O’ Brother’s, where art thou?

Alex McFry
Associate Editor

With the announcement that Brother’s Bar is for sale, Jack- sonville could be at risk of los- ing a piece of history over the course of the next few months. Dan Nolan, owner and co-founder of the bar, opened the hotspot in 1976 with the help of his broth- er at the time he graduated from Jacksonville State University.

“There was nothing for the students, no place for them to go,” Nolan said last week in an interview with Fox 6. Originally called My broth- er’s Bar, the nearly forty-year- old establishment has been a part of the university experience for students at JSU for decades. Even though there is competition between Brother’s and Pelham’s, the experience at each establish- ment is a completely different one.

The tree stump stools at Brother’s attribute to the rustic atmos- phere, which contrasts with Pelham’s. “Nothing is certain yet in regards to the bar closing its doors, even though there have been several in- quiries about purchasing the prop- erty,” Dan Nolen, owner and co-founder of the bar, opened the hotspot in 1976 with the help of his broth- er at about the time he graduated in 1976 with the help of his broth- er. “Our parking lot is always full when they have a show,” Watts said. When prompted about his rea- soning behind selling the be- loved hangout, Nolan told Fox, “It’s a younger person’s game now, it’s time to move on.”

The Charlie Daniels Band, Wet Willie, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Ma- ter Hazel and Zac Brown are just a few of the numerous groups that have performed at the venue over the years. Greek life at JSU has rented out the bar many times since it has been open to the public.

Nothing is certain yet in regards to the bar closing its doors, even though there have been several in- quiries about purchasing the prop- erty. As of now, no further events have been booked past December 5. Nolan also told Fox that the “changing landscape in live enter- tainment and how it’s been affected by social media” are huge aspects he had to take into account when de- ciding the future of the beloved bar.
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merely acquaintances, but Bur- gess’s persistence paid off. “He kept trying to get me to go out on a date with him, but I wasn’t so sure how I felt about that,” said Mullins. “I finally decided to give him a chance, and the rest is history. We started dating and haven’t looked back.” Burgess remained with the band as a graduate assistant following his gradu- ation as he pursued a Master’s de- gree in Emergency Management. He has since graduated from Geor- gia Fire Academy and is pursuing a ca- reer in fire and emergency services.

Mullins is in her second semes- ter of nursing school here at JSU and is set to graduate in a year and a half. After graduation, the couple would like to stay near one of their families, either in the Jacksonville or Newman, Georgia area. As of now, they do not have any set wed- ding plans other than that the ceremony will not be until after Mullins graduates. “Nic and Kara area both wonder ful people,” said Beddof. “I wish them a very happy life together.”

SGA and student body donates over 130 shirts to local charity

The students of Jacksonville State University have donated 135 shirts to the Jacksonville Chris- tian Outreach Center through the Student Government Associa- tion’s new shirt swap initiative.

The shirt swap program al- lowed students to donate a shirt bearing a non-JSU university logo in exchange for a free or discounted JSU shirt from the university bookstore. The shirts that were collected will now be donated to JSOC which is a local food bank and shelter.

This is the first year a program of this kind has been initiated at JSU. The SGA began this project as a service to the students and realized that it would also be a great opportunity to be a ser- vice to the community as well. “It started out as a way to pro-mote school spirit on campus and help students with more af-fordable gamecock gear,” said SGA President Brett Johnson. “Then we decided that donating the shirts we collected would be a great way to involve the students and the community as a win-win service project.”

The SGA Executive Officers collected the shirts every Fri- day at the Theron Montgom- ery Student Commons Build- ing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first 20 students who partici- pated each Friday received a free Cocky shirt and those who participated thereafter received a Cocky shirt for only $5.00 (about a 75 percent discount). Students who were unable to purchase a Cocky shirt were able to receive another free JSU shirt provided by the SGA. The SGA Executive Officers hope to make this program an annual tra-dition each fall football season.

---Student Government Association

Workshop for “flipping classrooms”

Dubbed the “flipped class- room hero,” Dr. Erik Chris- tensen presented “Flipping the Classroom: Real Advice from a REAL professor” to JSU fac- ulty and staff on Nov. 14. Cit- ing proven successful statistics he has seen in his own class- room, Christensen advocated for ways to make the classroom a more engaging atmosphere by “flipping” the work done in- side class and outside of class.

Coupling today’s latest tech- nology with fun in-class activi- ties and out-of-class networking, Christensen’s techniques have resulted in his having “more smiles than frowns” in class and having to literally push stu- dents out of the classroom after class time is up. Now that JSU faculty and staff members have heard this lecture, JSU students need to be prepared to have their classroom experiences flipped.

The workshop was orga- nized by the JSU Faculty Com- mons. For more information on classroom flipping and other education technolo-gies, call 256-782-5806.

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Check out this week’s edition online at www.jsu.edu/chanticleer!
Vallean Jackson
Staff Writer

When the month of November rolls around, everyone gets excited about the Thanksgiving holiday. Most people focus on all the mediocre luxuries and overlook the value and meaning of why Thanksgiving is even considered a holiday. As a society, we are so highly influenced by what we see that our judgment is thrown off and easily persuaded. One example would be retail stores that advertise the Thanksgiving holiday with symbols that "represent" the holiday. Decorations of turkeys, fall leaves and pilgrims hang in stores to welcome the holiday of thanks. Grocery stores join in on this and mark down the prices of Thanksgiving favorites like turkey, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes, and so on. These things are done to emphasize the meaning of this traditional holiday, but not done to represent thanks.

There is nothing wrong with tradition, but tradition becomes irrelevant when the meaning of something is forgotten. People are caught up in the food, sales and the representation of Thanksgiving and the representation of Thanksgiving is even celebrated becomes a thing of the past. Society has become more consumed with fitting the mood of Thanksgiving more so than the history and values of the day. Thanksgiving should be honored just as any other holiday and not just a day to eat good food and watch television. Just like shooting fireworks is a representation of the Fourth of July to celebrate America gaining its independence—Thanksgiving is no less important; it is the day for thanks to be given.

The first Thanksgiving was in Plymouth Colony, which is in present day Massachusetts, in 1621. President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving centuries later. Congress made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941. This means the national recognition of Thanksgiving as a holiday is only a few decades old. When things turned around it was only right for "Days of Thanksgiving". Thus bringing the reason and meaning of why thanksgiving is celebrated.

November 27, 2014 and every last Thursday that will follow is a day that would be for giving thanks to the harvest of the past year under previous conceptions. There are many traditions carried out as the day gets closer, but the most important aspect of the holiday is to give thanks. It is a time to show one's appreciation as well as a time to come together and thanks was close enough.

According to history, the first Thanks giving was not perfect, but the chance to come together and thanks was close enough. There is nothing wrong with Black Friday shopping or the preparation of the classic Iron Bowl game; it just adds to the growing tradition of Thanksgiving.
With the holiday season upon us, the students, professors and staff at Jacksonville State University are reminded of the numerous blessings many have and relish the opportunity to give back to the community and those in need. JSU has various service projects going on across campus, but is also offering some fun-filled activities for the whole family to enjoy this holiday season.

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~ International Student Organization

Oxford High School to join JSU’s Encore! Show Choir on November 21 for fall concert

Students are asked to demonstrate vocal and movement skills through competitive auditions. Recently the ensemble performed in Tahawus, for JSU's homecoming and toured Cherokee County schools. This year's show celebrates the American Variety Show. Broadway, movie and TV selections are featured. The concert is free and open to the general public.

~JSU Newswire

Seventh annual “Tellabration” slated for November 22

Can dogs talk? Do fairies dance? Are trees magical? Do you have memories of growing up in the south during the “fun years?” How do other nations celebrate the holidays? Why should we soar like eagles?

Join the Tellebration Tellers at the Little River Canyon Center on Saturday, November 22, 2014, as they “write stories on the wind” during the Seventh Annual Tellabration: Storytelling in the Canyon. The event takes place from 1-4 p.m. and admission is free.

The tellers for the day will be Finn Billie, Joe Estes, Danny Turner, Lee Piskorz, and Renee Morrison (aka Midnight the Coon-hound).

The International Tellebration is a worldwide event devoted to storytelling. This grass-roots movement is endorsed by the National Storytelling Network. It is always presented on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. For the Canyon Center event, De Soto State Park is offering a discount on lodging if “Tellabration” is mentioned when calling to make reservations.

Visit www.tellabration.org for more info about International Tellabration; visit www.canyoncenter.org to learn more about this and other events.

For more information email Renee Morrison at rmorrison@jsu.edu or call 256-782-5697.

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Solution for the sudoku puzzle on pg 3

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Why not be thankful for government, too?

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Being a young person interested in politics, people often tell me how thankful they are for government. Doesn’t it seem like if and when you see someone talking about government, they are complaining?

In fact, there is a popular quote that says, “Government is what we are obliged to tolerate in order to have the privilege of tolerating anything else.” This encourages people to vote, just so they can have the right to complain! Who’s to say that we can’t look at our government with gratitude, as well? I mean after all, it is the season to be thankful.

So, do you find yourself thanking government in your life?

For starters, we can be assuredly thankful for the opportunity to choose our government. We even often have the opportunity to vote on policy issues, especially in state government. Just this past election there were over 50 amendments that were placed on the ballot for us to approve or disapprove. I am thankful for the right to vote and an equally helpful for a government that respects that right.

When discussing government, we also must remember who that government really is. We tend to think of politicians, but in reality, it consists of all the individuals who maintain our government that respect that right.

As we begin the season for gratitude and giving, let’s not forget an equal and positive action to government action there can also be an equal and positive action. As we begin to see an increase in temperature, do you forget to give thanks for the increased temperature, just so they can have the right to complain?

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Here’s hoping that I won’t be seeing anyone spending their Thanksgiving holiday standing in line at Starbucks for a peppermint mocha.

Sawyer McKay
Staff Writer

Holiday gifts for the gamers in your life

The holidays are nearly upon us, so it’s time to even December yet!” you may say. That’s exactly what I think every year before the Christmas season sets in like a ton of bad fruitcake. It’s as if some hidden conductor gives an anonymous cue to commence with the annual yuletide symphony all at once. It’s easy to be caught at un-politicized moments doing up a lot of last minute gift shopping for friends and family. This is where I will make a suggestion: do your resistance! I mean, nowadays, it seems everyone and their grandmother plays at least sometime during the holiday season, whether it be Call of Duty or Candy Crush.

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The Jacksonville State Gamecocks Side Bar

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Rebekah Hawkins

The JSU volleyball team clinched a spot in the OVC Tournament even with a loss to Ten-

nese-Tech, which they made up with a win against South-

east Missouri on Senior Day. The Gamecocks headed north to play OVC rivals and will see Tech last Tuesday night.

The Jacksonville State Volleyball gets win on Senior Day and prepares for OVC Tournament

Senior Nicole Merget smirks with her teammates as she joined the 1,000 digs club and helped JSU to victory.

Volleyball gets win on Senior Day and prepares for OVC Tournament

JSU men drops season opener to Marshall

left in the first, but this would be the closest they would come to regain-

ning the lead. Marshall had control of the game from that point forward. Jacksonville State was plagued with poor shots in the first half. The Gamecocks could only sink shots 18 percent of the time compared to the Thundering Herd's 50 percent shot efficiency. The Gamecocks im-

proved during the second half, but Marshall came out of the locker room with the same intensity they had in the first half. They quickly scored five points within the first min-

utes of play. Felder was the first to score in the Gamecocks in the second half with a layup. Mar-

shall was able to make a 17 to 21-point cushion during the second half. While poor shooting still plagued the Game-

cocks, it improved to 25 percent. However, Mar-

shall kept a consistent 50 percent efficiency throughout the game. Turnovers would be a killer for Jackson-

ville State. The Gamecocks had 16 turnovers compared to Marshall's eight during the last 20 minutes. The Gamecocks contin-

ued on the road for Mon-

day’s game at Louisville where they lost 88-39. They face Cleveland State and will then host their first home game of the season at against Miles College this Sat-

urday at 4:30 p.m.
Jacksonville State’s Destiny James dribbles the ball up the court as JSU lost to Texas Tech 67-59.

In the above picture, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks celebrate as they win their fourth OVC title and clinch a playoff spot in the FCS playoffs.

The Chanticleer win as Eli Jenkins passed for a calling champs in Eastern Illinois.

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27-20 to claim the Ohio Valley Conference tournament title and clinch a playoff spot in the FCS playoffs.

The Gamecocks are now 9-1 overall and 7-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference. This is the first time in school history that Jacksonville State has posted a perfect 7-0 in the OVC.

JSU head coach John Grass has the most wins through 10 games than any JSU coach in his debut season. This is the Gamecocks fourth OVC title and they won it by defeating the two-time defending champs in Eastern Illinois.

The passing game was huge in the fourth quarter with 277 yards and two touchdowns.

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The Lady Gamecocks faced their first test of the season on Friday against Texas Tech when they lost 67-59.

The game was close through the first half as they trailed by double digits in the second half.

JSU did not score again, but the Gamecocks defended well and held them to no yards on the last two possessions.

The final score ended 27-20. JSU will now head on the road to Cape Girardeau, Mo. to face Southeast Missouri in the final game of the regular season.

“Hopefully we’ll have a good week this week and go on the road and beat a good SEMO team and make sure we get one of the top four seeds and get to play at home,” said Grass.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. Live stats and game information can be found at www.jsugamecocksports.com.

Cross Country finishes season

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Jacksonville State cross country teams wrapped up the 2014 season on Friday competing in the NCAA South Region, hosted by Florida State University.

The Gamecock women finished 29th, while the men only had three runners competing and did not count in the team standings.

In her final competition in cross country, senior Whitley Towns clocked a time of 23:07.2. Sophomore Briana Jackson and freshman Dayja Simon and Gina Carnovale rounded out the times for Jax State. Jackson crossed the finish line in 25:45.00, while Simon and Carnovale were right behind her at 26:27.00 and 27:05.40 respectively.

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