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JSU welcomes former members of Congress for Constitution Day

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Two former Representatives, Sue Kelly (R) of New York and Earl Hutto (D) of Florida, visited JSU this week as part of the Congress to Campus program. They spoke with many classes during their participation in the Constitution Day program on Tuesday, as well as with the student senate and Freshman Forum.

Referring to Dr. Lori Owens of the Political Science and Public

Administration Department, Kelly said, "Lori has set us up with a full schedule, and I love it. We are used to working hard in Congress."

Kelly served as a member of Congress for 12 years, while Hutto served for 16 years. During that time, they worked tirelessly to represent their constituents.

"I don't think I ever put in any less than at least an 18 hour day, seven days a week," Kelly says. "I chaired subcommittees. To



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Former Representatives Earl Hutto (D-Florida) and Sue Kelly (R-New York) were invited to JSU by Dr. Lori Owens of the Political Science Department as part of its Congress to Campus program.

do that and hold hearings requires an enormous amount of work, because I didn't want my staff knowing more about an issue than I did. I didn't want them drafting my questions." She says that she would take stacks of law books home with her at night and would fall asleep on top of them around 3:00 a.m., then have to get up four hours later and make a speech. Regardless,

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Finding 'the good life' in Rome with the Political Science Department's study abroad program

Ashley Ossenfort
Staff Writer

Most students get excited over a professor's sudden whim to conduct the day's lecture outside on a beautiful, sunny day. In the May 2014 semester, the Political Science Department at Jacksonville State University takes it one step further by offering students the opportunity to study in Rome, Italy.

"Students will spend almost three weeks in May 2014 getting credit for Political Science 457: Special Topics in Political Theory," wrote Dr. Jeremiah Russell, a professor of political science at JSU. "Every



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Students participating in last summer's study abroad program, organized by the History Department, on a guided tour of some of Rome's most iconic locations.

weekday morning there will be guided tours. The group will take a break in the afternoon, just as the Italians do, followed

by an hour of reading and discussing source texts." The study abroad program will be conducted by the

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Boosting student motivation with video games

How a professor in JSU's MCIS Department is trying to make college courses more engaging

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Video games, suspected by parents everywhere of rotting young brains, are the basis of a new trend in education called "gamification."

In an interview, Dr. David Thornton of JSU's MCIS Department said gamification is about "incorporating gaming elements into a non-gaming context," which happens more often than you'd think.

Dr. Thornton gave the example of "Chore Hero," an app available for the iPhone that awards points and titles to family members for completing household duties, like washing the dishes, making dinner or doing laundry.

"The social element and competition are gaming qualities that we're all used to," says Thornton, who designed gamification blocks for Blackboard with the intention of improving student motivation.

"We want to steal the elements from games that keep players playing and use them to motivate students to keep learning," he says.

To do that, Thornton developed a "leaderboard" block that instructors can plug into Blackboard in as little as ten seconds. The leaderboard ranks student performance—while the students can't see names attached to the rankings or grades, they do see where they stack up against their peers.

"What we're seeing anecdotally is a lot of students, especially the more competitive ones, will see this and they will go to an assignment, work on it for ten minutes and score a few points, then come back to the homepage and see that they've moved from rank 9 to rank 7," says Thornton.

Being able to see their progress results in a

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Brotherhood and music: the three fraternities of the David L. Walters Department of Music

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

At Jacksonville State University, three fraternities focus on sharing music with the world with individual voices.

Sigma Alpha Iota is a professional international music fraternity for women. "A lot of people call us a sorority, but we are actually a fraternity," says SAI president Ellen Abney.

SAI was started by seven women at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor,

Michigan, in 1903, but JSU's chapter, Theta Beta, was chartered in 1993.

Everything that the fraternity does centers on the support and promotion of music.

The Theta Beta chapter collects money for Music in our Schools Month, which is in March. Alumnae Christina Booker started the project two years ago. This past spring, SAI raised over \$2,000 to donate to the music program at Pleasant Valley High School.

"You'll see us carrying jars around campus

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Kelly also says that she loved her time as a representative. "It's so much fun, because you get a chance to learn," she says. "You learn so much about how people feel about things, and what the government is really doing in their lives, and how things operate in the United States."

Hutto stressed the importance of college students meeting with public officials as often as they get the chance. "The program that we're here under gives the opportunity to college students to see face-to-face those who serve in Congress and ask questions about what goes on," he says, in reference to the Congress to Campus program. "I think I've seen better participation here than in most other colleges where I've been."

Kelly added that she was impressed that the students at

JSU had been asking questions of the Representatives that were obviously not things they could just find on Google. She says that it's encouraging that the students are thinking for themselves.

Kelly had this advice to give to students who are considering a career in politics or public service: "Get a job. If you graduate from college and then you go into public service, you are doing the people you represent a disservice, because you don't know how the world works. The right thing to do is get a job, go to work, and get some gravitas under your resume. Do some things that count."

The two Representatives shared why they themselves decided to run for office. Hutto was a journalist who was working with a television station in Panama City, Florida. The station would send him to Tallahassee

during the legislative sessions to interview members of the House and Senate. "That kind of whetted my appetite for it," Hutto says.

Kelly stated that she decided to run for office because, "I got mad at the Republican party." She says that when a particular seat came open, she didn't feel like the candidates who were being backed by the Republicans would have been right for the job. But she also didn't feel like the Democratic candidate would be the right representative for that district either. "I called 12 people, and I begged them to run," Kelly says. "Then I called my husband. Every single one, including my husband, turned me down. So I got mad. My husband said, 'You run. You care about it.' So I ran, and I won."

"Did your husband vote for you?" Hutto asked.

Kelly replied, "I hope so."

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Dr. Russell and Dr. Donald Prudlo, a professor of history at JSU, conducting the class and organizing the trip. "Dr. Prudlo

like to do is offer a program every year alternating between political science and history," said Dr. Prudlo, who has previously organized four study abroad programs through the

JSU, airfare to Rome, insurance, travel documents, food, and miscellaneous expenses. "The focus of the study is going to be 'what is the good life,'" said Dr. Russell.



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A picture taken by a student on last year's study abroad trip from the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, in the Vatican City.

and I both specialize in intellectual and medieval history," said Dr. Russell, "so we are two peas in a pod when it comes to that. It will be a great opportunity for students to work with two people that specialize in that area."

PSC 457 has no prerequisites and is open to all students. The course can also be used to meet the requirement of two political science students must complete.

The trip will cost \$2,500. Included in the cost is 17 nights lodging at the Residence Candia in Rome, transportation, entrance fees to exhibits and tours, and three group meals. Students will be responsible for May tuition and fees at

"Essentially it's a great opportunity for students to go to Rome and ask this really fundamental question about what is the good life, because so many of the classic answers were composed in that time by the early Christians and, of course, the Romans. So we'll be reading selections from ancient Roman thinkers and early Christians that address that very question."

Students participating in the study abroad will have free-time to explore Rome and travel.

Previous study abroad programs have been conducted by the History Department and will now be expanded to include the Political Science Department. "What we would

History Department.

"One of the advantages of this is that people [will be] not just doing things, but being there in the foreign country," said Dr. Prudlo. "They are there to experience life and this different way of doing things... It's not just simply about teaching, it's about being as well."

A meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Brewer Hall in room 228 for students interested in the program. The program is offered to a limited amount of students so all interested should attend.

For more information, contact either Dr. Russell or Dr. Prudlo, or visit the Political Science Department at www.jsu.edu.

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in the spring, so save up some change for us, because we plan to donate to another music program this year!" Abney says. "Seeing faces when we can offer monetary assistance is an amazing feeling."

Recently, SAI participated in a fundraiser for a student at White Plains who had earned a spot in a national honor band but didn't have the money to go and participate. "After donations from Southerners and the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha, the SAI sisters came together to finish raising money for him to go," says Abney. "I had the honor and privilege of surprising him with the money at his school. He got choked up and was so excited that he was going to get to take his trip."

Just like SAI is a fraternity exclusively for women, Phi Mu Alpha is a music fraternity exclusively for men. "We try to promote the uplifting of mankind through music," explains Phi Mu Alpha president Zack Davis.

The fraternity's main philanthropy is the Mills Music Mission, in which the brothers sing for people in hospitals or nursing homes. JSU's chapter, Epsilon Nu, visits Myrick Manor in Jacksonville at least once each semester. They are planning to sing there on October 6, which is the fraternity's Founder's Day.

"We are a social fraternity with professional ideals," Davis says of Phi Mu Alpha, which is open to any type of musician. "I think that makes us different from most Greek organizations."

Kappa Kappa Psi is a co-ed fraternity committed to service to JSU's band program and is open exclusively to members of the school's instrumental ensembles.

"All brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi have a common love for the band program and are willing to help out by doing anything and everything we can for a professor here in the music department," explains KKY president Tim Chappell. Because the musical ensembles themselves are the fraternity's philanthropy, KKY gives water or goodie bags to the Marching Southerners, purchases music stands for the jazz bands, and hosts cook-outs for Music Department faculty.

Chappell describes the David L. Walters Department of Music as "a department that has given so much to so many here at JSU."

He adds, "The best part of being a member of KKY is the fact that I get to help out the band department with my closest friends and brothers while developing responsibility, loyalty, and leadership skills."

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"fist pump" moment, says Dr. Thornton, and that makes them want to do more.

Another block Thornton developed,

known as the "Quest Path" block, shows a student a map of assignments or projects for an entire course.

"Instead of seeing a syllabus with an outline, they would see a whole learning map of all the concepts they need to cover and how they correspond with each other," says Thornton.

Assignments given early in the course are already open on the student's quest to completion, but in order to move on their path, they must unlock other assignments. Each completed assignment earns the student points, which influences their rank on the course leaderboard.

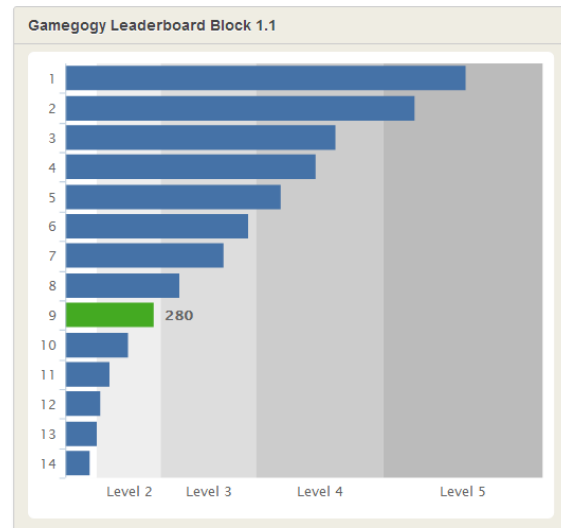
"The long term is that we want to add more gamification blocks," including an avatar on

the Blackboard homepage that students can customize with wearable items earned in courses, says Thornton.

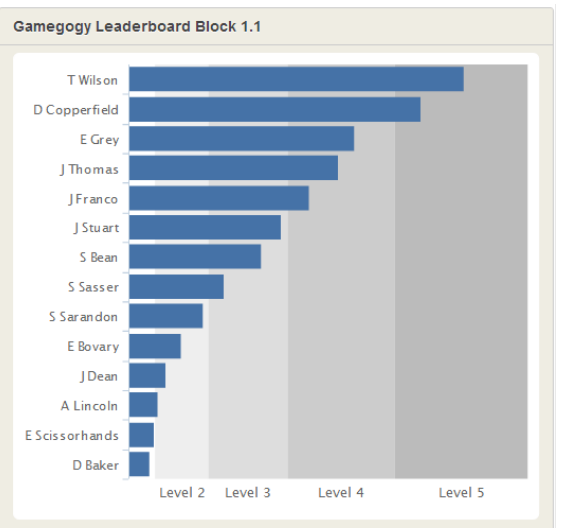
Dr. Thornton's blocks are currently being used in STU101 courses, as well as his CS230 and game design classes. Eight other universities in places like the United Kingdom and Australia have also shown interest in using the blocks.

"At least hundreds and maybe even a couple thousand students have seen this by now," he says, not without a little pride.

While Thornton doesn't know yet if his software has an impact on student performance, he says that "students do seem to attend class more often" if their course has been 'gamified.'



What students will see



What instructors will see

Graphic courtesy of David Thornton

An example of Dr. Thornton's Leaderboard block for Blackboard. At least eight schools, some of them outside of the U.S., are making use of the blocks designed here at JSU. Thornton plans to add more blocks in the future, including multiplayer functionality, student avatars and earnable items.

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7-day forecast



TODAY
Partly cloudy
High: 84
Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 10%



FRIDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 90
Low: 63

Chance of precipitation: 10%



SATURDAY
Chance of rain
High: 77
Low: 64

Chance of precipitation: 40%



SUNDAY
Chance of t-storms
High: 77
Low: 59

Chance of precipitation: 70%



MONDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 81
Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 0%



TUESDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 84
Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 0%



WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 84
Low: 55

Chance of precipitation: 0%

Chicken Scratch

Most people want a perfect relationship. I just want a hamburger that looks like the ones in commercials.

I really need a day in between Saturday and Sunday.

It's really awkward when someone asks me where I see myself five years from now, when I don't remember where I was two days ago.

Banana peels aren't as slippery as people on TV make them look. Come on, you know you've tried it.

I must warn you...I'm a ninja!

Strawberry wine

Jade Wagner
Special to The Chanticleer

June 6, 2012 is a day I will never forget. I decided to go with my friends to a lake house to celebrate a friend's birthday. I remember sitting in the car and craving pretzels so badly. I didn't feel right the whole night. I was wearing light blue shorts and a shirt that showed my belly button. We got to the lake house and I didn't know a lot of people there. I was offered a drink and I took it thinking it would help me feel more relaxed and it did. In no way am I saying underage drinking is okay, but I am telling the story as it happened and I did drink underage. I soon became very drunk. The bright colors of the lake house began to swim in my eyes. Some body put Deana Carter's 'Strawberry Wine' on and everyone there joined in singing it at the top of our lungs at least 7 times. An acquaintance of mine came over to me and began talking. He said 'I looked very pretty that night' and that he 'loved mixed girls.'

He didn't seem like a threat. He called me pretty. I felt so awkward in my clothes and it was nice to hear someone say I looked good. The night gets a little fuzzy, but I remember everyone wanting to go out on the boat. I am not a strong swimmer and I didn't think going out on a boat after drinking was a very good idea. I stayed behind and he offered to stay with me. We were alone on two pool chairs when he told me how 'beautiful' I was and how he was glad to get to know me. I then had to use the bathroom. He offered to walk with me because I was very wobbly.

The downstairs bathroom was occupied and I had to go really bad. He told me that there was another one upstairs and he would show me. He walked me up the stairs and I used the bathroom in one of the master bedrooms. I remember how pretty the walls were. They were a beautiful pale blue and the bed was a nice calm cream color. I felt really dizzy after I used the restroom and he told me to sit down on the bed so I would feel better. I did as I was told and he started rubbing my back.

I wish I could say that an alarm started going off in my head then that I should run, but it didn't. It was nice to have someone take care of me while I wasn't feeling well. I started to ask where my friends were and he told me they were still out on the boat and it would be okay. He continuously repeated, 'I'm not going to hurt you'. He continued to rub my back and casually undid my bra. I immediately became alert. I asked where my friends were again and he said that I was okay and that he wasn't going to hurt me.

He then undid my light blue shorts and tried to slide his hand down my pants. I tried to push his hand away but he got a little bit rougher. He slid my shorts off and shortly afterwards, took my shirt off, making me exposed. I felt so vulnerable and I kept begging him to help me find my friends. He unzipped his pants and grabbed my hand and placed it on himself. He kept repeating, 'isn't it smooth?' and 'don't you like it?' I started crying and told him I was feeling sick and I needed some water.

He got up and threw my clothes to one side of the room and went downstairs to get me some water. I grabbed my phone and texted my three friends begging them to come upstairs and help me. I heard him downstairs telling the other people that I was "throwing up everywhere" and that I was fine and he was 'taking care of me' so no one 'needed to worry.'

He came back upstairs with a glass of water as I still had my phone in my hand. He grabbed my phone and said, 'You won't be needing this.' He put it on the dresser on the other side of the room. You are probably now thinking what I constantly think every single time I relive this memory. 'Why didn't you run when he went downstairs?' 'Why didn't you get out of there?' Honestly looking back that is exactly

what I should have done, but I was scared.

I was almost completely naked with my clothes on the other side of the room. He is a big guy. Much bigger than I am. How could I get away if he caught me throwing on my clothes? I was scared. I was stupid. After he was done moving my phone, he undid his pants once again and stuck his hands on me. He felt me all over and rubbed himself on me. I cried and begged him to let me go and to let me go talk to my friends. He kept saying they were on the boat and that no one was downstairs. I heard him talk to people and tell them I was sick. I was stuck. He then invaded me without my permission.

I closed my eyes and put my head back wishing for this all to be over. It felt like I was trapped under him for hours but honestly it was only a few minutes. Then the most beautiful sound I have ever heard came and someone knocked on the door. He got still and didn't say anything. Then the knock came harder. He looked at me and said, 'Do you want me to get that?' I pretty much screamed 'yes' at him and he got up and adjusted himself. He threw me my clothes and whispered 'hurry up.' He unlocked the door and cracked it open just enough to look out of it.

One of my friends was there asking for me. He said I was fine and I didn't need his help. My friend asked me if I was okay and he muscled his way in and saw me lying on the bed crying my eyes out. My friend grabbed me and helped me up. I remember him getting my friends together and saying 'we need to leave NOW.' We left shortly after that. Afterwards, I just sat in the back of the car behind the passenger seat shivering and crying quietly. I had never felt like that before. So exposed, so vulnerable, so dirty. I didn't tell any of them what happened until we got back home 45 minutes later. I cried myself to sleep that night and for a few weeks after that. It really messed with my head. I was the Vice President of Student Senate at this time.

I had work to do and I didn't have time to be out of control and upset. I stopped eating for a while. If I did eat I threw it up. This lasted for an entire summer.

I finally found counseling in August of 2012 from the JSU Counseling services. My counselor talked to me for many weeks. I started eating right again, I told my parents what happened and I went to the police. There was nothing I could do. I waited too long. I didn't want people finding out. I was scared of ruining not only my reputation but also the SGA's reputation. I blamed myself for the longest time. If I hadn't drank that night, if I hadn't have worn those clothes, (I ended up throwing them away after that night), if I didn't have to use the bathroom, it might not have happened. But it did.

I am a firm believer in that everything happens for a reason. I really hope the only reason this happened to me is so I can help other women who this has happened to know that it is okay. It is not your fault. You will survive. You already did. I am not saying my case is worse than anyone else's rape case, but it did happen to me. It can happen to anyone. It shouldn't happen, but it does. Everyone needs to be careful. If you are drinking then please be smart about it. The buddy system does work. Even if you are around people you have known for a long time, you never know what can happen.

I won't tell his name. There is no point to that. I know what happened and so does he. If anyone asks me for his name, I will only call him, 'Him'. I do not blame myself anymore, but I could have been safer if I only knew how. I seriously might not be here if it wasn't for my supportive family, friends, sisters, and my counselor who still to this day makes sure I am eating.

"It's funny how those memories, they last like strawberry wine."

Campus crime report

09/17/2013, Automobile Accident, Stadium Tower Parking Lot

09/17/2013, Medical Emergency, Brewer Hall

09/16/2013, Public Intoxication & Criminal Trespass, Mason Hall

09/16/2013, Arrest- Domestic Violence, Pannell Hall

09/15/2013, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Self Hall

09/14/2013, Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Dillon Field

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09/14/2013, Identity Theft, Cottonwood Apartments

09/13/2013, Arrest- Disorderly Conduct, Pelham Road North

09/12/2013, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Crow Hall

09/12/2013, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Roy Webb Road

09/12/2013, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Broadwell Mill Road

09/12/2013, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Bundrum Drive

Upcoming SGA events:

September 23rd—
Student Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

September 24th—
Homecoming Pageant
Leone Cole Auditorium
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

September 28th—
SGA Tailgate "Wrangle the Racers"
(Western attire)
Dillon Field
Tailgate opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m.
Featuring DJ Hollywood from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 28th—
Preview Day
Stephenson Hall
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 30th—
Student Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

Music Madness: Battle of the Bands rocks the TMB



Raspberry Leviathan performing at Music Madness

Leah Whitby/The Chanticleer

Laura Babb
Staff Writer

This past Thursday, September 12, the SGA put on Music Madness: Battle of the Bands.

Six artists preformed for the SGA executive officers to win the title of becoming the final tailgate performer.

The winner is going to be paid to play at the end of the year tailgate when our Jacksonville Gamecocks go head-to-head with Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

Raspberry Leviathan was the first band to take the stage at Music Madness. Raspberry Leviathan is a "lethargic folk" band whose members include: Josh Bell, Lakiya Hunter, and Avery Tritch. They got the crowd started with "Hello, My Colour Dreamboat," an original song, and "You're Not Here," which is the theme song from Silent Hill.

Kyle Robinson, a pop/alternative singer, serenaded the crowd with his cover songs, "Apologize," by One Republic and "You Raise Me Up," originally by Secret Garden.

Lara Lubienski, an international student, captivated the audience by acoustically playing songs they were fond of. Lara sang "The One That Got Away" by Katy Perry and "Make You Feel My Love" written by Bob Dylan.

Aaron Hudgins won the crowd over with his country boy charm. Aaron covered the songs "Dirt Road Diary" by Luke Bryan and "Dixieland Delight" by the group Alabama.

Blaire Blackmon, who made it to the top five performers on America's Got Talent, wowed the crowd when she preformed. Blaire was cheered on by her Zeta Tau Alpha sisters and the crowd as she sang

"Everybody" by Ingrid Michaelson and "Paper Thin," an original song by Blaire.

The final contestant of the night was Gavin Golsan whose performance was full of high energy. Gavin definitely kept the audience's attention by rapping two original songs. He was disqualified though due to the language in his first song and content in the second song.

Between sets, the MC, Seth Cain, kept the crowd moving by asking trivia questions.

"What's your favorite tailgate food?" and "How many songs from the group Alabama can you name?" were some of the questions Seth asked the audience.

There was a tie for the winner of Music Madness. The winners are Blaire Blackmon, the Zeta who once made it to the top five on America's Got Talent, and Aaron Hudgins, the boy who won the crowds with his down home demeanor.

Blaire and Aaron will split the performance time at the last tailgate and the payment for performing.

This means that each performer will be paid 150 dollars.

Personally, I think that it was a fun and original event that showed off the many different facets of the students here at Jacksonville State University.

"I think that it was a good representation of the talent at JSU by the student body," said attendee Lara Mayon.

When SGA executive officer, Kelsey Mann was asked if she had anything she wanted to say to everyone who attended, she said, "Thank you for everyone who came out and participated. We hope to see everyone at the end of the year tailgate".

All the contestants did an outstanding job and I'm sure that the students of JSU cannot wait to see Blaire and Aaron perform at the last tailgate!



Kyle Robinson

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Blaire Blackmon



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Homecoming pageant contestants begin quest for crown

Help Crown JSU

Ashley Colvin
Staff Writer

The search for JSU Homecoming King and Queen has begun. Students hoping to claim the crown filled out information and took headshots in order to be considered for the honored position of being voted royalty in the upcoming homecoming pageant.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the JSU Homecoming pageant on September 24 at the Leon Cole Auditorium. The show will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to get there early in order to claim a seat.

Pageant festivities will begin with a group dance that each of the 31 contestants were required to learn beforehand, with the possibility of being disqualified if the arranged rehearsal times went unattended.

It is followed up by a cat walk of formal wear which will be judged by 5 persons with a total points possible of 250.

Each student will be asked to answer a randomly selected question that involves Jacksonville State University in some form or

another on the spot.

After the pageant, the judges will then narrow the field of possibility to just 10 female students eligible for homecoming court. The same would have been true for male students but only 7 applied to participate and so all 7 will be eligible for student voting in October.

The eligible contestants will then be a step closer as their names go on the ballots for student voting October 3.

With 31 contestants this year the pageant will have individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds and ambitions, many of which are entering as first time pageant contestants.

A few of the contestants were available for interviews.

Alli Davis, graduate of Fort Payne High School and Delta Zeta member, is currently focusing her attention on obtaining a degree in elementary education with a collaboration in special education.

She said it would be an honor and a blessing for her to be able to represent JSU as homecoming queen.

Kayla Haynes, graduate of Heritage High School in Ringgold, Ga, is a JSU ambassador.

She is also responsible for the

uniforms worn by the marching southerners and a member of Phi Beta.

Kayla wants to use the pageant as an opportunity to show her love for her school.

As an ambassador she takes on the responsibility of showing future students what JSU has to offer. It is her goal to help students get involved in clubs and organizations.

As a transfer student herself she realizes some students are unaware of how many things the campus has to offer.

Bryan Green, graduate of New Albany High School in New Albany, Ms, is Polemarch of Eta Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Bryan said, "I wish to be crowned homecoming king because I feel with my leadership experience and positive personality traits I can truly uphold the title of Jacksonville State University's homecoming king."

Bryan also said JSU was named the friendliest campus in the South and he feels the title holds true campus wide.

Students are encouraged to come out and support both their school and their fellow students

and see what else the pageant holds.



Photo courtesy of JSU.edu

Danleigh McDaniel
2012 Homecoming Queen



Photo courtesy of JSU.edu

John Morton
2012 Homecoming King

Homecoming pageant participants

Misha Dantzer

Whitney Morange

Gabrielle Walker

Bryan Green

Alli Davis

Susan Grace Catrett

Taylor Key

Sara Beth Drake

Levy Goss

Kenneth Smith

Gabrielle Ferrell

Randee Jeske

Kayla Haynes

Addie Minton

Stephanie Alcott

Laura Gallagher

Dustin Gayton

Jayne Wagner

Gena Baker

Alex Rainwater

Makenzie Sherrell

Keaton Glass

William Benefield

Kristen Dempsey

Samuel Pugh

Kacey Laine Jacobs

Apologies if you are a participant and your name does not appear here.

Calhoun County Band Exhibition a success at Piedmont High School

Patrice Green
Staff Writer

The Calhoun County Band Exhibition, normally held at Jacksonville State University's stadium, was held this past Tuesday, September 17th, at Piedmont High School.

County bands had the opportunity to perform their shows without competition - style scoring in order to prepare for the upcoming competition season. Unfortunately, the Jacksonville State Marching Southerners were not able to perform due to complications with budget that are being resolved.

All the bands involved, both large and small, were extremely impressive and confident, especially considering how early it is in the season.

The hard work that the students put into their marching technique and over all musicality was extremely apparent.

Perhaps even more impressive was the amount of support given to the students as their family and friends sat and patiently watched each performance.

Like any other extra-curricular activity, one can never truly imag-

ine what goes through the minds of these young individuals while they are out on the field; it is only through actual experience that one can truly understand how effective even the smallest hint of support can be.

All of the county bands - White Plains, Pleasant Valley, Saks, Weaver, Wellborn, Piedmont, Aniston, Alexandria, and Ohatchee - showed a mutual and professional respect for the other bands as they performed, regardless of football-centered rivalries or marching style.

The students also exhibited a beautiful form of true musicianship: it is not always about being the best at what you do, whether it be instrumental, guard, or dance; it's about improving the lives of others and providing entertainment in the best way you know how.

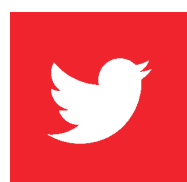
The Calhoun County bands did so with a class and grace unmatched by other students of their caliber.

For those who were unable to attend the exhibition, the performances will air on TV 24 Monday nights at 9:30 PM.

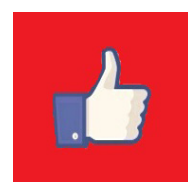


WLJS Top 10 for the week of September 12, 2013

1. First Right Theft - All Right
2. My Radio - Bricks and Mortar
3. Tiger High - So Long
4. of Montreal - Our Love is Senile
5. All The Locals - Monday
6. I'm Not A Pilot - Too Late
7. Air Traffic Controller - You Know Me
8. These City Limits - Empty Hands
9. ZZ Ward - Put the Gun Down
10. Bend Sinister - Don't You Know



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Opinion & Editorial

Meeting as Americans, above all

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

This week, JSU hosted two former members of the United States Congress. Representative Earl Hutto (D-FL) and Representative Sue Kelly (R-NY) spoke to various student groups for three consecutive days and were the focal point of the Constitution Day Celebration.

At some point on each of those days I met with and heard from both of them. Each and every time was more refreshing than the last.

It was almost amazing to hear each of them, from opposite sides of the aisle, agreeing on so many different issues.

Both expressed that hyper-partisanship is dividing our government and subsequently our nation. They cited monetary influence in campaigns as a large reason for the hyper partisanship and the general mistrust in government.

Rep. Kelly, a moderate Republican, cited that it is the moderates and centrists in government that get the real work done.

According to Kelly, the Party leaders can "toe the Party line" all that they want to, but no one is going to accomplish anything that matters without being open to compromise. Rep. Hutto, a centrist Democrat, agreed wholeheartedly.

This appreciation of compromise, coming from individuals who served in such high capacity, struck a nerve in me. It reminded me of what is good about government, and about the world.

Public servants like Hutto and Kelly remind me of great Americans in U.S. history such as Henry Clay "The Great Compromiser" and his colleagues.

Not only do these types of leaders accept compromise, but they believe in it as an essential function of democracy.



Today, it seems that when you talk to anyone involved or interested in politics, the issues and potential solutions to them are cut-and-dry. With no exceptions and no room for argument.

"You're either for us or you're against us!"

I say that's wrong. I say that the democratic process is about being malleable to opposing ideals.

It's about actively listening to what your peers have to offer to the discussion. And it's about acting not on behalf of a political Party or a political institution, but on behalf of the men and women for whom your policy decisions will affect.

This isn't to say that one shouldn't have a foundation of beliefs that guide the moral compass. I believe that we must be able to, at some points, draw the proverbial line in the sand and stand up for what we believe is right.

However, we should understand that the world doesn't always resemble the images that we see in our rose colored glasses.

Leaders in America today could learn from, and the citizens of America should stand behind men and women like Rep. Hutto and Rep. Kelly.

Congressman Hutto said it best when he said: "I campaigned and was elected as a Democrat. Sue campaigned and was elected as a Republican. But if her and I were to meet on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, we ought to meet there as Americans above all."

Accepting loss

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

When I was younger, I wanted to hold on to all of the people, places and things that were important to me.

I didn't think anything would ever change, and I didn't want it to anyway.

The friends I made in elementary school over lunches and recesses would be my friends forever. I'd never leave the city I was born in, or abandon the woods I played in growing up. My belongings would be mine for all time, even if they did get careworn.

I think we all feel like that as kids. The feeling of constancy is comforting, but it's a childish illusion that we grow out of, like believing in the tooth fairy or being afraid of things in the dark.

Every adult knows that nothing stays the same forever. Sometimes change is the only constant you can count on, and we all grapple with loss eventually.

We learn that lesson in different ways. Often, relationships are the first thing we lose: childhood friends move away, cherished family members or pets pass and we get dumped (or we do the dumping).

Jack Kerouac taught me something about the concept of loss and how to deal with it. He was famous as an author for his style of writing, called "Spontaneous Prose," which was just putting down whatever came into his head.

In the 1960s and at the request of other literary figures, Kerouac set down a list of thirty elements essential to spontaneous prose he called "Belief and Technique for Modern Prose."

Some parts of the list seem to have nothing to do with the

writing process; for instance, technique number three is "Try never get drunk outside your own house."

That's good advice, but it's worth noting that Kerouac was an alcoholic who died at the age of 47.



Technique number 19 is only three words long: "Accept loss forever." Kerouac may have been referring to something specific, but those three words apply to any situation. I've adopted them as one of my mantras.

Loss is universal; we all experience it. No matter what it is you lose, it hurts. But if you dwell on that loss instead of dealing with it, you get sick. Loss sickness makes you take what you already have for granted. It makes you lose more than you lost in the first place.

Whenever I feel like I've hurt someone's feelings or lost a friend, I repeat those three words to remind myself that sometimes there is no redemption, no going back.

If you cut someone down, you may never be able to fix what you did. If you choose to end a relationship, then really end it. Don't stay with it in your mind, especially after the other person has moved on.

We have a tendency to do that, especially with romantic relationships. That same feeling of constancy that comforted us as children makes us want to keep things always the same. It can feel impossible to go on with your life without that constant, but knowing when to let go instead of holding on is the only way to grow.

Loss hurts, but it's a necessary and inevitable part of life. Accept it when it happens to you. Instead of wasting energy trying to put things back the way they were, appreciate what you had and where you can go from here.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Chanticleer:

As a co-worker, I think I am qualified to say that we know all about our bad reputation. That is not to say we are a bad paper, we just have room for improvement. Often times, our readers have given us unfair criticisms. Our latest criticism, however, is well deserved. We have a black eye and it came by our own hand.

The Chanticleer has a long history dating back to 1934. In our history, we have covered the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam, a presidential assassination, the moon landing and terrorists' attacks. That is a legacy we all can be proud to be a part of. It is up to us to uphold its integrity with our stories. We published two stories in our September 5th issue that we should not have. They were about Alabama and Auburn. Covering Alabama and Auburn in a Jacksonville State newspaper is wrong.

Like every other university in this state not named Alabama and Auburn, we have an inferiority complex. There is nothing wrong with that. With the amount of coverage Ala-

bama & Auburn get from the media already, it is understandable that we would feel slighted. What is not understandable is offering coverage of them to our readers. That just adds to the problem. There is already a problem with school pride here at JSU. There are students that will wear UA and AU apparel around our campus and to our games and parents who will yell "roll tide!" at our graduation ceremony. As offensive as that is, who are we to be offended by that if we publish Alabama and Auburn in our paper? We have to overcome our own hypocrisy if we want our students to.

As a student newspaper, we do not turn a profit. We cost the university money with every issue we print. That money is given by our generous alumni and by our students who pay tuition. Making our alumni pay for our covering Alabama and Auburn is disrespectful enough, but making our students do it is just disgusting. There are students who take out loans and go into debt just to pay their tuition. Can we show them enough decency to not cover other

universities in our paper?

There is no shortage of people who were offended by these stories. Some of them are our predecessors, people who paved the road for us and worked for The Chanticleer. People like Steve Camp from the class of 1985. He applied to be our sports editor for the sole purpose of keeping Alabama and Auburn out of the Chanticleer. People like Patrick Thornton from the class of 1996 who worked for the Chanticleer from 1992-1994. According to him, when he worked here, we never would have published anything about other universities.

Perhaps the individual most offended by our stories is Bill Nash from the class of 1986. He works at JSU now. His job involves getting donations from our alumni. Imagine how disrespected he must have felt to open a newspaper paid for in part by the funds that he has to work for and see stories about other universities. Ellen Black, Greg Meyers from the class of 1975 and 1977, Jim Finlay from the class on 1980, Antoine Delaine from the class of 1983, Lee Walden class of 2006, Hank Humphery from the class of 1985 and Charles S. Badgett from the class of 1992 and 1993 all share his senti-

ments.

Max Holcombe is a football player here at JSU. He is our starting center. He was born and raised in Tuscaloosa and is the son of one of Bear Bryant's players. Even Max, who has every reason to love Alabama, took offense to our stories. Max is not the only current student to take offense. Jasmine Moten, Destinee Briskey, Deion Holoman, Eric Bailey, Christine H. Parrish and Tristan Hardin were all willing to speak up.

It is obvious that the Chanticleer did not expect this kind of reaction from Alabama and Auburn stories. If there is one thing that we can take away from this is that there are people, some students and some alumni, who still care enough to be upset about this. Can we stop disappointing them? Can we uphold the legacy we've built since 1934? There is still time to make this right. As I wrote earlier, we share the same inferiority complex that other schools in this state have. The lines in this ongoing battle have been drawn and the sides are clear. It is Alabama and Auburn on one side and the rest of us on the other. Which side does the Chanticleer want to be on?

Sincerely yours,
Jordan Smith

Response

Dear Jordan:

Thank you for sharing your opinion and the opinions of others on this issue. The one week we ran the blurbs about the other two schools, the back cover of the paper was

dedicated to JSU's football team, complete with art. But the volleyball and soccer games were away, and we couldn't send writers to them. Because we had students who wanted to write for us that week, one writer was given permission to write a state report of other games for that issue. (We have a certain amount of space to fill with sports

stories in each issue.) We regret the decision to run that story now, but we only had the interest of allowing a student a clip for her portfolio rather than us robbing a SportsWire story from the internet. We have not written about any other football teams in the issues since, and have never had any intention to.

In regards to the students who

were upset with our decision to publish, they are always welcome to write for us. Not only is our readership composed of students, but our staff is as well.

We apologize to any alumni and faculty who were offended by our decision.

Sincerely,
The Chanticleer Staff

Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

FCS Top 25:

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

JSU Next Game:

@ Georgia State (0-3)

2013 Football Schedule:

- 8/31 @ ASU (W 24-22)
- 9/7 vs J'ville U. (W 48-13)
- 9/14 vs UNA^ (W 24-21) 2OT
- 9/21 @ Georgia State
- 9/28 vs Murray State*
- 10/5 @ UT-Martin*
- 10/12 vs Tenn State*
- 10/26 @ Tenn Tech*
- 11/2 @ Austin Peay*
- 11/9 vs Eastern Kentucky*
- 11/16 @ Eastern Illinois*
- 11/23 vs SE Missouri St.*
- ^ Rivalry / * OVC game

OVC Football Standings:

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

Upcoming Action:

- Friday: Soccer vs Alabama St
- Volleyball vs Coastal Car.
- Saturday: Volleyball vs Tennessee, Georgia Tech
- Cross Country @ LSU (Tiger Invitational)
- Football @ Georgia State
- Sunday: Soccer vs Georgia St

OVC W. Soccer standings:

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

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Remember to grab a new issue every Thursday around campus.

Thomas earns national honors following school record 5 FGs

PHILADELPHIA - Jacksonville State's Griffin Thomas was named The Sports Network National Special Teams Player of the Week and also the College Football Performance (CFPA) National Kicker of the Week on Monday.

The senior place-kicker set three school records and hit the game-winning field goal in JSU's 24-21 double-overtime win against North Alabama on Saturday.

The Snellville, Ga., native became just the third player in school history to kick a field goal longer than 50 yards after hitting a career-long 50-yarder in the first quarter. He also was good from 42 and 44 yards, before kicking a 26-yard field goal in the first overtime, and then the game winner with a 20-yarder in the second overtime.

Thomas finished by making five field goals on six attempts, both school records, and his 16 points tied the school record for most points by kicking. It was the fourth game-winning kick for Thomas over the last two years, and the third game-winning kick on JSU's final play.

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Holder Dalton Screws (16) congrats Griffin Thomas (88) after one of his field goals.

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Soccer shuts down rival Trojans

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Football wasn't the only sport that brought a rival to campus this past weekend. In fact, the women's soccer team wrote the script for the dramatic weekend, you know, the one about sending the rivals home with an overtime defeat. It happened Friday night first as the Gamecocks knocked off the rival Troy Trojans, yes, in double overtime.

A week after winning their home opener over Alabama A&M, JSU looked to down another in-state foe. Troy was the more aggressive team in the opening half as JSU struggled to maintain possession and set up a strong offense. Troy took 11 shots before the break to JSU's one. Just before the

half Jacksonville State was called for a foul just outside their own box giving the Trojans a free kick from very close territory, but Jax State sophomore goalie Taylor Hammond made a huge save. Hammond commanded the goal all night playing all 110 minutes and picked up 10 saves in the shutout victory.

The Gamecocks came out with a stronger offense for the final 45 minutes, but even with ten shots, JSU couldn't find the net before the end of regulation.

In the first overtime JSU's scoring leader Jackie Rush attempted to end the match a few times getting off a couple of good shots, but they were all turned away. Then Troy pressured in the closing minutes and was able to fire off three threatening corner kicks which

led to two good shot attempts, one went wide of the net, the other was another great save by Hammond.

The second OT wasn't in play long before a foul on Troy setup freshmen midfielder MacKenzie Bellows with a free kick from just over 20 yards out. Bellows' kick was perfectly placed and sailed over the Trojan goalkeeper and into the back of the net for the game winner. It was Bellows' second goal of the season.

With the 1-0 victory, the Gamecocks ended a three game skid against the rivals from Troy, but the win, the first since 2006, pushed JSU to a 10-3 lead in the series.

Following a road loss at Mercer on Sunday, JSU is now 3-3-1, but 2-0 at home and getting set for a four match home stand at the JSU Soccer Complex which includes Alabama State this Friday night, and the opening of OVC play next Friday night as Eastern Kentucky comes to town.



OVC strong in out-of-conference games

Dillon Floyd
Sports Writer

The Ohio Valley Conference had a good week going 8-2 against FCS opponents. The first two games of the day were two losses for the OVC with Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky losing.

Austin Peay (0-3) went on the road to get beat at Chattanooga by the score 42-10. Austin Peay couldn't slow a high-octane Mocs offense that came into the game averaging 271.5 yards on the ground.

It was a Top 25 FCS matchup in Richmond, KY between the #25 Eastern Kentucky (1-2) and #21 Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina. The Chanticleers won 52-31, both had good offensive days. Coastal's quarterback Alex Ross completed 19-of-28 for 292 yards and three touchdowns. For ECU, McClain was 15-for-34 for 233 yards. He tossed two touchdowns and one interception.

Tennessee Tech (2-1) had a come from behind victory against Hampton, winning 30-27. Tech turned over the ball three times in its own end of the field, leading to three Hampton scores, and the home team Pirates used those opportunities to lead the Golden Eagles throughout the game.

#9 Eastern Illinois (3-0) beat #16 Illinois State 57-24 in the lopsided 102nd meeting of the MidAmerican Classic. EIU wide receiver Erik Lora had ten catches for 186 yards and three touchdowns, his third catch of the day made him the OVC's all-time career reception record holder. Jimmy Garoppolo set the single game touchdown throwing school record with seven, he broke current Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo's record of six. The biggest number was posted by the Panthers entire offensive unit as they amassed 739 yards of total offense, throwing for 491 and rushing for 248. That

number broke the previous school record of 683 set by current Saints coach Sean Payton and company against Winona State back in 1986. Garoppolo finished his day 26-of-41 for 480 yards and seven touchdowns.

Murray State (2-1) completed an improbable comeback against Missouri State and won 41-38. Murray State had an impressive second half by scoring 35 points. Racer quarterback Maikhail Miller was 24-for-33 for 272 yards and five touchdowns and led the game winning drive late in the game.

UT-Martin (2-1) defeated Central Arkansas 24-23. UT Martin led by as many as 14 points at the halftime break but after UCA cut the deficit to one point, the Bears had a 42-yard field goal attempt with seven seconds left blocked.

Tennessee State (2-1) won the 24th Annual Southern Heritage Classic by defeating Jackson State 26-16. The TSU defense forced six turnovers in the game.

FCS Scoreboard

This week:

JSU (3-0)	EIU (3-0)	TSU (2-1)	EKU (1-2)	MN St (2-1)	Del St. (0-2)	SELA (1-2)	Stny Brk (1-1)
GSU (0-3)	NIU (2-0)	TTU (2-1)	MH St (0-3)	SFA (1-2)	ND St. (2-0)	Sam. (2-1)	V'Nova (0-2)

Last week:

UNA - 21 (1-1)	ISU - 24 (0-2)	UCA - 23 (1-2)	GSU - 20 (2-1)	CCU - 51 (3-0)	TN Tech - 30 (2-1)	Samford - 27 (2-1)
JSU - 24 (3-0)	EIU - 57 (3-0)	UTM - 24 (2-1)	Woff - 30 (2-1)	EKU - 32 (1-2)	Hamp. - 27 (0-3)	FL A&M - 20 (1-2)

Gamecocks survive double overtime thriller 24-21

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Ten years did nothing to cool off the rivalry between Jacksonville State and North Alabama. The once fierce Gulf South rivals played another instant classic Saturday night at JSU's Burgess-Snow Field in front of a packed house of over 20,000.

The 45th meeting between the two schools, the first since 2003, needed extra time to decide a winner and finally finished in about as dramatic fashion as possible. A 20 yard chip shot field goal by JSU's Griffin Thomas would become the game winner as a UNA field goal attempt sailed wide right to avoid the game from entering another session.

After UNA won the opening toss and deferred, JSU fielded the opening kick and was flagged for a holding call. This would become a staple of the night as the Gamecocks were penalized 17 times for 159 yards on the night setting a new division 1 school record. Although the Lions drew 13 flags themselves which led some to believe the problem wasn't with anyone in purple or red.

Opening game starter Eli Jenkins got the start for the Gamecocks as Max Shortell continued to rest a sore muscle he'd been working on through the week. JSU's first possession was a three-and-out, but following a punt, JSU got the ball back quickly when Robert Gray striped UNA and recovered a fumble.

On the very next play Jax State pulled some trickery as running back Troymaine Pope rolling right, dropped back and launched a deep pass to Markis Merrill who made the reception behind the

defense and ran it in for a 53-yard touchdown. A few drives later kicker Griffin Thomas would nail a career long 50-yard field goal to give the Gamecocks a 10-0 lead.

The first play of the second

his second field goal of the night from 42-yards out sending the game to halftime with JSU on top 13-2.

After a UNA added a field goal in the closing minutes of the third,



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Receiver Josh Barge (12) hauled in three catches against UNA.

quarter resulted in a safety for the Lions as Jenkins, deep in his own territory, dropped back too far and was sacked in the end zone. The Gamecocks' offense sputtered some in the second after running back DaMarcus James left with an ankle issue and Merrill was helped off the field following a vicious hit that sent him to the ground head over heels. The theme of the night would begin as Thomas notched

the fourth opened with the Lions driving again into JSU territory. At the 11:04 mark, UNA QB Luke Wingo ran in for a one-yard sneak to make it 11-13 as the Lions setup for a two-point try. The try failed on an incompleting.

The Gamecock offense couldn't move the chains but a great punt by Hamish MacInnes backed the Lions up to their own one. The following play was a bad

snap past the QB resulting in a safety for JSU, now leading 15-11. Thomas would add his third FG and the Gamecocks would give the ball back to the Lions as time began to tick away, but the Lions drove the field and scored with 13 seconds remaining. UNA could have attempted to go for two and try to win, but settled on a PAT and sent the game to overtime.

In the opening OT each team swapped field goals, and a few plays into the second JSU was facing a fourth-and-short. Coach Clark asked for a measurement but was denied, rather than risk a turnover he settled on another Thomas field goal to go up 24-21. The Gamecock defense held strong on the following possession and forced a UNA attempt that missed wide right, ballgame.

Thomas set a school record with five made field goals on six attempts in a single game. He was honored by the OVC and named national special teams Player of the Week.

Jenkins was 13/18 passing and Kyle West came in to go 4/8 for 41 yards. Pope finished with just 65 rushing yards after getting banged up himself, and Rashad Smith and Brandon Bender led the defense.

The Gamecocks are 3-0 and face Sun Belt foe Georgia State this weekend in the Georgia Dome, JSU is 2-0 against GSU all time with an overtime win in the dome in 2010. Coach Clark said he felt thankful to get out of the game with a win after a tough fought game. He was clearly frustrated with the offensive output after a record setting performance the week before, but knows injuries played a part in that and said later this week that everyone seems to be on the right track and could be ready for GSU.

Clean sweep for Jax State Volleyball at ISTAP

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State volleyball team swept four teams over two days of play in the ISTAP Collegiate Cup Tournament.

The Gamecocks began their sweep against 0-9 Savannah State.

It was balanced offense that was the name of the game against Savannah State. Leading with 18 kills was Abbey Heredia with Kelly Cole adding to the numbers with 13 digs. Kacy Clinkenbeard had eight kills while Nicole Merget and Liza Pflugradt had six apiece.

The Gamecocks hit .324 and held Savannah State to a -.054 hitting percentage on the day.

They won the three sets 25-5, 25-14, and finally 25-21.

Their next match was against Arkansas Pine-Bluff who came

into the tournament 4-6.

It was Nicole Merget who led the day against the Lions with 12 kills. She set a new career best with her .625 hitting percentage.

It was again a story of balance on offense as the Gamecocks burst forth with several different players recording at least one kill on the day.

JSU won their three sets 25-14, 25-12, and finally with a 25-6 victory to seal the deal.

Saturday saw the Gamecocks return to action to face off with New Orleans and Alabama State, who was hosting the tournament.

JSU quickly got back to work with sophomore Emily Rutherford leading against New Orleans. She recorded 13 kills with Nicole Merget not being far behind with 10. On defense Kelly Cole had 13 digs and Grace Anbouba had 10.

The Gamecocks held New Orleans to a .057 hitting

percentage and won the sets 25-20, 25-16, and 25-11. Then they moved on to face their final opponent, host Alabama State.

It was again Rutherford who pushed forward with 15 kills and 10 digs to add to her numbers on the day. She also posted a .462 attack percentage.

Then Abbey Heredia also assisted in lifting JSU to victory with 34 kills and an offense that had a .319 hitting percentage. The Gamecocks defeated the Hornets in their sets 25-16, 25-19, and 25-19.

Jacksonville State swept the ISTAP Collegiate Cup Tournament winning the title for the second year in a row. Jax State moved to 6-6 on the year.

They will return to playing action against Coastal Carolina in the Lady Vol Comcast Classic on Sept. 20. They will then take on host Tennessee and finish up with Georgia Tech on Sept. 21.

Merget earns OVC honors

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - Jacksonville State junior volleyball player Nicole Merget was named co-Offensive Player of the Week by the Ohio Valley Conference office on Monday after helping JSU win the 2013 ISTAP Collegiate Cup Championship hosted by Alabama State.

Merget shares her first career player of the week honor with Murray State freshman outside hitter Scottie Ingram.

The Canton, Mich., native was named to the all-tournament team after finishing the week with 36 kills on a .435 attack percentage while helping the Gamecocks repeat as ISTAP Champions. JSU swept all four opponents over the weekend while posting a .356 team hitting percentage.

Merget recorded 12 kills with only one error for a career-high .688 hitting percentage against Arkansas-Pine Bluff while only playing in two sets. She followed with 10 kills and a .318 attack percentage against New Orleans. In the final match against ASU, she finished with eight kills on a .357 attack percentage.

For the season, Merget leads the OVC with a .368 hitting percentage. The junior middle blocker also ranks second with 1.05 blocks per set.

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James Harkins

Coach Goodson's squad improves to 6-6 as they prepare for another tough tourney.

Lady Vol
Classic:

