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One to remember



Steve Latham/JSU

The Jacksonville State University football team falls to the number three seed Eastern Washington Eagles, 24-35, at Roos Field in Cheney, Washington, in the NCAA FCS quarter finals. The 2013 season ends for the Gamecocks with an 11-4 record.

Football team makes longest playoff run in its Division I history

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Nearly a year to the day from the time coach Bill Clark was hired as the new football coach at his alma mater, his Gamecocks were playing in the Quarterfinal round of the FCS playoffs. It was the deepest run Jacksonville State had ever made in the program's division I history.

The incredible postseason run began on November 24, less than 24 hours after the Gamecocks defeated Southeast

Missouri State to complete a 9-3 regular season.

JSU heard its name called on the ESPN selection show and was pitted against Samford University in a first round game that would reignite an old rivalry.

The Gamecocks beat Samford 55-14 for their first 10-win season since 1992, the season they went 12-1-1 and won the division II National Championship.

In its fourth try, JSU finally broke through for a playoff win after going 0-3 in the previous three attempts.

A week later, Jax State traveled to Lake Charles, LA for a second round battle against McNeese State. The Cowboys were 10-2 and ranked sixth in the country, but faced a determined JSU team that ran over them from the very first play, which happened to be a 19-yard touchdown pass from Eli Jenkins to Josh Barge. The Jax State defense stifled a Cowboy offense that was among the best in the FCS and recorded a school-record 11 sacks as the

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New civil rights group to hold interest meeting

Angelique Killebrew
Staff Writer

Student organizations are one of the best parts of attending Jacksonville State University. They foster student unity and help to make the university feel like home.

A new organization on campus has the ability to do that and more. The Justice and Civil Rights Initiative is headed by Ed Nathaniel Moore III and his vice president Torsten Dryden.

The Justice and Civil Rights Initiative's goal is to "provide help to those in the community whose rights have been infringed upon regarding social, civil and criminal issues," according to Moore.

The Mission Statement reads, "The Mission of the Justice and Civil Rights Initiative is to assist in the progression of civil, social and cultural understanding for all people, regardless of gender, race, color, creed, ethnicity, nationality, age, sexual orientation or disability,

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Annual bike race moves to JSU

Angela Marino
Staff Writer

The starting line of the 22nd annual April 6th Cheaha Challenge bicycle race is moving from Piedmont to JSU. This move is expected to increase the campus's exposure and build its positive image.

The race is being moved because organizers are hoping to attract more participants, which will be too many for the Piedmont Civic Center to service.

The race is expected to begin at the JSU Pete Matthews Coliseum. The coliseum will provide showers, bathrooms, and parking for the estimated 600 cyclists.

"This is a great opportunity for the entire community," said university President William Meehan. "The event will of course bring attention to our university and city, but it will also give opportunities for student to work as well."

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College Republicans give back

Chelsea Toyer
Staff Writer

While the majority of Jacksonville State University students were returning home for winter break, the College Republicans remained on campus to engage in charitable work for the holidays.

The College Republicans wanted to make their presence more known than it has been in previous years. Their opportunity was quickly met when the Vice President of the College Republicans Bill Stewart heard an ad on the radio requesting volunteers for the Salvation Army Toy Drive in Anniston, Alabama. Stewart responded to the ad and presented the volunteer opportunity to the College Republicans President Will Errickson.

Saturday, December 14, members of the College Republicans assisted the Salvation Army at Walmart to raise toys and money for children in need in the Anniston area. Customers entering and leaving Walmart donated not only toys but coats, gloves, money, and many more items for



Christiana Tyler/The Chanticleer

College Republicans President Will Errickson and Vice President Bill Stewart collect donations for The Salvation Army outside of the Jacksonville Walmart on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

children of all ages. Not only members of the

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Phi Beta Sigma fraternity marks centennial

Vallean Jackson
Staff Writer

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity celebrated its 100th anniversary this week.

President of JSU's Pi Kappa chapter Autuan Brown, Vice President Rajon Hudson, and one of the newest members Caleb Lapsley each took time to express their gratitude in being a part of such legacy and brotherhood.

"Phi Beta Sigma was founded in 1914 at Howard University by A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown," ac-

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school-record 11 sacks as the Gamecocks won 31-10.

And then there were eight. Only eight schools in the entire country remained in the FCS playoffs and JSU was one of them. The Gamecocks earned a trip out west to face the third ranked Eagles of Eastern Washington on the red turf of Roos Field.

The Eagles were no stranger to deep postseason runs, having won the 2010 national championship. And they were well prepared for big opponents after knocking off a nationally ranked Oregon State team in the opening week of the season.

Defensive seniors Harris Gaston and Robert Gray each forced first half turnovers inside the Eagles' end zone that slowed the high-powered EWU offense led by All-Americans receiver Cooper Kupp and quarterback Vernon Adams.

The Gamecocks got on the board in the first quarter on a trick play that ended with a wide open Gavin Ellis hauling in a short three yard touchdown pass from receiver Telvin Brown.

Early in the second quarter, An-

thony Johnson caught a ten-yard touchdown pass from Jenkins that put JSU up 14-7. JSU's record-setting running back DaMarcus James added to his record number rushing TDs with a one-yarder that gave JSU a 21-14 lead, but the Eagles fought back to tie it at 21-21 just before half-time.

The second half was not the same after James and Jenkins went down with game-ending injuries. Troy-maine Pope stepped up for the majority carries as Max Shortell came in at quarterback.

Griffin Thomas kicked his final field goal of his school record-setting season that made it 24-28 in the third. Late in the fourth, the Gamecocks were driving into Eagle territory when EWU's Albert Havili stepped in front of Shortell's pass to the left and returned the play for a 77-yard pick-six which ultimately yielded the final score 35-24.

Jax State finished its best division I season with an 11-4 record and was voted 10th in the final season-ending poll.

Coach Clark and the team will be recognized at halftime of the men's basketball game tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

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According to Brown. It was also told that in development of this brotherhood was the idea to be positive role models and strong representatives for the community regardless of family background or ethnicity.

Since the Pi Kappa chapter began at Jacksonville State University in 1985 by Reginald Birdsong and Todd Hall, the traditions and strive for excellence have continued.

For instance, the brothers read to children at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville.

They have done the March of Dimes each year in support to bring change. In addition to that, they have done Sickle Cell walks, Project Vote, Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club, and Sleep Out for the Homeless. All these projects and community involve-



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Phi Beta Sigma brothers attend the Eta Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Neophyte presentation. Top, from left to right: Rajon Hudson, Antuan Brown, Sean Watson. Middle: Micah Maxwell, Samuel Pugh, Caleb Lapsley, Kendrick Holder.

ment activities show that these young men have dedicated their life to making a difference.

So in reaching this centennial, these young men agreed that to be a part of such traditions and positive influence was an honor.

What does it mean to be a Sigma man? According to Hudson, it's to be "A man of service, to gain not only a degree from

college but the chance to add on to such legacy, as well as help others."

One of the newest members, Caleb Lapsley, said that it was an honor to meet other Sigma men from years before him on this day of celebration, how great it feels to be a part of such brotherhood and how it is more than just line brothers but sharing a bond of unity.



Christiana Tyler/The Chanticleer

The community was very receptive to collecting donations for families in need over the holidays.

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community donated, but also people from out of town made contributions. Jacksonville State's President Dr. William A. Meehan also made an appearance and donated to the cause.

The community was very receptive in helping raise toys for the children in need. Working from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the College Republicans helped raise more than enough toys and money for the children in the Anniston area.

The event was such a success the College Republicans want to continue to spread their message in helping others as well as their conservative values.

The group will be hosting events throughout the semester on the JSU campus. At their next meeting they will be having Dr. Dan Krejci Associate Professor and Director

of the MPA Program speaking on January 23 at 6:00pm in room 100 at Brewer Hall.

The Republicans will also be selling a variety baked goodies at their bake sale and will be selling t-shirts for \$10. The money they raise will help pay for their upcoming convention at Troy University on March 1st.

Students who are interested in learning more about the College Republicans may attend one of their meetings that they hold every two weeks in room 100 in the basement of Brewer Hall. Food is always provided at the meetings.

All students are welcomed to attend the College Republicans meetings and learn more about their organization. The cost to join is only \$5 and that covers membership dues for an entire school year and includes a free t-shirt. The deadline to join is February 1st.

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while providing advocacy to address and investigate acts of civil or human wrongdoing, as well as any other form of inappropriate, potentially harmful, negligent or criminal behavior aimed at infringing upon the rights of an individual or individuals, while also serving as a liaison or representative, be it public or private, to those who are victims of civil or human wrongdoing."

It all began with Moore, who was a reporter for 91.9 FM WLJS in Jacksonville. He saw a need to be met within the student body, and began planning a way to meet those needs.

He acquired first-hand knowledge of people who had endured having their rights violated and didn't know where to turn. They didn't understand that even though there might not have been a criminal element to their discrimination, they can still find help.

Moore talked of how invaluable Dryden is to the start of their organization. "We make a great team", Moore states. He looks forward to seeing how well the vice president will perform his duties.

This organization wants to provide help in all ways against the infringement of rights, partially by leading people to the right channels to handle any problem. It is important because people do not know that some of their options even exist.

This action alone will make a large impact on the quality of life of JSU students.

There will be an interest meeting for members on January 16th 2014 in Merrill Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone with a passion for "civil, criminal, and social issues" is encouraged to attend, according to Moore.

While there will not be interviews, a selection process is to be expected.

Anyone with the desire to be on the executive board will be interviewed and selected by Moore and Dryden. The executive board together will continue to map out the ways they can make a positive impact.

When asked what he wants readers to know about this organization is that there is now going to be someone to advocate for them, Moore said that no one has to go without the help they need.

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Race events will be held all weekend. There will be a free dinner Friday night and a festival Saturday which will feature food, music, activities for children, vendors and artwork. Professional races will be held Saturday night. Classic on Noble is providing a meal Sunday night after the race.

Dr. Carmine Dibaise, a JSU English Professor and frequent cyclist in the Challenge, says that the ride is so difficult because Mt. Cheaha contains 7,000 feet of vertical climbing in the middle 50 miles of the race. The whole

length is 102 miles, but shorter routes are available, down to 26 miles. The race is called "the toughest ride in the south," and cyclists come from across the country and many other countries.

"Those who see the race and those who take part in it, even those who only hear about it or read about it in the newspapers, might decide to come to school here or to encourage their children to come to school here," says Dibaise. "Cycling - even, and perhaps especially, mountain biking - is growing in popularity here. We have... natural resources: beautiful rolling country roads and thousands

of acres of woods."

Those interested in joining the JSU cycling club can contact Dr. Dibaise at cdibaise@jsu.edu.

The race is sponsored by the Northeast Alabama Bicycling Association.

Registration on www.active.com to participate in the race will open soon and will be available through the morning of the race. There might be an extra fee for late registration.

The Health, Physical Recreation, and Recreation club will provide volunteers to work the race. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact department head Gina Mabrey at gmbrey@jsu.edu.



Scavenger Hunt 2014

January 20-24th, 2014

- Register individually or in groups with a team name at Facebook.com/WLJS919FM.
- Most objectives will require Instagram. Tag WLJS 919 #scavengerhunt
- Objectives to be announced on WLJS 91.9 FM between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day during the week of the 20th-24th
- Grand prize will be a gift from each of the following WLJS patrons: \$25 gift certificate from Jacksonville Bookstore, 2 free weeks at Jacksonville Tan, 1 free car wash at Gamecock Auto Spa, \$10 off at Effina's, and a gift certificate from Tweeners Cafe.

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Faculty, recognized for service at December luncheon, speak out about years of employment

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Staff Writer

In the nearly two and a half decades he's worked for JSU Drama, David Keefer says he's only ever seen the show stop twice.

Keefer, along with 70 other university employees, received recognition for his years of service to JSU at the Staff Awards

working at JSU in 1986, Dr. Theron Montgomery was the president of the university.

Keefer was a graduate student in Library Science at JSU before he began his employment. He helped tape and edit interviews for the JSU President position for the Board of Trustees to review.

He explained that the only computer he had access to was the mainframe for registering

and need more assistance from her office than they have in the past, too. "If someone calls me and I don't know the answer, I love it when I can surprise them by calling them back with the answer."

"No day is the same in this office," says Taylor. "You never know what you're going to hear or experience, which is what I love about working in student



Steve Latham/JSU

Debbie Taylor, Assistant Director of Student Life and Multicultural Programming, and David Keefer, Technical Director for JSU Drama, were both recognized for their years of service to the university at the December 16 Staff Awards Luncheon.

Luncheon on December 16.

When asked in an interview what the most memorable aspect of his two and a half decades of employment was, Keefer related two stories about shows forced to stop due to plain bad luck.

"There was a dinner theater in Leone Cole Auditorium. One of the two actors was running around backstage and she slipped and broke her arm," Keefer recalls. The injury resulted in the cancellation of the show.

The other show was a play. "The power flickered and went out," he remembers. A car had crashed into the University's substation, resulting in an outage. The University Police Department was called to assist people out of the darkened building.

"Those are the only two shows we never finished," he says.

Keefer received an award for his 25 years of employment at the luncheon. When he began

for classes. "Now everything is computerized," Keefer says.

He'll be retiring in August, but says that he's enjoyed every day in JSU's Drama Department. "The biggest thing is doing something you love doing," he says. "It's never felt like work, coming to work."

Debbie Taylor, Assistant Director of Student Life and Multicultural Programming, received a 20-year employment award at the luncheon. She began working at JSU in 1995 as a secretary in the Office of Student Life. Dr. Harold McGee was the president of the university at that time.

Just like Mr. Keefer, Taylor has seen JSU advance over the years, especially technologically. "When I started in this office, we had five SGA officers, the director, and me, and we all shared one computer."

Students ask more questions

affairs."

Taylor offers some advice to those who want to keep their jobs for as long as she's kept hers: "We all have a mission and a goal. If you know something has to be done, do it right," she says. "I want the work I do to speak for me."

Fifty-three employees were honored for 15 or fewer years of service at the luncheon. Fifteen received awards for more than 20 years of employment, with two employees recognized for 30 and 35 years of service.

Teresa Wilson in Student Financial Services received the 35-year award and the 30-year award was given to Wayland Smith in Maintenance and Operations, but neither was available for comment.

The luncheon was held in the Leone Cole Auditorium over the winter break last semester and is part of a yearly tradition at JSU.

Campus crime report

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Criminal Trespass
Stadium Tower

01/14/2014
Automobile Accident
Houston Cole Library
Parking Lot

01/14/2014
Automobile Accident
University Circle

01/13/2014
Automobile Accident
Brewer Hall Parking
Lot

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Medical Emergency
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Arrest- Possession of
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Harassment, & Criminal
Trespassing

Upcoming SGA events:

January 16
SGA Spirit night
Men's Basketball
7:00 PM

January 17
Miss JSU
Pageant
Leone Cole
Auditorium
7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

January 20
School Closed
Martin Luther
King day

January 21
Organizational
Council Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

January 27 - 31
Voter
Registration
Drive
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

January 28
Student Activities
Council
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Chicken Scratch

That's right: Chicken Scratch makes a return to the pages of The Chanticleer this year. Student, faculty or staff, bring us your problems with professors, soliloquies about students or general complaints and we (might) print them here.

You can anonymously send us your thoughts by finding Chicken Scratch on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jsuchickenscratch>. Then find the link to our Google Docs page and post away!

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7-day weather forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Clear	Clear	Clear	Partly cloudy	Clear
High: 45	High: 40	High: 47	High: 49	High: 56	High: 55	High: 41
Low: 29	Low: 18	Low: 27	Low: 31	Low: 38	Low: 34	Low: 19

Arts & Entertainment

10th annual Manga Madness to be held tonight at public library

Christiana Tyler

Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's the Jacksonville Public Library's annual Manga Madness program.

In its 10th year of existence, Manga Madness is a program designed for teens and young adults to better appreciate the culture that the comic books come from.

The library had been doing a similar program for teens in January for several years, and began to see more patrons asking about checking out manga from the library.

Christy Wallace, director for this year's Manga Madness program, said "In 2005, for the very first manga program, the directors of the library decided that it would be a good way for the teens to become more familiar with the history and culture of Japan - especially in how it differs from American culture - to give them some context for the stories they were reading. It was so popular that we decided to do it again the next January, and we have been doing this ever since."

In the past, the program consisted of watching anime, making origami, playing Japanese games, exploring kamishibai - a traditional Japanese pictorial storytelling - and other traditional arts that can be considered the roots of manga.

One year the library had a historian talk about the history of Japan, and Japanese inspired snacks are always served.

"We're always looking for something new for the teens, and this year we'll have a martial arts demonstration from Jacksonville Taekwondo," Wallace says, which should be a crowd favorite

The 2nd Manga Madness that was held had something different for the patrons. Teens were invited to come in costume as their favorite anime or manga characters and a cosplay contest was held. Each character is invited to introduce the story and character they are portraying for judging.

"The Manga Madness program has been such a big hit," Wallace enthuses, "that the teens have formed their own manga club that meets at the library. They have been or-

ganizing meetings to discuss their favorite stories and planning things to do in the future."

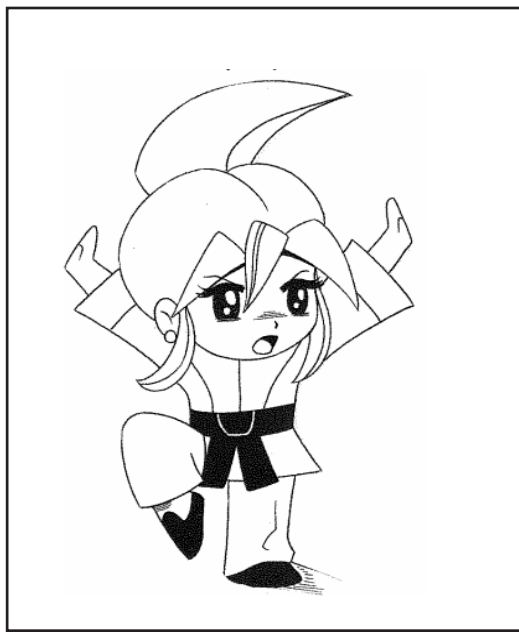
The manga club founder said they are planning a trip to an anime convention in the future and are making costumes for the trip.

"It is exciting to see that their love of this art and these stories are motivating them to try new things, meet people, and learn more about another country," and Wallace asserts that is why they started the program in the first place, to give the patrons a little background on where the art comes from.

It was due to the popularity of this and the other teen programs at the library, that the public library expanded the Summer Reading Program to include teens and adults.

This past year, teens and adults that completed the summer reading goal (30 books or 1500 pages for teens and a book bingo card for adults) were entered into a drawing for a Kindle Paperwhite, android tablet computers, and other great prizes donated by area businesses.

The annual Manga Madness will be tonight in the Jacksonville Public Library beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, visit jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org or call 256-435-6332.



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Jacksonville Opera to present 'Trial by Jury'

Vallean Jackson

Staff Writer

January 17 and 18 of 2014, Jacksonville will be presenting a show from arts and entertainment history.

Originally composed by W.S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, "Trial by Jury" is a musical comedy first produced in 1875 in London that will surely have the audience laughing and singing.

The short opera will be performed by Mason Hall's sophomore entry level Opera workshop class, while also being directed by a student.

There will be no order in this court room as the plaintiff and defendant go head to head to prove their respective sides of the story.

"Trail by Jury" is a forty minute production with little spoken dialogue, instead using music to express why Angelina is suing her fiance, Edwin. The reason for the suit? The breach of a marriage proposal.

Edwin though, reasons that because he was intoxicated at the time of the marriage proposal, the question of matrimony should not be taken seriously because it was insincere.

It is not indicated whether the promise was verbal or documented, but Angelina feels as though she is due marriage. Why? She already purchased her wedding gown.

Unfortunately, Edwin does not care too much, because he has his eye on another woman. Or, rather, women.

To make matters worse, the judge could not care less about the trial.

"Trial by Jury" is undoubtedly a divorce court sequence put to music, complete with elaborate reasons on how they got to the point of going to court in the first place.

According to the character outlines in the script, Angelina is a beautiful woman. This begs the question: Why would Edwin still be interested in other women if he indeed has a beauty on his arm? Perhaps Angelina has a terrible personality.

Whatever the case, Edwin refuses to follow through with the proposal he offered her while he was not completely himself.

The jury of the court room plays a major role in this musical comedy, but Jacksonville Opera is adding its own spin to "Trial by Jury."

Instead of casting individuals as the jury, the audience in attendance of the production will be the jury.

The jury is an important part of this musical, which makes it the perfect opportunity for the audience that attends to show off the voice that they have by participating in the event.

The David L. Walters Department of Music at Jacksonville State University, Dr. Nathan Wight, Debra Mantua, and all of the performers are to be commended for the effort and time they have put into the production, and they undoubtedly look forward to the support of those on campus.

The performance will be in Mason Hall on January 17 and 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call 1-800-838-3006 or visit www.jacksonvilleopera.org

Honors choir festival open to younger children this year

Jessica Graham

Staff Writer

Move over, big kids. It's the children's time to shine.

The 2014 Children's Honor Choir Festival is making its way to Jacksonville State University on Saturday, February 1, but this time with a new addition.

In the past, the festival has brought together high school, middle school, and elementary school students to participate. The children's choir included grades four through six, according to Dr. Patricia Corbin, the Director of Choral Activities at JSU.

This is the first year that children in the first through third grades will be able to participate in the festival.

"It was just difficult for us to get the high school and the middle school—both groups—to get enough registration because they had so many other things competing for their time," says Dr. Corbin. "But the children's group was always big. And so I decided there seemed to be more of a need for the lower grade to have some opportunities like this."

Dr. Corbin formerly

taught music in elementary schools, and found this festival to be a way to bring more opportunities in music education to the lives of children.

"Music education," says Dr. Corbin, "is in such jeopardy of being cut because of budget cuts and stuff like that. So this is an advocacy event as much as it is [a festival]. And I want to support them."

This festival also gives young students the chance to experience what JSU's campus has to offer. And through their experience, JSU's participation will provide the school with a claim in furthering their education.

According to Dr. Corbin, many music education majors will find practical, hands-on experience for their career as they help with the festival.

JSU will also shine through the names of the individual children's choirs, which are named after the colors Red, Blue, and Green.

"I just wanted to find some sort of neutral name for the choirs so that it wasn't like one was better than the other," says Dr. Corbin. "But of course, the red choir is the most

advanced choir because the JSU colors are red and white. So the red choir is the oldest group, the most advanced."

The festival will be an important event for the musical future of the participating children. When asked why people should attend the festival, Dr. Corbin responded, "First of all, there's the cute factor."

She further stated, "But this is to support our music teachers, to support music education, to introduce students to JSU and put a little message in their ear that maybe this is a good place for them to come to college down the road."

The major point of this year's festival is to help people understand that cutting music from schools is not okay just because it does not seem important on the surface, according to Dr. Corbin.

It will help the community understand that music education is a valuable aspect of the curriculum in this state.

The final concert will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Dr. Becky Halliday, Jeff Caulk, and Vincent Oakes will be directing.

Miss JSU 2014 to be crowned on Friday



Miss JSU 2013 Sara Beth Drake accepting the crown at last year's pageant.

(Matt Reynolds/JSU)

The 2014 Miss Jacksonville State University Scholarship Pageant will be held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Leone Cole Auditorium on the JSU campus. Miss JSU 2013, Sara Beth Drake, will crown her successor.

The Miss JSU Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary pageant for the Miss Alabama Scholarship Pageant, which will take place in June. The winner of Miss Alabama goes on to the Miss America pageant. The Miss America Organization provides millions of dollars in scholarships each year at the local, state and national levels.

Jacksonville State University has been represented well at the national level. Heather Whitestone McCallum was crowned Miss America in 1995, and Teresa Cheatham Stricklin was first runner-up to Miss America in 1979.

Other Miss Alabamas who hailed from JSU include Ceil Jenkins Snow, 1971; Jane Rice Holloway, 1973; Julie Houston Elmer, 1977; Tammy Little Haynes, 1984; and Jamie Langley, 2007.

General admission for Friday's pageant is \$10; student tickets are \$5 with JSU ID.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.

-JSU Newswire

Upcoming events on and around campus

January 16, 2014

Student Performance Hour in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 1:45 p.m. Free

Miss JSU 2014 to be crowned at 7 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Ticket purchase required. Student discount with ID

Opera production of "Trial by Jury" performed by Jacksonville Opera in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Ticket purchase required.

January 17, 2014

High School Voice Day beginning at 8 a.m. sponsored by the music department to be held in Mason Hall. Purchase required.

January 21, 2014

MLK Day of Service sponsored by the American Democracy Project. Speaker David Baker presents a talk entitled, "A Good Time to Stand Up." Beginning at 6 p.m. in Merrill Hall room 101

January 25, 2014

Jacksonville Opera presents "The Frog Prince" in Wallace Hall on the campus of Gadssden State Community College at 3 p.m. Ticket purchase required.

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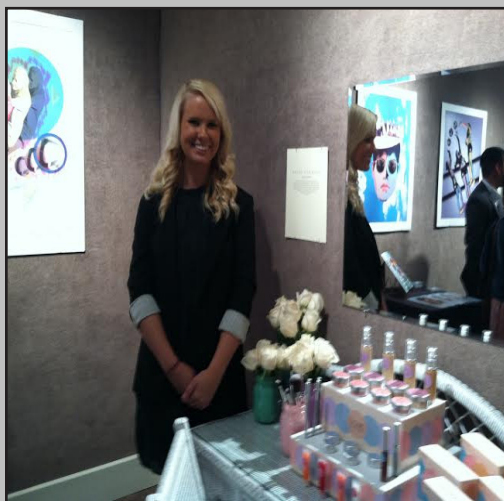
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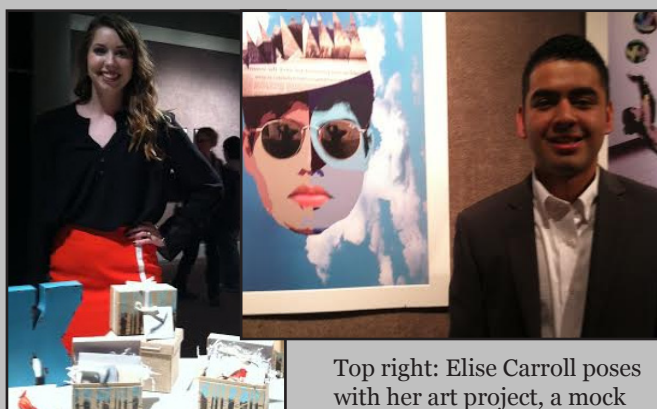
Top left: J.W. Bowen poses next to a favorite piece of his art, which he created with "found" objects.

Bottom left: Audrey Pennington shows samples of work from her business, Barefoot Photography.

Bottom: Kristin Drake shows the stationery sets that she designed.



Top right: Elise Carroll poses with her art project, a mock makeup line with branding and labeling that she designed.



Middle right: Bryan Perez poses with his favorite work, a design inspired by RayBan

BFA and BA students show off their work at Hammond Hall

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

As the Fall 2013 semester came to a close, nine students were featured in the biggest show of their careers in Jacksonville State University's art department. The students: Bryan Perez, Mark du Pont, Bettina Walker, Elise Carroll, Emma Landman, Shakia Morgan, J.W. Bowen, Audrey Pennington, and Kristin Drake, showcased their talents in the BFA & BA Senior Show in the Hammond Hall gallery.

Each of the graduating seniors had a project that let visitors to the gallery see their individualized skill set.

Mixed media artist J.W. Bowen created cityscapes mostly of found objects, including pawns from a foosball table and yarn. Bowen describes his style as "taking different forms, different functions, and adding them together."

Bryan Perez also put different forms and functions together, but created something different entirely. The graphic design student used Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and In Design to make a piece inspired by advertisements for Ray-Ban sunglasses.

"The goal was to touch base with every program, and then make my work come out of all that together," Perez says. He made reference to a series of Ray-Ban ads that show headshots of people wearing the sunglasses, and said that his favorite original piece was inspired partially by the campaign.

"I wanted to create my own wild, cool ad for it," says Perez. "I came up with design after design after design until I felt that it was perfect."

Like Perez, Elise Carroll is a Graphic Design major, but she took an entirely different approach with her project. Carroll created a brand image for her own mock line of cosmetics. "I'm a girly-girl, and I wanted to design a makeup line and practice with branding," she says. "So I created logos and did labeling."

Kristin Drake made a product of her own as well. She designed a nature-themed stationery and correspondence card set using a variety of media.

"I hand drew the birds and did a little watercoloring over them and scanned them into the computer," Drake says about the designs on the cards. "Then I did some hand-lettering that's kind of similar to my actual handwriting."

Visitors to the gallery opening asked Drake if her product, which contained four thank you cards, four greeting cards, a notepad and a feather in a hand-painted box, was for sale. She said that because the interest was there, "I'm thinking of doing more for sure!"

Audrey Pennington has been using her project as her business since she was in high school. "I started my business when I was sixteen years old," the Graphic Design major said. "It's called Thinking Barefoot Photography." Pennington specializes in family and children's portraits, and plans for her business to grow in the future so that she can employ other photographers and designers as well.

"Something I get to do every day is wake up and make someone smile," Pennington says. "That's just something I've always loved doing, and something that I've decided I want to do for the rest of my life."

High School Voice Day to be held this week

On Saturday, January 18th, the voice faculty of the Jacksonville State University David L. Walters Department of Music will host a "High School Voice Day" for high school singers.

Any high school student who is preparing a solo for any sort of spring audition, such as Solo & ensemble, college entrance auditions, or NATS student auditions, will have the opportunity to sing that solo for the voice faculty and will receive feedback and advice for further improvement with as many members of the faculty as time allows.

The JSU Voice faculty members are Dr. Patricia Corbin, Dr. Dani Jones, Teresa Stricklin and Dr. Nathan Wight.

In addition to vocal coaching there will be short lectures on tips for auditions, such

as strategies for sight-reading, appropriate audition attire, diction advice and pageant preparation.

The event will be held at Mason Hall on the JSU campus. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. and the event will end in the early afternoon.

Registration forms for this event may be found on the music department website: www.jsu.edu/music.

The pre-registration deadline for receipt of materials is Wednesday, January 15, 2014, and the registration fee is \$5. Students who miss the deadline may register on Saturday for a fee of \$8 (cash only).

For further information, please contact the event coordinator, Dr. Patricia Corbin, (256) -782-5544, pcorbin@jsu.edu.

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Opinion & Editorial

'Oh yeah, it's 2014'

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

The 2014 Alabama Legislative Session has begun. What does this mean? More stuff for me to talk about! More stuff that you should care about.

For the past three years, the government of Alabama has been controlled by the Republican Party for the first time in state history. We are now entering the final legislative session for the Republican Party to nail down their record as the state's governing party.

In November of this year, that record will be placed on the ballot in what may be one of the most politically significant elections in Alabama's history. After controlling state government for over 130 years, Alabama Democrats have experienced significant displeasure in serving as the minority party.

Since November 2010, they've looked to this year as their pinnacle of hope. But will it all pan out?

Currently, Governor Robert Bentley is not facing any significant opposition. At last reporting, the Republican incumbent shows a campaign war chest of about \$2.7 million. His only official Republican opposition has a total of \$9.59 last reported.

There are no official gubernatorial candidates and no significant announced opposition to speak of on the Democratic side, although one Democrat, Kevin Bass, has announced his plans to run for Governor.

Bass is a former minor league baseball player, business owner, and recently ran unsuccessfully

for mayor of his hometown. There has also been speculation that a popular Democratic State Senator from Clayton, AL might rise up to oppose Governor Bentley.



Senator Billy Beasley is recently quoted in statewide media saying: "Whether I challenge the governor or somebody else challenges the governor, he needs to be challenged." As for other statewide and legislative offices,

Democrats are few and far in-between as announced to oppose Republican incumbents.

However, pundits across the state are predicting Republicans to maintain a majority across the board. What is unsure is how much, if at all, the Democratic Party will be able to etch into what is a current Supermajority held by Republicans.

The first source of political ammunition that will surely be fired will come from the legislative session that began this week. Republican leaders in the legislature have already noted that they are hoping for a non-controversial session, naturally.

However, Democrats will likely find controversy in some issues that we can expect to see throughout the 2014 campaign: Medicaid expansion, the Accountability Act, and teacher pay raises, among others.

So enjoy it while you can, folks! Because soon, very soon, those 18x24 signs that I refer to as "flowers of democracy" will be popping up all over the state asking for your vote and you'll be driving down the road thinking to yourself: "Oh yeah, it's 2014."

Giving in to wanderlust

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Last March, I packed a suitcase and hopped in my car with thirty dollars in my wallet, a bag of Cheetos, and one of those enormous 24-ounce cans of Mountain Dew. I started driving toward the state line with no real plan other than visiting my brother at college in Rome, Georgia and crashing on my friend Kali's futon.

As I passed the familiar sign that read, "Welcome, We're Glad Georgia's On Your Mind", the sky was spitting snow flurries. That was definitely going to put a limit on how much time I could spend outside. But I still wanted to go exploring and get out of Jacksonville for a few days.

"So how long will you be here?" my brother's roommate asked me as he and my brother sat in their dorm room and looked at me.

"I don't know," I said. "A couple of days. Or three or four. Just until I decide to go home, I guess."

I had always wanted to say those words. Every once in a while, I like to leave town for the day and just spend it exploring somewhere else.

Sometimes I'll go for a long walk in the woods, then find a good spot to sit and journal. Sometimes I'll spend the day "shopping" in Birmingham, which translates into mostly window shopping. Sometimes I just get in my car, pick a direction, and start driving.

And always I take pictures

of things that interest me, whether it's an old building, a sunset or a street sign. A change of scene is refreshing now and then. But this was the first time I had planned to not really have a plan for three or four days.



The next morning, I parked my car in downtown Rome and started walking around with my camera. I bought a Coca-Cola frappe from the local non-Starbucks coffee shop, watched a painter at work in her art gallery, took pictures of the skate shop, and spent an hour wandering around a three-story-tall outdoor store. I ended up watching lacrosse practice at my brother's school by the time my friend texted me and wanted to meet up for dinner. That was just day one of my visit.

It's enriching to get out of my daily routine and go places I don't normally go, just to get new ideas and observe the world around me without checking the time because I have to be at work or in class or I have housework waiting on me. I don't usually make New Year's resolutions, but if I had to make one this year, it would be to give in to wanderlust a little bit more. I'm on track to graduate with honors this year, and of course I'm only going wandering on days when I'm already scheduled to be off work, so I'm not neglecting my responsibilities.

But I won't be using my free time in 2014 sitting on my couch with Netflix and a carton of ice cream. There are a whole lot of roads to be traveled out there.

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Society quick to judge Phil Robertson for voicing an unpopular opinion

Calum Hayes
via UWIRE

In late December, Phil Robertson, family patriarch of the hit A&E show *Duck Dynasty*, was suspended for controversial comments he made about black people and gay people to the men's magazine *GQ*.

The statements made by Robertson, however, ended up saying more about society's cultural reaction to someone voicing an unpopular opinion than it did of Robertson's individual beliefs.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech," and this basic sentiment allows us to draw two conclusions. The first is that A&E was well within their constitutional right to suspend Robertson from the show. A&E is a private network that can choose to suspend, fire or otherwise punish an employee who presumably violates his or her contract with the network. So those decrying the downfall of the First Amendment might want to pump the brakes.

The second conclusion that can be drawn is about hypocrisy. Those on the anti-Christian side (a safe categorization, seeing as Robertson based his statements on the Bible) came out saying A&E didn't go far enough and that they should have fired Robertson and his family for their beliefs. Unfortunately for those worrying about the downfall of human rights at Robertson's hands, the First Amendment has nothing to do with being offended.

It doesn't say, "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech ... unless your feelings get hurt or you disagree in any way."

Before gay marriage became the widely accepted cultural movement it is today, those in support of it faced the same "just stop talking" sentiment critics are now throwing at people such as Phil Robertson. How easily people forget the value of being able to express their opinions when those opinions become culturally popular.

"Bigot", according to Merriam-Webster, is a person who is intolerantly

devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices.

Just as those who disagree with Robertson on the issue of gay marriage want to change freedom of speech to only include the things they find palatable, they also want to change the word bigot to only apply to those with religious convictions.

And "prejudice", according to Merriam-Webster, is a preformed opinion, usually an unfavorable one, based on insufficient knowledge, irrational feelings or inaccurate stereotypes.

Having clarified prejudice, we can now more



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Phil Robertson, patriarch of the Robertson family and one of the stars of A&E's hit reality series *"Duck Dynasty"*, caused a sensation when he publicly voiced an opinion of gay sexuality based on his religious beliefs.

accurately define a bigot as someone who is intolerantly devoted to his or her own negative opinions. But is it not bigoted to decide anyone who doesn't support gay mar-

riage is hateful and intolerant? Attacking Phil Robertson for his choice to exercise his own freedom of speech and his own freedom of religion allows people to misuse the word bigot and pervert a constitution they claim is being perverted and misrepresent a religion they've taken just enough time to learn so they can make a comment about whether or not Robertson should eat shellfish.

So maybe it's time to take a step back and look at our own behavior.

Before deciding someone is a redneck or a bigot for not agreeing with a culturally popular opinion, we should look at how we express those beliefs. Before calling people names like a nation of third graders, we should take a minute to evaluate whether those words come from our own place of bigotry.

After that, we can talk about the shellfish thing.

Sports

Jax State's coach Jim Case headed to Hall of Fame

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

FCS Final 2013 Top 25:

1. North Dakota State (15-0)
2. Towson (13-3)
3. Eastern Washington (12-3)
4. Eastern Illinois (12-2)
5. New Hampshire (10-5)
6. SE Louisiana (11-3)
7. Coastal Carolina (12-3)
8. Montana (10-3)
9. Fordham (12-2)
10. Jacksonville State (11-4)
11. McNeese State (10-3)
12. Maine (10-3)
13. South Dakota State (9-5)
14. Sam Houston State (9-5)
15. Northern Arizona (9-3)
16. Bethune-Cookman (10-3)
17. Tennessee State (10-4)
18. Youngstown State (8-4)
19. Samford (8-5)
20. Montana State (7-5)
21. Southern Utah (8-5)
22. Furman (8-6)
23. Chattanooga (8-4)
24. Charleston S'tern (10-3)
25. South Carolina State (9-4)

2013 Football Schedule:

- 8/31 @ ASU (W 24-22)
 9/7 vs J'ville U. (W 48-13)
 9/14 vs UNA^ (W 24-21) 2OT
 9/21 @ GSU (W 32-26) OT
 9/28 vs MSU* (L 34-35) OT
 10/5 @ #22 UTM* (W 41-27)
 10/12 vs #23 TSU* (L 15-31)
 10/26 @ TTU* (W 34-14)
 11/2 @ APSU* (W 42-10)
 11/9 vs EKU* (W 68-10)
 11/16 @ #2 EIU* (L 14-52)
 11/23 vs SEMO* (W 42-34)
 11/30 vs #16 SU^ (W 55-14)
 12/7 @ #6 McN St.(W 31-10)
 12/14 @ #3 EWU (L 24-35)
 ^ Rivalry / * OVC game

Upcoming Action:

- Thursday: MBB vs Tenn St
 Saturday: WBB @ EKU
 MBB @ EKU
 Sunday: M Ten @ Auburn
 Rifle (Ole Miss/Nebraska)
 Monday: WBB vs Tenn St

NCAA Rifle Top 10:

1. Alaska
2. Kentucky
3. West Virginia
4. Jacksonville State
5. Nebraska
6. TCU
7. Air Force
8. Ohio State
9. Army
10. Navy

OVC M. Basketball Standings:

- East:
 Belmont (4-0) [12-6]
 Tennessee Tech (3-1) [10-9]
 Morehead State (2-1) [11-7]
 Eastern Kentucky (2-2) [11-6]
 Jacksonville State (2-3) [8-12]
 Tennessee State (1-4) [2-17]

OVC W. Basketball Standings:

- East:
 Eastern Kentucky (3-1) [9-6]
 Tennessee Tech (3-1) [6-11]
 Belmont (4-2) [7-12]
 Tennessee State (2-1) [5-11]
 Morehead State (2-2) [8-9]
 Jacksonville State (2-4) [6-13]

Softball opens season Feb. 7

season preview coming in following issue

Baseball opens season Feb. 14

season preview coming early next month

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MONTGOMERY – Jacksonville State head coach Jim Case is among four coaches that will be inducted into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame when the 19th annual AlaBCA Convention convenes next week.

Case joins former Wallace-Selma's Lothian Smallwood, Benjamin Russell's Richy Brooks and Vestavia Hill's Tommy Walker as the 2014 Hall of Fame class.

No other team has experienced the success over the last 10 years in the Ohio Valley Conference that Case has enjoyed as head coach of the Gamecocks.

His Jacksonville State baseball teams have won five Ohio Valley Conference Championships; won more OVC games during that 10-year span than any other team in the league; set the OVC record by posting an amazing 23-4 Conference record in 2008; won two OVC Coach of the Year Awards; and the Gamecocks have played in the OVC Tournament Championship game seven out of 10 years.

Case, who was named the 2005 and 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year, has posted a 385-314 overall record, and has an impressive 176-87 record against OVC opponents, which is 20 more wins than second place team in the league.

The Gamecocks have made three NCAA Regional appear-



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 JSU's coach Case talks to a player during a game against Auburn.

ances under Case, while 66 of his former Gamecock players have earned All-Conference honors.

Jacksonville State has 20 players that have signed professional baseball contracts and 16 players have been drafted in the Major League Baseball draft under Case. As a matter of fact, two of his former Gamecock players made their Major League debuts last summer.

Former pitcher Donovan Hand made his MLB debut with the Milwaukee Brewers on May 27, while former outfielder Todd Cunningham made his MLB debut with the Atlanta Braves on

July 30.

The Ensley High School graduate played collegiately at Louisiana Tech where he was an All-Southland Conference catcher. He served as an assistant coach at UAB and Mississippi State, before becoming JSU's head coach in 2002.

Veteran umpire J.T. Cooper of Mobile will be honored as the 2014 Distinguished Service Award recipient at the Awards Banquet on January 17 at the Birmingham Marriott Hotel.

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Football: FCS season wraps up, JSU finishes in Top 10 rankings

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

After JSU was knocked out of the FCS playoffs by Eastern Washington, the Eagles fell the following week to Towson when the Tigers capped off a fourth quarter comeback by scoring to take the lead with 17 seconds remaining. Towson's win sent them to the FCS National Championship game in Frisco, TX on January 4. However, standing in the way were two-time defending champs North Dakota State riding a perfect 14-0 record.

The Bison played the first half close, but broke away late to take a 21-7 lead into halftime. In the second half the defending champs proved their strength and pulled away for a 35-7 victory matching Appalachian State as the only team to win three consecutive FCS national titles.

North Dakota State finished the season as a unanimous pick for the top spot in the year-end FCS polls. Towson landed a well-deserved second after their runner-up campaign. Eastern Washington finished third after just edging Jax State and then falling to Towson. The OVC's Eastern Illinois and New Hampshire complete the top five spots.

Jacksonville State landed 10th, the highest year-end ranking in division I history, but fitting coming after the best season the programs had in division I. During the 11-4 campaign in 2013, the Gamecocks set 49 new school records, 13 OVC records and three NCAA records. The seniors leave as the winningest class in school history with a 33-16 four year record.

Coach Clarks stellar debut in his first season as a collegiate head coach certainly caught at-

tention from more than just JSU fans. Last week he name was thrown into the rumor mill when UAB's head coaching job became available after Garrick McGee left to join the Arkansas staff. This past Monday one internet source made the statement Clark was expected to sign a deal with UAB by the end of the day, however Clark went as far as to contact the source to refute that message.

As the rumors die down with UAB close to filling their spot as well as numerous other openings around the country, as is the case in the South, with the season only a few weeks behind us, it's time to begin preparation for the next. Jacksonville State opens 2014 on the road at Big Ten and Rose Bowl champion, Michigan State.

Track & Field opens at UAB

BIRMINGHAM – The Jacksonville State track and field team closed out its first weekend of the indoor season at the UAB Invitational on Saturday inside the Birmingham Crossplex.

The weekend was highlighted by Shamira Barrett's start to her senior season. Barrett, a native of Adairsville, Ga., enters her final season at JSU as a holder of many of the program's indoor and outdoor records.

Barrett competed in the 300 meter dash turning in a time of 40.32 and was a member of Jax State's 4x400 meter relay.

Freshman Ju-ells McLeod took to the track for the first time at JSU, taking part in the mile run. McLeod posted a time of 5:30.20. Junior Whitley Towns and senior Kevyn Tracy tallied a pair of top-20 finishes in the 800 meter run as Towns crossed the finish line in 2:23.37, while Tracy was right behind her teammate at 2:24.18.

In the field events Danielle Moss came close to JSU's program mark in the shot put after a toss of 41-00.25. Freshman Latia Bass also competed in the shot put and had a mark of 37-10.75.

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JSU Men fall after slow start

JACKSONVILLE – Eastern Illinois used an early run and managed to hold on for a 56-48 win over the Jacksonville State men's basketball team at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Saturday night.

The Gamecocks (8-12, 2-3 Ohio Valley Conference) struggled from the field for most of the game, shooting just 16-of-48 (33 percent) and were just 4-of-25 (4-of-25) from three. The Panthers (5-11, 2-3 OVC) meanwhile were 18-of-36 (50 percent) from the field in the win.

Junior Teraes Clemmons led JSU with 12 points, all in the second half.

The Gamecocks got off to a slow start, missing their first five shots from the field while the Panthers raced out to an 8-0 lead. Junior Avery Moore then put the Gamecocks on the board with a 3-point shot from the corner with 14:40 to play in the half.

Following a free throw from EIU, Moore was again left open in the corner for three to give the Gamecocks a 12-9 lead with 11:38 to play in the half. The Panthers then responded with a 9-1 run to take an 18-13 lead.

JSU closed the half making just 2-of-10 shots from the field and missed seven straight shots from behind the 3-point line after starting the game 2-of-3 from

three. The Gamecocks finish the half 2-of-10 (20 percent) from three while shooting just 32 percent (6-of-19) from the field. The Panthers meanwhile shot 56 percent (9-of-16) from the floor.

The Gamecocks continued to struggle from the field in the second half as Panthers built an 18 point lead at 36-18 with 16:43 to play. Clemmons then entered the game and sparked a 16-2 run that cut the lead to 38-34 with 8:36 to play.

After Williams converted a 3-point play, Clemmons hit another jumper before Felder added four points off a layup and two free throws. Clemmons then hit a 3-point shot to cap the run and snap a streak of 13 straight missed 3-point shots by the Gamecocks.

EIU then used a 7-2 run to push the lead out to 47-36. Trailing 51-40, Rackley managed to hit a three and added three straight points from the free throw line before a tip-in by Felder cut the lead to 51-48 with 34 seconds remaining.

The Gamecocks missed shots to close the game while the Panthers hit five straight free throws to close the game and hold on for the 56-48 victory.

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Gamecock basketball tops SIUE to win back-to-back games at home

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

It was a hard earned battle for the JSU women Monday night as they defeated the Cougars of SIUE 71-68.

While the Cougars managed to pull within three with less than three minutes left the Gamecocks held them off and earned themselves a second consecutive OVC win.

The Cougars led early 13-9 but after a few shots by Briana Benson and LeCresha Horton then a three-pointer by Candace Morton JSU stole the lead. It wasn't until around the seven minute mark that SIUE's dramatic turnaround began. Down by 19 the Cougars used three minutes and five seconds to mount the 19-3 run that brought them within three points.

The score sat at 64-61 with 2:39 left to play and after scoreless possessions on both sides JSU's Miranda Cantrell hit a free throw to bump the Gamecocks' lead up another point. Another minute had ticked off the clock before the Cougars Micah Jones managed to score two. It was Candace Morton who hit a basket from the baseline that moved the Gamecocks back up ahead by four.

The score was 67-66 after a Cougars' three-pointer made by Jessie Wendt had brought them back in range of JSU. But freshman Briana Benson then completed two free throws with eight seconds left in the game to push JSU's lead back out to three. SIUE was not finished yet



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Briana Benson had 13 points, one of three Gamecocks in double digits, in the victory over SIUE

and Coco Moore made two free throws of her own with four seconds left to push the Cougars back within one.

With three seconds left in the game Candace Morton nailed two more free throws and all but ended the game there. SIUE had one more opportunity to send the game into overtime but the attempted three-point-er as the buzzer sounded was

blocked by the Gamecocks.

This marks the first time since 2011 that the Gamecocks have had back-to-back victories in the OVC and the first time since 2008 they have had back-to-back OVC victories at home.

The Gamecocks had four players finish with scoring numbers in the double digits. Candace Morton led the night with 17. Destany McLin had 16 points, while Briana Benson had

13 and Miranda Cantrell added 11. This was Benson's second straight game with double digit scoring marks after she made 10 points Saturday against Eastern Illinois.

It was a season best for JSU as they made 50% of the shots that they took. SIUE made 45% of their shots and their best shooter for the team was Coco Moore who had the game-high 25 points.

Pierre Warren declares for NFL Draft



Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

One year after the Jacksonville State saw their first NFL draftee in quite some time; the program threatens to soon add another to the league. Last week, junior safety Pierre Warren declared for the NFL draft early. It's a decision often brought upon athletes at the larger universities in the state, but Warren's skills have clearly attracted a lot of attention already.

In 2013 Jax State's receiver Alan Bonner was drafted in the sixth round by the Houston Texans. However, a hamstring injury kept Bonner off the field in his first season. Now, Warren hopes to join Bonner in the league as a competitor, or a slim chance, as a teammate once again.

"This is something that I've been considering since our playoff run," said Warren. "After talking to my family and Coach Clark, I think it's in my best interest to leave school early and enter the NFL draft."

The native of Prattville, AL was a key leader on the team, much less the defense. He was a first-team All-Conference selection this season in the Ohio Valley after leading the team in interceptions and pass breakups. The hard-hitting secondary defender was never shy of attempting to score either with long returns for touchdowns in his career. This season Warren had an interception returned for a score and a fumble he returned to the opponent's one-yard line.

The NFL draft will be in May.

Junior safety Pierre Warren is hoping to become the second Gamecock drafted into the NFL in as many years

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The search begins for next volleyball coach

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

In the fall of 2014 the Gamecock volleyball program will be under the leadership of a new head coach after former coach Joseph Goodson was relieved of his duties mid-December. Goodson became the fifth head coach in the program's history when he was hired by JSU in July of 2011 following the departure of then-JSU coach Rick Nold being hired away by Auburn.

The Gamecocks' volleyball program was peaking when Goodson was hired having recently won three regular season and conference tournament Ohio Valley titles. Rick Nold was hired in 2002 and took a team coming off four consecutive los-

ing seasons to a 172-98 mark over his nine year tenure. Under Nold, the Gamecocks had post-season play in eight of his nine years after only having one appearance in program history prior to his arrival. He also guided the Gamecocks to the only three NCAA Tournament appearances in school history. However, Nold bolted for The Plains when the opportunity arose to coach in a premier league such as the Southeastern Conference.

Under Goodson, it's safe to say the Gamecocks didn't fare as well. In his three year tenure Jacksonville State only reached the OVC tournament twice where they were ousted in the first round each time. Goodson was hired away from Wisconsin - Green Bay where he'd been an assistant the previous four years.

He also served on staffs at Georgia and Georgia Tech. At JSU, he went 38-55 with a 23-29 mark in conference play. 2013 was worst season of all finishing 13-18 after losing 10 of their final 13 matches of the season. The highlight of the season was a defeat at Tennessee over the Lady Vols.

Athletics Director Warren Koegel made the statement, "At this time, we believe the program needs to go in a new direction. We wish coach Goodson nothing but the best in the future."

A search for the new head coach began shortly after and JSU is giving about a month to find interested parties. The university plans to have all the candidates by January 19 and hopes a new coach is hired and working by the first of February.



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AD Warren Koegel is in search of a who will become the sixth coach of JSU volleyball