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Thursday, October 16, 2014

Honors students dance the night away

Megan Wise
 Staff Writer

This past Friday, October 10, under the string-light glow of the Alumni House, Jacksonville State University's Honors Program celebrated their first, and hopefully annual, "Meet and Greet."

Here, graduates, Elites and current members of the JSU Honors Program gathered around for the chance to mingle, dress to the nine's and boogie on the dance floor for the ground-breaking event.

Jacksonville State offers many honors classes for its student body, and while many students on campus take these honors courses and are members to the honors program, it was soon realized how spread out the ones involved seemed to be. In order to bring a sense of familiarity and togeth-



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erness for those outside of the Elites or those who have graduated from the program, the desire to bring the students together for a night of fun was born.

This was also the first event in which alumni of the program and current students have the opportunity to connect and catch up in the goings-on of those who have graduated and have moved into the grad school or working world.

Aside from seeing familiar faces, events such as these allow students to gain new perspectives as to what the honors program has to offer them as students as well as networking with alumni of the association.

The evening began with the formal routine of any social event.

After hunger had been satisfied and everyone was seated, President Emily Smith and Vice President Alex McFry addressed the members and announced the plans in store for the program for the duration of the year, such as service projects and events.

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Sigma Nu fraternity hosts Hotrods for Heroes car show

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On Saturday, October 11, the men of Sigma Nu hosted a car show at the Alumni House to raise funds for their charity Wounded Warrior Project.

Sigma Nu is a military-based fraternity with deep roots in volunteer work and an honor code to themselves and their community.

Marshal Kenneth Smith ran the event. 13 car models were on display, hoods raised and trunks open, showing off the complex inner workings of the cars.

The cars ranged from Camaros, Ford trucks, a 65' Impala, an orange Challenger R/T and even a hillbilly truck.

"We pick a charity and we represent and raise money to give back to their organization. It's our main philanthropy that we do every year to support our troops who serve our country," Smith said.

Sigma Nu's charity, the Wounded Warrior Project, is a program that was started to help injured men and women, provide programs to help meet their needs and to raise awareness to others to aid our soldiers.

One of the cars present was a camouflage Ford truck whose original owner was Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty.

True to the truck's original owner, the interior is the same camouflage pattern as the exterior. Current owner Micheal Kines

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JSU's Sigma Nu fraternity hosted a car show to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project on October 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alumni House. Proceeds from the show went to Wounded Warriors, Sigma Nu's main philanthropy.



Chiropractor Dr. Carol Evancho gave people attending the event spinal adjustments.

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showed off his truck and the awards the truck received at many different car shows. "I didn't know it was Phil Robertson's, I just bought the truck. It was named the 2014 Top Truck of the year at the last show we attended. I am hoping to sign a contract soon that will allow me to meet the Robertson's in Rome, Ga. to help sponsor a truck show," Kines said. Sigma Nu also hosted a raffle at the event. Prizes ranged from T-shirts, gift certificates and CDs to a condo in Orange Beach, Fla. There was also live music by Kelli Johnson and Lindsey Hickle under the pavilion. Also in attendance was chiropractor Dr. Carol Evancho who was giving adjustments to the people in attendance. Members of the community came to show their support for Sigma Nu and Wounded Warrior Program. The event was overall successful despite the rain that had arrived earlier that morning. "We are proud to serve our veterans who have made such a great sacrifice while serving our country," Sigma Nu President Torsten Dryden said.

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Some events include the program caroling at local nursing homes, a toy drive and future renovation to the Honors House. Taking advantage of the raised moral, the enthusiasm of the room was met with questioning as everyone was escorted through a series of party meet-and-greet games which soon had the entire facility buzzing with laughter. Spirits were high as hits from the 2000s began to play, tables were moved aside, and jackets and heels were removed leaving the students to the dance floor. Rain signified the conclusion of the event, but as the members of the JSU Honors Program, both past and present, proceeded out the door, even the downpour was unable to dampen the enjoyment of its members in attendance that evening.

From the Student Senate session on Monday, October 13:

Alexa Daugherty became Associate Justice.

Marjory Lin became a Student Senator. She is the first international student serving on the senate this term.

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Actor RJ Mitte speaks out about bullying in Charlotte

If you've ever seen AMC's Emmy Award winning television show "Breaking Bad," then you're familiar with RJ Mitte. In the show, Mitte plays Walt Jr., the protagonist's son who suffers from a mild case of cerebral palsy – a role very personal to Mitte as he suffers from cerebral palsy himself. Best known for his role as Walt Jr. on "Breaking Bad," Mitte visited UNC Charlotte Saturday afternoon to discuss the effects of bullying which he experienced first-hand as a child. Mitte has inspired those to become leaders in what can be a cruel world. He is a spokesperson for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, where he was a patient during his childhood. Mitte is also a recognized advocate against bullying as he has travelled across the country giving his story and touching others along the way. Mitte preaches that no matter what, the child being bullied always holds the power in any situation. "I dealt with bullies," Mitte said. "I was in braces and had casts on my legs for many years. I was pushed down, picked on and had my hand broken. The thing is, you have to evolve, and you cannot let them intimidate you. They can-

not take what does not belong to them. Bullies are constantly trying to take something that doesn't belong to them. Bullying cannot be used to get ahead anymore." Mitte fought hard to deal with bullying, but was not afraid to stand up to those who were constantly trying to bring him down. "When I was a kid I was lucky enough to have family and friends who were there to support me when I needed them," Mitte said. "For the most part though, I stood up to every single bully I had. When I got pushed down, I got right back up and looked them in the eye and said, 'What's your problem?'" Mitte described confronting bullies as a fear, and like anything else, you have to face your fears. He has three simple words, which give him the confidence to stop whatever it is that's affecting him. "You have to look into the face of danger or whatever is affecting you and confront it. Whatever it is has to be stopped there. My three simple words for these situations are 'interject, redirect and re-deflect.' First you have to interject into whatever they're doing and unbalance them. Then you have to redirect the focus off of you and onto something else

for a split second. From there you re-deflect it right back at them. You have to give them a taste of their own medicine and showing them what they're doing," said Mitte. Unfortunately there seems to be a large number of people who choose to spectate during these situations, instead of coming to the aid of those being bullied. Mitte reflected on a memory of his in which he witnessed a girl fall down in the middle of a congested hall way. Instead of rushing to her aid, the others around her decided to step over and past her. As soon as Mitte rushed to her assistance, the spectators wanted to help. Mitte expressed the importance of being a leader and setting an example for all of those around you. "We're always in a bubble. There's always an observer in any situation. If you're setting an example for those watching, they see what you're doing and it changes the observer's mindset. People will learn from those making a stand. This is what makes leaders and it shows whom are going to make a difference in this world," said Mitte. Mitte explained that the fight against bullying will not be ending soon if ever, but he illuminated that

it's something worth fighting for. In 2008, Mitte was handed his first major acting role in "Breaking Bad," which required him to exemplify what it means to have cerebral palsy, a role he was extremely passionate about. Mitte felt that he was the best candidate for the job. "This was the first time I spoke on television. I read the synopsis and this character described me. I went in with so much confidence and that I was there to claim my job. I had five auditions which many people would find discouraging. Not me, I knew I was on the home stretch and I can't be discouraged. That's how you have to go about everything. I had a lot of fun and it was great experience," said Mitte. Mitte's insight showed that he had a determination beyond his 22 years. Regardless, if the fight against bullying can ever be won, Mitte will continue to inspire those around him and lead a revolution of change among the many young adults worldwide.

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Freshmen Forum tie-dyes T-shirts on Dillon Field

Taylor Brown
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Dillon Field was filled with the sounds of music and celebration last Thursday as members of Freshman Forum got together to throw their own Tie-Dye party.

Each Freshman Forum member brought their own white t-shirt to color. To dye the shirts, students laid down tarps on the grass, then dunked the t-shirts in cold water. After dunking, the shirts were rolled up and secured with rubber bands to make different sections. Finally, students added food coloring to get the tie dye look.

The students present

seemed to enjoy the event. “It’s a lot of fun,” said Aaron Bostick. Social events like the Tie-Dye party are put on every week for Freshman Forum members. “We try to do events like this every

week. It’s fun and exciting for them, and they can get together and hang out with each other,” explained Joshua Robinson, Graduate Assistant at the Office of Student Life. According to Robinson, Freshman Forum members are required to attend at least half of all events.

Freshman Forum has more events planned for the future, according to Freshman Forum mentor Blake Wilson. “We’re working on getting a community service project planned for November, and we will have our One Day Without Shoes event in the spring as well,” said Wilson.



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Chamber of Commerce to host “Get Linked”

Special to The Chanticleer

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce is again partnering with Jacksonville State University to provide students the opportunity to connect with area professionals of all levels. To help us accomplish this, we’re holding our semi-annual “Get Linked” event at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville on Monday, November 10, from 5:30-7:30 pm.

The first hour of the event consists of a panel discussion, with students participating in a Q&A on “Building Your Resume and Networking.” The second hour will be a meet and mingle time for students to meet area business professionals, consisting the panel members and other Chamber Members in attendance, as well as fellow students. Our four member panel consists of Jacki-Lyn Thacker of Alabama Power, Sonde Coleman of BBVA Compass, Rodney Snider of Cheaha Brewing Company and Anthony Kingston of Jacksonville City Schools. With various Chamber members in attendance, doors of opportunity could be opened for those who attend.

We want to link students with area business leaders and help them create connections that will aid them in clinching this semester’s internship or tomorrow’s dream job.

Chicken Scratch



This story is fascinating, but can you please let the professor get back to his lecture?

When a well-dressed hot guy confronts you and you try to be cool but you’re wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt with a cow on it. That’s my luck today.

The feeling when you get off the elevator and walk a little ways then you realize you are on the wrong floor but when you press the button the elevator hasn’t moved.

I always turn the volume down in my car when I’m looking for a certain building so I can see better.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

JSU Drama department brings Chekhov's 'The Seagull' to the stage this weekend



Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

A few weeks ago, *The Chanticleer* went behind the curtain and brought its readers the inside scoop on the year's theatre season.

Today, October 16, marks the beginning of the 4 shows that the Jacksonville State University Department of Drama will be performing.

'The Seagull,' a play by Anton Chekhov who is one of Russia's most celebrated playwrights, will open tonight in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m.

The show was first written in 1895 and produced for the first time in 1896 and is considered to be the first of Chekhov's four major plays but the first production was a complete failure.

The show only later became a hit when Constantin Stanislavski, who was the seminal Russian Practitioner of the time, directed it in 1898 to make it one of the greatest events in the history of Russian theatre and one of the greatest new developments in the history of world drama.

Of the Chekhov, Department of Drama head Randy Blades says, "We haven't done a Chekhov here before. He's one of the greatest playwrights

in history. It's a big thing for us to tackle as our first show of the season."

The show, populated with imperfect, fascinating characters, is a darkly funny play that is poignant and entertains the exploration of love and the power of art.

The modern translation by Paul Schmidt highlights the comic elements in Chekhov's masterpiece.

'The Seagull' follows the story of four characters and the romance and artistic conflicts between them.

Inrina Arkadina, a fading theatre star, and her love interest, the young Trigorin who is also a tortured and famous writer, visit her brother's estate to watch a play written by Arkadina's son, Konstantin, who is very idealistic.

Konstatine hopes to be able to create a new form of drama that will cause the art to break away from everything that his mother symbolizes as a star of the old and conventional shows.

Nina is the young, up and coming star of Konstantin's show and yearns to be famous and in the spotlight.

All of these characters collide to create a show that is both poignant and explores love and the

power of art. The collisions of the characters threaten to ruin the idyllic surroundings of the estate and the characters discover something about themselves and show business.

Blades says "it's complicated, but a good kind of complicated that we're really excited about."

The cast is made up of JSU students and faculty members and Michael Boynton will be directing. The scenic design was done by Jennifer Ivey, who has tried to create an abstract setting that will convey the idea of the transparent façade of traditional artistic conventions

The new resident Lighting and Sound Direct Robert Graham has also tried to weave a charged atmosphere using both sound and lighting effects to full advantage to help create a setting that tries to reflect the turmoil that the quiet countryside is experiencing while the four characters that make up the meat of the play argue and experience change together.

Members of the drama department have made all set designs and creation, along with period costumes.

Performances will be October 16, 17 and 18 beginning at 7 p.m. and October 19 at 2 p.m. with JSU students, personnel, senior citizens, and military ticket prices at \$8 and general admission at \$12.



Drama department/ JSU

The Seagull features both students and faculty of JSU in the show. It is being directed by Michael Boynton with scenic design by Jennifer Ivey and sound and lighting by Robert Graham.

Spanish Film Club screening Paraguayan film today

7 BOXES (7 Cajas)

Juan Carlos Maneglia, Tana Schémbori / Paraguay / 105 min / 2014 / In Spanish, Guaraní, and Korean with English subtitles

5:00 PM

It's Friday night in Asunción, Paraguay, and the temperature is sweltering.

Victor, a 17-year-old wheelbarrow delivery boy, dreams of becoming famous and covets a fancy TV set in the infamous Mercado 4.

He's offered a chance to deliver seven boxes with unknown contents in exchange for a quick one hundred US dollars.

But what sounds like an easy job soon gets complicated.

Something in the boxes is highly coveted and Victor and his pursuers quickly find themselves caught up in a crime they know nothing about.

Reminiscent of Slumdog Millionaire.

Solution for the sudoku puzzle located on pg 3

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Harrison High School

Harrison high School, who obtained first in the Regional Championship, will go on to compete in Atlanta against other regional champions.

Banding together at Jacksonville

Katie Cline
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 11, the Marching Southerners hosted Bands of America and Music For All's regional championship.

18 exceptional high school bands from across the Southeast flocked to Burgess-Snow field to compete for the coveted title of Regional Champion.

The day began with the preliminary competition, and after an exhibition from the Marching Southerners, the top ten highest scoring bands that would be moving on to finals were announced.

After one long day, two outstanding performances, and immeasurable pressure, the ten finalist bands lined the field for the awards ceremony and waited.

Harrison High School from Kennesaw, Ga. received first place. Following Harrison was Kennesaw Mountain High School and Fort Mill High School. Awards drew up to tenth place.

Dr. Ken Bodiford has been the Director of Bands at JSU since 1994, and it was he who got the Southerners involved with Bands of America as a recruiting tool back in 1998

when they began performing as an exhibition band at the Atlanta Regional Competition.

Three years ago, BOA asked if JSU would be interested in hosting a regional championship, and Bodiford's answer was yes.

Joie Byrd, a junior at JSU and one of the current drum majors for the Marching Southerners, has a unique perspective on Saturday's contest. She was a drum major at Lassiter High School and competed in several BOA competitions. "It was definitely intense," she admits.

Now, as a member of the host band, she gets to see the competition in a different light. "I definitely think the exhibition portion is a big recruitment tool. It's cool being on this side of it because when you're in high school, you think you're the best, but seeing the [exhibition] bands there, you know there's still something to strive for."

And after giving a performance that left thousands of awestruck band students and parents on their feet, the Southerners did just that, and how many future Southerners sat in those stands is a question that everyone is eagerly awaiting the answer to.

It is clear that each of the eighteen bands that participated in Saturday's competition are incredibly talented and hardworking.

Bands of America is the most prestigious competition circuit for high school bands in the country, and these students have earned their place among the ranks of the greats.

After teaching music for 26 years, Dr. Bodiford has seen and worked with numerous spectacular individuals and groups, and he offers this piece of advice to all of Saturday's outstanding competitors and to students everywhere with a passion for music, "The thing I would pass on to them is that even though the competition is really important to us, don't ever let that completely take over your whole being.

"There are some bands that will come in second place by just a tenth of a point, and they're phenomenal.

"I hate for them to leave thinking that they're not good because they didn't win first place. I'd like for them to all realize that to be competing at this level, they're incredible to start with, and, really, it's a toss up who's going to win from day to day."

Boo to you from JSU

With a nip in the air and leaves beginning to change color up on Chimney Peak, there's no "bones" about it – Halloween is right around the corner!

At JSU, more events are planned than you can shake a broomstick at to celebrate the "spirit" of the haunted holiday. From frightful to family friendly, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Octubafest and Tubaween

Tuba lovers can oompah this October with the David L. Walters Department of Music. October 14th and 15th will host Octubafest, a two-night concert series spotlighting the largest and lowest-pitched brass instrument.

Come back on Oct. 28 for Tubaween – an extravaganza featuring the JSU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble and Encore! Show Choir. All events will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Mason Hall Performance Center and are free and open to the public.

Spookapalooza

Get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful fall weather on Oct. 25 with the JSU Field Schools. From 10:30-11:30 a.m., head out to JSU's Little River Canyon Center for mask making and storytelling. Bring Fluffy and Fido to the All Paws costume contest, "Something Furry This Way Comes," 1-2:30 p.m.

When the night falls, 5-6 p.m., take the 15-minute drive over to Desoto Caverns Park campground for a "Spooks in the Valley" campfire talk led by Renee Morrison, assistant director of the JSU Field Schools. She'll share stories about some of Alabama's finest spooks, legends and folklore.

Dress warmly and bring your own camp chair or blanket to the James L. Wynn Campfire Ring. Gates will open 30 minutes prior to the program.

In the event of inclement weather, the program will move to the park's Nature Center. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Little River Canyon Center at 256-845-3548.

SGA Harvest Festival

Bring your little monsters to the JSU quad on Oct. 28, 4:30-7 p.m., to trick-or-treat activity booths organized by student organizations. Admission is free and open to the public. Be sure to dress in your Halloween finest, and stick around for Tubaween afterwards (see above).

Haunted Mason

If haunted houses are your "forte," then stir up some "treble" on Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., when JSU's Mason Hall Performance Center turns into a spine-tingling house of horrors.

The event is presented by Kappa Kappa Psi, the university bands service organization, and proceeds support the music program. Advance tickets are \$3, available on the porch of Mason Hall the week before the event, or \$5 at the door.

~JSU Newswire

Upcoming events on and around campus

October 16, 2014

The Spanish Film Club will be showing the third film in the Spanish Film Festival in Wallace Hall beginning at 5 p.m.

'The Seagull' opens in Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center with general admission at \$12 and student tickets at \$8. Tickets can be purchased online, at the door, or by visiting the ticket booth beforehand.

October 17, 2014

Miss Manly Mason will be held in the Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. A \$2 entrance fee will be collected at the door.

October 18, 2014

JSU Contest of Champions is being hosted by the Marching Southerners in the JSU Stadium with admission at \$7

October 22, 2014

The Fall Jazz Showcase will begin at 7:30 p.m. with guest artist Lester Walker, trumpet, in Mason Hall Performance Center. Free Concert.

October 23, 2014

The Spanish Film Club will be showing the fourth film in the Spanish Film Festival in Wallace Hall beginning at 5 p.m.

October 28, 2014

Tubaween will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Mason Hall Performance Center. Free concert.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Remembering AEA Chief Paul Hubbert

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

If I were to go around campus and ask students what they thought of AEA, they'd probably give me that college student glossy-eyed-question-mark-face that we've all had before. But the reality is, the AEA has likely left a stamp on the lives of every student that goes to JSU.

The Alabama Education Association is the largest education association in the state of Alabama. Its stated mission is to promote educational excellence by advocating for its members (teachers) and fighting for quality education.

In other words, the AEA is the teacher's union in Alabama. In 1969, 35-year-old Paul Hubbert was selected as the Executive Secretary of the organization. The rest is history.

Hubbert joined forces with another organization called the Alabama State Teachers' Association, the predominately black teachers' organization. This merger formed one of the first interracial organizations in Alabama history.

Membership multiplied as the association opened to school support personnel. This blew the organization of 30,000 to a force-to-be-reckoned-with at over 100,000 members.

So what does the AEA have to do with you or me? This organization has been instrumental in education policy in the state of Alabama for decades; largely focused on securing the Education Trust Fund budget which funds schools and universities like JSU.

In 1972, the organization became the first in Alabama to form a political action committee (PAC) to support candidates that stood for public education and AEA's mission. In 1974, the PAC raised about \$76,000

for candidates. In 2010, the PAC spent more than \$9.4 million on races in Alabama—as I said, a force to be reckoned with.

In 1990, Paul Hubbert ran for Governor looking to capitalize on a coalition he built as the head of AEA. He garnered an impressive 48 percent of the vote against incumbent Governor Guy Hunt, but ultimately lost.

In 2011, Hubbert wrote to 105,000 educators in the Alabama School

Journal that his health would not allow him to continue the fight for education as the AEA chief. That year marked his retirement as one of the most influential men in Alabama politics for over 40 years.

In that time, AEA led the fight for education initiatives such as the Alabama Reading Initiative focused on ensuring Alabama students are reading at grade-level. It also fought for the Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) which is focused on improving teaching in those fields.

This past Tuesday, the long-time leader of the largest education association and one most powerful political forces in Alabama, Dr. Paul Hubbert passed away of natural causes. Though he is gone and his day in power has passed, his legacy lives on and his stamp on history will continue to be felt by students and citizens in Alabama.

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How-to: Surviving midterm madness

Alex McFry
Associate Editor

This week marks the official Fall 2014 midterm. With only six weeks of class left until finals week, it's time to buckle down or enjoy the rest of the ride until December.

For freshman, this could be the first time the word "midterm" holds any meaning, and this adjustment can be a scary thing.

College newcomers have been on campus for two months and are finally starting to settle into their routines at this home away from home.

For other students, the word "midterm" can be meaningless. Some professors don't see the point in offering a specific test for a midterm when they have their own schedules of assignments and tests spread throughout the semester.

No matter where you might find yourself on the midterm spectrum, there are some things that you can do to make this week and all that follow as painless as possible.

If there have midterms, students tend to find themselves trying to find ways to relieve the stress that they cause. Partying? Alcohol? Pitching a hammock and enjoying the breeze before the cold weather gets here? No matter what the coping mechanism is, everyone that gets caught up in the five (or more) due dates that seem to all fall in the same dreaded week really start to see the need to unwind. Make sure that you find a (safe) way to relax; otherwise you might find patches of missing hair during class next week.

On top of the chaos that is midterms week, clubs and organizations are hosting events, doing fundraisers, and trying to make their presence on campus known. Students find themselves stretched in every

possible direction all at once, which can get pretty stressful. Everyone starts to find out if they bend or

break under pressure, so make sure that you know how much is too much to handle. Pace yourself.

In the hustle and bustle of midterm week, there is a very effective twelve-story solution. For all those who don't know, the Houston Cole Library stays open until 11p.m. during the week to accommodate those

who need a quiet corner to hide in.

Traffic at Jazzman's picks up as students file in with their backpacks, laptops, and textbooks. Imagine deciding not to grab some caffeine before your study session and then waking up on the 5th floor in the dark at 2a.m.—talk about a study session fit for a horror movie.

When you study, study in groups. You've heard it before, and you will hear it again: studying in groups can help you focus and in most cases get a higher grade. Get together with a few of the people in your class and plan to study together before the midterm date. Not only does this tip apply to midterm week, but in general when studying for a big test that can make or break your grade in a class.

With cold weather on the way and stores already gearing up for the holiday season, it's hard to remember that we should slow down and enjoy the college experience from time to time. That leads to my last tip: enjoy the ride. Whether you're a first-year freshman or a third-year senior, appreciate the little things and don't let the semester completely pass you by.

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Headphone review: earbuds can be nothing but a bust

Sawyer McKay
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What university student doesn't enjoy listening to music in at least one of its endless forms? Music is an entertainment medium that goes hand-in-hand with the college experience like no other form of entertainment. It can somewhat alleviate the boredom of a painfully lengthy study session. That arduous slog to Stone Center might not seem so terribly long with a few of your favorite tunes. It can be an introvert's best friend; if you're not feeling up to bantering with your classmates, just put in some earphones. It should deter a large percentage of your well-meaning peers.

Most people probably have at least one pair of headphones lying around—very likely the stock earbuds that come with an iPhone or a ten-dollar pair from Wal-Mart. Many are totally content with these and will never upgrade, and that's just fine for casual listening. However, it's worth investing a little more if you want to get the most out of your music library.

There are some outrageously pricey high-end models out there for those with a finely tuned ear and deep pockets, but I'll introduce a couple of options here that are more accessible to those of us who live on Chick-fil-A and ramen. If you're ready to take the leap into the world of novice audio, then check out the following two models.

(Tip: Both of these models are in-ear monitors. They may take some getting used to if you don't regularly insert foreign objects into your ear canals. Don't give up on them if they're a bit uncomfortable at first. Also, it is highly advisable to look up the proper way to insert an in-ear monitor before you start shoving things into your brain.)

SteelSeries In-ear Flux

Specifications:
Driver: 6mm
Frequency response: 20 – 20000 Hz
Impedance: 19 Ohm
Cable length: 1.2 m
Jack: 3.5 mm
Price: \$50 on Amazon

The In-ear Flux model from gaming peripheral manufacturer SteelSeries is one of the best options available in the \$50 or under price range. They have a well-balanced overall sound signature, with a nice kick on the low end, a clear, detailed mid range, and good extension into the upper register. The slim form factor and high-quality silicone tips make them comfortable to wear for extended periods. They also have a single-button in-line microphone for taking calls. These are the earphones I use for music, video streaming, and anything else on a nearly daily basis, and I couldn't be happier with them.



Amazon.com

JVC HA-FX101

Specifications:
Driver: 8.5mm
Frequency response: 5-20,000 Hz
Impedance: 16 ohms
Cable length: 1.2m
Jack: 3.5mm
Price: \$20 on manufacturer's website

For those who want bass on a budget, JVC's "Xtreme Xplosives" should do the trick. They have a powerful bass punch without completely drowning out the high end, and according to the manufacturer they have been "ergonomically contoured" for a more comfortable fit for a wider variety of ear shapes than the previous model, the FX1X.



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Have any questions, comments, or suggestions? As always, feel free to contact me by email at smckaychanticleer@jsu.edu or on Twitter @ChantyTech.

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SPORTS

JSU moves to 5-1 after defeating TSU



Steve Gross/JSU

DaMarcus James scored two touchdowns in the win over TSU to put him second on JSU's career rushing list.

Marvel Robinson
Sports Editor

In the Ohio Valley Conference match-up last Saturday, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (5-1, 3-0 OVC) defeated the Tennessee State Tigers (4-3, 1-2 OVC) 27-20.

With the win, the Gamecocks improve to 8-2 against Tennessee State and 4-0 in Nashville.

Both teams had over 400 yards of total offense. JSU had 213 rushing yards and 190 passing yards and 43 rushing.

The Gamecocks scored three of their four touchdowns on the ground where DaMarcus James led with two touchdowns and 93 yards. James has moved to second place on Jacksonville State's career rushing touchdown list with 42. He trails David Gullede's

school record of 48.

The JSU defense forced six turnovers with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. LaMichael Fanning forced a fumble while Terrence Pendleton and Folo Johnson had fumble recoveries. Jermaine Hough had two interceptions along with one interception from Debarrius Miller and one from Devaunte Sigler. The interceptions gave Miller and Sigler their first career interception.

Tennessee State put the first points on the board as they scored a field goal on their first drive. Jacksonville State would respond with a touchdown where Eli Jenkins completed a 16-yard pass to Bo Brummel. The extra point was blocked, leaving the score 6-3 at the end of the first quarter.

James scored the lone

touchdown in the second quarter on a 2-yard run. The drive consisted of 3 plays and 61 yards to make the score 13-3 going into the half.

The third quarter was probably the most effective quarter in the game. After a couple of runs from James and Jenkins, James would finish the drive off with a 7-yard touchdown run to make the score 20-3 with 12:23 left in the third quarter.

On the next drive, Tennessee State would march down the field only to be held to a field goal. It wouldn't take long for Jacksonville State to score again. On their next drive, the Gamecocks extended their lead to 27-6 with a 19-yard touchdown run by Troymaine Pope.

The Tigers wouldn't give up that easily, as they would score back to back

touchdowns. Michael German completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Wel Garlington, bringing the score to 27-13. German would run for one yard to bring the score to 27-20.

The JSU defense was strong in the fourth quarter. There were two important possessions in the fourth where TSU drove down the field in JSU territory. However, both possessions ended in a turnover with interceptions by Sigler and Hough. Hough's interception closed the game out and sealed the victory for the Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State has now won five-straight games this season after losing the first game of the season to Michigan State.

The Gamecocks will now have an open week, but will return home to action against Tennessee Tech on October 25.

JSU Volleyball suffers first loss in OVC

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Writer

The JSU volleyball team came into their Saturday afternoon game against Belmont undefeated after a sweep of Tennessee State, but left with their first conference loss of the season.

On Friday night, the Gamecocks met Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee State and played a well fought match to sweep the visiting Tigers. The first set was evenly matched despite JSU's early lead of seven and eventually the Gamecocks were able to put it away.

The second set had nine ties that set the Gamecocks up to win despite being down by four. The final set was easier for JSU to claim, although it was tied at one point. After the initial tie, JSU only allowed TSU to score three more points while they racked up 25 to make the sweep.

The Gamecocks had a fantastic .305 attack percentage overall, with .433 in set two alone. The leader with 10 kills, Emily Rutherford, had a .444 percentage by herself. Nicole Merget came in second behind her teammate with eight kills and a .333 attack percentage. Two Gamecocks had doubles in digs with Samantha Bohne's 16 being the highest followed by Rutherford's 10. Jennifer Hart continued with her assists and had 34 on the night.

The finals for the night were 25-23, 26-24, and 25-17.

Despite the glorious sweep of



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Allyson Zuhke led the team with 15 kills in the loss against Belmont.

their OVC opponent, the Gamecocks would ultimately fall in five sets to their next conference foe, Belmont. It was a tough battle for JSU as they fell early in the first set before a win in the second set. The third was the best in overall attack percentage for the Gamecocks at .344 which helped them come out victorious. The following fourth set was the worst as JSU never even broke a .000 percentage, and they would fall in that set and in the final to seal Belmont's victory.

The game may have been a loss, but the Gamecocks still proved to be a force on the court. Three Gamecocks had kills in the double

digits. Allyson Zuhke, who had a .393 attack percentage on the day, led the team with 15. Merget and Rutherford were behind her with 12 and 10 respectively. Bohne was one of two Gamecocks with digs in the doubles. She had 25 and Brienne Glidewell added 11.

The finals for the match were 22-25, 25-20, 25-18, 16-25, and 12-15.

JSU moves to 9-10 on the season with just one loss in conference play. They will play a non-conference match-up against Alabama A&M for the third time on October 15. After that, they will return to conference play against Eastern Kentucky in Richmond.

Gamecocks Side Bar

FCS 2014 Top 25 (The Sports Network)

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

2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State L 7-45
 9/6 @ Chattanooga W 26-23
 9/13 Open
 9/20 v West Alabama W 45-34
 9/27 @ Murray State* W 52-28
 10/4 vs UT Martin* W 38-14
 10/11 @ TSU* W 27-20
 10/18 Open
 10/25 vs Tennessee Tech*
 11/1 vs Austin Peay**
 11/8 @ Eastern Kentucky*
 11/15 vs Eastern Illinois*
 11/22 @ Southeast Missouri*
 *OVC game/ ** Homecoming

Jermaine Hough named OVC Defensive Player of the Week

Upcoming action

- 10/17-10-19
 -Men's Tennis vs USTA/ITA
 Southern Regional
- 10/17
 -Softball vs Tennessee Temple
 2:30 p.m.
- Cross Country @ Crimson
 Classic
 5:00 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Eastern Ken-
 tucky
 6:00 p.m.
- Soccer @ Austin Peay
 7:00 p.m.
- 10/18
 -Volleyball @ Morehead State
 1:00 p.m.
- 10/19
 -Rifle @ The Citadel
- Rifle vs Nebraska
- Soccer vs Belmont
 1:00 p.m.
- 10/20-10/21
 -Men's Golf @ Pinetree Inter-
 collegiate

Rush's hat trick leads JSU to victory



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Jackie Rush recorded a hat trick to lift the Jacksonville State Gamecocks over Eastern Illinois to a 3-1 victory. The win gives JSU a 3-2 OVC record.

Alyssa Cunningham
Staff Writer

Jackie Rush was the superstar of Sunday's soccer game as she propelled the Jacksonville State Gamecocks to their seventh season win last weekend for their domination over the Eastern Illinois Panthers.

The win makes four out of five home game wins for the Gamecocks and makes their Ohio Valley Conference Record 3-2. The loss drops EIU's record to 2-19-

2 overall and 1-4-1 in the OVC.

All three goals by senior Jackie Rush were achieved in the first 35 minutes and all goals of the game were completed by the 38 minute mark.

This makes her seventh goal of the season and also makes her the first player to score a hat trick since Lindsay Boehmler in 2008 against Alabama State; this is the first one since the Gamecocks joined the OVC.

The Gamecocks were determined for a victory as Katt Dowd attempted the first goal at the 5:18

mark which was blocked by EIU goalie Emily Hinton. The Gamecocks stayed with the attack as Rush scored her first goal quickly under 11 minutes into the game.

The Gamecocks wasted no time as Rush scored again at just under 19 minutes from a header off of a free kick from the left side. She was assisted by both Courtney Hurt and Kelsey Bright on her second goal of the game.

The last of Rush's goals was scored at 32 minutes. Eastern Illinois scored

one goal at 38 minutes, but it was not enough as The Gamecocks were just too good. The Gamecocks out-shot the Panthers 23 to 10 that day.

The Gamecocks go on to play Austin Peavey on Friday, Oct. 17 and then have a home game on Sunday, October 19 at 1 p.m.



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Tomasz Anderson helped the JSU Men's Golf team finish fourth in the Kenny Perry Invite.

Golf finishes fourth in Invitational

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.

Senior Tomasz Anderson finished fifth and the Jacksonville State men's golf team fourth at the Western Kentucky Kenny Perry Invitational, which wrapped up on Tuesday.

Anderson, a native of Hertfordshire, England, used a final-round 73 on the par-72, 7,319-yard layout at Olde Stone to claim his second Top five finish in as many starts in his senior year. Lipscomb's Dawson Armstrong won medalist honors in the 66-player field, while his Bisons claimed the 12-team event.

The Gamecocks carded a final-round 305 to wrap up a total score of 892 in the

54-hole tournament. They finished just behind second-place and host WKU and third-place Eastern Kentucky. Tennessee Tech came in fifth.

Anderson started slow, posting three bogeys on the front and another on the 10th hole before a solid finish saw him race up the leaderboard. Back-to-back birdies on 14 and 15 and then two more on 17 and 18 capped his final-round 73 and got him to 2-over for the event.

Sophomore Pablo Torres was just behind Anderson in seventh after a 75 on Tuesday capped a 220 that put the Bogota, Columbia, native in seventh place. He also ral-

lied down the stretch, birdying three holes in a five-hole stretch on the back nine.

Senior Franco Grillo and sophomore Camilo Aguado tied for 33rd with 54 hole scores of 229. Grillo shot 81 on Tuesday, while Aguado turned in an 80. Sophomore Jamie Mist's 77 capped a 232 that left him tied for 41st.

The Gamecocks will return to the links on Oct. 20, when they begin play in Kennesaw State's Pine Tree Intercollegiate at Pine Tree Country Club in Kennesaw, Ga.

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Cross Country claims third

GREENVILLE, S.C.

The Jacksonville State men's and women's cross country teams finished third in the Gene Mullin Invitational, hosted by Furman University.

After a solid finish last weekend in the JSU-hosted Foothills Hills Invitational, both squads continued to show improvement as the 2014 schedule comes down the stretch leading in to the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships on the first Saturday of November.

For the second consecutive outing, sophomore Ju-ells McLeod paced the women's squad with a top-10 finish. The McDonough, Georgia-native covered the 5K in 19:46.90. Closely behind her again this week was senior Whitley Towns. Towns turned in a mark of 20:07.52 to claim 13th in the individual standings.

The rest of the JSU women finished bunched up, placing from 19th

through 25th place. Briana Jackson crossed the finish line in 21:40.56 and in the 16th spot. Dayja Simon, Gina Carnovale, Taylor Ueberseitzig, Hannah Pelham and Celia Wigington rounded out the team scoring for Jax State.

In the men's competition, senior Mickey Sanders led the Gamecock contingent with a 14th-place spot. Sanders recorded a time of 16:24.04 in the 5K event.

Jordan Cummins and Stephen Payne finished back-to-back at 18th and 19th with times of 16:45.81 and 16:52.66. Ben Pryor paced a trio of JSU runners that finished 21st through 25th. Pryor was just ahead of Alexander Beverly and Paul Lueck.

JSU will have its final tune up for the OVC meet next weekend as it takes part in the Crimson Classic on Oct. 17 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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