



The Chanticleer

Miss JSU 2014 Jayme Wagner



WEATHER: High 43, Low 22, Clear

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Baby, it's cold outside



Kara Coleman/The Chanticleer

Jacksonville State University cancelled classes on Tuesday afternoon and campus was closed all day on Wednesday and Thursday, due to snow that covered much of northeast Alabama on Tuesday. Clockwise, from top left: the bell in front of Bibb-Graves Hall, two students walking on the sidewalk behind Bibb-Graves, a park bench on the quad, and the Gamecock Express slowly makes its way down a snow-covered Trustee Circle.

Board considers iPads for freshmen in 2015

Jessica Graham
Staff Writer

The new year could come with a new toy for incoming freshmen.

The Board of Trustees met on Jan. 29 to discuss the issuing of iPads to freshmen in addition to their dorms and meal plans, starting in 2015. But it won't be just a leisure item for the new students. These iPads will be a way for JSU professors to implement learning in ways that

will challenge students to think more critically on their own. The plan is called Fast Forward, according to SGA President Jade Wagner.

"In high school," said Wagner, "people are used to this technology, and when they come to college it's kind of like taking a step back."

This will be JSU's way of keeping up with the advancements made in lower level schools—and other colleges, also—to ensure

incoming freshmen are not taking this "step back."

JSU will also be able to allow itself to become a more desirable school for prospective students immersed in technology in their daily lives by implementing this plan.

The iPads are not only a way to compete with other schools, however.

"This is JSU mainly trying to keep up with itself," said Wagner, "and making itself more marketable, keep us up

with the times."

The iPads could also create the potential for new students to take a more direct hand in their own education as they learn—or improve—skills at using the device for a more hands-on education experience.

JSU could be taking new steps into the future with the implementation of this plan. Students starting in 2015 will find a school striving to become well-versed in the technology available today.

JSU student working on set of 'Divergent'

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Hollywood recently called one JSU student, and he answered.

Zach Annesty, a Drama major with a Technical concentration and Music minor, is currently in Los Angeles, at work on the movie *Divergent*.

"When I got the e-mail for this job, I sat there on the futon and paused everything I had going at the time: my computer, my TV, and my radio, so that I was in absolute silence," Annesty says. "The first thought I had after I sat there for a while was, 'What do I have going on

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Student Research Symposium to be held next month

Sierra Coleman
Staff Writer

On February 5th and 6th, students from over ten different departments in the College of Arts and Sciences will present their individual research to their peers and professors at JSU.

Presentations come from a wide variety of subjects, from young adult literature to phyto-

chemical analysis.

Since 1995, the College of Arts and Sciences has invited students to show their work at an annual Student Research Symposium.

Research projects come from countless subjects – music, art, chemistry, math, psychology – and cover a vast array of topics.

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Snow day: Burgess-“Snow” Field lives up to its name

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

Faint screams and taunting could be heard coming from within Jacksonville State University's Stadium late Tuesday afternoon. Inside, the peace and tranquility that accompanied the blanket of white all over Jacksonville was gone. Burgess-Snow Field had been transformed into a battleground.

What everyone thought would be nothing more than a “light dusting” has proven to be

the most substantial amount of snow that Jacksonville State University's campus has seen in several years. At first, there was a minor panic as questions arose in everyone's minds. Are classes getting cancelled? How am I going to get home? Where am I going to get food?

Once the university settled most of everyone's inquiries, people started to wind down and focus on perhaps one of the most beloved aspects of a snow day: snowball fights. What better



Alex McFry/The Chanticleer

Students engage in a snowball fight on Burgess-Snow field on Tuesday afternoon.

way to celebrate the winter wonderland than by storming the Burgess-Snow field while it is covered in actual snow?

Students hid by

the entrance near the main gates, surprising unsuspecting passerby with a fistful of freshly fallen fluff.

Once inside, it was

every Gamecock for themselves. Soldiers used trash cans on the field as forts, plastic lids from containers as shields, and anything else they could find in an effort to survive one of the coldest wars in the history of JSU. Attackers stole away to the top of the bleachers to pelt their enemies from above—or to seek refuge for a few short minutes.

Some male students entered the Stadium wearing nothing but a pair of athletic shorts, attempting to prove

that there was no such thing as “too cold.” Their wind-beaten, bloodshot torsos seemed to prove their theory wrong.

Outside of the Stadium, students turned their armor into sleds, racing down the hill in front of the Gamecock Diner to see who could prove victorious in yet another competition—either an attempt to gain even *more* bragging rights, or to redeem their pride from the loss suffered at the hands of dozens of snowballs.

Date pending for ‘Sleep Out for the Homeless’

Kara Chatham
Staff Writer

Could you imagine what it would be like to sleep under the stars? No tent, no sleeping bag, nothing but the clothes on your back to keep you warm. Could you imagine having to spend the night in the winter storm that happened this week? This is something that people go through on a daily basis.

Because of this Phi Beta Sigma and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) have created an event where they hope the outcome is a better appreciation for the roofs that cover our heads.

“Sleep Out for the Homeless” is an event created to raise awareness of what the homeless community faces in their lives. It is hosted by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and RHA.

RHA and Phi Beta Sigma are

teaming up for this event because of Phi Beta Sigma member Donovan Wilson, who is also a member of RHA. He presented the idea to RHA because he “felt that it would have a greater impact from a housing perspective since part of RHA's mission is to create a greater appreciation for housing.”

There will be a guest speaker, Dr. Nancy Stewart, to help inform the student population of

what goes on in the homeless community.

There will be a competition and prizes and of course, free food and drinks. This will be happening on the quad. This event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Due to the weather troubles of that day the event has been rescheduled.

Housing has not set a new date yet.

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that week? I instantly started thinking of what I had to do to make this trip possible.”

Annesty, 25, went on a film tour study class to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, through JSU last summer. It was there, while he and the other students were helping on the set of a movie, that Annesty made an impression on 1st Assistant Director (A.D.) Artist Robinson. Robinson is also one of the many 1st A.D.s at work on *Divergent*.

On the set of *Divergent*, Annesty is a Production Assistant (P.A.).

“The P.A.s are basically the

management staff for a movie production,” Annesty explains. “Sometimes the P.A. group has multiple jobs to do in order to make the set run as smoothly as possible.”

Annesty is responsible for the distribution of paperwork such as time cards and time sheets every day and says that he is also in charge of the producer's table. “This means the first thing I have to do when I come in to work is set up the producer's table in the exact spot they want it, with the exact type of chair to go with it,” he says. “If this isn't done right, I have been told that



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JSU student Zach Annesty watches as stunts are rehearsed on the set of ‘Divergent’ Sunday in Los Angeles, Calif.

the producers have the right to fire any person they want to just because they aren't happy with the progress of the movie.”

Divergent is based on a book of the same name by Veronica Roth. It follows a dystopian society that is divided into five sections, each

of which cultivates a different virtue in its residents. When residents are 16 years old, they choose the faction in which they must live for the rest of their lives, even if that means saying goodbye to their family and friends. The story focuses on one girl, Beatrice ‘Tris’ Prior, who has a secret that may destroy her or could help save the people she loves from an unraveling society.

Annesty admits that even though he is working on the movie, he has never read the *Divergent* book series. “I have actually never read any of these books that have been turning into movies,” he says. “What I do is have

my fiancé buy the books and have her tell me about them in detail. I hate to read.”

Annesty that he is a fan of *Divergent* based on the summaries that he's heard and read.

Annesty plans to complete his degree program and graduate from JSU in 2014. His career goals are to become well-known in the filmmaking industry and doing whatever he can in the craft.

He will fly back to Jacksonville on February 2nd to continue his studies.

Divergent stars Shailene Woodley, Miles Teller, Kate Winslet, and Theo James. It opens in theaters and IMAX March 21st, 2014.

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Students selected to display their work give a ten to fifteen minute speech, either reading from a formal paper or presenting a poster.

Oftentimes, the projects are the product of close collaboration between the student and a faculty member, a rather unconventional phenomenon.

Dr. Jan Case, the director of the Symposium, finds this one of the event's most inspiring aspects. “That's one of the great things about JSU. To have this many undergraduates involved in research with their faculty is really unusual.”

Students have many incentives to participate, however, aside from the pleasure of working closely with their professors. Although it's difficult to judge an

English essay against a scientific report, the Symposium Committee and Judges have found a way to reward the best presentations.

Awards are categorized by subject and level (undergraduate and graduate). Even the cover of the Symposium program is an art competition, the best submitted design selected in advance and used during the proceedings.

Of course, presenting at the Symposium isn't about winning to most of those participating.

According to Gillian McCary, senior at JSU and participant in the Symposium, “Regardless of who wins, I am honored and thrilled to be able to share my work about the burgeoning genre of literature for young adults with an appreciative scholarly audience, as well as hear the work and research of

other participants.”

It's certainly clear why students from across the many departments of the College of Arts and Sciences choose to present. But it's not just those conducting research that have something to gain.

Anyone with a sincere interest in learning and expanding their intellectual horizons has firm reason to attend. Dr. Jan Case confesses that the week of the Symposium is her favorite week of the year. “I learn so much. They're doing chemistry experiments, looking at interpretations of literature, different art techniques, art history, political science.. There's just so much. You'll see stuff you had no idea was going on at JSU.”

Even more exciting this year is JSU's collaboration with the Alabama Junior Academy of Sci-

ence. AJAS works in conjunction with the Alabama Academy of Science, and strives to inspire interest in science in high school students.

The top students from seven different counties have been invited to present their work this year at JSU. “About an hour of the event is blocked out for these students,” says Dr. Case. “It's nice that they'll be able to see JSU and maybe think about coming here one day.”

The College of Arts and Sciences Student Research Symposium will be held on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Presentations on the 5th of February will begin at 8:30 and continue until 4:00.

Presentations on the 6th of February will begin at 9:00 and end at 5:00. Awards will be given that same day at 5:30.

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REST IN PEACE: The four-year degree

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Just like gas prices as low as 15 cents a gallon, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Fireside Chats, and a prescription for cigarettes from a family physician for that morning cough, obtaining a four-year college degree in a four-year period is a thing of the past.

Recent graduation reports from Jacksonville State University show that less than ten percent of full-time, first-time freshman graduate in four years or less.

JSU reported the graduation rate of all first-time, full-time freshmen entering JSU in 2006 revealing that 9.58 percent graduated by 2010, 22.78 percent graduated by 2011, and 28.57 percent graduated by 2012.

"We see that graduation is taking longer than four years," said John Rosier, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at JSU. "We see students lasting longer than six years."

A study surveying Communication students in level 300 classes or above at JSU revealed that 73.77 percent of surveyed students will take longer than four years to graduate.

In order to improve graduation and time to completion rates, the individual colleges and degree programs offered at JSU were urged to cut the total amount of credit hours needed to obtain a degree from 128 to 120 total credit hours.

"We were challenged by the dean and the provost to reduce our programs to 120 hours, which shorten most of [the programs] by eight [credit hours]. That's not a full semester, but depending on whether a student takes summer classes

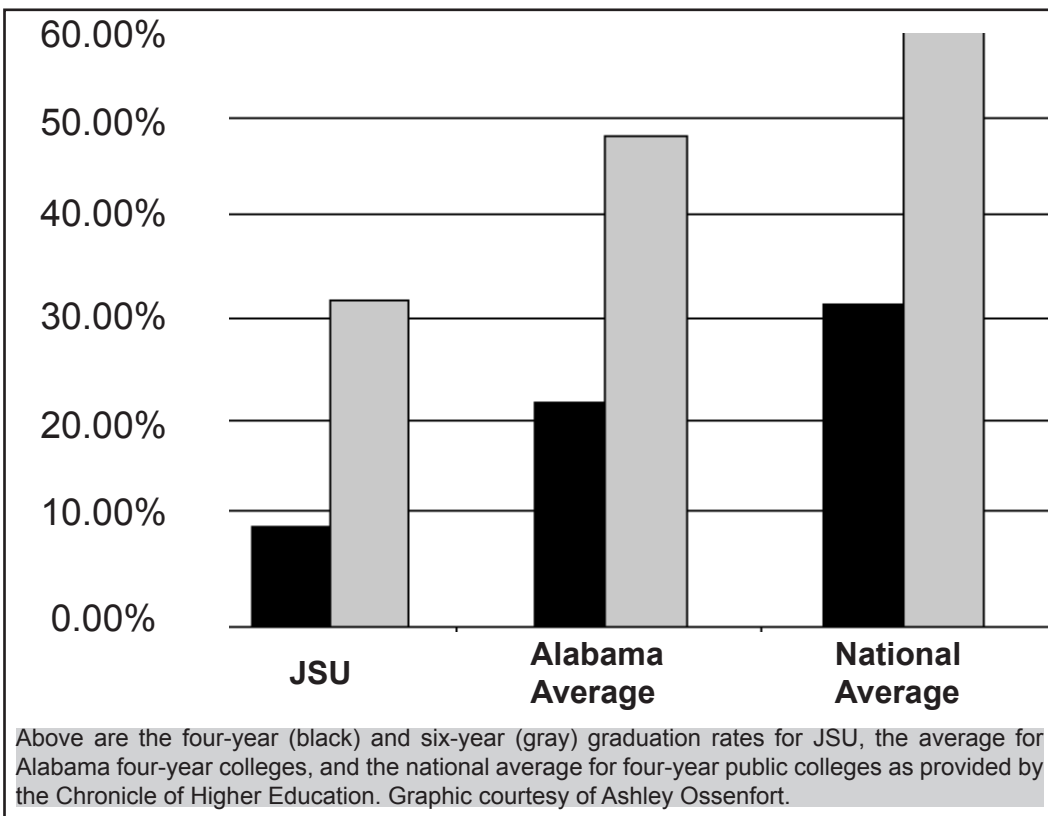
or not, feasibly a student could graduate in less than four years now," said Dr. Jordan Barkley, Associate Dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies at JSU.

Changes to the general degree requirements started in the 2011-2012 school year, shortening the major and minor requirements from a minimum of 64 hours to a

rates of only first-time, full-time freshmen. Part-time students, transfer students, and others are not included in the report.

The 2006 study for JSU included 1,106 first-time, full-time freshman—which accounted for only 16.3 percent of the undergraduate enrollment.

Colleges and universities are also



requirement of between 60 to 64 credit hours. The total general degree requirements for degrees offered at JSU now vary between 120 and 129 credit hours.

"It's a school-wide initiative. Provost Turner has encouraged all program heads to look at where they can [cut the programs] to try to get the numbers of hours trimmed to 120," said Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies Dr. John Hammett. "A lot of our programs here have done that. Some, by the nature of the program, haven't been able to whittle down below that, but they all have made strides in getting that accomplished."

The methods for reporting graduation rates used by institutions of higher education may not be effective in giving an accurate picture of what is happening to four-year graduation rates.

Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 requires all institutions of higher education that participate in a Federal Financial Aid program to record and report the graduation

required to report the retention rate of full-time, first-time freshman to show how many were enrolled in the college a year later. JSU reports a retention rate that has remained between 67 and 69 percent since 2005.

Of the Communication students surveyed, 49 percent responded that they felt that it was not important to graduate within in four-year period. Fifty-five percent of respondents stated that their family also felt that graduating within a four-year period was not important.

There are many variables that can affect graduation rates and the time it takes to complete a college degree, which makes finding a way to fix the problem difficult for JSU administrators and faculty.

"All of our students are very different. We've got a very diverse enrollment, which I think makes the educational experience very rich, but it also means it's harder to say this is it, this is the one thing that [should be done]," said Simmons. "If we knew that it would be so easy."

Campus crime report

01/27/2014
Medical
Emergency
Martin Hall

01/25/2014
Information Report
Colonial Arms
Apartments

01/24/2014
Welfare Check
Bibb Graves

01/24/2014
Automobile
Accident
Nelson Street

01/24/2014
Information Report
The Grove
Apartments

01/23/2014
Criminal Mischief
Pete Mathews
Coliseum Parking
Lot

01/23/2014
Duty Upon Striking
an Unattended
Vehicle
Pete Mathews
Coliseum Parking
Lot

Upcoming SGA events:

February 3rd
Traffic Court
TMB Auditorium
4:00 PM

February 3rd
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 4th
Organizational
Council Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

February 5th-6th
SGA Blood Drive
TMB Auditorium
10:30 AM-4:00 PM

February 10th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 11th
Student Activities
Council
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

February 12th
Ali Rasheed
Cromwell
6:00 PM

February 14th
Valentines Day

Chicken Scratch

It took me two and a half hours to get home on Highway 21 Tuesday... for a split second I almost wished I lived on campus. But then I actually thought about that and was like, no flipping way, Jose.

The rest of the nation was worried about things that matter, like the State of the Union. Here in Jacksonville, we were all too busy trying to survive a #snowpocalypse to even care.

I've just come up with a new mathematical relationship: the rate at which an Alabamian's driving skills deteriorate is inversely proportional to the amount of snow on the ground. Brilliance!



7-day weather forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Clear	Clear	Partly cloudy	Rain	Chance of rain	Chance of rain	Chance of rain
High: 43 Low: 22	High: 53 Low: 34	High: 59 Low: 49	High: 58 Low: 46	High: 55 Low: 45	High: 62 Low: 39	High: 42 Low: 24

Arts & Entertainment

Calhoun County Community Band looking for musicians

Jessica Graham
Staff Writer

The Calhoun County Community Band wants JSU students to join their group of musicians who perform around the county.

The band is a way for people in Calhoun County who are not involved with an official band to come together and play music.

It is open to all ages and meets only once a week on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Jacksonville High School.

The purpose of the band is to create an outlet for people in the county to play music with other musicians, according to Donnie Machen, the current president of the band.

"There's so many that go to Jacksonville State," said Machen. "A lot of those folks have played in the band in high school, but when they got to college, they didn't want to be in The Southerners or they didn't have time to do that."

The Community Band began a year and a half ago, and has continued strong. The members have performed many concerts over

this time, including a performance with a hundred-voice choir for a fireworks celebration last July.

The members of the band hope to create more of a name for themselves in order to gain new musicians who want to have a good time.

"We want the group to grow," said Machen, "and I think that's been one of our problems—being able to get the word out around the county that the band even exists."

Their main hope at the current time is to spread the word to JSU students about this musical outlet for those who do not have time to join The Southerners.

"We would love to pull JSU students," said Machen, "because I know a lot of them have formerly had band experience and, if they knew about it, would probably like the opportunity to play again."

Pam Smith, a retired band director from Pleasant Valley High School, also expressed reasons why the band would be good for JSU students.

"I think being around

some retired band directors, like myself and others, could give them great experience to help them as they further their career in music," she said.

Smith also believed the band to be a good way of connecting with others.

"I think music is important within the community," said Smith, "and I think seeing the friends and neighbors being able to make music as adults is good, and is a good example for the students, both in high school and college."

The Calhoun County Community band presents a new way to become involved in the culture of the community and will be a good source of musical expression for college students.

"We would love, dearly love," said Machen, "to get more JSU students to come and be involved with us."

The band's next performance will be on April 12 for 'Spring on the Square' in Jacksonville at 5 p.m.

The website for the band will soon be open and can be found at calcoband.org or on their Facebook page



Jayme Wagner performing in the talent portion of the 2014 Miss JSU scholarship pageant.

Steve Latham/JSU

Miss JSU 2014: Jayme Wagner

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Two weeks ago, a new Miss JSU was crowned to represent Jacksonville State University in the Miss Alabama pageant that, if our Miss JSU is successful, will lead to the Miss America pageant.

Jayme Wagner, our new Miss JSU, was a finalist in last year's Miss JSU pageant and 1st runner up to Sara Beth Drake, Miss JSU 2013. Wagner is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The Miss JSU, Miss Alabama, and the Miss America pageants will provide scholarship money to the lady crowned and for those who are runners up.

The Miss Alabama pageant, which will take place in June 2014 at the Wright Center on Samford University's campus, has records going back to 1921 detailing those who have been crowned Miss Alabama. A Miss Alabama has been crowned as Miss America a total of three times.

The first deaf-mute to be crowned Miss America, Heather McCallum, was also the first Miss JSU to be crowned Miss America.

The Miss Alabama pageant is a not-for-profit event that provides scholarship funding for its participants and propels those involved into the limelight. This light that is shed on the ladies that participate can allow them to be involved in changing lives and influencing those around them to consider their ideas and opinions.

The Miss America pageant, taking place in September of this year, is widely watched and judged, similar to the Miss



Steve Latham/JSU

Alabama in its goals and influence.

The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women.

Last year, the Miss America Organization and its state and local organizations made available more than \$45 million in cash and scholarship assistance.

As the representative for JSU, Jayme Wagner will be participating in the Miss Alabama pageant in June.

If she is crowned Miss Alabama, she will go on to participate in the Miss America pageant.

As Miss JSU, Wagner is required to perform community service.

These requirements will become more significant if she succeeds in winning the title on Miss Alabama.

Task management applications: to use or not to use

There is nothing new about college students being an extremely busy demographic group and nothing makes life easier than being able to manage time efficiently. New technologies are able to provide students and all busy professional many ways to manage time better.

One of these technologies are task management applications. If you don't know what task management applications are... well the name strongly hints what it is. They are applications to help you better sort your busy schedule and make your time more productive.

There are many task managers offered for free as well as for sale and they typically function on any internet connected device.

Though many paid features of task managers are probably more useful to a business owner or someone in charge of a team, simple task managers are nonetheless useful to a college student with a busy schedule.

An example of such an app is HiTask which offers features such as Google Calendar synchronization, recording time spent on projects and project management, plus drag-and-drop file sharing. HiTask offers its application for computers and also for iPhone and Android devices. There are also features of this application specifically designed for teams. The time consuming process of having to email documents to team members or delegating on projects can now be done using one task manager.

This might sound like something more suitable for working professionals, but its utility to college students can be just as good, especially if that student is in some type of leadership position. Even those not in a leadership position may find this ex-

tremely helpful since many college students work while also attending college.

The burden of working while going to school can be very harsh when time is not managed correctly. Some people think the features of task management apps are too complex, and pretty much useless, but there are some that are simple enough to meet each person's specific needs.

Using a task management application will make it a lot easier to remember to turn in an assignment or email a professor back.

So a task manager just sounds like a fancy name for a to-do list right? They are very similar, but have a few differences.

The features of task managers give a person more options and flexibility with organizing on how to do tasks, not just what to do. Many of them are oriented towards business professionals with features specifically for working in teams, but knowing that some college campuses can have hundreds of student organizations, there has to be a way to manage these groups, or waste a lot of time.

To-Do lists are just simple bullet point lists with reminders, which is something you would typically use when going to do some shopping.

Better time management just means a smoother life. As a student, having poor time management skills will lead to poor grades, higher stress, and neglect of personal relationships.

As a professional, it could cause you to lose your job. Task managers are a great way to sort a busy schedule and organize your life so you can become a better student, or an overall more efficient individual.

-via *Uwire*

JSU to host Children's Honor Choir

On Saturday, February 1 the Choral Activities area of the JSU David L. Walters Department of Music will host a Children's Honor Choir Festival for students in grades 1 through 6.

This event is entitled "A Super Celebra-

tion of Music Education" and will feature three choirs who will work with expert clinicians throughout the day and then present a concert at 6 p.m. for friends and family in the Leone Cole Auditorium

-via *JSU Newswire*

Drama department to present 'Kiss Me, Kate' in February

Jacksonville Theatre will be presenting *Kiss Me, Kate* beginning February 20 at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on the campus of Jacksonville State University. Directed by Michael Boynton, with choreography by Thomas Dewayne Barrett and musical direction by Jeremy Stovall, the production is sure to be a good one.

Brush up your Shakespeare for the classic show-within-a-show which has been delighting audiences since its debut in 1948, and gained a new following with its Tony Award-winning 1999 revival! Producer, director, and leading man Fred C. Graham is looking for a hit with his musical version of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, but gets more drama than he bargained for when he casts his ex-wife, the diva Lilli Vanessi. Art imitates life as the stars battle their way through an outrageous opening night that includes a visit from a would-be Vice President and two suspicious "businessmen" who join the cast at the last minute. The classic Cole Porter score includes "Another Op'nin', Another Show," "So In Love," and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare."

With jazz-inspired choreography, whimsical sets and costumes, and the largest orchestra yet, *Kiss Me, Kate* promises to be a rare treat. Don't miss this sophisticated and charming musical comedy featuring a large cast of students and favorite faculty members, including our very own Carlton Ward!

Tickets on sale now at \$15 for adults, \$12 JSU personnel and seniors, \$10 for children, military and students, and \$8 for a group of 10 or more.

-JSU Newswire



Hugh Laurie has produced two music albums.

Entertainment: Did you know?

Hugh Laurie, better known as Dr. Gregory House from the hit television show *House*, is actually an extremely talented musician.

Laurie has put out two albums with the first, entitled 'Let Them Talk', borrowing heavily from jazz classics.

Laurie stagnated his television career (making millions for just one episode) in order to further his music career.

-via *Uwire*

Hypnotist Fonteneau to Highlight Double Reed Day Benefit

Ready for a one-of-a-kind experience of wonder and art?!

Come to the JSU Double Reed Studio Hypnotism Extravaganza on Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are available now at the main entrance of Mason Hall for \$5; tickets at the door will be \$7. Credit cards and cash are Accepted.

The show begins at 6:30, a second show at 8:30 pending!

Get your tickets and get excited for a great night of entertainment!

Proceeds support the Double Reed Studio and Double Reed Day on February 8.

-JSU Newswire

Bass Fest a hit at Java Jolt

Marie McBurnett

Staff Writer

The JSU Double Bass Quartet and Jazz Combo performed at Java Jolt on Monday night at 7 p.m. as part of the first ever Bass Fest, an event sponsored by the David L. Walters Department of Music.

"It's a slightly more informal setting," said Dr. James Woodward, Assistant Director of Music Theory and Composition. "It's also nice to have a cup of coffee and listen to music." Woodward was also one of the performers in the Double Bass Quartet.

This was the debut performance by the Double Bass Quartet, with more shows to come in the future.

The Jazz Combo played a jazz style "Hard Bop", which emerged in the 1950s.

"The concert series at Java Jolt gives the students real life experience in performing in front of an audience," said Dr. Andrew Nevala, Director of Jazz Studies. "It is just like they would have to do on a real professional gig."

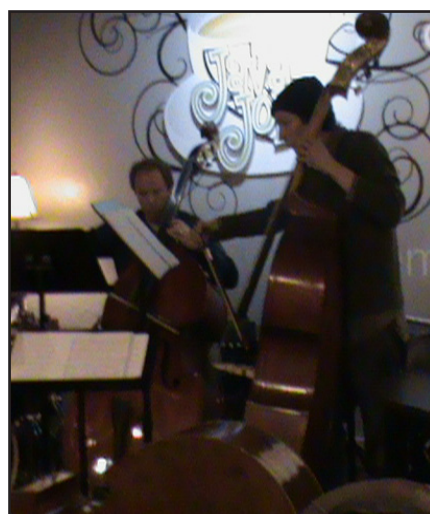
Nevala also directs Jazz Ensembles I, II, III, three Jazz Combos, and the Latin Ensemble.

The Double Bass Quartet is composed of two professors and two students. The

Jazz Combo is made up of six JSU students. There was a keyboardist, bassist, guitarist, trombone player, drummer and saxophone player.

About 30 people were present at any given time. The audience was mostly composed of college students who were enjoying a cup of coffee with the performances. There were many friends of performers in attendance.

The Double Bass Quartet played smooth songs whose names gave way to the style in which they were performed. They captivated the audience. The Jazz Combo played jazz pieces which energized the audience.



JSU Jazz combo and the Bass Quartet perform at Java Jolt

Marie McBurnett/Chanticleer



Upcoming events on and around campus

January 30, 2014

Hypnotist Fonteneau will be performing at the JSU Double Reed Studio Hypnotism Extravaganza at 6:30 p.m. in Mason Hall Performance Center. Ticket Purchase required.

January 31, 2014

Guest artist Rhonda Larson will be performing in Mason Hall performance center at 7:30 p.m. Larson is a grammy award winning artist. Admission is free.

February 1, 2014

JSU will host a Children's Honors Choir in Mason Hall with a concert at 6 p.m. in the MAson Hall performance center. Admission is free.

Movie night sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma in Merrill Hall room 101 beginning at 6 p.m. in order to celebrate Black history Month.

February 3, 2014

M5 - Millennium Quintet will be performing a concert named "A Twist of Classic" at Oxford Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Ticket purchase required.

February 4, 2013

JSU Q ensemble, a group of student composers, will be presenting and performing "A Student Takeover" at 7:30 p.m. in Mason Hall performance center. Free event.

February 5 & 6, 2014

Arts and Sciences student research symposium. A free event beginning at 9 a.m. both days

February 18, 2014

Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble joint concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. The location is tentatively set for the Mason Hall performance center. Free concert

February 19, 2014

Marching Ballerinas will be hosting the first try outs for those interested in becoming a ballerina.

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.

JSU Theatre will be presenting 'Kiss Me, Kate', with performances through March 2, 2014. Call the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center for more information and to buy tickets.

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Opinion & Editorial

Take nothing and no one for granted in 2014

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

On New Year's Eve, my friends and I were discussing our plans and expectations for 2014. This is going to be a year that big things happen. It's the year of the end of college and (fingers crossed) the beginning of careers.

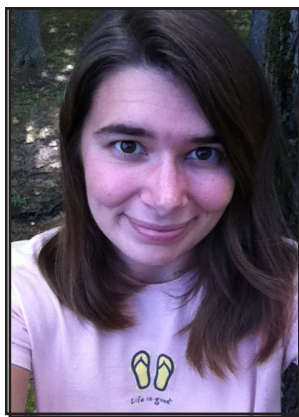
If the month of January was any indication, 2014 is going to be a life-changing year for me and for a lot of people in my life.

My grandmother had been battling both Alzheimer's and cancer in 2013. During the second week of classes this semester, I received a phone call from my mother saying that my grandmother likely had less than a week to live. I told my professors and was excused from class the next day so that I could be with my family.

We spent the entire day in the nursing home. Even though hospice said she probably wouldn't make it past noon, she did. Throughout the day, my parents and aunts and uncles and I would sit in silence and hold my grandmother's hand, or even talk to her even though she couldn't talk back to us. As we watched her slip away from us, we shared memories that we had of her and knew that we

would always be able to hold on to those.

At one point that day, I had stepped out into the hallway of the nursing home when I felt my phone vibrate in my pocket. I had a text from my friend Jennifer, saying that she and her husband just found out that they are expecting a baby girl.



My grandmother's life was ending; a new life was beginning.

As I stumbled numbly into my apartment that Friday evening, my roommate Carly was ecstatic. "I got an interview for my first big-girl job!" she screamed at me. "It's a producing job with a

TV station in Huntsville!" Carly had graduated in December and spent the following weeks busily applying for jobs.

My grandmother died at 12:20 that Saturday morning.

The next day, Sunday, I attended a bridal shower

for one of my best childhood friends, Kali. I sat with my other childhood best friend, Anna, and we reminisced about our goofy, teenage selves.

"You know what?" Anna said. "Last summer was the first time that the three of us didn't spend a weekend together, or even have a shopping day together."

"I guess we were all too busy this past summer," I replied.

On Monday night, Kali and her family came to my grandmother's funeral, and Carly went to dinner with one of the executive producers at the TV station as part of the interview process.

Carly signed her contract with the station last week. My other roommates and I helped her load all of her belongings from our apartment into her car last Saturday. It was the end of Carly's time with us at JSU and the beginning of her time as a morning show producer, and I couldn't be more proud of her.

This Saturday, my roommate Brittany and I plan to go to Huntsville and look at apartments with Carly. And for the rest of this year, I plan to never take anyone or anything for granted, to never be too busy for the people that I care about.

After all, 2014 will be an eventful year.

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The coup de grâce of discourse

By Ariel Clayborn
via UWIRE

Through the rise and fall of civilizations, revolutionary warfare, the emergence of powerful political factions and ever-changing border relations, the complex history of human communication was born. The parasitic nature of imperialism in particular has a familiar role with the way people of various nations communicate within their cultures. How we study language has also altered over the course of time, influenced by economic, social and political factors.

Due to America's wavering economy and education budget cuts, some language programs in schools have been discontinued. For example, not many schools offer Latin courses.

In the distant past, Latin was a thriving language in ancient Roman civilizations and was highly influential in religion. Currently, Latin is casually referred to as a dead language and is usually only consistently practiced among members of the Catholic Church and law students.

The study of foreign languages in the American education system is also facing another obstacle on a national scale: English is taking over the world

market by storm. It is possible to find an English speaker on almost every continent. English is taught as a foreign language in schools overseas, and is a highly valuable asset for acquiring jobs. How will this affect future student motivation to enroll in foreign language courses? Is the impact of English-speaking in foreign nations problematic, if not a potential threat to the study of foreign languages in the American education system?

As Winston Churchill said, "History is written by the victors." Nations all over the world are constantly competing to modernize, create a stable economy and maintain their world status. This competition could shape what languages will be relevant in the American education system. For example, America's relations with Western Europe explain why western European languages are commonly offered in our schools. A few Eastern languages are also offered in American schools, provided that our country has a good relationship with the nation.

If budget cuts further affect our school system's language departments, we're left with an important question: What language department is next on the block?

Obama makes call for action in State of the Union address, promises to circumvent gridlocked Congress

By Colin Pace
via UWIRE

In his annual State of the Union address, President Barack Obama vowed to use everything in his power to help get the American economy back on track and asked for the American people's help in accomplishing his goals.



Official White House photo by Pete Souza

"It is you, our citizens, who make the state of our union strong," the president said.

Obama stressed his commitment to using executive authority when necessary saying "America does not stand still, and neither will I."

"Wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do," he said.

The president went on to announce an Executive Order to raise the minimum wage for federal contractors from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour. He said the current federal minimum wage is worth twenty percent less than what it was when Ronald Reagan was president in the 1980s. Obama then urged America's business leaders to do what they can to raise their employees' wages.

He also reemphasized his commitment to a "cleaner energy policy." Deriding critics of climate change, the president explained why he is so committed to making the United States even more environmentally conscious.

"The debate is settled. Climate change is a fact," he said. "And when our children's children look us in the eye and ask if we did all we could to leave them a safer, more stable world, with new sources of energy, I want us to be able to say 'yes, we did.'"

Obama also responded to the criticisms

about the shaky implementation of his health care law last October. He related the story of a woman who was the beneficiary of the controversial new law.

"A pre-existing condition used to mean that someone like Amanda Shelley, a physician assistant and single mom from Arizona, couldn't get health insurance," Obama said. "But on Jan. 1, she got covered. On Jan. 3, she

felt a sharp pain. On Jan. 6, she had emergency surgery. Just one week earlier, Amanda said, that surgery would've meant bankruptcy."

The president spoke about the goals he has for improving American education and remaining competitive globally. Outlining some of his hopes for the future Obama assured Americans that implementation of a better system will not be easy.

"Some of this change is hard," Obama said. "It requires everything from more challenging curriculum and more demanding parents to better support for teachers and new ways to measure how well our kids think, not how well they can fill in a bubble on a test."

"The bottom line is, Michelle and I want every child to have the same chance this country gave us," Obama said.

Obama stressed the work he is doing to improve America's influence abroad, his commitment to negotiating with world powers to halt the progress of Iran's nuclear program. The president invoked the names of popular past presidents from both political parties in order to gain support for his negotiation strategy.

"If John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan could negotiate with the Soviet Union, then surely a strong and confident America can negotiate with less powerful adversaries today," he said.



Check The Chanticleer's **Opinion & Editorial** page next week for the resumption of Brett Johnson's weekly political column, which was unfortunately disrupted this week by the surprise Snowpocalypse and subsequent closing of campus.

Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

OVC Football Coaching changes:

SE Missouri State:
Out - Tony Samuel (Nov. 26)
In - Tom Matukewicz (Dec. 18)

Easten Illinois:
Out - Dino Babers (Dec. 18)
In - Kim Dameron (Jan 10)

Jacksonville State:
Out - Bill Clark (Jan. 21)
In - John Grass (Jan. 21)

Upcoming Action:

Saturday: Rifle @ Memphis
W Ten @ Ole Miss
W T&F @ Tenn State
WBB @ Morehead State
MBB @ Morehead State
Sunday: Softball Fan Day
Monday: M Ten. @ UAB

NCAA Rifle Top 15:

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

OVC W. Basketball Standings:

East:
Eastern Kentucky (5-2) [11-7]
Tennessee State (5-3) [8-13]
Tennessee Tech (5-3) [8-13]
Belmont (5-4) [8-14]
Jacksonville State (5-5) [9-14]
Morehead State (3-5) [9-12]

OVC M. Basketball Standings:

East:
Belmont (7-1) [16-7]
Morehead State (5-2) [14-8]
Eastern Kentucky (5-3) [14-7]
Jacksonville State (4-5) [10-14]
Tennessee Tech (3-4) [10-12]
Tennessee State (1-5) [2-21]

West:
Murray State (7-1) [12-8]
SIUE (4-4) [7-14]
Eastern Illinois (4-5) [7-14]
Austin Peay (3-4) [9-12]
SE Missouri State (3-5) [11-10]
UT-Martin (2-6) [7-16]

OVC Softball preseason picked:

East:
1. Jacksonville State
2. Eastern Kentucky
3. Tennessee Tech
4. Morehead State
5. Belmont
6. Tennessee State

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

Baseball starts February 14

season preview in next week

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Gamecocks come up short at Murray

MURRAY, Ky. – The Jacksonville State men's basketball team's hard luck at Murray State continued on Saturday night, when the Racers pulled ahead and hung on for a 73-65 Ohio Valley Conference win over the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks (10-14, 4-5 OVC) led for most of the first half but couldn't overcome a late Racers (12-8, 7-1 OVC) run in dropping their ninth game at the CFSB Center in as many trips to the facility.

Junior Darion Rackley scored 18 to lead all scorers, despite struggling from the floor.

The Racers took advantage of the Gamecocks' foul trouble in the post, outrebounding JSU 40-25, including a 13-board effort

from Jonathan Fairell.

The Gamecocks led for most of the first half and all of the final 10 minutes on the clock before a long Fields 3-pointer at the horn gave the Racers a 33-32 halftime lead.

The two exchanged leads six times in the first seven minutes of the second half, when the Racers used a 10-0 run to build their first lead of more than two points of the night at 51-44 with just under 12 minutes to play.

A pair of Rackley free throws got JSU back to within five, but the Gamecocks' drought of 6:11 without a field goal watched Murray race to a 60-50 lead with less than six minutes to play.

JSU scored the next five to get back to within five points, and after the two exchanged buckets, Teraes Clemmons' 3-pointer made it a 67-64 game with 1:19 to play.

The Racers kept answering, twice with driving buckets by Payne, and kept the Gamecocks from getting any closer.

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Rackley led JSU in scoring with 18 points

JSU Tennis opens 2014 with win

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – For the third consecutive year, the Jacksonville State women's tennis team won its season opener over William Carey University on Saturday after blanking the Crusaders, 7-0.

WCU, a perennial NAIA power, played for the NAIA National Championship a season ago, falling to Auburn-Montgomery in the finals. Last season, JSU topped WCU 5-2 and in 2011-12 the Gamecocks edged the Crusaders, 4-3.

Jax State took the early advantage in the match by winning the doubles point. After winning by default at No. 3, JSU's top tandem of senior Raisa Guasti and sophomore Olivia Nguyen teamed up for the first time this season to post an 8-1 victory over WCU's duo of Malin Collin and Anne Bauer. JSU's junior tandem of Zoe Bizinos and Danielle Kerindi started the season with a ousting of Layla Accorsi and McKinsey Boss, 8-2. Aleksandra Cmilijic and Isidora Knezevic won by default.

In singles, the Gamecocks won in straight sets in the four matches played as it won a pair of matches by default at No. 5 and 6. Guasti notched a 6-2, 6-2 win over Collin at the top singles spot, while Nguyen made quick work of Bauer at No. 2, winning 6-1, 6-1. Kerindi downed Accorsi 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3, while Bizinos blanked Boss, 6-0, 6-0.

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No. 1 defense faces No. 1 offense in Super Bowl XLVIII

Marvel Robinson
Sports Writer

The Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks will meet in East Rutherford, N.J. at MetLife Stadium for Super Bowl XLVIII.

The Super Bowl match-up between the two teams seems to be an even match-up as they both enter the championship game as No. 1 seeds. The Seahawks are ranked No. 1 in the NFC and finished the regular season with a 13-3 overall record. That same 13-3 record follows the Broncos as they are ranked No. 1 in the AFC. The two teams also share the same home and away record. The Broncos and Seahawks both finished 7-1 at home and 6-2 on the road. It slightly differs with the conference record as Seattle finished 10-2 while Denver finished 9-3 in their conference.

Since both teams were No. 1 seeds in their conference, they were rewarded home-field advantage throughout the playoffs as well as a first round bye. In the divisional round of the playoffs, the Broncos beat the San Diego Chargers 24-17. The Seahawks won their divisional round 23-15 against the New Orleans

Saints. Seattle and Denver would then play in their own Conference Championship game. Seattle won the NFC Championship game against the San Francisco 49ers with a final score of 23-17. Denver won the AFC Championship by beating the New England Patriots 26-16. Now, the Broncos and Seahawks will meet in the Super Bowl to see who takes home the Vince Lombardi trophy.

Seattle has the No. 1 defense in the league and Denver has the No. 1 offense. The Broncos have earned the most yards and most points this season while the Seahawks allow the fewest yards and fewest points. Going into the Super Bowl, Seattle is best known for their defense led by cornerback Richard Sherman. Denver is best known for their offense led by quarterback Peyton Manning.

Seattle's cornerback Richard Sherman leads his team as well as the NFL in interceptions this season with eight. His teammate Bobby

Wagner leads the team in tackles with a total of 120. On the offensive side, running back Marshawn Lynch is the leader in rushing yards for this year playoffs with 249 yards. As far as the Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, this is his first Super Bowl appearance in just his second year.

During this 2013-14 NFL season, Denver's quarterback Peyton Manning threw for an NFL record 55 touchdown passes and 5,477 passing yards. Manning's No. 1 wide receiver, Demaryius Thomas, has 1,430 receiving yards, 92 receptions and 14 touchdowns on the season. Linebacker Danny Trevathan leads the Broncos defense in tackles for the season with a total of 128 and 3 interceptions.

This will be the 54th meeting between the two teams as the Broncos already lead the series 34-19. Denver also won the last game they played against Seattle which was back in 2010 with a final score favoring Denver 31-14. However, none of those

53 games were for the Super Bowl. This 54th game is the Super Bowl where it will be the Denver Broncos seventh appearance and the Seattle Seahawks second appearance. The Broncos are searching for their third Super Bowl victory as they stand 2-4 in this Championship game. Their last Super Bowl appearance was in 1998 against the Atlanta Falcons in which Denver won. This will be the Seahawks second appearance in the Super Bowl as they lost the first one to the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2005. Seattle is hoping for their first Super Bowl win.

Both Coaches are also seeking their first Super Bowl win. John Fox is in his third year as head coach with the Denver Broncos while Pete Carroll is in his fourth year as head coach with the Seattle Seahawks.

The weather for this year Super Bowl seems to be very cold as the forecast calls for mid 30s during the day and mid 20s during the late evening. There is a slight chance of rain and even snow. This Super Bowl could beat the coldest Super Bowl in NFL History which was Super Bowl VI in 1972. It was 39 degrees at the site in New Orleans. The Dallas Cowboys can remember in which they defeated the Miami Dolphins 24-3.



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Jacksonville State's 2014 softball team begins the 2014 next Friday at Mississippi State for the Bulldog Kickoff Classic.

Gamecock Softball team ready for 2014 season

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

In one week the Jacksonville State softball team will be preparing to open the 2014 season and will do so as the reigning Ohio Valley Conference tournament champions looking to for another strong season. The 2014 campaign tests the Gamecocks against some of the stiffest competition in the state as well as throughout the country.

The Gamecocks opens the season next Friday, February 7 in Starkville, MS at the Mississippi State Bulldog Kickoff Classic. JSU will open the season playing Northern Kentucky and will then face Mississippi Valley State twice as well as the hosting Bulldogs twice to end the weekend. JSU knocked off an SEC foe on the road last season when they beat Arkansas in its tournament.

The following weekend coach McGinnes' squad will be on the road in Charleston, S.C. for Charleston Southern's tournament which will also feature Maine and St. Bonaventure. JSU will to the state to face Alabama A&M, who JSU swept a year ago, in Huntsville and then will head down to the Plains for

Auburns tournament starting on February 21. There, the Gamecocks will face Auburn, a 30-win team a year ago, who returns 14 letterwinners and also Purdue out of the Big Ten which took down programs like Michigan State, Nebraska, Penn State and Ohio State in 2013.

Jax State will then take off for the final tournament of the season when it returns to South Carolina for Coastal Carolina's Chanticleer Challenge in Myrtle Beach. JSU will face some of the toughest competition to date here opening with Coastal, the defending Big South champion and 2014 preseason favorite, on March 6 before facing Furman out of the Southern Conference and also the SoCon's 2013 champion, Appalachian State Mountaineers.

Finally, 20 games into the season the Gamecocks will suit up in Jacksonville and take the field against Ball State. JSU will open University Field which underwent renovations for the second straight offseason and now features sunken dugouts. The win in the first game home won't be easy against the 2013 MAC champions who posted a 37-17 record a season ago.

The Gamecocks then enter conference play and will host series against Tennessee Tech, Eastern Illinois and SIU-Edwardsville before going to Tennessee State, Austin Peay and Murray State. JSU will have additional home series against Morehead State and Belmont as well as road contests at SEMO, UT-Martin and finishing the season at Eastern Kentucky.

Between the OVC series, JSU will host in-state foes UAB and Samford on March 18 and April 3 respectively. UAB comes off a 40-win season with a team that won the Conference USA title on its way to reaching the NCAA Super Regionals. The Gamecocks will play Middle Tennessee State and Georgia State at home during the 2014 season.

The goal will be one game at a time and one series after another with their sights set on earning a high seed in the conference tournament to make another run at reaching the NCAA tournament. Jacksonville State proved last season when it won the OVC tournament as a sixth seed, the lowest seed ever to win the tournament, that it can never be counted out.

Track & Field duo set new school marks at Gladstein Invite

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Junior Danielle Moss shattered Jacksonville State's indoor shot put record on day one of the Gladstein Invitational on the Indiana University campus.

Moss, a member of the field contingent on the Jax State squad, broke the program's indoor record in the shot put with a record-breaking toss of 13.38m (43' 10"). Moss turned in a top 10- finish with the mark. The previous record of 41' 10" was set by Ebony Moore during the 2009 campaign. The Conley, Ga.-native had a personal best mark of 12.57m which was established at the 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships.

Another Jacksonville State indoor record was broken on Saturday at the Gladstein Invitational as senior Kevyn Tracy etched her name in the program's record book in the 600 meter run.

Tracy, from Austell, Ga., established the new record in the event after clocking a time of 1:37.50, which bested Iona Citireg's previous mark of 1:38.07 set during the 2011 indoor season. Her time placed her fourth among the 26 participants in the field. Tracy's solid day did not end there as 45 minutes later, she turned in a personal-best time in the 800 meter event. She clocked a mark of 2:17 in the event to finish third. Her previous personal indoor best of 2:17.46 was registered at the 2013 OVC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Senior Shamira Barrett closed out an outstanding weekend on Saturday by winning the 200 meter dash. After claiming silver in the 400 meter dash on Friday, the Adairsville, Ga.-native crossed the finish line in 24.98. Barrett was competing against 42 other competitors in the event.

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Coach Pietri turning around Jax State women's basketball program

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Rick Pietri is making a strong push for coach of the year through the Jacksonville State athletic programs. He's brought energy and passion to a sport and program that had been scraping the bottom of the barrel the past few years. The women's basketball team is in the midst of a three-game winning-streak, and if that doesn't seem impressive may we remind you of the 28 games a season ago, JSU won only one... just one.

The Gamecocks are 9-14 following their 69-65 victory over Austin Peay on Monday night. The past two seasons combined for JSU under a previous coach produced a record of 5-52. However, for Pietri, this is nothing new.

Coach Pietri was hired from South Alabama over the summer. Through 13 years Pietri become the winningest coach in Lady Jags history and transformed the program into constant winner while winning multiple conference championships in the Sun Belt. But Rick Pietri built that, all of that. Prior to his arrival at USA, the

Jaguars hadn't had a single winning season in over a decade. Just over a decade later he left with 220 wins on his resume.

Now he's transforming Jacksonville State. The players are having more fun, they say practice is more exciting and the games have to be now that they have a chance to win them. While getting the feel for his new team the Gamecocks got out to a 2-9 start on the season. However, that did come to tough competition which included visits to Ole Miss and Auburn. Since then, JSU has posted a 7-5 and is currently riding a three-game win streak after road wins at Murray State and Austin Peay last weekend.

The Gamecocks started 0-4 in OVC play, but have won five of their last six to even the conference record at 5-5. Candace Morton has led throughout the season, but she's now receiving more assistance on offense. During the first four OVC games



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Coach Pietri talks with player Candace Morton during a break.

Briana Benson and Miranda Cantrell averaged 4.2 and 7.5 points a game where in the last six they've both averaged just over 11. Shooting in general has improved as the 38 percent field goal shooting through the first four has improved to 42 percent throughout the last six. Still, one of the largest factors may be the ball control. JSU was allowing 16 turnovers and only forcing 4 steals, where the numbers are now down to only ten turnovers and up to six steals. So where JSU was giving the opponent

75 percent more possessions off turnovers, that percentage is down now to only 40 percent.

Coach Pietri's squad has six games remaining and is now fighting for a spot in the conference tournament which would be their first time reaching the postseason since 2010. The vibe is certainly different surrounding women's basketball and The Pete is drawing a larger crowd earlier now as fans don't just trickle in late to catch the men's game if it follows.