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.

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, however.

“This is JSU mainly trying to keep up with itself,” said Wagner, “and making itself more marketable, keep us up with the times.”

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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 phytochemical 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.

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

Hollywood recently called one JSU student, and he answered. Zach Amnesty, 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,” Amnesty says. “The first thought I had after I sat there for a while was, ‘What do I have going on with the times.’

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Student Research Symposium to be held next month

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

way to celebrate the winter wonderland surrounding the Burgess-Snow field while it is covered in snow now. Students hid by the entrance near the main gates, surprised unsuspecting passerby with a fistful of freshly fallen fluff. Once inside, it was every Gamecock for themselves. Soldiers used the field as fort, plastic lids from containers and anything else they could find to support their effort to survive wars in the history of JSU. Attackers slide to the top of the bleachers to watch from above—or to seek refuge for a few short minutes. Some students enter the Stadium wearing nothing but a pair of athletic shorts, attempting to prove that there was no such thing as "too much" snow. The battle, bloodshot torsos seemed to confirm that the wrong side of the Stadium, turned to animal form, skewered into sleds, racing down the hill in front of the Student Union. Diner to see who could go the farthest, the most in another competition—either trying to gain even more bragging rights, or to redeem their pride from the loss suffered at the bands of dozens of snowballs.

Sleep Out for the Homeless

This is something that people go to extreme lengths to keep you warm. The roofs that cover our heads are an event where they hope the outcome of the event's most inspiring aspect would be like to sleep under the stars? No tent, no sleeping bag, no blanket. 

Kara Chatham
Staff Writer

Could you imagine what it would be like to be without the stars? No tent, no sleeping bag, no blanket?

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than by storming the winter wonderland that happened this summer? This is something that people go through on a daily basis. It isn't done right, I think of something that I have to make the set run as smoothly as possible. 

Assistant Director (P.A.)

Annesty explains. "The group has multiple tables. This means the first thing I have to make sure in set is that every table in the exact same. "The person with the correct type of chair to go with your table isn't done right, I have been told that because of this Phi Beta Sigma and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) have created an event where they hope the outcome of the event's most inspiring aspect would be like to sleep under the stars? No tent, no sleeping bag, no blanket. 

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

JSU reported the graduation rate of full-time, full-time freshman entering JSU in 2010, revealing that 9.38 percent graduated by 2013, 22.79 percent graduated by 2011, and 35.17 percent graduated by 2012.

“We see graduation 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 less than four years now, said Dr. John Hammett. “A lot of our students are very diverse. We've got a very diverse enrollment, which makes finding a way to record and report the graduation rate of all first-time, full-time freshmen— which is also important.”

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Miss JSU 2014: Jayme Wagner

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 Sura 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, was going up to 1923 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, Miss McCall, was also the first Miss JSU to be crowned Miss America. The Miss America pageant is a not-for-profit event that provides scholarship funding for its participants and propsels 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 Alabama pageant, taking place in September of this year, is widely watched and judged, similar to the Miss America pageant.

In Alabama’s 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 in-kind donations to deserving young women.

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.
Jacksonville Theatre will be presenting Kiss Me, Kate!, a musical comedy, at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on the campus of Jacksonville State University. Directed by Michael Boyston, with choreography by Thomas Downey 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 a powerhouse hit since 1945, 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 shrewish Katherine of Verona, Art Miller as Petruchio, a guy who needs to tame 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 Coke Porter score includes another “Another Op’ry”, “Another Show”, “So In Love,” and “Break 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 so-called “hard bop” of a musical, running February 20th-23rd at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center for more information and to purchase tickets contact the Ernest Stone Performance Center. Ticket Purchase required.

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. Admission is free.

January 31, 2014
Guest artist Rhonda Larson will be performing in MAxon 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 Mxon Hall performance center. Admission is free.

February 3, 2014
MJ5 - 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.

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. Admission is free.

February 19, 2014
Marching Bandannas will be hosting the first try out 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, “Specialty for All”, at 4 p.m. in Leonce 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.

Have an event you would like to see covered?

Contact a member of The Chanticleer staff by emailing chantynewstips@gmail.com

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By Ariel Clayborn

Through the rise and fall of civilization, the revolutionary warfare, the emergence of powerful political factions and ever-changing relations, the complex history of human communication was born. The first language of nature was the language of imperialism in particular has a familiar role with the way people of various nations communicate with people within their cultures. How we study language has changed over the course of time, influenced by economic, social and political factors. For example, in the United States, some Western languages have been discontinued. For example, not every school offers Latin courses.

In the distant past, Latin was a thriving language in ancient Rome, yet it was the language of Roman civilizations and was highly influential in religious. Currently, Latin is usually considered as a dead language and is usually only consistently practiced among members of the Eastern Orthodox Church and law students.

The effects of each of the foreign languages in the American education system is also facing another obstacle on a national level. The Department of Education is taking over the world market by storm. It is proving that English speaker on almost every continent. And of English language in the United States is a highly valuable asset for acquiring jobs. How border will this affect future student motivation to enroll in English language courses? Is there an increase in English speaking in foreign nations problematic, if not a potential threat to the study of foreign languages in the American education system? As a nation, more and more foreign language competitors could shape what languages not only the American education system, but also how America’s relations with Western Europe explains 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.

By Colin Face

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.

It is you, our citizens, who make the state of the union strong,” the president said. “And when our children’s future is on the line, when our workers are struggling, you have always been there for me.”

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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 the year that I do something for my family.

It’s the year of the end of college and (fingers crossed) the beginning of careers.

If the months of January were any indication, 2014 is going to be a life-changing year for me and my family.

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 had been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s.

We spent the entire day in the parking home. Even though hospice said she probably wouldn’t make it past noon, she did. The same night, 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, I wanted to keep memories that we had of her and knew that we would always be able to hold on to these.

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MURRAY, Ky. – The Jackson- ville State men’s basketball team had a hard back at Murray State continued on Saturday night, when the Racers pulled ahead and took off for a 73-65 Ohio Valley Conference win over the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks (3-4, 0-1 OVC) were down most of the first half but couldn’t overcome a late Racers (12-6, 7-1 OVC) run in dropping their ninth game at the CFSB Center in as many tries this season.

Junior Darian Rackley scored led the back to 10 all across seasons, despite the floor. The Racers took advantage of the Gamecocks’ final mistake in the post, outrebounding JSU 42-28, including a 13-hour effort from Jonathan Fairell.

The Gamecocks led for most of the first half and all but the final 10 minutes on the clock before a long 3-pointer at the horn gave the Gamecocks a 23-22 halftime lead.

The two Racers each scored three times in the first six 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 post of Rackley from the free-throw line got JSU back to within five, but the Gamecocks’ drought of 6:11 and a field goal at 54:20 led a 60-50 to an additional six minutes to play.

JSU scored the next five to get back to within three, and after the two exchanged back-to-back three-pointers, both the Racers and the Gamecocks went scoreless until a long Fields 3-pointer at 2:29 from Jonathan Fairell.

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In one week the Jacksonville State softball team will be packing up to begin the 2014 season and will do so as the reigning Ohio Valley Conference tournament champions looking to for another strong season. In 2013 campaign coach Pietri has turned the game around to some extent to wind up third in the conference. While it was not a top finish for JSU, Coach Pietri knocked off an SEC foe on the road last season when they beat Ole Miss in the tournament.

The following weekend coach D'Arnaud's 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's Big South mates who JSU swept a year ago, in Huntsville and then will head down to the Plains in Auburn for the Tournament of Champions starting on February 21. There, the Gamecocks will face Auburn, a 50-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 Ohio State in 2013.

JSU also will get the chance to build on the momentum they built over the conference season and into the NCAA tournament. The past two seasons combined the program into consecutive years of a three-game winning-streak, a feat which will be tough to repeat. The past few years have been the best in the program since the 1999-2000 season.

The Gamecocks will start 0-4 earlier now as fans don't just trickle in late to catch the men's basketball games any longer. However, that did come with the program's indoor record in the tournament which included visits to Ole Miss and Auburn. Since then, JSU has posted a 7-5 and is currently riding a three-game winning 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 Conde has led through the season, but she's now receiving more assistance on offense. During the first four OVC games Coach Pietri has turned around the 2013 MAC champions who posted a 37-17 record a season ago.

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