself, and from Amy as well, that it was indeed time for their love to become a part of the past.

There was no more relevance to hold on to.

Sometimes letting go is for the better and teaches you something even when you think differently.

The past is the past, with the hope of learning from it or knowing what to do to not repeat it.

# Sigma Nu to host antique car show benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project

Megan Gargis  
*Staff Writer*

This Saturday, October 26, Sigma Nu is hosting Hot Rods for Heros, an antique car show to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

This event will take place in the Stephenson Hall Parking Lot and on the TMB lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sigma Nu’s main philanthropy, the Wounded Warrior Project, raises awareness about how to aid injured service members.

Besides the antique car show, there will be inflatables and games, a raffle for a 3 day and 2 night stay in a beachfront condo in Orange Beach, Ala., along with live music from The Brooke Daniel Band and the Jacksonville High School Jazz Band.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

“They’re people who have given their lives for a greater

cause and that’s what we try to do everyday we live as men of Sigma Nu,” said Sigma Nu brother Kenneth Smith.

Jason Sumner, former SGA president and Sigma Nu Alumni, believes it’s an opportunity to give back to the soldiers who fight for our country.

“This is [also] our way to give back to JSU and the community,” Sumner said.

“This isn’t something that we just planned to do, we’ve been working on it [HotRods for Heros] since before the beginning of the semester,” said Smith.

He and Torsten Dryden, Sigma Nu’s president, have been working on this event for the better half 2013.

Sigma Nu is hoping to start a trend here at Jacksonville State University.

“No one really has done this before,” said Smith.

They hope to make it an annual event for JSU and the community.

# Campus crime report

- 10/23/2013

Theft of Property

Jack Hopper Dining Hall
- 10/22/2013

Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency

Salls Hall
- 10/22/2013

Fraudulent Use of a Debit Card

Theron Montgomery Building
- 10/22/2013

Medical Emergency

Stone Center
- 10/21/2013

Harassment & Trespass

Warning Issued

Sparkman Hall
- 10/21/2013

Violation of Student Code of Conduct

Dixon Hall
- 10/20/2013

Burglary & Violation of Student Code of Conduct

Jax Apartments
- 10/18/2013

Burglary, Forney Hall
- 10/18/2013

Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia

Crow Hall
- 10/18/2013

Domestic Violence

Gamecock Diner

Parking Lot
- 10/18/2013

Theft of Property

Jack Hopper Dining Hall
- 10/15/2013

Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor

Trustee Circle
- 10/15/2013

Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle

Stone Center

Parking Lot

## Upcoming SGA events:

October 28th  
Senate Meeting  
TMB Auditorium  
6:00 PM

October 30th  
Harvest Festival  
JSU Quad  
4:30 PM

November 4th  
Traffic Court  
TMB Auditorium  
4:00 PM

November 4th  
Senate Meeting  
TMB Auditorium  
6:00 PM

November 5th  
Organizational Council Meeting  
TMB Auditorium  
6:00 PM



# Arts & Entertainment

## Spookapalooza 2013 at DeSoto State Park

Christiana Tyler  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Jacksonville State University Field Schools and Alabama State Parks have teamed up to bring residents of Alabama a weekend of Halloween festivities.

DeSoto State Park will be hosting the fifth annual Spookapalooza beginning this Friday, October 25.

JSU Field School programs and events cultivate a comprehension of Alabama’s natural and cultural significance, celebrate diversity, and foster stewardship of the natural world.

Renee Morrison, assistant director at JSU Field Schools, said “The staff at DSP go all out to create, in my opinion, the best October event in the South. When you enter DeSoto State Park during Spookapalooza, all of your senses are entertained. Sight, smell, taste, touch and even shiver!”

In the past five years, there has been anywhere from 100- 300 people at each spooky storytelling program and more than 1,000 visitors to the other parts of the event.

Morrison says that “folks make Spookapalooza overnight and weekend reservations for the lodge, cabins and campgrounds a year in advance!”

JSU’s Little River Canyon Field Schools and DeSoto State Park began their partnership over 20 years ago when the Field Schools were first formed.

The Field Schools have developed and implemented more than 3,000 partnership programs, such as the one with DeSoto State Park, over the past two decades.

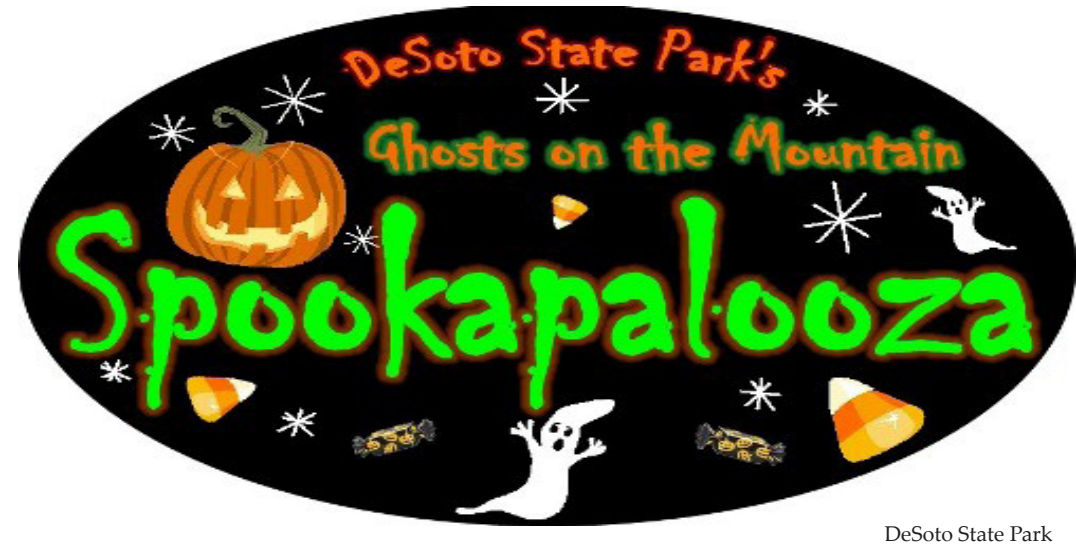
Spookapalooza was created by Brittney Hughes, a DeSoto State Park employee, as an enhancement to the October campfire stories, which were presented by Morrison, a member of Alabama’s National Storytellers.

Spookapalooza weaves natural history with creative arts in a beautiful public land setting during the prettiest time of the year in the state of Alabama.

With entertainment ranging from storytelling to live animal shows, Spookapalooza 2013 is sure to include fun for all ages.

All events, each of which will take place inside DeSoto State Park, are free and open to all ages.

Tellabration, a celebration of story-telling from across the planet, is JSU’s Field Schools’ next event on November 16 at the Mountain Center in Heflin, Alabama.



DeSoto State Park

## Letter from Birmingham Jail to be presented Thursday in Stone Center

Special to the Chanticleer

Jacksonville State University has partnered with the award-winning Red Mountain Theatre Company to bring their dramatic interpretation of the Letter from Birmingham Jail to the JSU campus.

The performance is unique because of the inclusion of local civic and business leaders who will read portions of the play.

In 1963, eight white clergymen from a variety of Christian denominations in the Birmingham area wrote a letter to Dr. Martin Luther King admonishing him to allow local laws to deliver justice to Blacks suffering a variety of injustices at the time.

On April 16, 1963, Dr. King responded to the clergy letter with a powerful, eloquent response which has become required reading in high schools and universities ever since.

The play is scheduled to take place at the Stone Center, R. Carlton Ward Stage on October 24 at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public on a first-come, first-served seating basis.

The central character in the play, Dr. King, is being

portrayed by Red Mountain Theatre Company principal actor, Mr. Cecil Washington.

“I think this performance will be extremely powerful and provide a great opportunity for conversation. I am very excited that we are able to host this incredible opportunity” said Randal Blades, JSU Drama Department Head.

Founded in 1979, Red Mountain Theatre Company (RMTC), which was formerly Summerfest Musical theatre, is a non-profit professional theatre organization with an emphasis on musical theatre.

RMTC provides unique educational, training and performing opportunities for aspiring and culturally diverse artists, while growing new and existing audiences through quality theatrical experiences.

The curtain first rose on Summerfest in 1979, when James Hatcher of the University of Alabama in Birmingham Theatre Department and Birmingham’s Mayor David Vann realized the need for a summer “stock” company.

Summerfest was originally created to provide productions as part of the UAB

Town and Gown Theatre’s academic year but over its 30 year history, has grown to become one of the only year-round professional musical theatre organizations in Alabama.

In 2007, Summerfest Musical Theatre officially became Red Mountain Theatre Company but has held on the organization’s original mission to offer professional quality productions, education and Outreach opportunities to our local and national arts communities.

With its own unique Cabaret Theatre located right in the heart of downtown Birmingham’s Theatre District and summer Mainstage productions performed at the Dorothy Jemison Day Theater at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, RMTC continues to bring both well-known national performers and incredible local talent to the Birmingham stage. For more information,

For more information about the event, call Randy Blades at 256-782-5447 or email [rblades@jsu.edu](mailto:rblades@jsu.edu) or, for information on RMTC, visit [www.redmountaintheatre.org](http://www.redmountaintheatre.org).

### Spookapalooza events October 25, 2013

**Storytellin’ Campfire Talk: Ghosts on the Mountain**

Learn about Alabama’s finest spooks, legends and folklore from JSU Field Schools’ Renee Morrison, JSU’s Teje Sult and Alabama author Greg Starnes.

Where: DeSoto State Park Large CCC Pavilion (across the road from Nature Center)

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Spooky Movie Night Under the Stars**

Now Showing: Corpse Bride (2005) Rated PG

Bring the family, friends, even your pets for a fun night under the stars! Movie will be shown in DeSoto State Park’s Improved Campground at the James L. Wynn Campfire Ring.

Be sure to bring your own comfortable camp chair or blanket, as seating is limited. Bring the kids along for a campfire & some S’mores! Gate will open to the public 30 minutes before the movie. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be played in the DSP Nature Center (next to the Country Store)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

October 26, 2013

**Growing Up WILD and Living Wild Family**

Programs: Mask Making & Storytelling

Join JSU Field Schools’ Renee Morrison for this non-spooky story of Cherokee legend “Brother Leaf” who helped all of the animals on Lookout Mountain and make your own magical nature mask.

Where: Little River Canyon Center (8 miles from DeSoto State Park)

Time: 11:00 am - noon

**Spookapalooza Fun & Games**

Join DSP staff & volunteers for a great afternoon of fun & games; Pumpkin Decorating, Halloween Bingo, bobbing for apples, rub-on tattoos, & more!

Where: DeSoto State Park’s Improved Campground in the Campfire Ring/Pavilion area. Gate will be open to the public .In case of inclement weather the games will be cancelled.

Time: Starting at 2:00 p.m., ending around 3:15 p.m.

**Trick or Treating in DeSoto State Park’s Improved Campground**

Wear your favorite costume if you wish! Candy stations are located through-out the campground. Parents must accompany children at all times. Dress up your pets and bring them along! (Always on a leash)

Time: Starting around 3:30 p.m.

**Storytellin’ Campfire Talk: Spooks in the Valley**

Learn about Alabama’s finest spooks, legends and folklore from JSU Field Schools’ Renee Morrison, JSU’s Teje Sult and Alabama author Greg Starnes.

Where: DeSoto State Park Large CCC Pavilion (across the road from Nature Center)

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

October 27, 2013

**Spookapalooza Critter Show**

Join JSU Field Schools’ Naturalist Mandy Pearson to discover some of the native creatures of Alabama (as well as non-natives) in this fun uncaged presentation.

Where: DeSoto State Park’s Improved Campground at the James L. Wynn Campfire Ring. Gate will be open to the public. In case of inclement weather, the program will be in the DSP Nature Center (next to the Country Store)

Be sure to bring your own comfortable camp chair or blanket, as seating is limited.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

**Pumpkin Carving Contest**  
Week of October 21 at DeSoto State Park.



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Bianca Christophe/Chanticleer

## 8th Annual Foothills Piano Festival

**Bianca Christophe**  
*Staff Writer*

The Foothills Piano Festival is an annual free public event that was held on October 18, 2013 on Jacksonville State University campus in Mason Hall Performance Center.

In the early years of this event, it was held in venues such as Anniston High School and Anniston Museum of Natural History.

The festival used to last 3 days and consisted of recitals, master classes, and workshops but has since turned into more of a concert series, consisting of 3-4 concerts throughout the academic year.

The recitals vary from a solo piano to a chamber ensemble, which is a piano, cello, and violin.

Two pianists, Kathryn Fouse and Adam Bowles, performed in Friday night’s festival.

Kathryn Fouse, a pianist of 46 years who specializes in new music, has recently done the soundScape Festival in Maccagno, Italy, which facilitates the exchange of new mu-

sic, ideas and culture between musicians of tomorrow’s generation by providing an international platform for performances of new music.

Friday’s program was comprised of all new music composed by members of the Birmingham Art Music Alliance, also known as BAMA. Composed of members that come together to support new music, most of the members are composers.

Both performers were excited about performing in this festival; they live their dream each day because playing the piano is something they have looked forward to doing since their childhood.

Bowles, speaking of the crowd, said, “It feels good to have the opportunity to perform with such variety of diversity”. It was a medium size crowd with attendees of all ages.

The performers played separately on individual grand pianos and then together on one piano, which is a talent that requires numerous hours of practice.

Bart Morton, a senior and music major at JSU with plans to become a sound engineer, said that he enjoyed the show quite a bit and that it was quite interesting to be a part of an event of different music genres with people of the same interest.

Dr. Wendy Freeland, director of the event, is in her 11th year as a professor here at JSU and teaches applied piano, classical piano, and music history for graduate students, while also the president of the Alabama Music Teachers Association.

Freeland has performed in the festival multiple times herself and will be performing in the upcoming event JSU Piano Quartet January 10, 2014.

Foothills Piano Festival’s upcoming events include JSU Piano Quartet on January 10, 2014 and ETA-3 on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:30p.m.

If you would like to be placed on a mailing list to receive a Foothills Piano Festival Post Card which lists the events, contact Wendy Freeland at [wfreeland@jsu.edu](mailto:wfreeland@jsu.edu).

## JOT to present ‘The Frog Prince’ preview shows

*Special to The Chanticleer*

Jacksonville Opera Theatre will present preview performances of the original opera “The Frog Prince” on November 8-9 in the Performance Center of Jacksonville State University’s Mason Hall, both at 7:30 p.m.

The book and lyrics were written by Melanie Martin Long of Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. Original music was composed by Jacksonville State University music professor Dr. James Woodward.

The children’s opera features 12 seasoned JSU students, all ready to bring the story of the famous Grimm’s Fairy tale to life.

“The Frog Prince” is a brand-new musical written specifically for children, but adults will enjoy the Disney-like quality of the music, as well.

Performances for school children will be in January in Oxford at the new performing arts center and in Gadsden at Wallace Hall. Performances mark the beginning of the 10th anniversary season of Jacksonville Opera Theatre.

Join us for a fantastical journey taken by a prince who has been cursed to live as a frog. The only way for the spell to be broken is for a princess to fall in love with him.

The end of his seven-year curse is coming to an end. Will he find true love in time? Come find out!

Tickets will be reduced for the preview performances from regular price to \$5. For tickets, call 1-800-838-3006 or order online at [www.JacksonvilleOpera.Org](http://www.JacksonvilleOpera.Org).

## Annual Tubaween festival to be held next week

**Catherine Foote**  
*Staff Writer*

On October 29th at 7:30pm, The David L. Walters Department of Music will host “Tubaween,” a Halloween themed performance featuring JSU’s Tuba/Euphonium studio and Encore!, JSU’s show choir in the Performance Center of Mason Hall.

Chris Hosmer, an instructor at JSU and the music director and arranger for Tubaween, informs that “we have been doing Tubaween for five years now and we always have a big crowd.”

Every performer dresses up in costumes for the occasion, as do many of the audience members.

While the Tuba/Euphonium studio performs their song selections, Encore! adds vocal color and visuals through dance, under the direction of Dr. Renee Baptiste and choreography by Allison Woodward.

Lacy Taylor, a member of Encore! says that their “role in Tubaween is to make the music of the tuba/euphonium studio come to life.”

Encore! will be celebrating 30 years at JSU this year.

When asked to describe Tubaween, Lauralee Peek, a Euphonium player and Tubaween performer, calls the event “a crowd pleasing show; it’s like super-tuba-Glee” while Matt Owen calls Tubaween a “fun-filled, frightastic family event that brilliantly combines two seeming-

ly incompatible ensembles into an incredibly fun show.”

Combining song and dance, Tubaween is a festive, safe, and free way to celebrate Halloween with the family.

Justin Lockridge, Euphonium player and Tubaween performer says that his “favorite part of Tubaween is definitely the fact that it’s open to the community and free.”

Justin enjoys seeing families bringing their small children to Trick-or-Treat, and during the intermission, there will be “costume contests for the kids and adults who dress up as well as candy for the entire audience.”

Mr. Hosmer says that the music of Tubaween “is usually anything from TV, Show Music, Broadway, and Special Halloween music, and of course we always end with Thriller by Michael Jackson.”

Other selections being performed include a medley of songs from “Little Shop of Horrors,” an arrangement of “The Munsters Theme” and “Nightmare on Elm Street,” along with other classic Halloween tunes.

Mr. Hosmer also says that preparing for Tubaween is “a lot of work, but a lot of fun!”

Whether it’s the free candy, the festive costumes, or the song and dance, Tubaween has something every audience member of any age is sure to enjoy!



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## They are more educated than you’d think

**Malcolm Aquino**  
*via Uwire*

Most people don’t think of popular music artists as being the brightest or the most studious. Between their simple lyrics or their lack of time to study due to being famous, pop artists don’t show their intelligence in their music, but never judge a book by its cover. Here are 5 well known musicians who are more well-educated than you probably thought:

1. Brian May (of Queen) - Before becoming the lead guitarist in Queen, May was on his way to getting a Ph.D. in astrophysics. More than 30 years later, he received his Ph.D. in 2007. He has also co-written a number of scientific research essays and he wrote a thesis titled A Survey of Radial Velocities in the Zodiacal Dust Cloud. Very impressive for a guy whose band has songs like “Fat Bottomed Girl” and “Bicycle Race.”

2. Coldplay - All of the members of the insanely popular band have a degree. Lead singer Chris Martin graduated with first honors in Greek and Latin. Drummer Will Champion majored in Anthropology and lead

guitarist Jonny Buckland majored in Mathematics.

3. Rivers Cuomo (of Weezer) - Another Ivy league English major, Cuomo got his degree in English from Harvard in 2006. It took him almost ten years to get his degree due to being preoccupied with being an alternative rock legend.

4. Kenny Chesney - The country superstar attended East Tennessee State University and graduated in 1990 with a degree in advertising. He also was part of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity while he was in school.

5. Lil’ Wayne - Don’t let lines like “All rats gotta die, even Master Splinter” fool you. Lil’ Wayne is actually a pretty smart guy. He first started taking classes at the University of Houston in 2005, where he was studying psychology, but switched schools and is taking online classes through the University of Phoenix.

Music artists spend so much time touring, making new music and the other things that are a part of being famous, that it’s easy to think that school is not a big part of their lives.

However, the music artists above prove otherwise, some even going on to get doctorates.





# Opinion & Editorial

## Trustees, administration on our side

**Brett Johnson**  
*Staff Writer*

I am willing to say that the JSU administration is on our side. On Monday, the JSU Board of Trustees met for over six hours discussing an array of issues that included the university budget, recruitment efforts, and more.

Due to a decline in enrollment, this semester’s revenue was much lower than expected the last time that the board met when they approved the interim budget. JSU enrolled only 8,693 students this fall which is 468 less than last year.

Most university officials say that this drop in enrollment is due to decreased Pell Grant opportunities from the federal government. This has led the university to make about \$650,000 in cuts to the current operating budget. What does this mean?

This means that the University will be reducing travel for employees, maintenance and supplies, as well as use of part-time faculty... Not passing the burden onto us.

However, due to the recent tuition rate increase and the instatement of JSU’s first-ever general fee that took effect beginning this semester, revenues have actually risen slightly over what JSU took in last year.

Many have asked where the General Fee and tuition increases have gone in the budget. According to President Meehan, part of the new fees have gone toward fulfilling the contract with RMC to provide our new student health services.

Another portion went to maintaining the student transit system, the Gamecock Express,

due to the exhaustion of federal funding for that system. The remainder has contributed to upgrades in technology throughout the university that has assisted in the reaccreditation process.



As a student, I hear a lot of rumors and ill-founded frustrations murmuring around campus. Such rumors like the one I heard recently that

“the new WoW Food Truck is a result of tuition increases.”

Most of the time these rumors prove to be false. For example, the WoW Food Truck is contracted through Sodexo, a private business entity.

Therefore, the funds to support it are not a part of our tuition allocations.

Overall, in my experience over the past few years, I have seen an overwhelming sense of concern from the Board of Trustees and the administration for the student body.

However, the absolute best news and most refreshing statement that I have heard in my three years at JSU came from President Meehan this Monday night when he said: “I will not be recommending an increase in tuition for the 2014-2015 year.”

On Monday night State Representative Rod Scott (D-Jefferson), who serves on the state education budget committee, stated at an SGA event that he was “amazed” that JSU has been able to keep tuition so low given the drastic cuts in federal and state funding that all Alabama public universities have faced.

That is when you know you have university leaders that are on your side.

## Time flies when you stay busy

**Zach Tyler**  
*Associate Editor*

Are you as shocked as I am that this semester is already more than half-way over? I guess the saying, “time flies when you’re having fun” is true... if you can consider going to classes, editing a college newspaper and keeping the milk stocked at the local Winn-Dixie

fun. Maybe a more appropriate version of the saying would be, “time flies when you stay busy.”

Honestly, my time at Jacksonville State University’s communication department has been fun. With each semester that blurs by, it draws closer to an end, though.

If everything goes according to my advisor’s plan, this semester will be one of my last at JSU.

My ending will include an internship this summer, then (powers that be in Bibb-Graves willing) graduation in December.

I could never, ever have made it this far in my college career without a lot of encouragement. More than money from my relatives or free meals or anything else, encouragement has kept me going when all I wanted to do was give up.

My mom was the first source of encouragement for me. If it weren’t for her pushing me to apply myself, I probably wouldn’t be in college. I definitely wouldn’t be going to Jacksonville State.

I’ve suffered setbacks and experienced failure regularly during the last three years, and every time I felt broken down to the point of defeat, she was there to put it all in perspective. Now, she’s going back to school, too,

and I only hope that I can be as encouraging to her as she has been to me.



Professor Jerry Chandler has been a font of advice and encouragement for me since I took his Intro to Communication class in 2011. He and his wife, Kathy, do their grocery shopping every Saturday at the Winn-Dixie where I work, and they never fail to stop and say hello to me.

Although it sometimes seems like he likes assigning impossible tasks to his students—if you’d ever taken his Media Features class, or had him ask you where the toasted hazelnut oil is in your grocery store, you’d know what I mean—Jerry always has something good to say about work I did in one of his courses, or an article that ran in The Chanticleer. It’s hard to express how encouraging that is; to have someone like him in your corner is an awesome feeling.

But the person who might deserve the most credit for the student journalist I am today and the professional I want to be tomorrow is no longer teaching at Self Hall.

Chris Waddle is responsible for instilling in me the values of a journalist. He encouraged me to pursue a career in the field of news writing when most other people said it was dying and I’d never find a job.

Like Professor Chandler, the standards he held his students to were high, but not unreachable. Meeting those standards always made me feel like more than just a kid in college.

JSU’s failure to renew his contract is a loss for all future students of Communication who attend this university, especially any who want to write for a living.

# Please Join us for our SGA Harvest Festival

Food, Music, Games, and Much More!

If you or your organization would like a booth, sign up in the Office of Student Life on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the TMB  
-Student Life will provide a table

-all you have to provide is a theme and candy for the “trick or treaters”

Activities Include:

- Face Painting
- Dance Performances
- Costume Contest

Be there or be scared!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
4:30 - 7PM  
ON THE JSU QUAD



# Sports

## Jax State could face No. 1 team down the road

Daniel Porter  
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks could face No. 1, but it's unlikely. On November 16, JSU will travel to Eastern Illinois, who in the last polls has risen to the No. 2 spot. That's the highest any Ohio Valley school has been ranked since Jacksonville State held the same posi-



Coach Bill Clark at a JSU practice

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tion in the November 1, 2010 poll. However, two-time defending champ North Dakota State holds the top spot with a perfect record and with games against only struggling Indiana State and Illinois State before, it's unlikely the Bison fall. Plus, the EIU Panthers can't go to sleep either, there's no guaranteeing they won't fall before that time. This weekend, Walter Payton hopeful Jimmy Garoppolo will put his Panthers against No. 21 Tennessee State in a pivotal conference game that matches the top offense in the league against the top defense. If EIU escapes, they still have to travel to a scrappy Murray State team the weekend prior to the JSU game.

Since joining division I in 1995 the Gamecocks have only faced the top ranked team once, a 30-14 loss at McNeese State in 1998. Against the No. 2 team? JSU has had four meetings, losing all including the most recent being a near 37-35 defeat to Furman in the 2005 season opener. For those wondering, the highest ranked team Jax State has beaten is No. 3, coming when the Gamecocks knocked off Northwestern State 19-10 in 2002.

The Gamecocks had a bye week to rest up from a physical first-half of the season, as well as get reps for new guys who'll see extensive playing tie following the injuries of the last game. Coach Clark's team approaches every game as a playoff one, and the atmosphere has been about the same coming off back-to-back games against ranked teams. Now, JSU faces a slightly easier task in the near future with Tennessee Tech (3-5) and Austin Peay (0-7).

At 5-2 the Gamecocks are in a position to add to their record and crawl back into position to grab a spot in the polls and join the playoff conversation. However, that November 16 game in Charleston, IL. will go a long way in pushing JSU one way or the other.

## Golf finishes in top 5 at MTSU

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – The Jacksonville State women's golf team shot a 311 in Tuesday's final round of the MTSU Blue Raider Classic and finished in a tie for fifth.

Junior Maya Parsons and freshman Anne Albrecht each shot a 4-over 76 in the final round to cap the 54-hole event in a tie for eighth. Their three-round scores of 224 paced JSU on the par-72, 6,177-yard Old Fort Golf Course. They were the Gamecocks' top individual finishers in the 84-player field.

The Gamecocks entered Tuesday's final round tied for second with Lamar, who finished third. Host Middle Tennessee fired a 298, which was the low round of the day, to come within

one shot of Southern Illinois. The Salukis shot 304 to win the 15-

1. Southern Illinois (897)
2. Middle Tennessee St. (898)
3. Lamar University (902)
4. Morehead State (904)
5. Jacksonville St. (907)
6. South Alabama (907)
7. Troy University (911)
8. Murray State (916)
9. Tennessee Tech (917)
10. Arkansas State (922)

tario, native. She also shot 76 on Monday morning before a 72 in Monday's afternoon round. Albrecht shot 75 in the first round and 73 in the second to set up her 54-hole score of 224.

Sophomore Melania Bajo Geijo tied for 25th after a final-round 78 gave her a three-round total of 229. Sophomore Erin Gunnels shot 81 to tie for 31st with a 230, while sophomore Melani Sisto's 86 on Tuesday gave her a 224 and put her in a tie for 67th.

The Gamecocks have now finished in the top five in all four fall events so far, claiming a pair of wins along the way.

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## Soccer falls at SIUE

**EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.** – The Jacksonville State soccer team closed out the road portion of it 2013 season with a 5-1 loss to Southern Illinois Edwardsville on Sunday on the SIUE campus.

The loss dropped JSU to 4-11-2 overall and 0-7-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Cougars remained in the OVC race with the win and moved to 10-3-3 on the season and 4-2-1 against league foes.

SIUE scored three first-half goals to cruise to the home win as five different Cougar players netted goals.

SIUE added a pair of second half goals to extend the lead to 5-0 before JSU broke through for a final-minute goal by Bruanna Boutziouvis. Boutziouvis notched her fourth goal of the season in the 89th minute after the play was set up by sophomore Kelsey Bright.

JSU's offense struggled throughout the contest with just four shots, while SIUE finished with 13 total shots. Jax State junior Jackie Rush tallied three of the four shots.



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## Volleyball drops match to ECU

**Richmond, Ky.** – Sophomore Emily Rutherford led JSU with 17 kills and 15 digs but it was not enough as a balanced offensive attack helped Eastern Kentucky pull out the 3-1 (20-25, 25-16, 25-19, 27-25) Ohio Valley Conference victory Saturday afternoon at McBrayer Arena.

With the loss the Gamecocks fall to 11-12 overall and 4-4 in OVC play while the Colonels improve to 11-12 and 4-4 in conference play.

Freshman Kacy Clinkenbeard added 12 kills for the Gamecocks who managed to hit just .158 for the match. Junior Alina Agamy finished with 22 assists and 21 digs while senior Abbey Here-dia added 19 assists and 17 digs.

Defensively, sophomore Samantha Bohne finished with 20 digs while senior Kelly Cole added 13 digs.

Ashley Edmond led ECU with 17 kills and 19 digs while Alexis Plagens added 15 kills. Johanna Boyer added 14 kills on a .462 attack percentage while setter Abbey Cvelbar finished with 46 assists and 10 digs.

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### FCS Scoreboard

This week:

JSU (5-2)	EIU (6-1)	EKU (4-3)	UNI (4-4)	EWU (5-2)	Samford (5-2)
TTU (3-4)	TSU (7-1)	SEMO (1-6)	SD St (4-4)	Mont (6-1)	Wofford (5-2)

Last week:

JSU had bye week	SEMO - 33 (1-6)	TSU - 29 (7-1)	SHSU - 23 (5-2)	ND St - 31 (7-0)
	EIU - 55 (6-1)	UTM - 15 (4-3)	McN St - 31 (6-1)	SIU - 10 (4-4)

### Gamecock Sports Sidebar

#### FCS Top 25:

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

#### JSU's Next Game:

@ Tennessee Tech (3-5)

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

#### 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 @ Tennessee St  
Soccer vs Murray State  
W Tennis @ Geo. Southern  
Saturday: Rifle @ MSU/TCU  
W Tennis @ Geo. Southern  
Volleyball @ Belmont  
Football @ Tennessee Tech  
Sunday: Soccer vs Austin Peay  
W Tennis @ Geo. Southern  
W. Golf @ Palmetto Inter.

#### OVC Volleyball standings:

East:  
Morehead State (8-0)  
Belmont (5-3)  
Jacksonville State (4-4)  
Eastern Kentucky (4-4)  
Tennessee Tech (3-5)  
Tennessee State (1-7)  
West:  
Austin Peay (6-2)  
Eastern Illinois (5-3)  
SIUE (4-4)  
SE Missouri State (4-4)  
UT-Martin (2-6)  
Murray State (2-6)



# JACKSONVILLE STATE

## 2013-14 Preseason All-OVC Team

**Travis Betran,**  
*Austin Peay*  
**Glenn Cosey,**  
*Eastern Kentucky*  
**Nino Johnson,**  
*Southeast Missouri*  
**J.J. Mann,**  
*Belmont*  
**Patrick Miller,**  
*Tennessee State*  
**Tyler Stone,**  
*Southeast Missouri*  
**Myles Taylor,**  
*UT Martin*  
**Will Triggs,**  
*Austin Peay*  
**Corey Walden,**  
*Eastern Kentucky*  
**Brian Williams,**  
*Jacksonville State*

## Rifle tops Columbus State

**JACKSONVILLE** – The national-ranked Jacksonville State rifle team won its second consecutive home match on Saturday with commanding win over Ohio Valley Conference foe Columbus State at the Gamecock Rifle Range.

The Gamecocks finished 98 points better with an aggregate score of 4662. The Cougars tallied a final mark of 4564. Jax State finished the smallbore portion of the match with a 2318 and finished the day with a 2344 in air rifle. CSU carded a 2257 in smallbore and 2307 in air rifle.

JSU had the top-three shooters in smallbore, led by junior Cole Tucker. Tucker, from Wye Mills, Md., edged sophomore teammate, Samantha Bullard. Tucker had a 581 total, while Bullard had a 580. Senior Sam Muegge posted a 579 to claim third place. Freshman Brandon Muske had a collegiate-best 576 to boost JSU’s smallbore mark.

Bullard, from Uriah, Ala., claimed gold in air rifle with a 590 , followed by Muske’s 587. Muegge won bronze for the second time in the match with a 584.

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## Williams named All-OVC, Gamecocks predicted fourth

**NASHVILLE** – Senior Brian Williams was named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team and the Jacksonville State men’s basketball team has been picked to finish fourth in the OVC’s East Division, the league announced at its annual Basketball Media Day on Tuesday.

Williams is one of 10 players on the league’s preseason all-conference squad, while the Gamecocks were just two votes behind Morehead State in third place in the East’s preseason poll. JSU is coming off a 17-11 season that tied for the second-best record in its Division I history and featured its second-straight 8-8 league record, a Division I first.

A 6-foot-1 guard from Lawrenceville, Ga., Williams has become a mainstay in the Gamecock lineup. He’s played in 91 games in his three seasons and been in the starting lineup in the last 71 games. He enters the season with 942 career points and 267 assists. His scoring total puts him in sixth in the school’s Division I history, while he sits in fourth on the program’s Division I assists list.

In 2012-13, Williams was 18th in the OVC in scoring with 13.1 points per game, while ranking fifth in assists with 4.3 per game. His assists-to-turnover ratio of 1.8 was fourth, thanks to a career-high 119 assists during the year.

The predictions for the Gamecocks’ division have Eastern Kentucky winning, while defending champion Belmont is picked second. The Colonels return all but one player from last year and feature two preseason all-conference picks in Glenn Cosey and Corey Walden. They received 18 of 24 possible first-place votes and have 128 total votes, while the Bruins have 116 votes and six first-place votes. Tennessee State is picked behind the Gamecocks and Tennessee Tech is predicted to finish sixth in the division.

In the West, Southeast Missouri and Murray State are tied in the top spot with 117 votes, whit SEMO holding a slight edge with 13 first-place votes to the Racers’ 11. SEMO’s Tyler Stone in the league’s Preseason Player of the Year.

Head Coach James Green, in his sixth year at the helm of the Gamecocks, also has junior guard Darion Rackley back to support Williams in what should be an experienced backcourt. A 6-foot-3 native of St. Louis, Rackley is the team’s leading returning scorer after pouring in 13.7 points per game last year and was one of the most accurate 3-point shooters in the OVC with a 39 percent success rate in his sophomore year.

Senior guards Rico Sanders, Giovanni Smith and Rod McReynolds help in one of the more experienced backcourts in the OVC this year that will also feature some added depth from Green’s group of incoming players.

Junior Avery Moore transferred from Florida A&M midway through last season and will be eligible after the fall semester. He has experience as a starter with the Rattlers and has shown the ability to put up big numbers from the perimeter.

Another transfer is junior Grant White, who returns to JSU after a year at Palm Beach State. White was in the starting lineup for the Gamecocks down the stretch of his freshman season and helped JSU to the OVC Tournament quarterfinals in Nashville.

Freshmen Randall Smith, Undra Mitchem and Nathan Laing also enter the fall as additions to the JSU backcourt. Smith was an all-state point guard at Archer High School in Lawrenceville, Ga., while Mitchem comes from a very successful program in

Leesburg, Fla., that saw him help the Yellow Jackets to three 20-win seasons and a state title. Laing was an all-conference guard at Harnett Central High



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Brian Williams enters season just a few games shy of passing 1,000 career points as a Gamecock.

School in Lillington, N.C.

Senior forward Nick Cook is the only returning upperclassman in the frontcourt, where he will lead a talented group that features youth and some transfers. Cook currently has 108 career blocks, which is third in the school’s Division I history. The 6-foot-6 forward from Hattiesburg, Miss., has also grabbed 353 career boards, knocking on the door of the Top 10 in JSU’s Division I record books.

Back are sophomore big men Michael Louder and Darrius Moore, who each saw limited action as true freshmen a year ago. Junior Teraes Clemmons and freshman Joe Kuligoski are combo players that took redshirts a year ago and will be in the mix this season.

Three junior college transfers step in to shore up the Gamecocks’ inside game and all three have size. Jamal Hunter from East Mississippi Community College is a 6-foot-8 frame that shot almost 60 percent from the floor, while 6-foot-7 newcomers D.J. Felder of East Georgia College and Jeremy Watson from Shelton State round out that group.

Felder averaged 14 points and nine rebounds per game in leading EGSC to a state title last year, while Watson is a Birmingham native that also won a state title in junior college last season.

The Gamecocks open the 2013-14 season at Bradley on Nov. 8 but will play a pair of exhibition games at Pete Mathews Coliseum before then. The first will be on Oct. 31 against West Georgia in a 7 p.m. Halloween matchup, with the final exhibition coming against Martin Methodist on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Both exhibition games are free.

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## Jax State prepares for the Rick Pietri era

**Daniel Porter**  
*Sports Editor*

First year head coach Rick Pietri has his work cut out for him as he leads his Gamecocks into the 2013-14 season. Last season JSU had a forgettable year at 1-27, but if there’s a silver lining, it would be that the lone win came in thrilling fashion in the last home game of the year. The phrase ‘going into the offseason on a high note,’ has never rung more true.

The lackluster season led to the firing of former coach Anetta Watts, and gave way to the Rick Pietri era. Pietri spent the last 13 years at South Alabama where he transformed a Jaguar program that had endured 10 straight losing seasons prior to his arrival. Thirteen years later, a 220-167 record made Pietri the all-time winningest coach in Lady Jaguar history. This is bound to be a tough season but following last season, along with being voted sixth in the OVC Preseason polls, there’s no place to go but up.

Pietri’s first JSU squad returns eight players from the previous year including Candace Morton and leading-scorer, Miranda Cantrell.

The schedule is an exciting one for players

and fans featuring a variety of opponents with many of whom making trips to Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The Gamecocks will open their season Nov. 3 at home against Miles. The strength of sched-



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Women’s coach Rick Pietri prepares for debut season at JSU

ule spikes following that matchup as Jax State then takes to the road for back-to-back games against SEC foes Ole Miss and Auburn. JSU will then play at soon-to-be-Sun Belt Georgia Southern.

The Gamecocks will play in the state of Georgia again in late November when they take part in the Georgia State Invitational. The Gamecocks will play the Panthers, and may also find themselves in a matchup against Georgia of the SEC.

Fans will be able to see great games as top opponents visit The Pete including Kennesaw State who just edged JSU 51-50 last season. A few days later on Nov. 26, the Central Arkansas Sugar Bears come to town. UCA finished just 15-14 last season, but opened the year on a strong 11-4 run through non-conference.

The game of the year may be on December 10 when the Chattanooga Mocs visit. UTC went 29-4 a year ago knocking off 20th ranked Tennessee on their way to a Southern Conference championship and berth into the NCAA Tournament. Following UTC, the Gamecocks have three more consecutive home games before they begin OVC action on December 28.