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Empowering the student body

New phone charging stations offer students the opportunity to 'refuel' their favorite devices

By Alex McFry
Staff Writer

JSU students can now worry less about getting stuck with a dead cell phone while on campus.

That's because the SGA installed two new phone charging stations, which can be found at the Office of Student Life on the fourth floor of the TMB and Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

The stations will provide students with a means of electricity for their devices without having to worry about lugging around their chargers and having to keep up with endless amounts of cords.

In the future, another charging station will be available in Jazzman's at the Houston Cole

Alex McFry/The Chanticleer

The SGA's new mobile charging station outside the Office of Student Life on the fourth floor of the TMB. SGA President Jade Wagner says the charging stations will be handy for students, especially in case of another severe winter weather event.

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Student Senate votes to continue Homecoming Pageant tradition

By Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

JSU's Student Senate on Monday night voted not to eliminate the Homecoming pageant from the usual lineup of Homecoming events for the 2014-2015 school year.

Senators Kalyn Cabral and Courtney Curtis had authored a bill, SB-79, which would amend the way voting is conducted for Homecoming elections as well as eliminating the pageant process.

Cabral says that one reason she wanted to eliminate the pageant was to give more control to the students and not let a panel of judges determine contenders for the crown. "I didn't like how the judges were participating," she says. "I feel like it's our Homecoming queen, it's our students, so I don't think they should be the ones to eliminate people that could possibly have won or have been good leaders."

Curtis cited the cost of putting on the pageant and lack of student participation as other factors to be taken into consideration.

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Undergraduate work in College of Arts and Sciences in the spotlight at annual Student Symposium

By Kara Chatham
Staff Writer

On February 5 and 6, students presented a variety of topics at the College of Arts and Sciences' Student Symposium in the Houston Cole Library.

The annual symposium is an event that highlights students and the work they have accomplished in the areas of study in the School of Arts and Sciences. The students who participate are asked to do so by faculty members.

"Professors take into consideration the quality of the paper that has been written by a student. If the professor feels that this quality of work is worthy, the student

may be asked if he or she wants to present the paper," says English professor Susan Sellers.

Professors not only ask students to participate, but they help guide them through the process. English Professor Jenifer Foster compares her role as a mentor to being a tour guide. "Ultimately, I just hold my students and participants in the symposium accountable with due dates and basic guidelines for assignments," she says. "They do the rest."

This event can be a great opportunity for any student, and those who participate appear to take great pride in what they present. Nikki Pruitt gave a presentation on biblical allusions in the video

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Open season

Applications to run in upcoming SGA elections now available in Student Life office

By Alex Black
Staff Writer

In the next few weeks, Student Government Association elections will be gearing up and getting ready to begin.

On February 17, applications for interested candidates became available in the Student Life office, and in March, speeches and debates will begin. The general election will be held on March 20. Interested candidates can run for President, Vice President of Student Senate, Vice President of Student Activities, Vice President of Organizational Affairs, and Senator.

Though various campaign ac-

tivities take quite some time, current SGA President Jade Wagner explains that the process is completely worth the effort.

"I'm responsible for being the voice of the students on about eighteen different committees. It doesn't matter when the committees meet, I have to be there to represent the students," Wagner says. For example, she recently took a poll of 200 students about their thoughts on the school calendar and used those results to report back to administrators about what students wanted. Not only does she serve as a liaison between students and administration, she also oversees all SGA positions.

Serving as president can be time

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Steve Latham/JSU

The officers of JSU's 2013-2014 Student Government Association. From left: Brett Johnson (VP Student Senate), Erika Warren (Director Of Publicity), Torsten Dryden (Chief Justice), Ariel Tolson (VP Organizational Affairs), Jade Wagner (President) and Kelsey Mann (VP Student Activities).

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Library. SGA President Jade Wagner must finalize the installation of that charger, though.

"When we realized we had the extra money allocated to the SGA, we knew we wanted to do something for the students. We all brainstormed different ideas and finally agreed that the charging stations would help the most students," Wagner says.

She feels the charging stations will be extremely useful to students, especially if the university suffers any more severe weather during this or future winter seasons.

The charging stations at Jack Hopper and Houston Cole will be wall mounted and immovable, whereas the station outside the Office of Student Life is mobile.

"As soon as I installed it, people started using it," Wagner says of Jack Hopper's charging station.

And when she took the mobile charging station to Monday night's Student Senate meeting, she says she had to leave it when the

meeting concluded because "there were so many cell phones piled on top of it."

Wagner says the SGA intends to deploy the mobile station at all of the organization's future events, like tailgates, senate and freshman forum meetings.

The stations are equipped with several types of adapters fitting the most popular Android and Apple devices, including the iPad; there is even an adapter for BlackBerry phones. Only cell phones and tablets can be charged at the stations, as laptop chargers are not standardized.

The charging stations cost the SGA \$2,257. "Many other charging stations were more than eight thousand dollars," says Wagner, who shopped around before deciding to purchase these.

"We looked at all sorts of different companies. I called every college in Alabama and asked if they had charging stations. All but a few had them. We agreed to get two wall-mount charging stations and one mobile charging station."

The wall-mounted stations are rectangular consoles with a shelf for phones across the bottom. They have a Jacksonville State University logo at the top, designed by the Marketing Department; two main ports with the various adapters protrude from the station's center.

Even though JSU was one of only a few schools that didn't offer its students charging stations before Monday, it's still slightly ahead of the curb.

After Wagner posted pictures of her installing the charging stations and students making use of them on the internet, an SGA officer from Birmingham Southern contacted her requesting information about obtaining the stations.

"When they arrived Monday, we all jumped around like children on Christmas," says Wagner.

The SGA has been working on this project for some time, and now students across campus will get to reap the rewards of their determination—and so will their cell phones.



Steve Latham/JSU

JSU's current SGA, led by President Jade Wagner, encourages any student interested in running for office to do so. The positions to be filled include President, Vice President of Student Senate, Vice President of Student Activities, Vice President of Organizational Affairs, and Senator.

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consuming, but Wagner has loved every minute of her time with the SGA and has learned many valuable lessons about leadership and working with others. "I'm always getting to meet new people and I always get to have fun," she says.

Brett Johnson, the Vice President of Student Senate, agrees. His main responsibility is to preside over 35 student senators. He also fills in for President Wagner when she is unable to attend meetings and spearheads homecoming every fall.

Because Johnson works so

closely with the Student Senate, he loves getting to know so many different types of students that come from various backgrounds and organizations.

The Vice President of Organizational Affairs, Ariel Tolson, has similar responsibilities. Tolson presides over the Organizational Council. Some of her jobs include reimbursing organizations, working with various organizations, and helping with the Allocations Committee. Like the other SGA officers, Tolson enjoys getting to work with different organizations. "I love people! There is so much diversity in our school and I get to work

with so many people," she says.

The benefits of working with so many people are enjoyed by more than just the students. Debbie Taylor, the Assistant Director of Student Life, loves being able to advise the SGA because she gets to know so many students every year. In addition to being the SGA's advisor, she helps with fall homecoming, Family Day, tailgating, and SGA elections.

Taylor especially enjoys going to Collegiate Legislature with her student senators. At Collegiate Legislature, the senators meet with other university students and create mock legislature. Taylor loves getting to

see her senators sitting in the actual seats used by our government's politicians. She loves spending time getting to know the students and says, "they help keep me in the know!"

All of the SGA officers stressed the importance of the SGA and its impact on the school. President Wagner encouraged anyone interested in holding a position to run for office.

Though being involved with the SGA is a big commitment, the benefits are well worth the time. If you are interested in being a part of the Student Government Association, pick up an application in their office on the top floor of the TMB.

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Both Curtis and Cabral stated that they believe it's time to start new traditions at JSU and end old ones. "Out with the old, in with the new," Curtis said. "I think it's kind of old-fashioned. Not a lot of universities do a Homecoming pageant."

Debate on SB-79 lasted for about 30 minutes, with senators asking questions to the bill's authors as well as addressing the chamber with their own opinions on the bill.

"Whether we want to admit it or not, Homecoming is a popularity contest," says Senator Tyler Stone. "I don't think that having someone spend four or 500 dollars on an evening gown to get up and prance around on stage for a couple minutes is either going to negatively or positively affect their chances of winning. The people who are known best will be the people who are going to win. The Homecoming pageant is nostalgic, but maybe it's time for something new."

The majority of senators disagreed, however. The bill was overturned 12-20, according to Vice President of the Student Senate Brett Johnson.

In other business, the senate:

- Voted to appoint Kaleigh Williams as Student Senator for the 2013-2014 term.
- Voted to appoint Mark Hunter as Associate Justice for the 2013-2014 term.
- Was visited by Gordon Stone of the Higher Education Partnership. Stone encouraged students to attend Higher Ed Day at the state capitol in Montgomery on Thursday, February 27. Students who wish to ride the bus to Higher Ed Day may sign up in the Office of Student Life.

This semester's ECE will be administered on Tuesday at 6 PM and Wednesday at 3 PM.

If you missed the ECE workshops earlier this week, here are a few important reminders:

Don't forget your blue book! The exam must be completed with a blue examination book, available in the book store and in the English Department office prior to testing. Students will also need their photo ID and a blue or black ink pen. Dr.

Moersch, who taught Tuesday's workshop, suggested that students bring at least two blue books: one for prewriting and outlining, the other for their actual essay.

Lastly, students must remember to proofread their essay after finishing! Proofreading will catch any obvious errors, saving precious points.

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game "Assassin's Creed." Pruitt says, "I was really excited about combining both my major and my minor, as well as pointing out that some video games do have deeper meanings."

Even though this event is a fantastic opportunity, it can present its challenges. Gillian McCary had some of her own that she triumphed over.

"Because I am so passionate about English, I could have given an entire lecture on my chosen subject. I had to keep reminding myself that I had a ten minute time limit," she says. "I also had to keep the audience and judges in mind and remember that I was not speaking to English enthusiasts only, but also math, psychology, and biology professors as well."

The struggles are not something that only the students face. Even the professors face a few challenges with the students they mentor through the process.

Foster says, "I haven't really had any problems as a mentor because my role is so minimal. When past students have discussed why Jesus was the original zombie or that Yahweh is an archetype for horror movie antagonists, I was afraid they might offend someone. Fortunately, I don't think this has

ever been the case."

So what would be the best part about participating in an event like this? Each participant has their own "best part." Grace Larkin, who won the award for the Undergraduate English Presentation, says, "I think the best part of participating in the symposium is presenting a paper that I was proud of in front of not only my peers but faculty as well."

McCary says, "One of the things I most enjoyed was getting to hear other students share their own research and hard work. As someone interested in all aspects of learning, it was fascinating to learn what my academic peers in other areas are doing in their own fields."

So if you are ever asked by a professor to present at the Arts and Science Symposium, it's highly advised you take advantage of this opportunity.

"I would advise any student who is asked to present to take advantage of this opportunity," says Sellers.

Even if participation by presentation is not an option for you, participation by attendance is another fantastic option.

There is always something to learn and the symposium provides a great atmosphere for learning something new.

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Coming soon to a S.H.O.E. box near you

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

This month, the JSU Honors program has partnered with the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center in an effort to provide something that many of us take for granted: shoes. Students can find the large, transparent boxes for the annual S.H.O.E. (Students Helping Other Excel) Box Project in almost every building on campus. Shoes collected from this service project will go straight to the JCOC in an effort to provide help (in the form of sneakers and tennis shoes) to those in need in our community.

Dr. Steven Whitton, former director of the Honor's Program, helped found the project back in 2009 with the very first group of Elite Honors Scholars.

"I felt that the elite honors scholars needed to give back to their community. Since there were only eight scholars at the time, we had to find something manageable," says Whitton.

"I sent the students around the community. We decided on JCOC, and I suggested keeping things simple with collecting shoes only. We collected about fifty pairs



Alex McFry/The Chanticleer

The Elite Honors Scholars at JSU are collecting shoes this month to donate to the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center. This has been a project of the Honors program since 2009.

that first year, and the project took off from there."

Now, with thirty elite honors scholars, each student takes a box and a building on campus to monitor and collect the shoes donated by those all across campus. The drive will last until February 28.

"We've been doing the S.H.O.E. box project here for as long as I can remember. The Honors Program brings them to us and we pass them on to clients at our center," says Mary Agnes Hester, the chairman of the board of the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center.

The Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center has also partnered with several other organizations on campus each year, like the Baptist Campus Ministry, to do food drives, toy drives, and many other events in order to help members of the Jacksonville community.

So now that all the Valentine's Day candy is gone, get a head start on spring-cleaning. Go through a closet or two and find that pair of shoes that hasn't been worn in months that would help another member of the community who can put the kicks to good use.

Campus crime report

02/19/2014
Burglary
Stadium Tower

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02/17/2014
Possession of Marijuana
Penn House Apartments

02/17/2014
Lost Property
Central Station

02/16/2014
Fire Alarm
Pannell Hall

02/14/2014
Medical Emergency
Brewer Hall

02/14/2014
Threat Assessment
Social Media

02/14/2014
Automobile Accident
Coffee Circle

Pre-registration schedule for summer 2014

Students must be cleared by their academic advisors before registering for classes.
Register online via MyJSU.

March 17	Graduate/Doctoral Students	8:00 a.m.
March 18	Seniors 96+ hours earned	8:00 a.m.
March 19	Juniors 64+ hours earned	8:00 a.m.
March 20	Sophomores 32+ hours earned	8:00 a.m.
March 21	Freshmen	8:00 a.m.

Chicken Scratch

My bed is a magical place where suddenly I remember everything I was supposed to do during the day.

There should be an optional "people are sleeping" button on the microwave to stop all that extra loud beeping.

If I throw around large amounts of shredded bread on public property, my proximity to ducks determines whether or not I'm littering.

The first person who ever copied someone was in fact very original.



7-day weather forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy	Clear	Partly cloudy	Chance of rain	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Clear
High: 74	High: 60	High: 67	High: 65	High: 60	High: 54	High: 48
Low: 44	Low: 35	Low: 39	Low: 36	Low: 35	Low: 30	Low: 23

Upcoming SGA events:

February 24th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 24th
SGA applications are due
Office of Student Life, TMB
By 4:30 PM

February 25th
SGA Candidate Mandatory Meeting
TMB Auditorium
4:30 PM-5:30 PM

February 25th
Student Activities Council
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 25th
Soul food night in the Cafe
Jack Hopper Dining Hall

February 27th
Higher Education Day
Montgomery, AL

February 27th-29th
Collegiate Legislature
Montgomery, AL

Arts & Entertainment

'Kiss Me, Kate' comes to Jacksonville State

Marie McBurnett
Staff Writer

A musical comedy called *Kiss Me, Kate* is making its debut on the R. Carlton Ward Stage at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on February 20 - March 2, 2014.

Shows on Thursday - Saturday begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m.

The play is being produced by the Jacksonville State University Drama

Department under the direction of Michael Boynton with choreography by Thomas De-



Marie McBurnett/Chanticleer
The cast prepare a scene for *The Taming of the Shrew* while singing 'Another op'nin, Another show'

within the show. Vanessi plays Kathrine in Graham's version of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

On and off stage drama take hold as stress of the play's performance heightens and tensions between Graham and Vanessi rise.

The show is in the same vein as *Noises Off*, a play within a play that was recently produced in Gadsden, Alabama, except *Kiss me, Kate* has

musical numbers that make the story come alive.

At the same time, a romance kindles in *The Taming of the Shrew* between Bianca and Lucentio as well as their real life personas (or at least their real life counterpart in *Kiss Me, Kate*), Lois Lane and her boyfriend, Bill Calhoun, a degenerate gambler. Bianca and Lois Lane is played by Meghan Browning. Lucentio and Bill Calhoun is played by Joshua Cody Hunt.

The story becomes more intense as gangsters get involved, due to Calhoun's gambling problems, with the play's opening night.

Michael Boynton, assistant professor in the drama department at JSU and director of *Kiss Me, Kate* said of the show, "JSU thought that it was time to do a big, fun, crowd pleasing comedy like this."

"The play is complicated because it is a play within a play, but it is a classic and it is fun to perform as well as watch," says Boynton.

Kiss Me, Kate takes the audience inside the inner workings of a musical production and reveals how shows are prepared, and how stress and romance play an equal role in the outcome of the performance.

The musical selections are in a jazz style featuring one of the largest live orchestras used by the drama department at Jacksonville State University to date, which captures the tones of the individual scenes.

Musical songs include "Another Op'nin', Another Show," "So in Love," "Always True to You in My Fashion" and "Brush Up Your



Marie McBurnett/Chanticleer
The Kiss Me, Kate Cast in costume at the end of a rehearsal.



Marie McBurnett/Chanticleer
Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi sing 'Wunderbar' and reminisce about their long ago marriage.

wayne Garrett and musical direction by Jeremy Stovall.

The play features many Jacksonville State University students and faculty members, including Carlton Ward, the drama professor here at JSU for which the performing stage was named.

Kiss Me, Kate is a play within a play, featuring Fred Graham, who is played by Cody Lane Harrell, as its star.

Graham is the director and main character in his musical production of *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, which is the play within the play of *Kiss Me, Kate*. Graham also plays Petruchio, a lead character in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Graham casts his movie star ex-wife, Lilli Vanessi, who is played by Alexandria Bates, as the costar to his Petruchio in the show



Marie McBurnett/Chanticleer
Bianca decides who she will one day marry as she, Lucentio, Hortensio, and Gremio sing 'Tom, Dick, or Harry.'

Shakespeare."

All music and lyrics were written by Cole Porter with the book written by Bella Spewack and Samuel Spewack.

The play was first performed on Broadway in 1948, and a year later, in 1949, it received a Tony Award for Best Musical along with 4 other Tony Awards. The first run had over a thousand performances in 19 months.

In 1999, there was a revival with 881 performances over a two month period, and *Kiss Me, Kate* gained another Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical to add to its coffers, plus 5 more Tony Awards in various categories and several Drama Desk Awards.

JSU's drama department invites all to come to the opening performance of *Kiss me, Kate* on February 20, at 7 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$15, JSU personnel or senior citizen tickets are \$12, JSU student tickets are \$10, and groups of ten or more are \$8.

For tickets or more information about the play, call the box office at 256-782-5648 or visit www.jsu.edu/drama.

Future plans in the works for the Drama Department at JSU include a short film festival that is calling for entries now.



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Review: Panic at the Tabernacle

Jessica Graham
Staff Writer

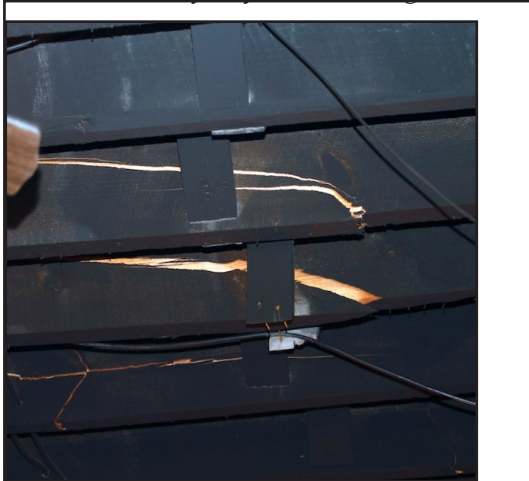
It was going to be one of the best birthday and Valentine's Day presents ever. I had tickets to see Panic! at the Disco on February 7 at the Tabernacle in Atlanta. The Tabernacle was converted from an old church. Murals marked every inch of the walls. Pipes from a pipe organ still adorned the back of the stage. A huge glass chandelier hung from the ceiling.

"I wonder what would happen if it caught fire and started swinging toward us, like in *The Phantom of the Opera*," I heard someone say next to me. I thought it was funny at the time, and it still is. But after what really happened at the Tabernacle that night, their thoughts seem to ring more true.

When Panic came on, the familiar whoosh of the crowd surged closer to the stage. The lights went crazy and the screams from teenage girls pierced our eardrums. I was ready for the music to start and to hear front-man Brendon Urie's actual voice for the third time in my life.

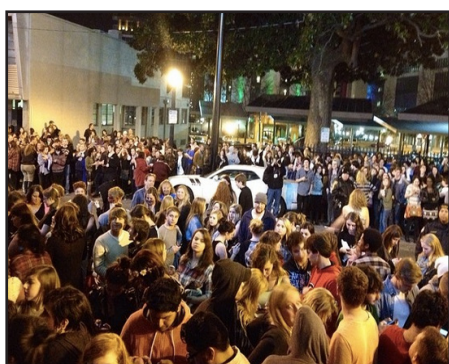
The music was loud and rumbled through all of our bodies and the crowd began to jump. I jumped along with them. The energy was something you could feel running through the crowd as Urie sang to our souls. There was no stopping us from enjoying this incredible moment.

I remember my boyfriend telling me later



Zach/Panic! at the Disco

The floor of the Tabernacle



@thelifeofholly/tumblr

Crowds from the Tabernacle on the streets and sidewalks after the floor cracked.

that night that he could feel the floor bouncing beneath his feet as the rest of us jumped to the beat of the music. It was an intense moment for all of us—so intense that none of us knew the real trouble that was going on. In the middle of the second song, security personnel started forcing the crowd back. We thought people in front were packed in too tight from the crowd behind.

Even as the security personnel moved away, everyone kept surging back to the front.

I'll never forget seeing one of them walk on stage in the middle of the performance. The music stopped.

"You guys, we rocked this place so hard that you broke the [expletive] floor!" Brendon Urie said. His performance skills are so good that it sounded like a planned part of the show. The crowd screamed in delight in response. But the security guy said something else to Urie, and he looked out at us again.

"Wow, you guys really broke the [expletive] floor."

We were all forced to exit the back of the main floor and ended up strewn across the street. Hundreds of people clad in concert attire littered the sidewalks, the street, and the steps outside. We even blocked traffic. Ordinary citizens stepped up to direct everyone to stay off the street. My favorite line that I heard from one of them was, "Stay on the sidewalk side!"

I still haven't figured that one out.

The crowd was pretty calm around us, although I did hear a teenage girl sobbing to her mother on the phone next to me.

"Mom, I can't talk right now, I can't handle this right now!"

And then came the verdict: The old, wooden floor of the historic Tabernacle was cracked and broken by energetic Panic! at the Disco fans. We will forever live in infamy at the Tabernacle, and I'm sure we all hope in the minds of the band members as well.

We rocked so hard that we broke the Tabernacle.



Upcoming events on and around campus

February 20, 2014

There will be a special screening of a Sundance Film Festival special jury prize winner, "Inequality for All" at 4 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium, followed by a live webcast with the creator. Admission is free.

The Saturday Giant, a one man art-rock band from Ohio, will be performing at Brothers Bar in Jacksonville at 8 p.m.

Travis Tritt will be performing at the Oxford Center for performing Arts in downtown Oxford. Ticket purchase required.

February 22, 2014

Spring Preview Day - campus will be open to the public and various events and various campus tours will be going on. Representatives of JSU will be located around campus.

February 25, 2014

Soul food night in the Cafe beginning at 4:30 p.m. celebrating Black History Month.

February 28, 2014

Reginal Technology fair in Leone Cole Auditorium beginning at 7 a.m.

Have an event you would like to see covered?

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Deadline for application in play and film festival today

Guidelines for entries

Short Plays

- Plays should be under 10 minutes.
- Entries may be original or existing plays (production rights required), scenes or skits under ten minutes.
- Plays should be written and/or directed by JSU students, alumni and/or faculty
- Plays should not contain offensive or inappropriate content
- Costumes and scenic elements are the responsibility of the entrants. Rep lighting will be provided.
- There will be a full technical rehearsal the evening before the festival.
- Entrants must have performance rights for their play. When entering please indicate if you need help or are unsure of this requirement.

Films

- Films should be under 10 minutes.
- For the films, entries should be original films written, directed or having major on screen roles performed by JSU students, alumni and/or faculty
- Entries will be screened for inappropriate or offensive content
- Films may initially be submitted before they are completed (you will provide a link to the work in progress). Final submission of the film must be completed by March 4, 2014.

Entry forms are located on the Drama department page of the Jacksonville State University website. This page can be found at <http://www.jsu.edu/drama/Festival/index.html>.

Angela Marino
Staff Writer

The JSU drama department is hosting a film and play festival on March 11, 2014 in Leone Cole auditorium. They are looking for entries now in the form of short films or plays.

This is the perfect opportunity to showcase an artistic side by getting a group of friends or members of your student organization together to shoot a film or write and direct a play. The deadline to register is February 20 and all materials must be submitted by March 4. Entry forms are online on the drama department webpage.

"We at the drama department wanted to find a way to reach out to the university and broaden the number of performances available on campus. We also think that this is a wonderful opportunity for student organizations to show their ability and talent.

"Through the festival, we hope to celebrate the creativity of the university community as a whole," said Drama department head Randy Blades.

Bo Bailey, a junior majoring in broadcasting with a minor in film studies, is debuting at least one film at the festival. He and the JSU film club will be presenting a short film titled "The Funmakers."

It is "the story of a quiet guy who gets a dead end job at a video arcade in hopes of meeting the beautiful girl who works at the coffee stand outside. He learns a life-long lesson from a young boy filled with determination to win an RC Car," said Bailey.

Admission to the festival is free, and awards will be given out in areas including best film, best play, and best performance.

Email Randy Blades at rblades@jsu.edu in regards to questions about the film festival.

Anyone interested in joining the JSU film club can contact film club president Bo Bailey at jbailey6@jsu.edu.

Opinion & Editorial

The candidates are coming, ready or not

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

AL in 2012.

Other statewide Democratic candidates are:

Rep. James Fields for Lt. Governor, Lula Albert-Kaigler for Secretary of State, Rep. Joe Hubbard for Attorney General, Joe Cottle for State Treasurer, Miranda Joseph for State

Auditor, and Doug "New Blue" Smith for Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries.

On the Republican side, incumbent Governor Robert Bentley faces little opposition in the primary.

Incumbent Lt. Governor Kay Ivey faces primary opposition by Stan Cooke. Other major statewide offices contested in the GOP primary are Secretary of State and State Auditor who both have a crowded field of candidates.

The primary election will be held on June 3rd for both major parties.

From there, each party's nominee will battle it out for the grand prize in November.

Locally, incumbent GOP Congressman Mike Rogers will face primary opposition by Thomas Casson and Jesse Smith has qualified as the Democratic challenger as well as independent candidate Lisa Moore.

All of Calhoun County's incumbent Republican state legislators drew Democratic opposition for the general election.

So, what's next? Well, for the next four months: Republicans out-Republicaning Republicans.

And Democrats mostly waiting.

As for you and I, the voters? We have the choice to either place a 'stamp of approval' on the Republican Party's past four years of Supermajority rule, or to swing the political pendulum back to the two party-ish state that we once were.

You decide.



The results are in. The ballots are made.

Alabama's future now lies in the hands of those who show up to the polls this year.

Those who wished to run for political office in Alabama this year had to qualify by 5 PM on February 7th as the two major parties in Alabama were in a mass scramble until qualifying came to a close.

As suspected, Alabama Republicans ended up with a crowded field of candidates and are now preparing for a busy primary election season.

As for Democrats, it was literally down to the wire before they fielded candidates for all major statewide offices.

When I say down to the wire, I'm referring to the qualification of former Congressman Parker Griffith (Huntsville) who filed his papers with the Democratic Party to run for Governor with only fifteen minutes to spare.

Griffith was elected to Congress in 2008 as a Democrat, but switched to the Republican Party later the next year.

Griffith lost his bid for reelection as a Republican and tried again to regain the 5th congressional seat in 2012, but failed once more.

Last fall, he also considered running for congress as an independent.

However, a few weeks ago Griffith was re-accepted into the Democratic Party by the State Democratic Executive Committee and has now become a Democratic candidate for Governor of Alabama.

Another Democrat, former minor league baseball player Kevin Bass, had already qualified as a gubernatorial candidate. Bass is a political newcomer,

having lost his bid for election as mayor of Fayette,

Aliens, cell phones, and the cost of distracted driving

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and maim us.

Drivers distracted by their cell phones or radios or GPS devices killed 3,331 people in 2011—ten percent of all crash fatalities in the U.S.

The official government website on the matter, *Distraction.gov*, says "distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving." Distractions listed below that sentence include "eating," "grooming" and "adjusting the radio."

But the website says the worst distraction is texting, because it requires "visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver." The week before the storm hit, I was driving home from campus on Highway 21 when I looked over at the young woman in the car next to me.

She was only occasionally glancing up from her cell phone to make sure she was still in her lane. What made her distracted driving even worse was the fact that she had a kid in a booster seat in the back of the car.

She had to take a hand off the wheel to reach for her phone, then she had to look down and read whatever was on the screen; she had to think about what she'd say back and then type it.

During this time, she looked away from the road for what the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute says is an average of 4.6 seconds.

At 55 miles per hour, that's like traveling the length of an entire football field blind. All that activity made her three times more likely to wreck her car and hurt the child in her backseat. Was arguing with her baby's daddy really worth that risk? No way!

The danger that distracted driving presents to yourself and others is never justified. The next time you're tempted to reach for your phone while driving, don't even go there.

My favorite book as a teenager was Douglas Adams' "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," a great and hilarious book about interstellar bypasses, a two-headed President of the Universe, and living mattresses from the swamps of Sqornshellous Zeta.

One of the book's protagonists, an alien from Betelgeuse Five, comes to Earth as a reporter for an interstellar almanac. His intent: compiling an entry on humanity.

In order to seem inconspicuous, he chooses the name "Ford Prefect"; after observing our societies, he had erroneously assumed that our vehicles were the dominant form of life.

We do spend a lot of our time going to and from places in cars. When we aren't using them, they congregate like metallic beetles in the parking lots of shopping malls, grocery stores and driveways. We "feed" them at gas stations. A huge part of our economy is affected by the abundance or shortage of the fuel our cars run on.

Some people (not me) wash and care for their cars like they are living things. We personify them with nicknames. Car companies design them to evoke a feeling of feral power or speed, with names like Ram, Mustang, Firebird, and Viper. We love our cars, our mechanical pets—even though they're dangerous.

Our infatuation with cars was part of the reason the South came to a grinding halt on January 28th. When the storm caught us unawares at our places of work and school, we rushed as one to our vehicles to ferry us safely home.

That worked out really well, didn't it?

We let our love of the personal vehicle and our love for other modern innovations, like the smart phone, destroy



A letter to students on internships

Did you know?

Anniston is ranked #177 by Forbes for the Nation's Best Small Places for Businesses and Careers.

With high levels of unemployment, often times Millennials still strive for work that is meaningful, rewarding and enjoyable, and according to Forbes, companies are seeking technical skills, software engineers, skills in math and analytics, and IT.

So, how does one find an available job that is the right niche for them? Internships are a great way to test the career waters before jumping in head first. Yes, there is a Fair Labor Act, but hiring employers want applicants to previous work experience and training related to their field and industry. Today's internships should actually be called "Modern Day Apprenticeships." We work and shadow someone with experience in our chosen field, learning skills and trades we can apply to our careers in the future from industry experts. After a semester of "learning," we may be given an opportunity through that company or organization to apply the knowledge gained to projects, which look great in portfolios and on resumes.

I was encouraged to apply for internships, even though, my degree did not require it. With high under-employment

and un-employment rates, I knew it would be valuable.

Now, I can honestly say that I would not be in my current position without my internship experience and the people I met while working as an intern. I proved myself during my internships, learned invaluable skills that I still apply daily, and found my niche in the great big grown-up world. Internships allow you to see if what you picture as a possible career really is as fulfilling as you hope and truly makes you happy.

Luckily, students at Jacksonville State are being sought for internships with area employers.

Numerous opportunities are available here, so you wouldn't have to completely halt classes and studies while completing an internship.

If interested, all you have to do is create a login and build a resume on Internships.com. It's free! Then, you can search by keyword, industry and location to find the perfect fit for you.

Work hard and you'll go far. Give a try and don't give up because you never know where these opportunities will take you.

- Emily Duncan, Public Relations Coordinator, Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce

Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

Upcoming Action:

Thursday: MBB @ SEMO
 Friday: Tennis @ UAB/Chat.
 SB @ Auburn Tourney
 (Miss Valley St / Auburn)
 BB vs Valparaiso
 Saturday: Rifle @ Sectionals
 WBB @ SEMO
 MBB @ Tenn Tech
 SB @ Auburn Tourney
 (Auburn / Purdue)
 BB vs Valparaiso
 Tuesday: BB @ South Alabama

NCAA Rifle Top 15: (Feb 18)

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

OVC W. Basketball Standings:

East:
 Belmont (9-4) [12-14]
 Eastern Kentucky (8-4) [14-9]
 Tennessee State (7-6) [10-16]
 Tennessee Tech (7-6) [10-16]
 Jacksonville State (7-7) [10-16]
 Morehead State (5-8) [11-15]

West:
 UT-Martin (12-1) [19-7]
 Eastern Illinois (6-7) [11-13]
 Austin Peay (6-8) [9-18]
 SIUE (5-9) [9-18]
 SE Missouri State (4-8) [8-17]
 Murray State (2-10) [9-15]

OVC M. Basketball Standings:

East:
 Belmont (11-2) [20-8]
 Morehead State (9-3) [18-9]
 Eastern Kentucky (8-5) [18-9]
 Tennessee Tech (6-6) [13-14]
 Jacksonville State (4-9) [10-18]
 Tennessee State (2-11) [3-24]

West:
 Murray State (11-2) [16-9]
 SIUE (7-6) [11-16]
 Eastern Illinois (6-8) [9-17]
 Austin Peay (5-7) [11-15]
 SE Missouri State (4-8) [13-13]
 UT-Martin (3-9) [8-19]

OVC Softball Standings:

East:
 Jacksonville State (9-3)
 Eastern Kentucky (4-5)
 Belmont (3-5)
 Tennessee State (3-7)
 Tennessee Tech (2-6)
 Morehead State (1-4)

West:
 Murray State (5-2)
 Eastern Illinois (6-4)
 SE Missouri State (3-2)
 UT-Martin (3-4-1)
 Austin Peay (2-6)
 SIUE (1-8)

OVC Baseball Standings:

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

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Baseball takes season-opening series over Northwestern State

JACKSONVILLE – Freshman Peyton Williams went 3-for-4 to lead Jacksonville State to a 6-4 win over Northwestern State in the season opener for both teams on Friday.

Taylor Shields (1-0) scattered three hits with a pair of strikeouts in five solid innings on the mound to earn the win after throwing just 56 pitches. Travis Stout recorded the final three outs to pick up his first save of the year and the 18th of his career. Steven Spann (0-1) got stuck with the loss for the Demons after giving up four runs and five hits in four innings.

Northwestern took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning on a RBI single by Regan Kaufman, but the Gamecocks answered in the home half by scoring four runs to chase Spann from the game. Ryan Sebra, Gavin Golsan, Eddie Mora-Loera and Williams each drove in a run during the inning as the Gamecocks took a 4-1 lead.

Jax State added a run in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Andrew Bishop to build a 5-1 lead, but the Demons scored a two in the sixth after Dort Brinson and Edwin Gomez each drove in a run to cut the lead to 5-3. The Gamecocks answered in the home half of the sixth inning taking a 6-3 lead. Northwestern scored its final run in the ninth

inning on a RBI single by Caleb Dugas for the final margin.

Griff Gordon had three hits, including a home run, to lead Jacksonville State to a 5-4 win over Northwestern State as the Gamecocks won for the second straight day over the Demons.

JSU's Casey Antley (1-0) scattered four hits and allowed one run to earn his first win of the season, while Travis Stout picked up his second straight save. Duvic Hunter (0-1) got stuck with the loss for the Demons after giving up two runs in 1 2/3 innings of relief.

Jax State took an early lead after Gordon slugged his first home run of the season in the bottom of the first inning with a solo shot over the right field fence to give JSU a 1-0 lead. Northwestern State took a 2-1 lead in the third inning after Regan Kaufman scored on a Gamecock throwing error and Cort Brinson was credited with a RBI after being hit by a pitch with bases loaded. The Demons extended the lead to 3-1 in the fourth inning on a RBI single by Kaufman, but Jax State battled back to tie the game in the home half of the inning.

Gordon led off with a single and scored all the way from first after Paschal Petrongolo doubled to right center.

Andrew Bishop followed with

a two-out single to right to score Petrongolo and tie the game at 3-3. Jax State took the lead for good in the sixth inning after Bishop scored on Galvin Golsan's infield grounder for a 6-5 lead. Bishop and Petrongolo each finished with two hits to go along with Gordon's three hits to lead the Gamecocks.

Northwestern State used a 6-3 win over Jacksonville State on Sunday afternoon at Rudy Abbott Field to avoid a sweep.

John Gault (1-0) scattered four hits and had four strikeouts to earn his first win of the season for the Demons, while Caleb Dugas picked up his first save of the year. JSU's Adam Polk (0-1) gave up five runs in 3 2/3 innings to suffer the loss for the Gamecocks.

Jax State (2-1) took an early lead after Andrew Bishop reached on an infield grounder and came around to score after Tyler Gamble singled up the middle to give JSU a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

Northwestern State (1-2) took the lead for good after scoring five runs in the fourth inning as Daughdrill and Underwood each drove in two runs during the inning, as the Demons took advantage of two Gamecock errors to take a 5-1 lead.

~ Sportswire

Softball sweeps Alabama A&M

HUNTSVILLE – The Jacksonville State softball team rattled off 14 hits in the opener and had to battle back in the second game of a doubleheader sweep at Alabama A&M on Tuesday afternoon.

The Gamecocks (9-3) rattled off 14 hits in a 10-0 mercy-rule win in the opener before overcoming a gem from Bulldogs (6-5) starter Anisa Britt before grabbing a 4-1 win in the nightcap. Senior Amanda Maldonado had multiple hits in both games to go 4-for-5 on the day, including a big two-run homer in the seventh inning of the finale to give her team a three-run lead.

The first game saw sophomore Casey Akenberger toss three innings of one-hit softball while her offense erupted for 10 runs on 14 hits. Six two-out hits in the second led to a 6-0 JSU lead and the Gamecocks never looked back.

Eleven Gamecocks had at least one hit, with junior Sara Borders, sophomore Ella Denes and senior Amanda Maldonado each recording two. That same trio each had two RBI, as did freshman Jamie McGuire, who hit a two-run homer in her only at bat.

While the bats were doing their jobs, Akenberger (3-1) held the Bulldogs at bay. She tossed three shutout innings and allowed just the leadoff single. Senior Savanna Hennings pitched

the final two innings and allowed just two hits to close the door on AAMU.

Freshman Jordan Sims made her first career appearance in the circle to start the second game. The Bulldogs had opportunities to jump on top early, but they ran themselves out of the inning. A walk and two hits were erased when a pair of AAMU runners got caught too far off the bases.

AAMU got the first run of the second game with the bases loaded in the home half of the third, when Brooke Carvey's 3-1 pitch was called high to Viridiana Ramos and allowing Chelsey Ferguson to score.

The Bulldogs' Anisa Britt, who pitched the final 2.2 innings of the first game, cruised to start the second game, retiring the first 15 batters she faced before Maldonado reached on an infield single to start the sixth.

The Gamecocks finally got on

top in the seventh, when a lead-off double by Borders set up a two-out RBI single to center from Oliver that gave JSU a 2-1 lead. Maldonado struck again to



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Kalee Tabor was named OVC's Player of the Week.

give her team some insurance with a deep home run that just curled inside the left field line and made it a 4-1 JSU advantage.

Carvey (2-0) earned the win in four innings of relief, limiting the Bulldogs to a run on just two hits and a pair of walks. She struck out four in her second career win.

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Women's Golf places 10th in Florida

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. – The Jacksonville State women's golf team shot a final-round 318 on Tuesday to finish 10th in the Jacksonville University Amelia Island Collegiate.

The Gamecocks finished the 54-hole event with a 917 to finish in the top 10 on the par-72, 6,029-yard Amelia National Golf Club. Florida International won the 14-team tournament by 12 shots over Kennesaw State by carding a three-round score of 859.

Jacksonville State got a three-

over 75 from sophomore Melania Bajo Geijo on Tuesday, the Gamecocks' low round in the final 18 holes. Junior Maya Parsons led the Ga

mecocks over the event, tying for 23rd with a 54-hole score of 227. The Whitby, Ontario, native shot 77 in the final round to finish in the top 25 of the 78-player field.

Freshman Anne Albrecht shot 83 on Tuesday to finish with a 229 and in a tie for 32nd, while freshman Angie Varona's Tues-

day 83 gave her a total score of 232 and tied her for 41st in her first collegiate tournament.

Bajo Geijo wrapped up a three-round total of 235 to move into a tie for 46th, while sophomore Melani Sisto finished with an 83 and in a tie for 50th with a total score of 83.

The Gamecocks return to the links on Sunday, when they begin play at the USA Invitational at Mobile's Azalea City Golf Club.

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JACKSONVILLE STATE

Women's basketball drops first home game

Daniel Porter
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Jacksonville State's women's basketball team was seeking their sixth consecutive home victory Monday night when they played hosted to Morehead State. Coach Rick Pietri's squad is closing in a completing one of the best turnaround seasons in history. Following a one-win campaign a year ago, the Gamecocks, in Pietri's first season, are now 11-16 and prior to Monday night were winners of seven of their last nine games.

JSU led 30-22 at the half fuel by Briana Benson and Destany McLin's double-digit scoring in the first half. However, the Gamecocks were ice cold offensively in the second half shooting just 3/27 from the field the entire final 20 minutes. A nine-minute drought from 15:35 to 6:35 saw the Gamecock fail to

make a single bucket. Still, a strong defense resulted in JSU leading 40-39 with 3:31 remaining. Morehead missed a free throw with 26 seconds to go that allowed JSU to rush down and score a tying layup, but in the return possession the Eagles hit a jumpshot with less than a second to play sealing a 45-43 victory over JSU.

Even with the disappointing loss, Jax State still sits in a strong position for a quality OVC Tournament seed, something that was likely considered out of the realm of possibility following a 1-27 campaign. At 7-7 in conference play, JSU sits sixth currently, but it just a half-game out of fourth. The Gamecocks have two remaining games on the next two Saturdays first at Southeast Missouri State (4-8) and then closing the season at home vs East leading Belmont (9-4).

Gamecock tennis sweeps Florida A&M

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Jacksonville State men's and women's tennis teams closed out the weekend with a pair of wins over Florida A&M on the final day of the Alabama State Invitational in the capital city.

The JSU men completed the weekend sweep with a 6-1 win over the Rattlers, while the Gamecock women blanked FAMU, 7-0. Both squads improved to 3-3 on the season.

In the men's match, JSU claimed the doubles point after winning at No. 2 and 3 doubles. The Gamecock tandem of freshman Jaryd Reese and junior Felipe Wenzel topped FAMU's team of Robert Ortiz and Carols Waitman. JSU's freshmen duo of Mathias Chaim and Dylan Gee turned in an 8-4 win over Jalen Evans and Courage Okungbowa.

The Gamecocks carried the momentum from doubles in to singles by winning five of the six singles matches to claim their third consecutive win after dropping the first three matches of the season. Pedro Wagner started things at No. 1 with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Admire Mushonga. Reese continued his stellar play with a straight-sets win over Zack Evenden – 6-2, 6-4. At No. 3, Gee

ousted Ortiz – 6-3, 6-2, while Chaim and Felipe Diaz registered wins at No. 5 and 6.

The Jax State women started strong just like the men's squad as the sweep started with the win in doubles. The top pairing of Raisa Guasti and Olivia Nguyen edged FAMU's Elysia Ortiz and Symone Townsend, 9-8. Juniors Zoe Bizinos and Danielle Kerindi clinched the doubles point for JSU with an 8-4 win over Dominique Henry and Alexis Dean.

Even though JSU won all six singles matches, FAMU extended a trio of matches to three sets. At No. 2, Nguyen bounced back after dropping the first set to Townsend to win the next two – 6-3, 7-5. Freshman Claudia Marsala mirrored Nguyen by falling in the first set at No. 3 to Blackwood, but regrouped to win in straight sets – 6-2, 7-5. At No. 4, Bizinos needed all three sets to down her foe – Henry after splitting the first two sets. Bizinos won the third-and-deciding tiebreaker set, 10-5.

Guasti quickly disposed of Dean at No. 1 – 6-1, 6-0, while Isidora Knezevic and Sadey St. Amant recorded wins at No. 5 and 6.

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Jacksonville State's Rifle squad led by coach Ron Frost (left) won their eighth overall OVC championship February 9.

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Jax State rifle wins again Gamecocks win third-straight OVC title

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Jacksonville State claimed its eighth Ohio Valley Conference Championship Sunday, Feb. 9, in Murray, KY at the OVC Rifle Championships.

It was the third consecutive title for the Gamecocks coached by Ron Frost. Jax State's score of 4650 was only 12 points above host university and runner-up Murray State's 4638.

On Saturday, JSU won the Smallbore title just edging the Racers 2999 to 2995. UT-Martin, OVC affiliated Columbus State and Morehead State rounded out the top five. On Sunday, the Gamecocks secured their

conference title claiming the Air Rifle title as well with a score of 2351, again just ahead of Murray State's 2343.

Jacksonville State won the 2014 OVC title with an overall aggregate score of 4650 topping the Racers by 12 points. UT-Martin finished third and earned two of the four individual awards in Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year honors. Murray State's Katarina Bisercic won the Air Rifle Athlete of the Year while JSU's own Samantha Bullard was crowned the Smallbore Athlete of the Year.

In Smallbore competition, Jax State landed three shooters on the All-OVC First Team with Bill Harvey, Dan McCall and Uriah, Ala. Product, Samantha Bullard, who led

the overall scoring. Cole Tucker and Sam Muegge earned spots on the Second Team.

Tucker, a junior from Wye Mills, Md., and Muegge, a senior out of Boling, Texas, were named to the First Team in Air Rifle competition along with Brandon Muske while Bullard and junior Brent Books made the Second Team.

Freshman Brandon Muske was the only Gamecocks to be named to either Newcomer squad when he earned the top spot on the Air Rifle Newcomer Team.

The Gamecocks will make a return trip to Murray, Ky. on Feb. 22 for the NCAA Sectionals. The NCAA Championships will also be hosted by MSU, which will be held on March 14-15.

Overall Medals

(count as of Wed. Feb 19)

Gold Medals

- 1. United States 20
- Netherlands 20
- 3. Russia 19
- 4. Norway 18
- 5. Germany 15



- 1. Germany 8
- 2. Norway 7
- 3. United States 6
- Netherlands 6
- 5. Russia 5