

The Chanticleer

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A change in leadership

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

SGA candidate speeches were held Monday, March 3 in the TMB auditorium at 7:00 p.m. so that the student body could learn the values of each candidate.

Brett Johnson is running unopposed for the position of SGA President. He is currently the Vice President of Student Senate. He said in his speech that he would like input from students during his presidency, and his goal is to be an ambassador for JSU to local governments.

The duties of the SGA President include being the Chief Executive Officer of the SGA, attending committee meetings (or sending a representative to committee meetings), attending at least two Student Senate meetings per semester, submitting a budget to the Student Senate for approval, appointing advisors, attending Board of Trustees meetings, and communicating regularly with the JSU President.

Kalyn Cabral and Kenneth Smith are running for the position of Vice President of Student Activities.

Kalyn is a junior majoring in Public Relations. She said that she is currently the social chair for Zeta Tau Alpha, is Vice President of the Public Relations Organization, has been a senator for two years, and was head of the homecoming committee this year. As the Vice President of Student Activities, she would like to implement a homecoming bonfire, increase the number of people attending football tailgates, have a parents' weekend, increase JSU so-



Photo credit: Erika Warren



LEFT, TOP AND BOTTOM: Kalyn Cabral and Kenneth Smith are running against each other for the position of Vice President of Student Activities.

RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Brett Johnson, running for President; Tyler Brown, running for Vice President of the Student Senate; Ariel Tolson, seeking reelection to the office of Vice President of Organizational Affairs.

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Central Technology Fair brings local high schoolers to campus

By Alex McFry
Staff Writer

Last Friday, much to the horror of students at JSU, hundreds of small children flocked to the Jack Hopper dining hall to get lunch. Where did they come from? Why were they here?

All of the students, their teachers, and their parents, were attendees of the 19th annual Alabama Council for Technology in Education (ACTE) Central Technology Fair. In addition to these herds of elementary, middle, and high school students were also the judges and volunteers from various departments around campus that pitched in to make the fair a success this year.

The technology fair allows local high school students to participate in the following categories:

General Applications, Multimedia Applications, Web Site Creation, Video Production, Hardware-Robotics, Computer Project Programming, and the Team Programming Challenge. These categories include anything from PowerPoint presentations for younger students to elaborate robots for the upperclassmen looking to their final years of competition.

For the competition, students are required to submit a completed project in the category of their choice, along with a notebook specifying what program they used, why they decided to create the project, what educational value the project has, and how they completed the project. Students can compete individually or in groups of up to four students total. In addition to their proj-

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Zeta Tau Alpha holds 44th 'Big Man on Campus' fundraising pageant

By Westley Casey
Staff Writer

The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority hosted the 44th annual Big Man on Campus on Monday. Students gathered in high spirits at the Leone Cole Auditorium for a Zeta tradition at Jacksonville State University: raising money for a worthy cause.

This year's Big Man on Campus theme was "Stomp Out Breast Cancer." Each year, male students from a sponsored organization enter to compete in a male talent show and beauty pageant. In addition to the competition, entertainment was provided by the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities in the form of intricate and energetic

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Photo credit: Alex Rainwater

The winner of Monday night's Big Man on Campus, Logan Adams, with second-place contestant Alex Smith (at right) and third-place contestant Eric McIntyre (left).

'Inequality for All' discussion panel examines hard economic truths

By Taylor Brown
Staff Writer

Inequality is considered by many to be a growing problem in the United States. On Monday, February 24, students and teachers alike gathered in the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library to attend a follow-up panel on the film "Inequality for All" by Robert Reich, shown at the Leon Cole Auditorium

Thursday, February 20th. The movie as well as the film was put on by the American Democracy Project, a creation of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

According to Dr. Lori Owens of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, JSU has been involved with the ADP since 2007. The film was displayed at all ADP colleges, but the follow-up panel was created

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cial media usage, and involve professors more than in previous years. She said that she has the time to do the job and will have an open door policy.

Kenneth Smith did not share any of his own ideas for the vice presidency because he said he wants to keep the focus on the students' needs. "If you had a list, I would read that," he said. He wants more student input and to implement their ideas. He said that he has a lot of contacts and has previously conducted successful events, like the Sigma Nu car show.

The duties of the Vice President of Student Activities include planning campus activities sponsored by the SGA, submitting a budget to the SGA President, and presiding over the Student Activities Council.

Ariel Tolson is running unopposed for the position of Vice President of Organizational Affairs. She has held this position for the past year. She is a junior majoring in Exercise Science and Wellness. During her term, she says that she has increased the allocations that student organizations may apply for to \$400 and has improved attendance at organizational council meetings by 25 percent. During her next term, she plans to focus on having more organizations apply for allocations, involving more faculty advisors and chapter presidents, and better utilizing the allocations committee.

Duties of the Vice President of Organizational Affairs include maintaining a record of budget spending, presiding over the Organizational Council, advising Student Senate on matters regarding student organizations, and keeping a record of all student organizations.

Tyler Brown is running unopposed for the position of Vice President of Student Senate. He is a Finance/ International Business major. He has been a Freshman Forum mentor, a JSU Ambassador, and has served on the senate for a year and a half. He said in his speech that he wishes to unify JSU and wants to pass legislation that will benefit and reflect JSU.

The duties of the Vice President of Student Senate include presiding over the senate and taking steps to implement legislation that is passed. The Vice President of Student Senate will assume the position of SGA President should there be a vacancy.

The candidate debates will be March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. The elections will be March 20 from midnight to 5:00 p.m. at www.jsu.edu/elections.

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step and dance shows.

This year's competition was battled out among 13 contestants in three categories: "The GQ Walk," "Q & A" and "Talent." The men showed off their best runway struts for the first segment while the "Q & A" portion saw contestants answering complex questions, such as, "What is a Zeta girl's favorite

movie?" (Answer: The Little Mermaid, of course).

Finally, the most entertaining segment was "Talent." The crowd screamed, clapped and cheered at a variety of talent showcases including singing, playing instruments, rapping, poetry and even duck calling. Yes, duck calling.

After an hour and a half of swagger, talent and excitement, the results were in. This year's

third place contestant is Alex Smith sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi. The second place contestant is Eric McIntyre sponsored

by Kappa Sigam. Finally, the winner of the 44th annual Big Man on Campus is 19-year-old freshman Logan Adams, sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Order.

The breast cancer cause is one close to his heart, Adams told the crowd. His grandmother, to whom he dedicated his song performance, is a 32-year breast cancer survivor. "This [event] for breast cancer really hits home," he said. Adams' grandmother was acknowledged with a standing ovation and a warm embrace from her grandson after the competition.

Breast cancer awareness and fundraising also strikes a personal chord with the contest judges. Venecia Butler, an author and public speaker, is a four-time survivor of breast cancer. JSU's own Pam Torruella of the Office of Admissions has battled and beat breast cancer, as well. Noelle Millirons, a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Life, is a long-time supporter of breast cancer awareness and education.

"We sold program ads and a little over 500 t-shirts," said Holly Scott, director of philanthropy for Zeta Tau Alpha. "All of the proceeds we get go straight to breast cancer education and awareness."

Each year, Zeta Tau Alpha raises more money for its philanthropy than any other student organization. The Zetas raised



Zach Tyler/The Chanticleer

ZTA's 'Big Man on Campus' saw thirteen male students from various sponsored organizations strutting their stuff on the stage of Leone Cole Auditorium Monday night. Above, Spencer Stevens serenades Jade Wagner and Alex Rainwater with his saxophone skills.

\$19,000 last year for the cause, \$8,000 of which came from the Big Man on Campus event.

This year they expect to surpass that figure due to higher attendance, more contestants, and more ads sold. English Professor, national officer of Zeta Tau Alpha and advisor to the sorority, Dr. Andrea Porter added that "by the end of the year [Zeta] will probably double that. Our Zeta chapter is number 12 in the country for raising money for the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation."

The organization, with over 211,000 members worldwide, partners with Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Yoplait, the National Football League and SELF magazine to promote awareness. Tax deductible donations can be made to Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation at any time.

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Alex McFry/The Chanticleer

Local high schoolers demonstrate their projects for the ACTE's annual Central Technology Fair, held last Friday in Leone Cole Auditorium.

ects in the various categories, students also compete in an information technology test that quizzes their knowledge on the various aspects of the technological world.

Each year, the fair has faced the ongoing issue of space. With sponsors that represent students and parents that come to cheer their children on during the awards ceremony, there are easily over 1,000 people in Leone Cole Auditorium as the afternoon comes to a close.

Originally, the technology fair was for one region of Alabama. Eventually, JSU became the host for two separate regional fairs. This year, they are the same size (if not larger), and they are back to being the host for just one regional fair. There were thirty-nine schools that participated in the technology fair this year, with a total of about 700 students that entered into the vari-

ous competitions.

Mr. Terry Marbut, the head of the Technology & Engineering department at Jacksonville State, is one of the main professors responsible for organizing the technology fair each year.

"Our current location is at capacity with the number of participants we have for the fair. If the fair continues to grow at this rate, we hope to migrate to a larger venue," says Marbut.

Several professors involved behind the scenes of the technology fair have expressed that the Pete Matthews Coliseum would make the perfect venue for participants of the annual fair.

From here, students that placed first or second in their categories will advance to the Alabama state technology fair to compete at the University of Auburn in Montgomery later this spring. As for those involved here at JSU, it's time to start preparing for next year.

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by JSU in January.

The panel consisted of three JSU faculty members: Dr. Tim Barnett, Department of Political Science and Public Administration; Dr. Doris Bennett, Department of Economics; Dr. Jeremy Ross, Department of Sociology.

"According to a study by the Congressional Research Service in 2012, the poorest 50 percent of Americans own just one percent of the national wealth," said Dr. Barnett. "The richest 400 families in our economy have more wealth than the poorest 80 million families," added Dr. Bennett. "Income inequality is a reality."

The United States ranks just 64th in income equality. According to Dr. Bennett, most Americans are unaware of just how large the equality gap is. "Seventy percent of our economy depends on consumption of goods," said Dr. Bennett. With people not being able to buy these goods, she said, the economy has difficulty growing.

Dr. Ross spoke about the relationship between income inequality and other forms of inequality, such as gender and race. "We need to see it (income) within its social and especially its historical context, because these things really matter," said Dr. Ross. According to Dr. Ross, issues such as a decline in labor unions and the lack of a "living wage" have widened the gap.

A PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Barnett explained the inequality situation, as well as displaying two viewpoints from opposite ends of the political spectrum: Robert Reich with his book "Beyond Outrage," and Mark Levin with his book "The Liberty Amendments: Restoring the American Republic". After discussing these ideas, Dr. Barnett proposed some of his own solutions for solving inequality.

After the presentation the panelists were able to answer questions from members of the audience.

The discussion panel was well-received by the students present. "I liked it. I disagreed with a few of them (opinions), but I can see the light in them as well. It gives me something to want to go back and study further into, formulate some more of my own opinions," said Drew Long, a sophomore at JSU majoring in Political Science and History. "I already knew there was extreme inequality; I just didn't know it was that great."

Carlos Acosta, a graduate assistant at the Political Science Department involved in the ADP, also had a favorable opinion: "I thought it was a good presentation; it brings a lot of issues to light that a lot of people, especially young people, are going to be facing in the not-too-distant future."

The ADP has more events, such as one celebrating Constitution Day, planned for the future.

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Building awareness



Last week, JSU's Residence Hall Association and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held an event, Sleep Out for the Homeless, to bring awareness to the issue of homelessness in America. Dr. Nancy Stewart, a professor of social work at JSU, was the guest speaker. The event also featured a shelter-building competition, in which teams had five minutes to create a shelter using cardboard boxes and duct tape.

Photos by Leah Whitby.

LEFT: Phi Beta Sigma brothers Antuan Brown, Sam Pugh, Chris Smith, Rajon Hudson, Soan Watson and Trevor Jortest construct a shelter.

BOTTOM LEFT: Homecoming King and Queen Kenneth Smith and Kayla Haynes attended the event.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Shelter competition winners Sarah Elise Downs and Mackayla Harris build their shelter.



Campus crime report

03/03/2014
Arrest-
Possession of
Marijuana & Drug
Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall

03/03/2014
Violation of
Student Code of
Conduct
Mountain Street

02/27/2014
Lost Decal
JSU

02/27/2014
Violation of
Student Code of
Conduct
Stadium Tower

02/27/2014
Welfare Check
JSU

02/27/2014
Unlawful Breaking
Entering a Vehicle
Jax Apartments

02/27/2014
Vehicle Damage
Stadium Tower
Parking Lot

Pre-registration schedule for Fall 2014

Students must be cleared by their academic advisors before registering for classes.

Register online via MyJSU.

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

Chicken Scratch

Never criticize someone until you've walked a mile in his shoes. That way, when you criticize him, you're a mile away. And you have his shoes.

A synonym is a word you use if you can't spell the other one.

I wonder is there are any times on the clock that I've never seen.

Nothing is on fire. Fire is on things.

The sentence "My entire life has led up to this moment" is always true.



Upcoming SGA events:

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

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

March 17th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 17th
SGA Candidate
Debate
TMB Auditorium
7:00 PM

March 18th
Organizational
Council Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 20th
SGA Elections
www.jsu.edu/
elections
12:00 AM-5:00 PM

March 24th-28th
Spring Break

7-day weather forecast

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Chance of rain	Chance of rain	Partly cloudy	Fog	Partly cloudy	Clear	Chance of rain
High: 48	High: 59	High: 68	High: 64	High: 66	High: 69	High: 66
Low: 37	Low: 38	Low: 45	Low: 43	Low: 42	Low: 46	Low: 43

Arts & Entertainment

Local author to present at Houston Cole Library

Jessica Graham
Staff Writer

The writer becomes the reader this week.

Local author Beth Duke will be reading selections from her novels for the Friends of the Houston Cole Library annual spring author event today, March 6, at 7 p.m. in Room 1103 B of the Houston Cole Library.

Her two books, *Delaney's People* and *Don't Shoot Your Mule*, focus on fictional characters set during real historical events. The latter is based around the April 2011 tornados in Tuscaloosa.

Duke, who hails from Anniston, Ala., was invited to speak at the event this year because of her ties to the community and her experience in self-publishing.

Dr. Joanne Gates, chair of the Friends of the Houston Cole Library, believed Duke's experiences to be an important reason for her to speak to the students at JSU.



Photo courtesy of Beth Duke

"One thing that the writers group found very interesting about her efforts at getting herself published," said Dr. Gates, "was that she introduced us to a place that was a self-publishing area that's unlike most self-publishing types of operations."

The entity is called CreateS-

pace and is a part of Amazon. Duke published her books through CreateSpace, and this drew the Friends of the Houston Cole Library to invite her to speak this year.

The purpose of the operation is to allow for easier access to the publishing of smaller volumes, at smaller prices than those of larger entities.

Duke will speak about this to the audience today.

Dr. Gates hopes students who attend will find inspiration in Duke's process of publication.

"I know there are a lot of students who write at a level of quality that would be appropriate for this self-publishing at CreateSpace and it is relatively less costly," Gates said.

The event includes an informal talk, followed by a reading of a selection of her stories. Refreshments will follow the reading. There will also be a meet and greet with Duke for those who attend.

Dr. Gates described it as "a chance for especially the younger student audience to have exchanges with a published writer. That's the best experience you can have."

Attendees will also be able to experience firsthand how Duke incorporates her southern upbringing and ties to the surrounding community into her fiction.

"She's kind of making a point of taking something local," said Dr. Gates, "but leaping from that to fictionalized characters who go through some of the same experiences as her family. But she's able to shape it in her own way because of the fiction motif."

For more information on Beth Duke, her blog "Delta Delta Delta" can be found at bethdalduke@blogspot.com.

Students can also read her short story "7 Thieves" on display by the East Entrance to the library.

Monthly Space Safari to be this weekend

Marie McBurnett
Staff Writer

The Second Saturday Space Safari has become a tradition to Jacksonville and the surrounding communities. On the second Saturday of the months between December and April, curiosity and knowledge of the constellations merge into one.

The monthly planetarium program returns to room 328 of Martin Hall on March 8.

The Safari happens at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., giving the community a chance to explore the cosmos and learn about past stories of constellations.

Each month has a theme, and the theme for March is cosmic serpents.

"I can download pictures from NASA and put on the dome," explained Dr. Laura Weinkauff, one of the directors of the JSU Planetarium.

"Our Planetarium system can also recreate the night sky from

any time period up to the year 9999."

Weinkauff also gave a sneak peek of what is to come for the March Safari. "I will be talking about snake constellations in the sky and some of the stories behind them."

"We do the cosmic serpents in March because it's close to St. Patrick's Day," explains Weinkauff, "One of the things St. Patrick is famous for is supposedly driving the snakes out of Ireland."

When asked about what exactly this month's program has in store, Weinkauff said, "There are three snake constellations. There is a sky snake, which is a dragon, an earth snake and a water snake. The water snake is around other constellations that are water related. The sky snake is more north, close to the Big Dipper and Little Dipper, and is also known as Draco the Dragon."

"I also show a twenty minute

video that explains the wonders of the universe, from the universe to galaxies to stars and down to our own Solar System."

The program began about twelve years ago, when JSU got the Digistar projector. "Our shows have changed a bit over the years. We've played around with what draws people in during certain times of the year," said Weinkauff. "For the most part, we have settled on the December through April programs."

"After we got the new system, we found that there was much more traffic in the planetarium than before," explains Weinkauff.

The Planetarium is equipped with a Digistar 3SP projector, giving the planetarium one of the most advanced systems in the Southeast and has seating for up to thirty people. Given the limited space, it is important to arrive early or buy a ticket beforehand.



Photo courtesy of JSU Planetarium

The cost of admission is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child or JSU student. Payment is taken at the door but those who wish to attend are encouraged to buy tickets ahead of time in order to secure seating.

For more information about planetarium programs, contact Dr. Laura Weinkauff at 256-782-5743 or email weinkauff@jsu.edu.



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Jeff Hamilton Trio to perform at Jazz Festival

The David L. Walters Department of Music at Jacksonville State University proudly announces the third annual Jacksonville State University Jazz Festival, which will be held on Friday, March 14 on the Jacksonville State University campus.

The philosophy of the festival is to provide an educational and musical experience for both students and directors, as well as to foster the growth of the community of jazz educators, musicians, and students.

The Jazz Festival is honored to have the Jeff Hamilton Trio as the guest artists this year.

Jeff Hamilton has performed and recorded with Oscar Peterson, Ella Fitzgerald, Monty Alexander, Ray Brown, Natalie Cole, Diana Krall, Milt Jackson, Rosemary Clooney, Barbra Streisand-- the list goes on and on.

The Music Department hopes that area directors and students, as well as music lovers, will come for an exciting day of

clinics, master classes and performances in three different venues.

The festival will take place from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. The evening concert featuring the Jeff Hamilton Trio will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Leone Cole Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Andy Nevala, 256-782-5883, anevala@jsu.edu.

The JSU Jazz Festival is sponsored by the David L. Walters Department of Music and the local chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the world's oldest and largest national fraternal society in music.

For 63 years the men of the Epsilon Nu chapter have worked to build better men of music and promote the uplift of mankind by championing the advancement of music in America.

~JSU Newswire



Upcoming events on and around campus

March 6, 2014

Local author Beth Drake to present at Spring Friends of Houston Cole Library. Get an autographed copy of her book beginning at 7 p.m. on the 11th floor of the library. Free admission

March 8, 2014

Vex Robotics State Championships for middle and high schools begin at 7:30 in Pete Matthews Coliseum. Free.

Take a Hike Series begins at 8:30 at the Pinhoti trail in Talladega National Forest or at 9 at the Walls of Jericho trail. Ticket purchase required due to bus provided to trails. Meeting place for each trail differs. See JSU calendar website for more details.

The International Taster's Fair kicks off International Week beginning at 5 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Free

Second Saturday Space Safari begins at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the JSU Planetarium in Martin Hall. Ticket purchase required.

March 10, 2014

JSU Jazz combos will perform at Java Jolt beginning at 7 p.m. Free unless you would like coffee.

March 12, 2014

SAI Musicale presents Music in our Schools beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free.

Greek Sing begins at 6 p.m. in the Leone Cole Performance Center.

March 13, 2014

Arrive Alive distracted driving simulation begins at 10 a.m. on the Theron Montgomery Building Lawn. Free.

Annual Ayers Lecture begins at 1 p.m. on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library and features NPR correspondent David Folkenflik

March 14, 2014

JSU Jazz Festival begins at 8 a.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center and Leone Cole Auditorium. Free.

Waterfall Tour and Hike begins at 9 a.m. in Cheaha State Park. Dependent on water levels. For more information see the JSU calendar website. Free.

Oscar worthy with no Oscar

Catherine Foote
Staff Writer

At least 43 million viewers watched the 86th Oscars on Sunday night, but how many of those viewers have actually even heard of all the films that were nominated for an Academy Award? How many viewers have seen every movie nominated?

Instead of tackling each category, I focused on one: Best Documentary Feature, which includes full length documentaries. These movies were fairly easy to find; three titles, "The Square," "The Act of Killing," and "Cutie and the Boxer" were all available for Netflix streaming. The other two movies, "20 Feet from Stardom" and "Dirty Wars," are available for streaming through Google Play for \$3.99 each.

The winner of the Academy Award in this category was "20 Feet from Stardom," directed by Morgan Neville. "Stardom" focuses on the behind-the-scenes lives of backup singers, and made its debut at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. "Stardom" sheds light on life just outside the main spotlight, and offers a perspective on what it's like to provide harmonies for some of the biggest names in the music industry.

The other nominees cover more serious topics. "The Square," directed by Jehane Noujaim, focuses on the ongoing Egyptian Revolution, showing viewers a side of the Revolution that mainstream media might not cover.

"The Act of Killing" is directed by Joshua Oppenheimer and co-directed by Christine Cynn and an anonymous Indonesian. "Killing" documents the horrors of the Indonesian Killings of 1965 and 1966 in which 500,000 Indonesians were murdered in an anti-Communist purge.

"Dirty Wars," directed by Richard Rowley, is based on the book "Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield" by Jeremy Scahill.

"Dirty Wars" follows investigative journalist Jeremy Scahill as he searches for hidden truths behind America's involvement in covert wars.

Out of all of the nominees, my personal winning choice was "Cutie and the Boxer," directed by Zachary Heinzerling. Three of the nominees focused on politics, wartime, and death; the winning title, "20 Feet from Stardom," talked about the lives of backup singers. "Cutie and the Boxer" documented things that viewers can relate to: art, marriage (and its triumphs and problems), alcoholism, struggles with money, and the inner workings of a dysfunctional family.

"Boxer" takes place in New York City, and documents the marriage and lives of artist Noriko Shinohara and her famous husband, artist Ushio Shinohara, along with their artistic son, Alex. This documentary uses a broad mix of recent footage, home movies made by the couple, and animation drawn by Noriko Shinohara.

The most interesting aspect of the documentary is its name. "Cutie and the Boxer" got its name from Noriko's art series, "Cutie and Bullie," and from Ushio's unorthodox painting style; he wears boxing gloves covered with foam and punches life and color onto his canvases.

Ushio Shinohara is the famous artist of the couple, noted for his punched paintings and complex cardboard sculptures, but the film gives equal attention to the stunning art of Noriko Shinohara as well.

All of these nominees are important, but "Cutie and the Boxer" is my choice because it tells a relatable "love conquers all" story in a very non-traditional way. Noriko Shinohara says it best: "It's not a typical romance." With excellent music to supplement the moods of the documentary, original animation, and real, candid storytelling, "Cutie and the Boxer" is engrossing from start to finish.

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Stephens holds Junior recital

Patrice Green
Staff Writer

On February 25, 2014, an eager audience experienced Joseph Jordan Stephens in junior recital, given in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

Stephens is a percussion major and the student of Dr. Thomas McCutchen and Mr. Clint Gillespie of the David L. Walters Department of Music.

Stephens began the program with "Warm Drum Peace Drum," by David Reeves, which he performed on solo snare in an almost austere blue spotlight.

The next piece, "Cloud Forest," was a multi-percussion work by Blake Tyson, a professional percussionist who attended the 2014 Jacksonville State University Day of Percussion.

Stephens performed "Evolution of Moment," - the world premiere

of a Joseph Jordan Stephens original - with the assistance of three other percussionists, each with a similar setup of percussion instruments.

Next, Stephens blacked out the Performance Center to fully embody his interpretation of Evelyn Glennie's "A Little Prayer."

He manifested the solo marimba piece very effectively with the use of candle light, an endeavor that many students would not consider.

Stephens concluded his program with a high energy multi-percussion piece entitled "Colossus," by Eric Rodis, which featured Stephens on timpani, or kettledrums.

Stephens, with the assistance of other students and professors from the Music Department, did an exemplary job of bringing this recital to life, and they have set a new standard for recitals in the David L. Walters Department of Music.

Opinion & Editorial

Obama's budget, our money, Congress' battle

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Oh no, the federal government is talking money again—our money. On Tuesday (one month after the Congressional deadline) President Barack Obama released his 2015 fiscal year budget, and it's a doozie.

By the numbers, the President's budget equates to \$3.9 trillion in expenses. Projected revenues are said to be about \$3.3 trillion which means the President's budget will spend about \$600 billion more than the federal government expects to take in.

His budget also includes \$56 billion more in spending than the caps that were instated by the two-year budget agreement passed by Congress in January. This new spending includes money for preschool programs, climate research, job training, and defense funding.

The budget also includes a \$302 billion boost towards infrastructure spending on highways, railroads, and mass transit which, when done right, has been proven to aid in job creation and expansion.

Although these are the current numbers, President Obama contends that his budget would decrease the size of the annual deficit. This is due to a complex combination of tax, un-tax, spend, and re-spend measures in his budget.

In fact, one of the new 'un-tax' measures is a proposed expansion of the current Earned Income Tax credit to more low-income young childless working adults. This could mean lower taxes for many working, childless college students.

Many of the new spending measures are not intended to be paid for with borrowed monies as the government has done in the past. Instead, the President has proposed—along with the series of spending programs—a

series of corporate tax increases and closing of corporate tax loopholes to offset revenue.

All-in-all, President Obama's budget looks like an election year road map for Congressional Democrats. By combining many tax increases with tax decreases and spending increase measures with spending decrease measures, the President puts the ball in the Congressional court.

My prediction is that Republicans will banter about bigger government, increased spending, and vow not to compromise. Whereas Democrats will chastise Republicans for asking wealthy corporations to play by a different set of rules than the 'common' man.

In fact, Senate Democrats have already rejected the President's proposal saying that they will not advance a budget this year and will instead use 'appropriations bills' to set their own spending measures. One can suspect that those measures will include more domestic spending than the President has bargained for.

All of this paints one clear-as-mud picture: the federal government has grown too big for its breeches. With separate parties in control of separate branches of government, neither of them has yet to figure out how to do the most basic function of government: pass a budget.

The only thing the President can do is offer some suggestions and watch the battle for principles (and votes) hash out amongst the party leaders in Congress.

All we can do is hope and pray that somewhere along the line, somebody up there in Washington remembers where that money came from: you and me.



JSU needs you to be involved on campus

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

What's the most important part of college, in your opinion? Is it getting good grades, impressing your professors or just making it to class on time? All those things are very important, but equally important is being involved in the campus community.

Making myself a part of the JSU community by being active in student-published media has been the second-best decision of my college career (the first was choosing to become a journalist, of course).

Even though it was intimidating to put myself out there in the beginning, doing so has improved me personally in so many different ways.

SGA President Jade Wagner says she's a better person for getting involved, too. She says that being afraid of standing out or getting involved is a common fear of freshmen college students—one that they should ignore.

"I've had students tell me, I don't want to get involved my first year because I don't want to overload myself" with too many responsibilities on top of the daunting task of making it to class.

But if Wagner hadn't gotten involved her first year, she says she might not still be here at JSU.

"I definitely wouldn't be where I am today," she realizes. Me neither, sister: being involved with The Chanticleer got me a job doing what I love, which is writing, editing and designing a newspaper.

After getting involved with the SGA her first year at JSU, Wagner says she's become a much better leader.

"My people skills have

improved, too—I'm constantly facing challenges and sometimes disagreements, and I've had to learn how to deal with that," she says. Not many classes will teach you conflict resolution like presiding over a governing body composed mostly of young adult students.

Wagner says taking a leadership role has caused her to be more outgoing, too.

"Sometimes, I'll turn around in line at Chik-fil-a and introduce myself and ask whoever I'm talking to what they're involved in," she says. "If they say, 'nothing,' I'll drag them up to my office and make them sign up for a club."

A common exchange Wagner has with students who are dissatisfied with the college experience they're receiving at JSU goes like this: "Do you enjoy going to JSU?" Wagner asks.

"They'll tell me no, then I ask them if they go home every weekend or leave Jacksonville for any other city, and they say yes. That's the problem," she says. "They aren't involved."

Wagner loves seeing students doing something they're passionate about, and the Office of Student Life is more than capable of helping students figure out what that something might be.

"We have a club for everything and anything you can think of," she says. "Whether you enjoy the outdoors, quidditch or ballroom dancing, there's a place for you at JSU."

So if you're feeling isolated or unhappy in Jacksonville, try getting involved in something you love.

With 40 SGA-recognized clubs on campus, the SGA itself and student media outlets WLJS and The Chanticleer, you're guaranteed to find something you'll enjoy.



Technology: Good-bye to the desktop computer

Myron Jones
Staff Writer

Technology moves at an amazing pace. Years ago, in order to use a computer, you had to sit in a stationary location. Typically it was at a particular desk, where everything was plugged in to the wall. These machines became known as desktops, because of their single permanent location. Years later, technology advanced so that computers could become more portable, move away from the desk, and even sit comfortably in your lap. Laptops were an amazing advancement. With laptops, a user could take a computer, the most sophisticated device around, anywhere he or she desired.

However, in the beginning, even laptops had limitations: To be connected to the internet, laptops still had to use a wired connection. Years passed, computers got faster and smaller, and wires became a thing of the past.

Now here we are today with several options for a computer. We have desktops, laptops, netbooks, tablets, and smartphones.

Every smartphone and tablet that is released has a specification sheet which details its components: Processor speed, storage space, connectivity, and peripheral support among other things. These are all the exact same things that are included on the specification sheets for a computer. Why? Because the essential components are the same.

The similar components also allows for similar functionality. Think back to the desktop era. To check your email, you needed a computer. Now you can use your phone. To surf the internet, you needed a full-sized computer. Now you can use your phone. These are very basic tasks, and yet two of the most common tasks that desktop computers are used for.

After those two necessities are covered, what do you need a desktop for anyway? One of the most obvious answers is word processing, but that is actually no longer the case. Thanks to Bluetooth and USB keyboards, even a smartphone or tablet can do word processing. I have typed up several papers for my

college courses on my Google Nexus 10. Even now, I am writing this column from my tablet. In times of complete desperation, I have attached a USB cable to my cellphone and take notes, type an email, or even write a paper.

With the release of Android 4.4 (KitKat), you can even print directly from your smartphone or tablet.

The fact that you can pull a device out of your pocket, download lecture notes, and print them off without even touching a traditional desktop is astounding. Even Microsoft has acknowledged that tablets and touchscreen devices are viable with the introduction of Windows 8. Windows 8 focuses almost entirely on enhancing the operating system for touchscreen use, particularly for use with Microsoft's Surface tablets.

Educational facilities are making adjustments to accommodate touchscreen devices as well. Jacksonville State University is considering issuing freshmen iPads starting in 2015 as part of the Fast Forward plan. The ac-

ceptance of iPads and other tablets into the educational system will expedite the departure of traditional computing. As more people become accustomed to making use of smartphones and tablets, desktops (and maybe even laptops) will soon become phased out for all but the most essential tasks.

Classrooms may become more multimedia oriented, and allow more time for individual exploration, and a curriculum that supports multiple learning styles.

As it stands now, desktops are still necessary for data intensive tasks such as editing audio and video, but for day to day use they are already quickly becoming irrelevant. We are seeing an increase in cloud computing services and less memory intensive programs to aid the move towards more portable devices.

When all of your basic needs from a computer can be covered by a device that sits comfortably in your bag, purse, or even pocket, it becomes difficult to justify spending money on a stationary device you may never use.

Sports

Men's basketball falls to Belmont in season finale

Marvel Robinson
Sports Writer

Jacksonville State men's basketball team couldn't quite finish the season strong as they lost their final game of the season to Belmont, 76-53, on Saturday evening. Saturday was also Senior Day, when the senior players on the team were honored: Brian Williams, Nick Cook, Giovanni Smith and Rod McReynolds played their last game in a Gamecock uniform.

Although the score was tied

D.J. Felder scored Jacksonville State's first points with a free throw with 16:08 left in the first half. They would soon tie the game 11-11 with a free throw by guard Darion Rackley.

After Williams tied it up for the second and last time at 13-13, Belmont would go on another 8-0 run. The Bruins would keep their lead and even extend it as they ended the first half leading 43-27. Belmont's high point man in the first half was J.J. Mann with 10 points while Brian Williams led JSU with seven points.

ville State scored 26. However, it really didn't seem that way as Belmont still dominated.

The closest margin of the second half was when JSU was down by 14 points. That happened twice with 19:04 left in the second half and again with 12:56 left in the game. Jacksonville State ended up losing by 23 points with a final score of 53-76.

All four of JSU's seniors played on Senior Day. Although senior guards Rod McReynolds and Giovanni Smith didn't make it in the scoring column, they did receive some minutes in their final game.

Senior forward Nick Cook scored five points with a block, a steal and 8 rebounds. Cook finished his career with 515 rebounds, the fourth-most in Jacksonville State's Division I history. His 132 blocks are second. Senior guard Brian Williams led the team with 15 points. Williams finishes his career with 1,267 points, which is 14th all-time and second in the Gamecocks Division I history. His 368 assists are third in the JSU Division I history books and eighth all-time.

Rackley was the only other player for the Gamecocks to score double digits against Belmont with 10 points.

Belmont is the top team in the Ohio Valley Conference and will be the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament. With the win, Belmont clinches their second-straight OVC regular season crown.

It was a rough year for the JSU men as they end the season with an overall record 10-21. They lost their last eight games, finishing 4-12 in the conference and 7-6 at home. The JSU men's basketball team as well as the Gamecock fans will be looking forward to a better year next season.



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Senior Nick Cook (33) played in his 118th game Saturday, second most for JSU only behind fellow senior Brian Williams.

twice, Belmont pretty much controlled the game throughout. Belmont started with an 8-0 run to begin the game. JSU forward

The second half was actually closer than the first half considering Belmont scored 33 points in the second half and Jackson-

Rifle earns fourth-consecutive trip to NCAA Championships

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – For the 13th time in the program's history and the fourth consecutive year, the Jacksonville State rifle team will compete for a national championship as the Gamecocks were selected as one of the eight teams to vie for the 2014 NCAA Rifle title.

Hosted by Ohio Valley Conference foe Murray State, the NCAA Championships will be held on March 14-14 at MSU's Pat Spurgin Rifle Range and the CFSB Center. This year's inclusion in the NCAA field marks the fourth consecutive season in which the Gamecocks have earned a spot in the field. Last season in Columbus, Ohio, JSU placed eighth in the field.

JSU has been ranked in the top-10 all season enters the NCAA Championship at No. 5.

Jax State has national championship experience, as senior Sam Muegge will be competing in his fourth straight NCAA Rifle Championship. The Gamecocks lost just one shooter off last year's team. Junior Cole Tucker looks to carry the momentum from last year's runner-up finish in the air rifle championship. Tucker, from Wye Mills, Md., shared second place with Sarah Scherer of Texas Christian University. Both Tucker and Scherer tallied a 591. West Virginia's Petra Zublasing won the air rifle individual crown with a 598.

JSU's visit to Murray, Ky. will be its fifth of the season. The Gamecocks faced Murray State and TCU in October, along with participating in the Withrow Invitational in January. The Racers hosted the OVC Champion-

ships and the NCAA Qualifier match.

The top eight teams in both the smallbore three-position and air rifle events were selected based on the average of the three highest regular-season aggregate scores with no more than one match at any given site. The average of the three highest scores was added to the aggregate scores from the designated qualifiers to determine the top eight teams.

The Gamecocks, who wrapped up their eighth Ohio Valley Conference crown earlier this month, will be joined by defending champion West Virginia, Kentucky, Alaska Fairbanks, Nebraska, Army, Texas Christian and Memphis.

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Gamecock Baseball, Softball ready for big games on the horizon

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State is prepared for a couple of marquee matchups for both baseball and softball during the next week.

Softball begins play in the Chanticleer Challenge in Myrtle Beach, S.C. today hosted by Coastal Carolina. There, JSU will face strong competition, including the host Chanticleers along with Southern foes Appalachian State and Fur-

man.

Next Tuesday, the Gamecocks finally come home for their home opener on the renovated University Field. Last weekend the players got to see and move into their new locker room and are ready to use the new sucken dugouts. Tuesday's home opener will be the 21st game of the season for Jax State. The team hosts Ball State and will be sporting a "White-Out" theme.

Baseball also has a big series on the horizon, opening league play

this weekend at Rudy Abbott Field against UT-Martin. JSU has won all three of their season series so far.

After the 17 inning marathon last Sunday, coach Jim Case limited his pitchers last night at Sanford to ensure everyone is ready for the Skyhawks' series.

Next Tuesday is also a special night for baseball as they go on the road to play in-state foe UAB. The game will be played at Regions Field, the new home of the Birmingham Barons.

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

Upcoming Action:

Thursday: SB @ Coastal Car.
WBB @ OVC Tourney
Friday: SB @ Challenge
(App. State / Furman)
BB vs UT-Martin
Saturday: W. Ten. vs UT-Martin
Soccer @ UAB
SB @ App. State
BB vs UT-Martin
Sunday: M/W Ten. vs ECU
BB vs UT-Martin
Monday: M Golf @ Auburn
Tuesday: BB @ UAB
(played at Regions Field)
SB vs Ball State
(home opener, white-out)

2014 NCAA Rifle championship field:

Alaska
- (9 titles since 1999)
Jacksonville State
- (4th straight appearance)
Kentucky
- (2011 champion)
Army
- (2005 champion)
TCU
- (2010, 2012 champion)
West Virginia
- (2013 champion)
Memphis
Nebraska

OVC W. Basketball Tourney:

(1) UT-Martin (15-1)
(2) Belmont (10-6)
(3) Tennessee Tech (9-7)
(4) Tennessee State (9-7)
(5) Eastern Kentucky (9-7)
(6) Jacksonville State (8-8)
(7) SIUE (7-9)
(8) Eastern Illinois (7-9)

OVC M. Basketball Tourney:

(1) Belmont (14-2)
(2) Murray State (13-3)
(3) Eastern Kentucky (11-5)
(4) Morehead State (10-6)
(5) Tennessee Tech (9-7)
(6) SE Missouri St. (8-8)
(7) Eastern Illinois (7-9)
(8) SIUE (7-9)

*Jacksonville State (4-12)

OVC Softball standings:

East:
Jacksonville State (11-5)
Eastern Kentucky (7-7)
Belmont (5-7)
Tennessee Tech (6-10)
Tennessee State (7-15)
Morehead State (3-12)

West:
Eastern Illinois (13-6)
Murray State (8-7)
UT-Martin (6-10-1)
SE Missouri State (4-7)
Austin Peay (6-11)
SIUE (6-13)

OVC Baseball standings:

Tennessee Tech (11-2)
Jacksonville State (6-4)
Belmont (6-5)
SE Missouri State (6-6)
Murray State (5-5)
Morehead State (5-6)
Eastern Kentucky (4-6)
Austin Peay (4-7)
SIUE (2-8)
Eastern Illinois (2-10)
UT-Martin (1-10)

Be sure to catch next week's issue for a special on basketball seniors Brian Williams and Nick Cook

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Walk-off Hero



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Michael Bishop (9) had five hits in Sunday's 17th inning game, but none bigger than his game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventeenth.

Bishop sends Gamecocks home with historic victory after 17 innings

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Nearly six hours after the first pitch on Sunday, Michael Bishop hit a base hit through the middle out to the outfield that allowed brother Andrew Bishop to score from second for the game-winning run in the bottom of the 17th inning as Jacksonville State topped Kennesaw State 9-8.

Heading into the day, the game was only significant as it would determine the series winner after KSU took game one 10-1 and JSU responded Saturday with a 1-0 win. However, by the time it finally ended, game three of the series had historical significance attached to it.

The Jacksonville State - Kennesaw State series has almost formed a budding rivalry over the past few years between the two schools separated by just 80 miles.

The Owls have caused JSU troubles recently, winning seven of the last 10 meetings over

the past three years, but the last two overall now belong to the Gamecocks. Kennesaw leads the overall series 16-10.

The 17 inning contest was the longest game in both schools' Division I history of baseball.

These types of events are never predictable, but it would have seemed especially rare for this game to occur after the Gamecocks were out to a 5-0 lead before the first inning could come to a close. Tony Urban started on the mound for JSU only allowing one run in the second in his five innings of work.

Not knowing what was coming, JSU coach Jim Case used three pitchers for a single out: Bradley Raulston, Graham Officer and Conner Metcalf; and another two, Michael Mason and Ryan Sebra, for two-thirds of an inning. Casey Antley, Taylor Sparks and Travis Stout worked longer periods but couldn't make it to the end.

Each team scored a run in the sixth, making it 6-2 in favor of JSU. The Owls rallied with a

pair of runs in the seventh and then again in the eighth to tie the game at 6. From there, the two were deadlocked until KSU took its first lead of the game in the top of the 12th with another two runs for an 8-6 lead. However JSU fought back in the bottom half and tied it up on Griff Gordon's 2-out RBI.

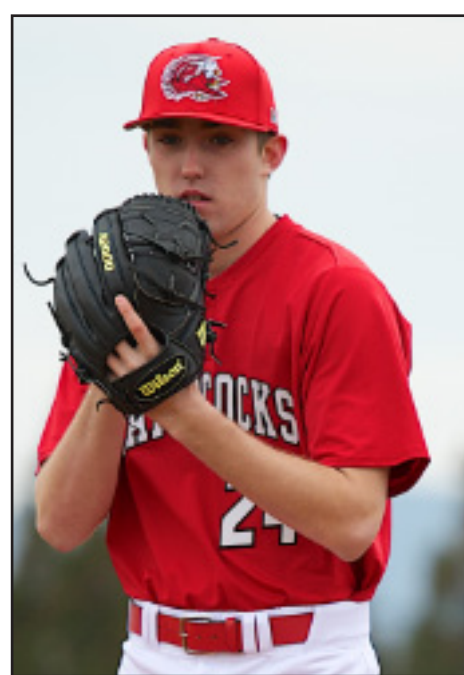
Freshman Michael McCreless came in for the Gamecocks in the 13th and shut the door on Kennesaw State for five scoreless innings, earning his first career win when Bishop ended the contest in the bottom of the 17th.

In the process of playing – and winning – the longest game in Jax State history, the Gamecocks set 10 new school records and game-hero Michael Bishop tied an NCAA record. Bishop's last at-bat was his tenth of the game, a feat only achieved by six previous NCAA players.

Combined, the two teams threw 591 pitches with 10 dif-

ferent JSU pitchers accounting for 287.

The two play again on April 9 for a single game in Kennesaw.



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Freshman Michael McCreless (24) threw five shutout innings in relief to earn his first career win.

Women's basketball wins overtime thriller, heads to OVC Tournament

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

The regular season ended on the highest of notes for the Gamecocks Saturday afternoon against Belmont. On the layup of Destany McLin in the final seconds of overtime, JSU walked away with a 71-69 victory over the Bruins.

The win is the eighth in league play for the Gamecocks and gave them the sixth seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tournament. The 12-17 season marks an 11-game turnaround from last year and is the first season since 2008 that they have had eight OVC wins.

The Bruins held their largest lead of the night during the first half when the score was 25-18. JSU then went on a 9-4 run to bring the score closer to their favor before the end of the half at 29-27. Despite being down at

halftime, the Gamecocks came out fast and prepared for the second half.

JSU shot 53 percent from the field during the second half and held their largest lead of the night at 58-53. JSU looked to end the game there, but when the Bruins brought the score to a tie at 59, the game was forced into overtime.

It was McLin who pushed JSU ahead at 69-67 with the clock at 23 seconds. Free throws from Belmont's Jordyn Luffman tied the game for the tenth time, but McLin raced the clock and made the final layup that sealed the deal for the Gamecocks. Luffman attempted to make a last ditch effort to save the Bruins from a loss but the seven seconds McLin left ticked away giving JSU the victory.

Despite the loss the Bruins will still go to tournament at the second seed.

McLin's had a career high 31 points during the game, 25 of which came in the final half and

the overtime session. Miranda Cantrell had eight points during the game, all of which came in the first half. Briana Benson scored 13 points in the game which is the ninth time in Ohio Valley Conference play that she has scored doubles. Candace Morton, JSU's leading scorer, scored four points in the first half and will need just one more in the tournament to cross the 900 career point margin.

The Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tournament began yesterday in Nashville, Tenn. The Gamecocks played at 2 p.m. against SIU Edwardsville in their first game. Due to deadlines, this

issue had to be printed prior to the game.



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Destany McLin had a career high 31 points vs Belmont