

Cleaning up their act: JSU switches to foaming liquid soap

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Staff Writer

Something peculiar has been happening on campus recently—the shiny, chrome boxes beside the mirrors on 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, but 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 Abney, 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 the most consistent [negative] comments provided by out-going 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?

Megan Wise
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 flavoring. The vapor created is inhaled and exhaled much like cigarette smoke, hence the term "vaping."

The solution for these vaporizers are often sold in a bottle or in pre-filled disposable cartridges and are manufactured with various tobacco, fruit, and other flavors, as well as variable nicotine concentrations (including nicotine-free versions) and labeling according to their nicotine concentration.

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. With an increase of popularity over the last year or so, it's not hard to come across vaporizers in some form on campus.

The real debate lies in whether the pros outweigh the cons. Obviously, nicotine inside the cartridges is addictive just like it would be in any other form. When you stop using it, you can get withdrawal symptoms such as feeling irritable, depressed, restless and anxious and can be dangerous for people with heart problems. Tests have shown that the levels of dangerous chemicals they give off are a fraction of what you'd get from a real cigarette, but what's in them can vary.

So, do e-cigarettes make

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

Getting Linked: Business 101

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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.

Get Linked 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

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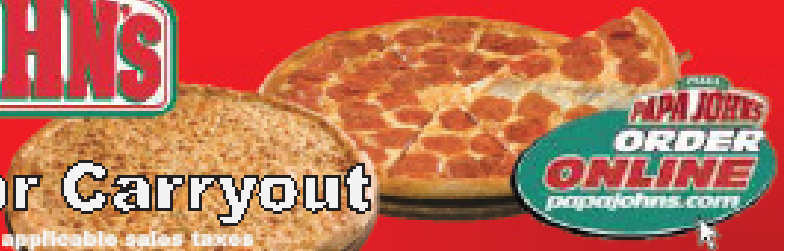
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the problem better or worse? Some argue that because nicotine is addictive, e-cigarettes could lead to becoming a “gateway drug,” resulting in nonsmokers and kids to use tobacco. There is also the worry about whether this could make smoking popular again, throwing away years of anti-smoking campaigns and rolling back decades of progress in getting people to quit or avoiding it altogether. Meanwhile, others look at the possible benefits for smokers. Michael Siegel, a professor at Boston University’s School of Public Health stated recently in an interview, “Obviously, 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 vaporizers may have its own risks, it is proven to be safer in some aspects. They are likely to be less harmful to users and bystanders. Overall, the benefits of this newest fad and innovation include the non-use of tobacco, 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 public areas. Whether or not you choose to see E-cigs as a positive or negative, remember to weigh your options carefully.

Man shot at Coliseum Apartments

Alex McFry
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24-year-old David Daniel McBrayer was shot and killed by a Jacksonville police officer Tuesday night outside of Coliseum Apartments after approaching officers with a knife, sources say. In a phone interview Wednesday, Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson said that police were called to Coliseum Apartments around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday after reports of someone shooting at car windows with a BB gun. Officers could not find anyone at the scene, but were called back around 11:20 p.m. when McBrayer was found around the apartments again. The officers were talking to McBrayer before he pulled a knife and began walking towards them. After failing to heed multiple warnings from the officer, McBrayer was shot. According to Calhoun County Coroner Pat Brown, McBrayer was killed instantly on the scene. Both officers were wearing body cameras, and they are currently under investigation by the Alabama Bureau of Investigations.

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to getting questions answered, Get Linked allows students to connect with businesses looking for apprentices. According to Emily Duncan, head of Public Relations at the event, it is a win-win for both the student and the businesses. “Internships are the modern day apprenticeships and it creates a fresh set of eyes for the employers,” said Duncan. Some students were spurred by the promise of bonus 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. Aldarius 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 tied in,” he said. Martin and other guests asked the four-person panel multiple questions concerning advice towards one 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 AOD 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

those connections in the interviewing process. “Be on time. Being on time is critical. Take some initiative when someone does not want to do it,” said Anthony Kingston of Jacksonville City Schools. When in the process of interviewing for a job or position, being punctual can make all the difference. If competitors fail to heed this advice, it reflects poorly upon possible employers. Personality is the other vital factor of not only getting the job but promotions as well. Rodney Snider of the Cheaha Brewing Company said once earning an interview, “it is mostly about personality, communication, and how you work with people,” that determines if you get the job. Even after college, the learning is not over. Schooling is the method that will teach you how to learn. While an education can teach you the rules and regulations, each company has their own set of standards that they follow. While in the interviewing process it is essential to show enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn. “You learn on the job, making mistakes teach you how to do things right. A company is going to teach you how to do your job well, you just have to show them you can learn,” said Jacki Thacker of Alabama Power.

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 Veterans 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, resulting in paralysis from the chest down. Upon his return to Jacksonville following his stay at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Tomlinson was welcomed home by hundreds of local residents. In May 2013, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation – named in honor of FDNY 9/11 fallen firefighter Stephen Siller – partnered with the Gary Sinise Foundation to host a concert at JSU’s Burgess-Snow Field to raise funds to build a smart home for Tomlinson. Actor Gary Sinise’s Lt. Dan Band performed to an enthusiastic hometown crowd at JSU Stadium and an outpouring of support flowed in from the community. Construction began on Tomlinson’s new home in February 2014, and the house was revealed to the wounded warrior on November 10, the day before Veterans Day and the 239th anniversary of the U.S.



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

Marine Corps. At the unveiling, the national anthem 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 Center’s South Tower, the same tower that collapsed on Stephen as we worked to save lives on 9/11. The Tunnels to Towers Foundation was established to give back to America’s bravest like Siller and Tomlinson. “Is this not a miracle? Is this not what God has intended for us to do

as human beings?” asked Siller. JSU President Bill Meehan was also at the unveiling and presented Tomlinson with the official presidential pin. Tomlinson said he has been spoiled and feels incredibly blessed over the outpouring of love he has encountered from his community and across the nation. “I don’t feel I’m owed any debt like this,” Tomlinson said. “Every time I hear someone call me a hero people, I think ‘No, the people who are doing good things for people in my situation are the heroes.’ I’ve been surrounded by them.”

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JSU is awarded \$2.2 million grant to “LInC” Academic Learning Communities

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. Walk-in tutoring for courses students traditionally find more challenging – such as math, biology,

chemistry and physics – will be available. A research and writing laboratory will also be created, as well as a resource library for students and tutors.

“The benefit to JSU students is the extension of current academic support services and the addition of support services that are more tailored to student needs,” Moore said. “For example, non-traditional students or students who work may have difficulty finding time for a scheduled tutoring appointment each week, therefore the drop-in format might work better.”

Hiring more tutors means additional campus jobs will be available for students. Moore said students who work on campus tend to be more academically successful than those who work off campus – tutors and Instructional Support workers in particular.

“The true measure of understanding is whether you can teach it to others,” Moore said. “Our tutors and SI leaders grow academically because they are, in effect, teaching others. Both the increase

in 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 LInCs 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.

The JSU Institute for Research and Collaboration applied for the grant, with work from team Dr. Alicia Simmons, Vice President for Planning, Research and Collaboration; Lynn Garner, Project Manager; and Allison Newton, Coordinator of Proposal Development.

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Getting the story of The Killer: Rick Bragg visits campus to speak on his biography about Jerry Lee Lewis

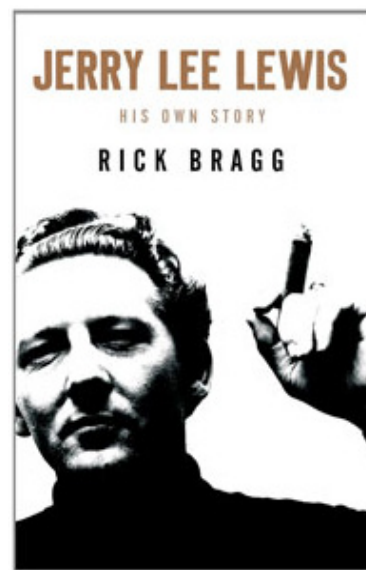
Last night, Pulitzer Prize winner and *New York Times* Best Seller Rick Bragg came to the Leone Cole Auditorium to talk about his new book, “Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story.”

Both Bragg and Lewis came from relatively poor families, with Bragg himself originating in the Piedmont area.

Lewis grew up in Ferriday, Louisiana and began playing the piano at age 9.

Bragg’s book explores the triumphs and falls of the rock ‘n’ roll star as he came to stardom and fell after his controversial marriage to his first cousin, once removed.

Lewis is currently 79 years old and still performs. While his early work centered around the rock ‘n’



roll genre, his later albums took on a more country style. For specific coverage of Bragg’s lecture and interview, visit www.jsu.edu/chanticleer.

Chicken Scratch



Just rushed into class and didn’t recognize anyone...Checked my phone.. “9:01”...My class isn’t till 10. Today’s gonna be a long day

Eating my pepperoni, bacon, and sausage pizza while reading my Avengers and Power Rangers comics. Today might just be a good day.

Sometimes it’s nice to just sit back and relax with a good cup of coffee and a notebook to write in. And tonight is one of those nights.

My soul basically crawls out of my body when my butt accidentally touches the wall of the dorm’s shower.

It’s hard not to dance when I’m walking with headphones in.

Writing a paper is about like participating in a beauty pageant. It’s all up to the judge for your final score and it’s hard to know exactly how the judge wants everything to be.

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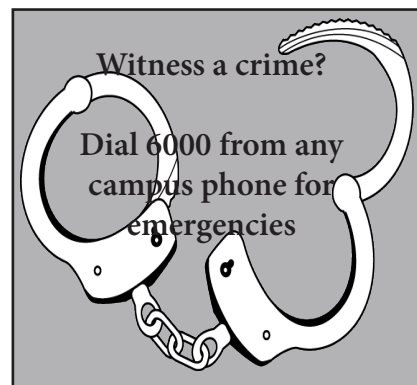
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jacksonville State Drama Department to present "The Mousetrap" this weekend



Drama Department/JSU

"The Mousetrap" is based on Christie's short story "Three Blind Mice," a murder mystery set in a snowy British winter.

Paris Coleman
Staff Writer

At 7 p.m. in Stone Center on Thursday, November 13, 2014, the JSU Drama Department will begin its weekend long presentation of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

"The Mousetrap" is based on Christie's short story "Three Blind Mice," a murder mystery set in a snowy British winter.

Agatha Christie's masterpiece "The Mousetrap," first opened in London in 1952 and has been frightening audiences ever since.

Newlyweds Mollie and Giles Ralston open an English country guesthouse the same day a murder takes place in nearby London.

Travelers arrive as snow begins to fall, eventually cutting them off from the outside world.

Tension turns to suspicion when a police inspector arrives with the news that they may all be in danger.

When his prediction comes true in the guise of another murder, the race is on to find the murderer before they strike again.

As the play goes on, the tension in the house causes the line between possible victim and attacker to blur.

"Everyone has secrets," says Tanner Cain, "and it is fun for the audience to figure out all those secrets during the show."

Cain, a senior directing "The Mousetrap," says that this production brings "knowledge that the students get to learn from the staff and the technicians."

Tanner wanted to showcase the abilities of the students to the JSU audience, so he made the show mostly student run.

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.

The combined effort of all the students who have donated time and effort into the Mousetrap really comes to life on the stage.

The set is intricately designed with pieces that would be signature for the time era including an antique dial radio and telephone. Also, the furniture that is brought to the main stage shows off the homey feel to portray a bed and breakfast setting.

The student actors have worked for several months developing authentic sounding British accents and at times, an audience member can forget they are actually sitting in a darkened theatre instead of observing the events in the bed and breakfast; the characters could easily walk off the stage and have a realistic encounter with the audience.

The actors know their way around the stage, and have developed the characters they portray nicely, which makes it easy for audience members to see into each character's mind and have

an insight into both the motives of that particular character, but the situation as a whole.

Dillon Everett, also a senior, plays Christopher Wren, an unusual young man whom he describes as "crazy, suspicious, very entertaining, and artistic." His character is undoubtedly energetic and humorous, he has questionable motives that create more hysteria in the show.

Join the JSU Drama Department on this murder 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.

Upcoming events on and around campus

November 14, 2014

JSU Drama Department will open Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' with the show running through November 16th. For tickets visit the Stone Center box office or the Drama Department's webpage.

The Foothills Piano Festival will begin at 10 a.m. with a free class entitled 'The Anatomy of a Piano' in the Mason Hall Performance Center.

November 16, 2014

The A Cappella Choir Winter Concert with guest choir from Alexandria High School will be at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Anniston beginning at 3 p.m.

November 19, 2014

SAI will present their annual musicale "From our Hearts to Yours" beginning at 7:30 in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free concert.

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Music department jazz exhibition is huge success

Patrice Green
Staff Writer

On November 11, 2014, spectators from around the campus and community had the opportunity to see a performance by the David L. Walters Department of Music Jazz Program.

The four Big Bands presented their repertoire to the audience with musical and personal confidence.

Every single part is important, as was exhibited by percussionist Danny Moore on guiro. "It actually adds quite a lot to the piece musically," he says.

Students build confidence knowing the importance of these parts, no matter how big or small they may seem to the audience.

"Often times, you're the only person playing that part, so it brings out a lot of confidence," says trombonist player, Susana Rivas. "You learn to keep mistakes to a minimum and recover from them quickly."

Several of the students had the opportunity to solo during various pieces – another key to confidence building in jazz.

"You have to know your horn like you know your voice," says trombonist Braden Barentine. "If you can sing it, you should be able to play it,"

Most jazz student are painfully aware of the importance of developing their own style, whether through playing or conducting. Dabbling in all genres gives a little more depth and significance to the developing style of each musician, as it is really easy to mimic a teacher or instructor rather than create a unique style.

Music isn't always about being satisfied and comfortable with what we hear or interpret; some people pat themselves on the back for dipping into a few artistic cultures, but immersion is essential.

Music, along with all art, takes patience. It takes patience to sit through a three hour opera or listen to a beginner muddle through "Mary Had A Little Lamb." Jazz has

a direct effect on each student and their idea of patience. They will literally do whatever it takes to be the best.

Non-musicians provide a totally different perspective at any concert, regardless of their reason for attendance.

"It was a great experience, and I enjoyed the atmosphere," says JSU student, Dalton Moore.

Another student, Samantha Fowler, agreed. "It kind of adds a little culture to JSU," says Fowler.

Other students attending the concert for academic responsibilities found the experience equally enjoyable.

"It was actually pretty enjoyable," says JSU student Micah Kelley. "I may even start attending more of these concerts."

In the end, that's all any artists really wants; artists like for others to appreciate their world, even if it means just having something to talk about at lunch the next day.



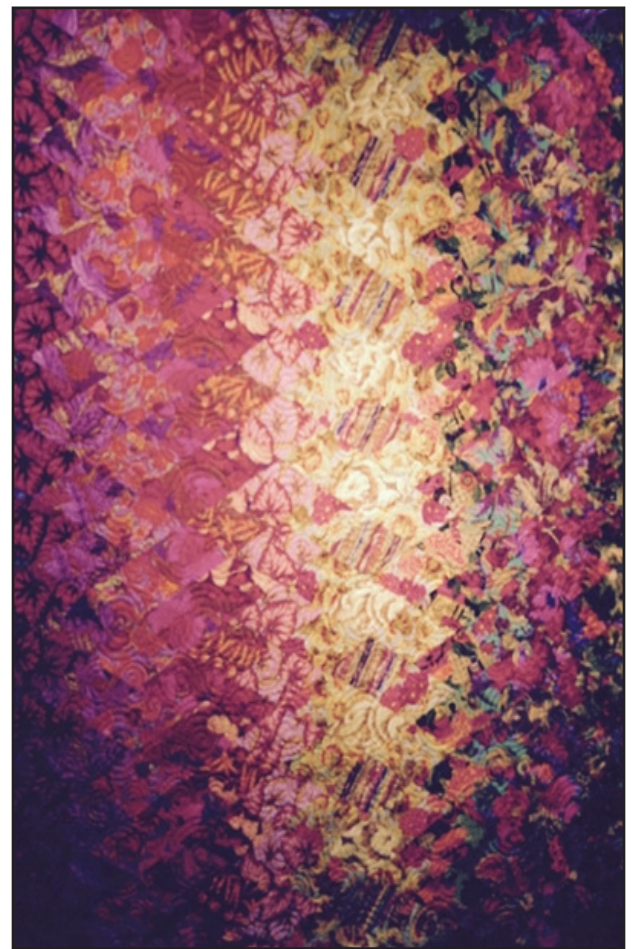
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JSU Art Faculty Exhibit Open in Hammond Hall

The JSU Art Faculty Exhibit in the Hammond Hall Gallery will be open to the public each weekday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. until November 14, 2014.

For more information, please contact Jane Greene at jgreene@jsu.edu.

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Tickets on sale for annual Madrigal Dinner

HearYe!HearYe!It'stimefortheAnnual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner.

On December 5 and 6, the JSU Choral Activities will present their Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner in the Leone Cole Auditorium on the JSU campus.

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.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

The Madrigal Dinner is a dinner theatre event written and produced by the JSU Choral Activities area under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, Director of Choral Activities.

The evenings will begin with wassail followed by a multi-course feast, while members of the JSU Chamber Singers and A Cappella Choir enact a farcical drama. There will be sing-

ing, drama, and humor.

This year's story is entitled "Near, Far and Wherever You Are: Love Knows No Bounds!", and was written by Gavin Haynes, Noya Levy, Jared Shiver, Anna Stuart and Dr. Patricia Corbin.

This event is great family entertainment, suitable for children and adults.

Seat 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

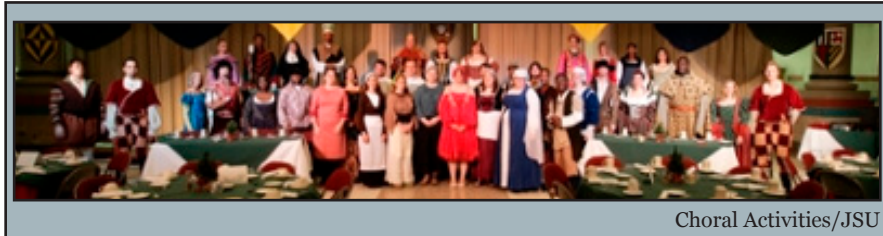
seat reservations are non-refundable.

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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OPINION & EDITORIAL

The people have spoken

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, the people of Alabama and the American public made their selections for those who will represent them in government.

Overwhelmingly, this election turned out to be a full referendum on President Obama's administration and policy initiatives.

This was especially true in Alabama where Republicans increased their majorities statewide and in the legislative chambers. In the Alabama House of Representatives, Republicans increased their supermajority of 66 to 72 seats of the 105, and in the Senate their supermajority was increased from 23 to 25 of the 35 total seats.

These numbers show that the Republican Party in Alabama now controls 97 of 140 seats in the Legislature (70% of all seats), not to mention all seven statewide offices. So what does this mean for Alabamians?

While some may interpret these results as a "stamp of approval" for policies passed by the Republican-led legislature over the past four years, I have to disagree. If you paid any attention to the political commercials blasting the airwaves across the state for the past few months, you will see why.

With so little emphasis on the record of candidates over the past few years and such heavy emphasis on "fighting Obama," one must conclude that the results of this election was a referendum on President Obama's policies. This makes one wonder how much attention will be paid

to the actions of those who were elected over the next four years.

In this election, only 40 percent, or 1 million, of the state's 2.5 million registered voters turned out to cast their ballot. In Alabama there are 3.7 million citizens who are eligible to vote.

Therefore, only about 27 percent, just over one-

fourth of Alabama's voting age population actually voted. Because candidates who won election were selected with at least a 51 percent majority vote, an assumption can be made that only about 13 percent of Alabama's voting population selected those who will represent us in government for the next four years.

This is very troubling, not just from a governing perspective, but from a civic engagement perspective. When little over 10 percent of a population is selecting their government's representatives, that leaves virtually 90 percent of citizens completely unrepresented.

So who's to blame? Those who did not vote, quite frankly. A disengaged citizenry is just as harmful to the population as a whole as is a bad government. We can only hope that Alabamians will monitor the actions of their government and that our government will work to represent all of Alabama.

After all, President Obama only has two years left in office, but the current state government will serve four years. Keep your eyes and ears to the ground, Alabama. You know I will!



The basics of credit-carding

Marie McBurnett
Editor-in-Chief

When I was growing up, can remember my parents always warning me of the dangers of having a credit card. Using credit cards is just too easy. It feels like free money, but it is quite the opposite.

I still do not have a credit card, but I'm starting to realize the importance in having one—and the dangers of having one as well.

We all know the basics: you swipe the card, and it gets charged to an account. The longer you go without paying your payment, the more interest it builds, and the more you owe the company—not to mention possible late charges that may occur when you don't pay your minimum balance on time.

The credit card company is basically paying for you on the promise that you will pay them back when you can. You owe them a little more (which is called interest,) because they are putting their faith in you to pay it back one day.

It's easy to see a possible dilemma. This is the age of swiping without thinking.

It's different with credit cards though. Sure, different card companies have different limits, but the limits are usually set in the thousands of dollars, but it depends on the card and a number of factors about the person's credit background. Some cards have no maximum limit.

Just to get an idea on how credit cards work, let's say I charged \$100 to a credit card. Let's say

the interest rate is 20 percent. Credit card companies give their customers a month of a free period before they have to pay the bill.

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 \$100 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 \$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.



The top five traveling apps for college students this holiday season

NORCROSS, Ga. — As many of your fellow classmates will happily tell you, the official start to the holiday season is just a few weeks away. If you plan to skip town and head home for the holidays or hit the slopes for a much needed vacation, you need to start making travel plans now.

In order to save time, money and a pounding headache this holiday season, look no further than your smartphone. Here are the top five must have holiday travel apps for college students:

RoadNinja — If your holiday travel plans include loading up your car full of friends, RoadNinja is the perfect app for you. Users learn the locations of restaurants, gas stations and points of interest near every highway exit. View real-time gas prices and access RoadNinja special offers and coupons. Share places you do or don't like on social media with the tap of a finger.

Popmoney — Because let's face it, your friends don't carry cash. Figuring out who among friends



owes what for gas, hotel rooms, dinners, groceries and other payments during holiday travel can be a nightmare. Popmoney allows users to pay each other back using the recipient's email address or mobile phone number.

GateGuru — In case you already forgot last year's brutal winter, it saw more than a million weather related flight cancellations according to research by The Weather Channel. For any student traveling on a plane this holiday season, GateGuru helps you find the best place to grab a bite and even do a little holiday shopping while at the airport. Suddenly that long delay becomes less painful and maybe even productive.

Inrix Traffic — Research from the Travel Channel shows the day before Thanksgiving is the busiest travel day of the year, closely

followed by the Sunday after the delicious day. Because there are few things worse than wasting your holiday vacation while stuck in traffic, the Inrix Traffic app is a must have this holiday season.

Using the app's user-friendly interface, you have up-to-the-minute access to new routes, traffic patterns and gas prices.

Spotify — To make sure everyone in your carpool home for the holidays can sing along, this is the perfect app for road trip music. With millions of artists at the user's fingertips, playlists can be created so that everyone's tastes are accounted for. Create a holiday mix to get you in the spirit of the season, or play some heavy metal to cope with the traffic.

When dealing with busy roads, unpredictable weather and inflated prices, preparation is key to having a smooth holiday travel experience. Don't forget to download the above mentioned apps for your best holiday trip yet. Happy traveling!

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Gamecock Volleyball splits games in weekend action



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Jacksonville State Gamecock senior Nicole Merget helped JSU defeat Tennessee State with 16 kills.

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 first game against the Belmont 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 attack percentage was .128, but the second set

saw .225, which was well over the Bruins' .191 for the same set. Nicole Merget had 11 kills on the day, while Samantha Bohne and Emily Rutherford both had digs in the doubles 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 Gamecocks 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 second set with a win. However, it was all TSU in the third and fourth sets in which they avoided the sweep and set the stage for a fifth set after they won by 25 and 26, respectively.

The final set was all JSU and mistakes on Tennessee State's end allowed 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 final set alone, the Gamecocks hit .412 overall. Four Gamecocks had kills in the doubles with Merget in the lead with 16, Rutherford was next with 15, Charis Ludtke had 12 and Allyson Zuhlke had 11.

Rutherford and Ludtke were the only two Gamecocks who had doubles in both kills and digs. Rutherford 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 overall and 8-6 in conference play.

The Gamecocks will return home to Pete Mathews for their final regular season game against Southeast Missouri on November 15.

Women's Basketball wins in exhibition

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State women's basketball team went through a dress rehearsal for the 2014-15 campaign on Saturday afternoon and a pair of new faces stole the show in a 66-25 toppling of Birmingham-Southern.

The duo of senior transfer Courtney Strain and freshman Gretchen Morrison combined for 25 points to go along with senior Miranda Cantrell's game-high 14 points. The College Park, Ga.-post player fell one rebound short of a double-double in the friendly contest. Strain, who joined the Gamecocks after three seasons at Auburn, earned a spot in the starting line up and finished with 13 points

in 27 minutes of action. Strain also grabbed eight rebounds in playing at one of the forward spots. The Woodland, Alabama-native connected on 4-of-8 from the field, including a pair of three-point baskets.

Morrison, a sharp shooter from Southlake, Texas did what the Jax State coaches saw in the recruiting process – knock down three pointers. She came off the bench to spark the Gamecocks' outside scoring threat

with 4-of-9 from beyond the arc for 12 points in her collegiate debut.

JSU led from the opening tip and raced out to a double figure lead by five minutes deep in to the contest on a lay up by freshman Tyler Phelion to give JSU a 10-0 with 15:11 left in the opening half. JSU stretched its lead out to 20 points at 24-4 on a

pressure on BSC throughout the game to force 29 total turnovers and scored 27 points off those turnovers. JSU also used its quickness down the floor to put 10 unanswered points on the scoreboard in fast break opportunities. The Gamecocks size also had something to do with BSC's ineffectiveness as they out-rebounded the Panthers 51-32.

BSC was limited to 5-of-25 shooting for the contest, while Jax State knocked down 26-of-69 for 37.7 percent from the field.

Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, Candace Morton finished with six points, while Phelion capped off her first collegiate of action

with six points and four rebounds. The Gamecocks now turn their attention to the season opener in the state of Texas on Friday, Nov. 14 as they take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech. Tip off from Lubbock, Texas is set for 5:30 p.m. JSU's home opener is slated for Saturday, Nov. 22 against New Orleans.

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Senior Miranda Cantrell of the Gamecocks led with 14 points in victory.

Leah Strain bucket at the 8:13 mark. JSU benefited from 15 first-half turnovers by the Panthers and turned those miscues in to the same amount on the offensive end of the floor.

The Gamecocks would carry a hefty 36-10 halftime lead in to the dressing room.

In the second half, all of Pietri's available players registered their name in the scoring column. The Gamecocks extended the defensive

Gamecocks Side Bar

FCS 2014 Top 25 (The Sports Network)

1. New Hampshire
2. Coastal Carolina
3. Jacksonville State
4. North Dakota State
5. Eastern Washington
6. Villanova
7. Fordham
8. Illinois State
9. Chattanooga
10. Southeastern-Louisiana
11. UNI
12. Montana State
13. McNeese State
14. Richmond
15. Youngstown State
16. Montana
17. Harvard
18. Eastern Kentucky
19. South Dakota
20. Bethune-Cookman
21. Bryant
22. Northern Arizona
23. Indiana State
24. William & Mary
25. James Madison

2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State L 7-45
 9/6 @ Chattanooga W 26-23
 9/13 Open
 9/20 v West Alabama W45-34
 9/27 @ Murray State* W52-28
 10/4 vs UT Martin * W38-14
 10/11 @ TSU * W27-20
 10/18 Open
 10/25 v Tennessee Tech
 *W49-3
 11/1 vs Austin Peay ** W56-0
 11/8 @ EKU* W20-6
 11/15 vs Eastern Illinois *
 11/22 @ Southeast Missouri *
 *OVC game/ ** Homecoming

Folo Johnson named National Defensive Player of the Week and OVC co-Defensive Player of the Week

DaMarcus James named OVC Offensive Player of the Week

Upcoming action

- 11/14
 -Cross Country @ NCAA South Regional
 -W Basketball @ Texas Tech 5:30 p.m.
 -M Basketball @ Marshall 6:00 p.m.
 11/15
 -Rifle @ Morehead State
 -Volleyball vs. SEMO 12:00 p.m.
 -Football vs. Eastern Illinois 3:00 p.m.
 11/17
 -M Basketball @ Louisville 6:00 p.m.
 11/18
 -W Basketball @ Alabama 6:00 p.m.
 11/19
 -M Basketball @ Cleveland St. 6:00 p.m.

JSU Football gets eighth-straight win with 20-6 victory over ECU

Marvel Robinson
Sports Editor

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 an 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 3,233 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 Troymaine Pope. Connor Rouleau added six points with two field goals.

DeBarrius 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



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

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 JSU 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 a little too late.

"Our defense just played their butts off," Coach Grass 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 to field goals. That was big."

The Gamecocks are first in the OVC with a 6-0 conference record. The 8-1 over-

all record gives head coach John Grass the most wins of any other head coach in Jacksonville State history through the first nine games.

Next, the Gamecocks will be at home to face Eastern Illinois. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. on November 15.

Soccer loses in overtime in OVC Championship

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Playing in its first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Soccer Championship, Jacksonville State dropped a heartbreaking 3-2 overtime decision to SIUE Edwardsville on Sunday afternoon on the Southeast Missouri campus.

The loss finishes Jax State's phenomenal season at 11-10-1 and a program-best six wins within league play. JSU's run in the OVC postseason began with a thrilling contest over UT Martin in penalty kicks, followed up by Friday's

1-0 win over top-seeded and host-SEMO. The Cougars improved to 13-6-1 and earned their first OVC Soccer crown. SIUE also claimed the league's automatic berth in the 2014 NCAA Tournament.

The Gamecocks started strong after playing their third match in four days. Junior Kelsey Bright scored her first of 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 OVC Soccer Championship, were nursing 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 in to the first overtime session, Delgado was able to slip a ball past JSU's Caroline Robinson for the game winner.

After the shots total nearly matched each squad in the first half with JSU having a 6-5 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 that were named to the 2014 OVC Soccer Tournament All-Tournament Team, paced the Red and White with three shots. Rush and red-shirt junior Courtney Hurt added two shots each. Robinson, a freshman from Hendersonville, Tenn. and junior Olivia Drapes joined Bright on the all-tournament squad.

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, Neil Macdonald. Rush, a native of Trophy Club, Texas, departs the program with her name etched throughout the Jax State record books. Jackson, from Marietta, Ga., improved every season in a JSU uniform and became one of JSU's top-scoring threats this season. Brianna Salverda, a co-captain with Rush in 2014, did not pile up statistics as a defender but was key to the JSU defense throughout her four seasons. The Calgary, Alberta, Canada-product played in 79 career matches at JSU.

Kaitlyn Gregory and Jessica Monahan were key reserves throughout the season for the Gamecocks. All five have been members of the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll multiple times in four years at JSU.

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



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