Cleaning up their act: JSU switches to foaming liquid soap

Katie Cline
Staff Writer

Something peculiar has been happening on campus recently—the shiny, chrome boxes beside the mirrors in the bathroom walls that produced a fine white powder are being replaced. It has been a quiet process, with hardly any publicity or student knowledge that this small remodel is happening. Even though almost all of the powdered soap dispensers on campus have been replaced, there are several old dispensers scattered around. Still, this year’s freshman class may well be the last group to experience the powder soap phenomenon.

How do students feel about the switch? With the best of both soapy worlds, which would they choose? Peter Aheyu, a freshman, is happy about the change. “Using the powdered soap is a little bit like scrubbing my hands with sandpaper. I feel like a cat. I definitely prefer the liquid soap,” he said.

Other students are slightly more reluctant to see the dry soap go. “I like the powdered soap,” says Bailey Heflin, another freshman. “It’s exfoliating, and it’s probably the same soap that my dad used when he was here in the eighties, which is cool,” Heflin said.

Whether viewed as a nostalgic memory, irritant or link to the past, the change is here, and it has been coming for a while. David Thompson, who was appointed head of Physical Plant Department in April, said, “I believe it [powdered soap] was one of the most consistent [negative] comments provided by outgoing graduates.”

But student input wasn’t the only factor leading up to the switch. By converting to new liquid soap dispensers with the JSU logo, Thompson hopes to leave a bigger aesthetic impression on students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Of course, there is always the issue of money. Although the long-term fiscal effects of these new soap dispensers won’t be known until the switch has been in place for one full budget year, the university predicts that it will, at worst, break even. Ideally, it will come out ahead in the areas of cost, aesthetics and perception. “Our Building Services and General Maintenance personnel have been working well together to implement the change,” adds Thompson.

“Both Doug Phillips, Building Services Supervisor, and Odell Christopher, General Maintenance Supervisor, have been spearheading the effort. Once the decision was made to move forward with the change, our department has responded well as they always do. We are pleased the effort has been so well received. It is amazing how many positive comments we have received.”

“Whether you’re team powder or team liquid, it’s important to remember the little things in life. ‘I’m just glad there’s soap in Crow now!’” said freshman Aaron Williams. Happy hand washing, students!

To vape or not to vape?

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Staff Writer

What is “vaping?” Originally intended for current adult smokers that wished to continue enjoying their nicotine habit at a reduced risk, electronic cigarettes, also known as personal vaporizers or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), are battery-powered vaporizers.

While simulating the feeling of smoking tobacco by utilizing a Propylene Glycol or Vegetable Glycerin based liquid, they are mixed with small amounts of nicotine and food grade flavorings. Features and costs can vary, and while some are disposable, others contain rechargeable batteries and refillable cartridges.

With an increase of popularity over the last year or so, it’s difficult to move forward with the change. The real debate lies in whether the pros outweigh the cons.

Most tend to work the same way and include a battery, a heating element, and a cartridge that holds nicotine and other liquids and flavorings. Features and costs can vary, and while some are disposable, others contain rechargeable batteries and refillable cartridges.

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The sixth semiannual Get Linked event took place Monday, November 10 at the Jacksonville Hampton Inn, bringing students from JSU as well as Jacksonville locals interested in business to the meeting to gather advice from local experts.

GetLinked offers attendees the priceless advice pertaining to life after college. With many students asking where to go following graduation, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce saw fit to create an educational seminar regarding building resumes, interview etiquette, and securing networking connections.

The Get Linked event is held each semester and features a broad array of panelists, which consist of local business leaders. In addition to attendance, randomly selected students receive local business gift certificates.
the problem better or worse? Some say that because nicotine is ad- dictive, e-cigarettes could lead to becoming a “gateway drug,” resulting in nonsmok- ers and kids to use tobacco. There is also the worry about whether this could make smoking popular again, throwing away years of anti-smoking campaigns and reth- inking decades of progress in getting people to quit or avoid it altogether. Meanwhile, others look at the possible benefits for smokers. Michael Siegel, a professor at Bos- ton University’s School of Public Health stated recently in an interview, “Obvi- ously, it would be best if smokers could quit completely, but if that’s not possible, I think they’d be a lot better off with e- cigarettes. They’re a safer alternative.”

While replacing cigarettes with vapor- izers may have its own risks, it is proven to be less harmful than other tobacco products. Therefore, the problem of whether to smoke should be less of a worry for the employers, as they are likely to be less harmful to users and bystanders. Overall, the benefits of this newest fad among adults include the non-use of to- bacco, a cheaper alternative, no second hand smoke, and is completely odorless. Due to the recent appearance, there’s yet to be a great deal of health research pertaining to the side effects of their use. Common courtesy is another necessary aspect to keep in mind when out in pub- lic areas. Whether or not you choose to use E-cigs as a positive or negative, re- member to weigh your options carefully.

Man shot at Coliseum Apartments
Alex McFry
Associate Editor
24-year-old David Daniel McBrayer was shot and killed on Monday night according to Jacksonville police officer Tuesday night outside of Coliseum Apartments after approaching officers with a knife, sources say. In a phone interview Wednesday, Jack- sonville Police Chief Tommy Thomp- son stated recently in an interview, “I’ve been surrounded by them.”

According to Emily Duncan, the head of Pub- lic Relations at the event, “It is a win-win for both the student and the business. “Internships are the modern day ap- prenticeship, and it creates a fresh set of eyes for the employers.”

Some students were spurred by the promise of bo- nus point by professors, while others come hoping to network and get as much advice as possible from prominent leaders and business-owners in the area. AEA Martin, a junior majoring in Business Management, attended the event by recommendation of some friends. “I have tried several different majors but with business, everything ties in,” he said. Martin and other guests asked the four-person panel mul- tiple questions concerning advice towards one thing. At the end of the day, fulfilling the dream of owning a business. This shared dream among the students and the panelists fit nicely with the Get Linked theme of the event. Angela Kemp of AOB Bank had this to say concerning networking: “The key to any success is to work hard and use the people in your path.” The panelists then switched towards how to use these connections in the interviewing process. “Be on time. Being on time is critical. Take some time to make sure if someone does not want to do it.”

Sgt. Ben Tomlinson Gets Keys to New Home for Veterans Day
Heather Greene
Special To The Chanticleer
JSU student and American hero Sgt. Ben Tomlinson was the focus of Jacksonville’s 2014 Vet- erans Day celebration at an event that was years in the making. While serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan in May 2010, Tomlinson was shot in the neck by a sniper, re- sulting in paralysis from the chest down. Upon his return to Jacksonville following his stay at Walter Reed National Medical Center, Tom- linson was welcomed home by hundreds of local residents. In May 2013, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation – named in honor of FDNY 9/11 fallen Fire- fighter Stephen Siller – partnered with the Gary Sinise Foundation to host a concert at JSU’s Bur- geon-Stookey Field to raise funds to build a smart home for Tomlin- son. After Gary Sinise and the Band performed an enthus- iastic hometown show at JSU Stadi- um and an outpouring of support flowed in from the community. Construction began on Tom- linson’s “smart home” in February 2014, and the house was revealed to the wounded war- rIOR on November 10, the day before Veterans Day and the 239th anniversary of the U.S. 239th anniversary of the U.S. linking with his friends.

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Anthony Kingston, Director of Technology for Jacksonville City Schools, gave tips for life after a degree.

Marine Corps. At the unveil- ing, recreational athletes played as paratroopers flew down to deliver Tomlinson’s house “key” – an iPad that controls every aspect of the smart home, even opening the front door. Frank Siller, chairman and CEO of the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, shared the story of his brother Stephen at the event and presented Tomlinson with a piece of the World Trade Cen- ter’s South Tower, the same tower that collapsed on September 11. The Tunnels to Towers Foundation was established to give back to America’s brav- est like Siller and Tomlinson.

“Is this not a miracle? Is this not a gift, a miracle?” asked Siller. JSU President Bill Monroe was also at the unveiling and presented Tomlinson with the official presidential pin.

Sgt. Ben Tomlinson has been spied and feels incredibly blessed over the outpouring of love he has encountered from his home community and across the nation. “I don’t feel I’m owed anything,” he said. “Every time I hear someone call me a hero, I think ‘No, those who are doing good things for people in my situation are the heroes. I’ve been surrounded by them.’”

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The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Jacksonville State University a $2.2 million Strengthening Institutions grant to increase student academic engagement by building Learning Intensive Communities (LInCs) on campus. “The research on college student success tells us that students who are more engaged are more successful,” said Dr. Janet Moore, director of Academic Enhancement and Tutoring Services. “By focusing on increasing opportunities for academic engagement outside of the classroom, it is our hope that students will stay in college and be more academically successful overall.”

Over the next five years, the grant will enhance student support services in a variety of ways. The Academic Center for Excellence tutoring program will expand the number of tutors and the number of courses supported by Supplemental Instruction. Hiring more tutors means additional campus jobs as well as the increase in academic engagement across campus, should translate into greater student success and retention.

In addition to student workers, three new staff positions will be created at JSU to guide the LInC’s efforts: a LInCs coordinator, an administrative assistant and a retention specialist. The team will be responsible for creative a response system to help identify at-risk students in need of academic assistance, connecting those students to the appropriate resources, and monitor the effectiveness of those interventions.

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The acting is done completely by students, along with the designing and building of the costumes and set. The lighting, and of course the script, is the only thing that isn’t student-developed.

Tanner says that the “student perspective” creates a different atmosphere surrounding the show in the fact that it helps to enforce Christie’s point that not everyone is who they say they are.

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The winter mystery roller coaster of envy, jealousy, secrets, and criminal intent in “The Mousetrap.”

The performances will be at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on November 13, 14, 15 at 7 p.m. and November 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets prices are $12 for adults and $8 for students, JSU personnel, senior citizens and members of the military. Tickets are available for reservation at the box office or on the JSU website.
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Join members of the JSU Chamber Singers and the A Cappella Choir of the White Plains Chamber Choir under the direction of JSU alumna, Kelly Lenard for an evening of music and drama.

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The evening will begin with wassail followed by a multi-course meal, suitable for children and adults. Seating reservations are $28 for regular seating, $15 for children (ages 4-12) and $50 for patron seating. Advanced purchase is required.

The Choral Activities office must receive all reservations by 12 p.m. Wednesday, November 19. Seating will be assigned as the orders are received, so please consider making any group requests at one time.

Please be certain of your plans, as seat reservations are non-refundable. Reservation forms may be found on the JSU Music Department website or you may also phone in your order to the JSU office of Choral Activities at (256) 782-5544. A limited number of discounted non-eating tickets will be available in the Music Department office for JSU students after November 19; however, no tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, please contact the JSU Music Department or Dr. Patricia Corbin, ext. 5544.

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The basics of credit-carding

The interest rate is 20 percent. Credit card companies give their customers a month of free use before they have to pay anything. I have to pay at least the minimum balance, let’s say it’s $20. With the 20 percent interest rate for the month and $10 charged, I am only paying for interest. None of the principle will be paid for.

In this case, I would have to pay more than the minimum balance in order to shrink that $100 balance. A problem would arise if my minimum balance was $10. With the 20 percent interest rate on that same $100, I am only paying half of the interest I owe ($10) and still none of the $100. Next month, I would owe the 20 percent interest on the $110 because I didn’t pay all the interest from the previous month.

Interest rates usually change month-to-month, depending on the balance of the card. All of this is hypothetical, there are so many factors that go into each credit card company, and even more factors that go into determining APR and minimum balances for each month. Some card companies even have charges for their customers that carry the card, regardless if they use it or not. Credit cards are useful to have to build credit or to use in emergencies. When the day comes to get a credit card, I will abide by the rules of my parents: use it only on the pretense that I can pay it back in full at the end of the month.
**Gamecock Volleyball splits games in weekend action**

Rebekah Hawkins

**Staff Writer**

The road offered some hope for the Gamecocks as they stopped Tennessee State on Saturday after a Friday loss to Belmont. The final score at the Bel- mont Bruins proved to be difficult for the Gamecocks as they fell behind several times and were unable to come back. The first set saw two-tied scores before the Bruins took a lead that JSU could never quite match. The second set was much like the first. Despite the impressive runs that JSU took in order to catch up, the Bruins went on to win the set. The third set had 12 ties, 10 lead changes and over 50 points scored en route to the Bruins’ eventual victory. The Gamecocks may have lost the match, but it was a still a decent day. Their overall percentage was .128, but the second set saw .225, which was well over the Bruins’ .191 for the same set. Li- cole Merget had 11 kills on the day, while Samantha Bohne and Emily Rutherford both had digs in the dou- bles with 18 and 14, respectively. The finals for the match were 19-25, 22-25 and 28-30. It took five sets to overpower Tennessee State, but the Game- cock’s managed to pull away with a hard fought victory. JSU was down early against the Tigers in set one, but it didn’t take long before they closed the gap and claimed the set. After another slow start and a long battle of back-and-forth scores, the Gamecocks finally closed the sec- ond set with a win. However, it was all TSU in the third and fourth sets in which they avoided the sweep and went the game a fifth set after they won by 25 and 26, respectively. The final set was all JSU and mis- takes on Tennessee State’s end al-lowed the Gamecocks to win by 10. This game was great for the Gamecocks on offense as they hit .178 overall and over 200 in all sets except one. In the fi- nal set alone, the Gamecocks did .412 overall. Four Gamecocks had doubles in the match that led with 16, Rebekah Hawkins was next with 15, Charis Ludtke had 11 and Allyson Zhildere had 11. Rutherford and Ludtke were the only two Gamecocks who had dou- bles in both kills and digs. Ruth- erford had 12 digs, while Ludtke had 11. Bohne led on defense with 13 digs and Jennifer Hart tied with Rutherford for another 12. The finals for the match were 25- 22, 25-23, 17-25, 16-25 and 15-5. JSU falls to 17-14 over- all and 8-4 in conference play. The Gamecocks will now turn their atten- tion to the season opener in the South- east Missouri on November 15.
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JSU Football gets eighth-straight win with 20-6 victory over EKU

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The No. 4 Jacksonville State Gamecocks defeated the Eastern Kentucky Colonels 20-6 in an Ohio Valley Conference matchup. The Gamecocks have now extended their win streak to eight and have overall record of 8-1. The Colonels are now 8-2 overall.

It was a hard fought win for the Gamecocks as their defense held strong and their offense ran long. The Gamecocks’ offense rushed for 357 yards which was led by DaMarcus James with 170. The 170 rushing yards gave James 233 yards in his career and moves him from fourth place to second on the school’s career rushing list. James also had a rushing touchdown and so did Tronmaine Pope.Connor Rouleau added six points with two field goals.

Defarrius Miller led the Gamecocks’ defense with two interceptions while Folo Johnson set a new career high with 14 tackles.

The scoring started with Rouleau kicking a 22-yard field goal. The score would remain 3-0 at the end of the first quarter. Eastern Kentucky responded half-way through the second quarter with a field goal of their own. Then, on the Gamecocks next possession, James found the end zone on a 13-yard run. The drive consisted of seven plays for 75 yards. The score was 10-3 in favor at halftime. Eastern Kentucky managed to score one last time in the third quarter. The Colonels kicked another field goal to make the score 10-6 at the end of the third quarter. However, the Gamecocks would put up 10 points in the fourth quarter to secure the win. Rouleau kicked a 48-yard field goal which was the longest of his career. Pope followed up with a 14-yard touchdown run. Eastern Kentucky tried to come back, but it was too little too late.

“Our defense just held the game up,” Coach Groen said in the post-game interview. “Two times they were able to get the ball into the red zone and we were able to hold them in field goals. That was big.”

The Gamecocks are first in the OVC with a 6-0 conference record. The 8-1 overall record gives head coach John Grass the most wins of any other head coach in Jacksonville State history. Next, the Gamecocks will be at home to face Eastern Illinois. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. on November 15.

In the above picture, Jacksonville State’s DaMarcus James is running to score against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

Soccer loses in overtime in OVC Championship

Cape Girardeau, Mo. – Playing in their first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Soccer Championship, Jacksonville State dropped a heart-breaking 2-1 overtime decision to SIUE Edwardsville in their quarterfinal showdown on the Southeast Missouri campus.

The loss finishes Jax State’s presence in the 2014 NCAA Tournament.

The Gamecocks started strong after playing their third match in four days. Junior Kelsey Bright scored her first two goals for JSU in the 14th minute. After a perfected header by senior Jackie Rush, Bright flicked the ball past SIUE’s Jennifer Pelley. That goal would be the lone goal of the opening half as JSU would take the advantage into the halftime session.

JSU kept the pressure on SIUE early in the second half and looked to pad its lead with a goal in the second 45 minutes. Bright again was in perfect position to net her second goal and the 13th of the season after a cross from senior Lindsey Jackson.

The Gamecocks, poised to be the first No. 5 seed to ever win the Ohio Valley Soccer Championship, were missing the two-goal advantage until SIUE claimed the momentum with an unassisted goal by Kayla Delgado in the 83rd minute to slice the deficit to 2-1. The Cougars quickly equalized the match after a hand ball penalty on Jax State in the 84th minute to set up a game-tying penalty kick by Michelle Auer. With all the momentum on SIUE’s side heading into the first overtime session, Delgado was able to slip a ball past SIUE’s Caroline Robinson for the game winner.

After the shots total nearly matched each squad in the first half with JSU having a 4-3 edge in shots, SIUE attacked the goal more aggressively in the second half with eight of its final 14 shots in the second half. JSU was limited to just two shots in the second half.

Bright, one of three JSU players well, was named OVC Coach of the Year. Grass had the most wins of any other head coach in Jacksonville State history.

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The tough setback in the championship match concluded five Gamecocks’ tenure with the program. The 2014 senior class will be remembered for its leadership on and off the field and has established the foundation for the future under 2014 OVC Coach of the Year, John Grass.

Jacksonville State’s Kelsey Bright scored the only two goals in their overtime loss.