



WEATHER: High 85, Low 62, Partly cloudy

Thursday, October 9, 2014

## ***Ebola: what you should know***

- While there is speculation that Ebola could be an airborne virus, the possibility is unlikely and the virus is still not considered heavily contagious.
- It takes anywhere from 2-21 days for symptoms to appear after exposure to Ebola. 8-10 days is most common. An individual has to be showing obvious symptoms to be contagious.
- Health workers are most at risk, but treating Ebola patients without catching it can be done successfully if proper hygienic measures are taken.
- Therefore, the likelihood of contracting Ebola is extremely slim if proper precautions are taken.

## ***How to prevent the spread of viruses***

- Avoid areas of known outbreaks. Before traveling to Africa, find out about current epidemics by checking the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.
- Wash your hands frequently. As with other infectious diseases, one of the most important preventive measures is frequent hand-washing. Use soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60 percent alcohol when soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid bush meat. In developing countries, avoid buying or eating the wild animals, including nonhuman primates, sold in local markets.
- Avoid contact with infected people. In particular, caregivers should avoid contact with the person's bodily fluids.
- Follow infection-control procedures. If you're a healthcare worker, wear protective clothing, such as gloves, masks, gowns and eye shields. Keep infected people isolated from others. Dispose of needles and sterilize other instruments.

(All information provided by the CDC and the Mayo Clinic)

# **Ebola patient dies, Enterovirus spreads**

**Rachel Read**  
 Staff Writer

Thomas Eric Duncan, the first patient to be diagnosed with the Ebola virus in the United States, died yesterday. He had been in isolation at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital since September 28. Duncan, who was a citizen of Liberia, traveled to Dallas in an attempt to reconnect with his long-lost son.

On September 30, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed a report that a patient in Dallas, Texas had indeed contracted the deadly disease. Since then, the nation's attention has been on Duncan.

Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever is an infectious virus that has swept across West Africa, claiming over 3,000 lives, with total cases exceeding over 7,000.

Panic in the US was escalated on September 30 when, according to the New York Times on October 7, 14 cases have been treated outside West Africa. That includes 6 known cases being treated in the United States (receiving treatment in Dallas, Atlanta, Omaha hospitals), 3 in Spain (Madrid), 1 in UK (London), France (Paris), Norway (Oslo), and Germany (Hamburg and Frankfurt). Out of all of those cases, only 3 patients have died so far, 2 having been ones treated in Spain and 1 here in the U.S.

The first known transmission outside of West Africa was made public on

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ABC News/Special to *The Chanticleer*

Thomas Eric Duncan is one of five patients that have been treated for Ebola in the United States. He is the first one that was diagnosed on U.S. soil and the first death.

# **Homecoming pageant preparations begin in Leone Cole**

**Megan Wise**  
 Staff Writer

Every year as October begins to descend upon Jacksonville State University the sounds of chatter and synchronized footsteps can be heard cascading from Leone Cole Auditorium as some of JSU's best prepare for the annual Homecoming Pageant.

This year, twenty-two women and five men will be competing for the title of Homecoming Queen and King. Tuesday evening, Pitbull and Ke\$ha's "Timber" fueled the excitement as the opener to accompany this year's theme "Ax Austin Peay" while the contestants begin to familiarize themselves with the choreography to the lumberjack-esque theme. Rehearsal for the pageant gave each participating contestant a look at what to prepare for as well as an opportunity to get acquainted and

have a little fun before getting down to business.

Vice President of the Student Senate Tyler Brown is thrilled about the event he's been overseeing.

"It's a tradition and a support for not only each organization, but for JSU itself." He and Jade Wagner, who choreographed the event, will be announcing the event. Judges for the pageant consist of Jacksonville State University alumni. They will be deciding which contestants will move on to the student body's ballots for Homecoming Week.

During this pageant, the twenty-two female contestants are narrowed down to ten, who will then be singled out to one and announced as Homecoming Queen on the football field during the pep rally amongst their peers and staff alongside the Homecoming King.

Contestant Lyndsey Bonner had many great things to say when asked about her involve-

ment in the pageant. "This is my first time ever doing any kind of pageant at all! It's a little nerve-racking, but I feel like this experience is going to turn out great. I've had a lot of fun and already made some new friends so far."

Hopefully as the event draws near, the warmth and acceptance of the people involved will be able to keep nerves at bay and lead to an amazing evening for everyone whether it be in a dress and heels, suited in their best, or simply sitting back and watching the fun unfold.

The pageant will be held at Leone Cole Auditorium on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. with an estimate of at least over five hundred audience members in attendance. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

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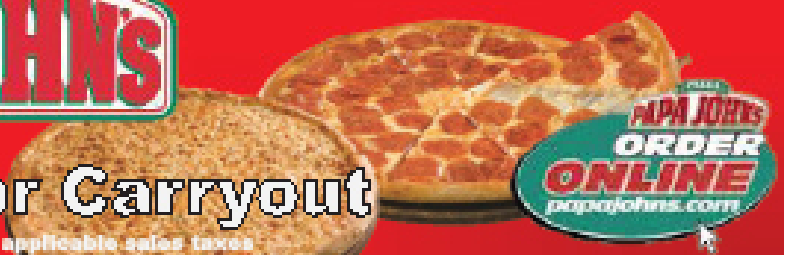
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October 6, and reportedly to have been a sanitary technician nurse in Spain.

The question now is this: should we be panicked in the United States? Can Ebola be kept at bay even after the death of the first patient diagnosed on U.S. soil? CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden, thinks it can be contained. "Ebola can be scary. But there's all the difference in the world between the U.S. and parts of Africa where Ebola is spreading," Frieden said at a news conference on September 30.

Regardless of whether or not Ebola poses as a real threat and spreads across America, it is important for everyone to be aware of what Ebola is, how it can be contracted, as well as contained.

As alarming as the Ebola outbreak has been internationally, another illness is affecting school children in the U.S., and might prove to be more threatening and deadly, especially to young Americans.

Fear and panic struck many households across the US after news broke that a 4-year old New Jersey boy suffering from Enterovirus D68 died on September 24.

Hundreds of school children have reportedly been contracting the respiratory disease since August, and many are coming down with it and receiving hospitalization across the country daily. Yet, Enterovirus is not a new surfacing illness, in fact, Mark Pallansch, a virologist and director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Viral Diseases says that "When you have a bad summer cold, often what you have is an enterovirus."

According to the CDC, "In general, infants, children and teenagers are most likely to get infected with enteroviruses and become ill. That's because they do not yet have immunity from previous exposures to these viruses. We believe this is also true for EV-D68. Adults can get infected with enteroviruses, but they are more likely to have no symptoms or mild symptoms.

Children with asthma may have a higher risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infection."

There have been 594 confirmed hospital cases of the Enterovirus in 43 states since it surfaced in August—not including, of course, mild Enterovirus cases not considered serious enough for parents to give their children medical attention/hospitalizations—with medical officials in 7 states investigating 28 cases of paralysis occurring in some children, which may be linked to aftermath from this strain of EV-D68.

USA Today reported on October 7 that the Enterovirus may be winding down, though.

Fewer cases were reported in the first week of October, in contrast to the previous two months. "Officials hope that as the virus wanes, fewer people will suffer catastrophic complications. A few people with the virus have died, although it was not clear the virus caused their deaths, and there have been a dozen or more cases of polio-like limb paralysis."

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## Yellow bus to stop running on Fridays, Tie-Dye Day, video game tournament

**Taylor Brown**  
Staff Writer

On October 7 from 6 to 7 p.m., various organizations around campus gathered to discuss various events and topics at the Organizational Council Meeting.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Chaplain's Report given by Raven Scott.

After the Chaplain's Report came the Officer Reports starting with Director of Publicity Courtney Curtis, who reminded the organizations to publicize more for JSU events.

Following Curtis was Chief Justice Andrew York with information concerning the yellow bus line at JSU. According to York, due to limited use from students, the line will cease operating on Fridays. The yellow bus line will continue to operate on Thursdays and Saturdays (after home games), with stops at the library being cut to save time. In addition, Chief Justice York announced a new opening for an Associate Justice, available to anyone interested.

Vice President of Student Activities Kaylan Cabral reminded organizations about the upcoming Harvest Festival on October 28, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the quad, and J-Day on October 29, from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the TMB lawn.

According to Vice President of Student Senate Tyler Brown,

homecoming packets are due by October 30th. Vice President Brown then instructed the organization leaders present on how to properly debate.

Next up was President Brett Johnson, reminding everyone to participate in the student tailgates, with the next home game happening October 25th, with the tailgate starting at 11:00 a.m. In addition to the tailgate, Johnson announced a Board of Trustees meeting taking place on October 20th, at 10:00 am on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Finally, Vice President of Organizational Affairs Ariel Tolson mentioned that allocations packets for organizations are still available, with a due date of October 21st.

Following the Officer reports, those present passed three new bills concerning the appointment of Raven Scott as Chaplain, Alexis Avery as Parliamentarian, and Angie Higgins as Clerk.

The final part of the meeting moved into announcements from various organizations present.

SAA announced their Halloween Party on October 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Wesley Foundation. Attendees are asked to bring canned food for admission.

Kappa Alpha Order will be hosting a Tie-Dye Day on October 11th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Participants can bring their own t shirt or purchase one from Kappa Alpha Order. All proceeds will go to the Mus-

cular Dystrophy Association.

The JSU Fan Club is having a videogame tournament on October 21st, with a \$3.00 entry fee. In addition, the Fan Club will host a dance on October 28th, final date pending.

The Public Relations Organization is hosting a fundraising event on October 24th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the TMB lawn, with a need for volunteers.

Psi Chi and the Psychology Club will be selling "Pink Freud" T-shirts for \$12.

Finally, Kappa Sigma Fraternity will be hosting a bible study at their house on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

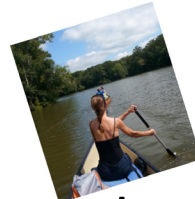
Following announcements, the members present got together and played a game to promote better communication between students.

### Yellow Bus Schedule

1. Central Stop
2. Pelhams
3. Brothers
4. Jefferson's
5. Colonial Arms
6. Stadium
7. Park Place II
8. Coliseum
9. Fraternity Row

The Yellow Bus runs every Thursday and Saturdays (only after home games) from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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## 'October Blitz' is new beginning for degree evaluation

**Vallean Jackson**  
Staff Writer

Each year, seniors (or "super seniors," as some are referred to) scramble to get ready for graduation. Did I take all the right tests? Did I get every credit I needed for my degree? What about my cap and gown? Thanks to the Registrar and Academic Advisement office, at least one part of this seemingly tedious process has been made much simpler.

The two departments located in Bibb Graves have orchestrated a month-long event dedicated to degree evaluation called October Blitz, and its main objective it to increase students' knowledge of what degree evaluation is all about. JSU's online degree evaluation makes it easier for undergraduate students to stay on track for degree completion. Dr. Turner, Provost Vice President of Academic and Student affairs has directed Emily White and Michelle Green to assist in making this cause recognized and improved.

"This is a month long event because we started this project last October and would like to end it this October. This idea has been a year long pro-

cess, and we are excited to see it flourish," Green said. "The purpose of this event is to educate students on how to use degree evaluation and to have students graduate on time," added White.

These two women have provided clips and tutorials to reiterate the importance of degree evaluation.

"The degree evaluation does not replace advisors, but should be used by advisors and students during the advising appointment," stated Ms. White with the nod of approval from Ms. Green.

Getting on board is simple. All it takes is logging into your myjsu account. If new to using myjsu, there is a tutorial that gives step-by-step instructions. Another helpful tool being offered is the mobile stations that will be set up in Merrill Hall, Martin Hall, and the TMB on days of October 22, 23, 27-30 from 10:30a.m. until 1p.m. These mobile stations will have computer access and someone there to assist students in the process or answer any questions they might have.

"We have already seen an increase in students accessing their degree evaluations," stated White.

"We are starting early with first year students to get them adjusted to the process," said Green

in regards to freshmen familiarizing themselves with the degree evaluation program, too.

For more information on the degree evaluation program, each of the faculty members mentioned above (as well as your academic advisors) can be contacted about this quick and easy process.

"A look forward to a long-term process that goes beyond just a month in the goal to help students graduate," Green said when asked about her hopes for the future of this new program. "By being the person that puts together the graduation process, to see more students graduate, and achieve their goals would mean the most to me."

This event puts the stress of graduation into perspective, but the process is long-term. Students have to be willing to help themselves before the degree evaluation program can help them.

"It is a collaborative effort on everyone's part to see this through," White reminds students. Besides the prize of a stress-free graduation when the time comes, candy is being given to those who participate at these events. In addition to this, the first 150 students get a free T-shirt. In the words of the program, "Do not hesitate, just evaluate!"



# “A Fault in Our Stars” showing to raise money for St. Jude’s

**Lyndsey Bonner**  
Staff Writer

On Monday, October 6, the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta and brothers of Phi Beta Sigma partnered to have a movie night in Merrill Hall. They showed “The Fault in Our Stars.”

It was the first philanthropic event of the semester for the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta. Their goal was to raise money for St. Jude’s Research Hospitals. Popcorn and other refreshments were provided for those in attendance.

Zeta Phi Beta member Mariah Allen said that they chose “The Fault in Our Stars” because while it is not only a very popular movie, it helps those watching understand a little bit more about how people with serious medical conditions cope.

The movie follows a 16-year-old cancer patient, Hazel Lancaster (played by Shailene Woodley,) and her trials concerning the



Lyndsey Bonner/The Chanticleer

Mariah Allen giving information about St. Jude’s Research Hospitals boy she has fallen in love with, whom she met at a support group. “St. Jude’s is one of our newest philanthropies. This is our first event of this school year, and we really hope that a lot of people show up and we have a lot of money to donate,” said Allen. Several people did show up to make this a successful event.



Interested in becoming a Gamecock Orientation Leader? Applications are available now in the Office of Student Life, TMB room 402. Students applying must have at least 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and must have attended one complete academic year at JSU. Turn in your applications to the Office of Student Life along with two letters of recommendation from JSU full-time faculty or staff. Applications and recommendations are due by October 10, 2014.

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Hello Gamecocks! Looking for something to do between classes? *The Chanticleer* will now begin printing puzzles in each edition! This week’s selection is a classic sudoku puzzle. Have a puzzle type you’d like to solve? Let us know through social media using #chanticleerjsu

# Chicken Scratch



I’m a true fan of the Marching Southerners! Hearing the music coming from the stadium gets me excited about this weekend’s game! Go Gamecocks and Blow Southerners! You guys are awesome!!!

Real college students keep silverware in their cars.

Dry erase boards are remarkable.

Did you hear about the new corduroy pillows? They’re making headlines everywhere.

Do homework for one class or read for another...or just go back to sleep.

Birthday cake for breakfast.

I just want to hang out with my group of friends and solve mysteries like Scooby Doo.

The fact they fixed the tiles outside the library makes me happy. I no longer feel like an elephant.








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# Campus crime report

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JSU Stadium
- 10/05/2014  
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JSU Stadium
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Violation of Student Code of Conduct  
The Reserve Apartments
- 10/06/2014  
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Jack Hopper Dining Hall

# 7-day weather outlook

						
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## JSU to host Bands of America regional marching competition this weekend



Mark du Pont/JSU

Daniel O'Donnell, Kara Mullinax, and Joie Byrd, the drum majors for The Southerner's 2014 season, take the field in their halftime show, "Salvation is Created: A Journey from Darkness to Light."

Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama will compete in one of the nation's most prominent championships, Music for All's Bands of America Regional Championship at Jacksonville State University, presented by Yamaha, at Burgess-Snow Field in Jacksonville, AL, on October 11.

The championship event, hosted by Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners, will feature 16 high school marching bands in the preliminary competition, all of which will be evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts.

The top 10 bands will advance to the evening finals competition,

which will ultimately name the Regional Champion.

"Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, which has a mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all," according to Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All.

Martin continues, "Active participation in music and arts is a vital part of a meaningful educational experience. The thousands of students who will perform at this championship showcase the dedication, teamwork and mastery required and fostered through music and arts education."

Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making.

Since 1975, MFA, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, MFA's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all.

MFA's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment.

MFA's programs include 20+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band, the Music for All

Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestra, jazz and percussion ensembles and national honor bands and orchestras.

Music for All efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor Yamaha Corporation of America.

Music for All is also supported by the Indiana Arts Commission, Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Ball Brothers Foundation, George and Frances Ball Foundation and Lilly Endowment Inc.

The preliminary competition begins at 10:45 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m.

Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of preliminary and finals competitions.

All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at musicforall.org.

Ticketing and schedule information is available online at musicforall.org or by calling 800.828.2263.

Tickets will also be available at the gate.

Standard general admission is \$17 for preliminaries or finals, or \$26 for a day pass to both. Children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats.

A \$5 off any general admission ticket (individual preliminaries, finals or full day passes) discount will be available at the gate for college students, spectators 11-18 years of age, military members and spouses (military ID required) and spectators age 62 and over.

~JSU NewsWire

### Spanish Film Club screening Nicaraguan film today

As a continuance of last week's showing, this film will continue the celebration of the new wave of Ibero American movies and screen plays.

LA YUMA

Florence Jaugey / Nicaragua / 91 min / 2011 / Spanish with English subtitles. 5 p.m.

Nicaragua's first full-length feature in 20 years, La Yuma tells the story of a young woman who dreams of transcending her bleak life in the slums of Managua by becoming a boxer.

Looking beyond the meager possibilities that seem available to her (and ignoring the advice of her gang-member friends), she finds solace and hope in her training and falls in love with a middle-class journalism student.

~JSU Spanish Club

Solution for the sudoku puzzle located on pg 3

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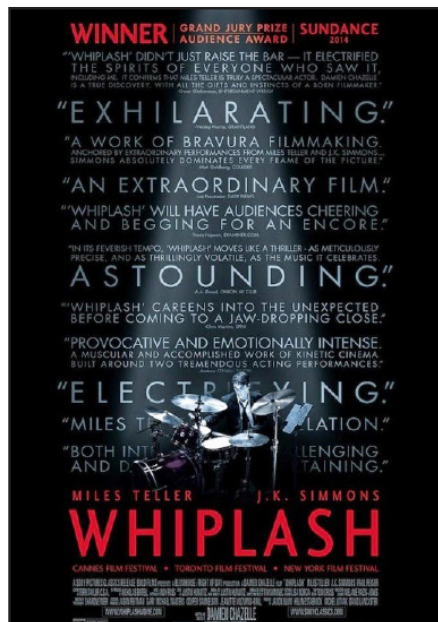
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# Coming this month to a theater near you



**Elana Goodwin**  
*UWire*

October is here which means fall is in session. This means not only changing leaves and the return of pumpkin spice lattes, but also new October movies coming to theaters. Here are some of the must-see films coming out this month.

“Gone Girl.” The highly-anticipated movie adaptation of the New York Times bestselling novel of the same name by Gillian Flynn came to theaters October 3. The drama/thriller mystery follows Nick Dunne who reports his wife, Amy, is missing on their fifth wedding anniversary.

When Amy’s disappearance becomes the focus of a police investigation and media scrutiny, Nick’s image as a loving husband comes into question as he becomes the prime suspect and has everyone wondering if he killed his wife.

The film stars Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry and is sure to rule the weekend as fans of the novel and non-readers alike flock to the thriller.

“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.” The childhood story-turned-movie will open in theaters October 10. In case you missed out on this classic kids book, it follows Alexander who is, well, having a very bad day.

Young Alexander starts his day by getting gum stuck in his hair and it only goes downhill from there though his family isn’t very sympathetic to his plights.

Alexander then starts to wonder if these terrible things only happen to him or if they happen to his family too, only to see the rest of his family going through their own horrible day as well.

The “feel-good” movie stars Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner, Ed Oxenbould, Bella Thorne and Dylan Minnette.

“Whiplash.” The musical drama hits theaters October 16 and has already garnered critical acclaim. The film debuted at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival and the director and writer, Damien Chazelle, won both the dramatic Audience Award and the Grand Jury Prize.

“Whiplash” follows a talented young drummer (Miles Teller) who enrolls in an intense music conservatory and is mentored by a harsh instructor (J.K. Simmons) who will push every limit to help his student achieve his potential.

The movie also stars Melissa Benoist, Paul Reiser and Austin Stowell.

“The Best of Me.” The romance/drama is based on the 2011 Nicholas Sparks novel of the same name and comes to theaters October 17.

The movie tells the story of former

high school sweethearts, Dawson Cole (James Marsden) and Amanda Collier (Michelle Monaghan), who come back together after many years when they both visit their hometown.

Originally, Dawson was supposed to be played by actor Paul Walker but after he was killed in a fatal car crash in November 2013, the role was given to Marsden.

The movie also stars Liana Liberato as a young Amanda and Luke Bracey as a young Dawson.

“Fury.” The war action/drama rolls into theaters on October 17.

Set in April 1945, the movie shows the Allies fighting in the European Theatre with the experienced army sergeant Wardaddy ordering his tank and its five crew members on a deadly mission behind enemy lines.

Though they’re outnumbered and outgunned, they are determined to stand strong and overcome the odds to launch a heavy assault on Nazi Germany.

The film features an all-star cast of Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Scott Eastwood, Jason Isaacs, Xavier Samuel and Michael Peña.

“Laggies.” This rom-com about growing up and acting your age will open in theaters on October 24.

It tells the story of a juvenile woman who attends her 11-year

All movie posters courtesy of imdb.com high school reunion and realizes that nothing much has changed in her life.

Wanting to take a break from her life, she lies to her fiancé and says she’s going on a retreat and then really spends the time hanging out with her friends.

The film premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival and has a great cast consisting of Keira Knightley, Chloe Grace Moretz, Sam Rockwell and Ellie Kemper.

“St. Vincent.” — The comedy hits theaters October 24 and tells the story of 12-year-old Oliver whose parents just got divorced leading his mom (Melissa McCarthy) to enlist the help of her antisocial rude war veteran neighbor St. Vincent (Bill Murray).

As Vincent looks after Oliver, the odd pair begin to bond and help each other mature and come to terms with their lives. The film also stars Naomi Watts, Chris O’Dowd, Terrence Howard and Jaeden Lieberher.

So this October, take a break from studying and jumping in leaves and go see some of these new October movies that are coming to theaters in the next few weeks. Whether you’re in the mood for a rom-com, thriller, or drama, there’s sure to be a film slated for release this month that suits your fancy.



## Upcoming events on and around campus

October 9, 2014

Latin American Film Festival will be showing a second movie beginning at 5 p.m. in Wallace Hall. No admission fee.

Freshman Forum will be hosting a Tie Die party on Dillon Field beginning at 7 p.m.

October 10, 2014

There will be a Faculty concert in the Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7 p.m. No admission fee.

October 11, 2014

After the football game at Tennessee State, there will be a party at The Flying Saucer in Nashville.

October 14, 2014

The Octuba Fest concert series will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free concert

October 15, 2014

The Homecoming Pageant will begin at 7 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

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.

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.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! Where are the jobs?

**Brett Johnson**  
Staff Writer

2010 was a cornerstone election year for the state of Alabama. In the middle of the “Great Recession,” politicians who spouted a platform centered on job creation overwhelmingly received the vote of the people.

In fact, the dark horse candidate for governor, Robert Bentley, won the hearts and minds of Alabama voters in a single pledge not to take a salary as governor until Alabama reached full employment (5.2 percent).

Four years later, our governor still isn’t being paid and our citizens are still looking for jobs. So where are the jobs?

Alabama’s latest jobs report shows there are over 150,000 citizens actively seeking employment. That puts our unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, above the national average of 6.8 percent.

From June 2013 to June 2014, Alabama ranked 47th in job growth nationally. While a majority of states saw an average growth of at least 1 percent, Alabama’s economy only grew by a rate of 0.3 percent.

More troubling than our job growth (or lack thereof) and unemployment is its underemployment rate. Underemployment is when a person is employed at a job not equivalent to their skill-level, or when someone is employed at a part-time job and would prefer to work full-time. Alabama’s current underemployment rate rests above 12 percent. This means 12 percent of Alabama’s labor force (more than 300,000 people) are working part-time instead of full-time. Anyone who’s ever worked



part-time knows that you can’t raise a family on a part-time, low-wage income.

These numbers should leave many voters confused; especially those unemployed and underemployed voters. And now that election season is upon us and politicians are touting their “record” on job creation, the

confusion is only amplified. What else did you expect? In 2010, those who won their elections now know the message they won on. So they are playing the same hand of cards again, betting on us—the voters.

The truth is that our unemployment rate has, in fact, decreased since the 2010 election, by a difference of about 2.5 percent. The truth also remains unemployment nationwide decreased from 2010 to 2014 as well, by a difference of about 3 percent.

So, who is to credit for Alabama’s job performance over the past four years? Is it those Alabama politicians who were elected in 2010? Or does it have something more to do with the success of the national economy?

I am wary to believe that a slower-than-average Alabama economy is any reason for our current state leaders to brag.

We will see if Alabama voters choose to add to our unemployment statistics when they cast their ballots in a few weeks to approve or disapprove of our leaders’ jobs over the past four years.

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## Fighting the generation gap

**Marie McBurnett**  
Editor-in-Chief

We have all heard the phrase “generation gap,” but what exactly does it mean to us? How do we apply what we know about the gap to help us relate to people across what, at times, feels more like the Grand Canyon than a gap?

The gap arises between our generation and our parents’, our parents’ generation and the generation before them, and even between our generation and our grandparents’.

It comes from the societal changes that develop with time, and the population’s will to accept or alter reality to make life easier or better. It is dependent on all aspects of society: media, entertainment, region, race and religion, just to name a few.

Reality is subjective, right? It is different for every individual. For instance, I have a different reality than the person sitting next to me because we don’t share all the same experiences or opinions. We weren’t raised the same way and didn’t make the same decisions.

We can group these different “realities” together based on demographics like race, religion, sexual orientation, region, and the one we will focus on here, *age*.

The gap became more prominent in the 1960s when the younger generation realized it could voice its opinion against government policies it didn’t agree with.

The first thing that comes to my mind is the anti-war protests against the Vietnam War.

While the generation was busy making its mark on society, the preceding generation was skept-

tical, and possibly shocked at the sudden shift in influence that they had never experienced before.

As there was undoubtedly a certain degree of cross-over between the generations, this is where the generation gap became more prominent.

Remember those groups that separate individual realities? Today, those

things that separate us are beginning to fuse together to make us one, whole generation with an awareness of different realities.

There will always be differing opinions, but our realities are getting closer together due to exposure to things outside what each of us define as our own “reality.”

The next trick is tackling the generation gap that seems to keep growing.

It all begins with a simple concept that most high schools try to teach their students before they graduate: critical thinking, or understanding both sides of an issue. Back in high school, my AP English class focused on argument. My teacher would give the students in my class different viewpoints, and make us argue that viewpoint whether we believed in it or not.

It forced us to conceive a different way of understanding reality. It helped us develop skepticism, which some people can argue is a great quality to have.

We can apply this concept to the generation gap. All the things that affect a society should be explored in order to understand the generation before us...or the generation that comes after us.

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## Supreme Court repeals same-sex marriage bans

**Katie Cline**  
Staff Writer

Monday, October 6 may be a date that will down in history books. This week, the U.S. Supreme Court had the opportunity to pass a nationwide ruling on the legality of same-sex marriage. It didn’t.

Instead, the Court took a shockingly passive stance on the issue. Appeals were brought to the Court by the states of Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, Indiana and Wisconsin to repeal the decision made by lower appeals courts that the states could not put a ban on same-sex marriages.

The Supreme Court voted to let the lower courts’ decisions stand, making marriages in these states legal.

Just hours after the Court’s decision, same-sex couples were lining the streets to apply for marriage licenses, and many officially tied the knot.

The Court’s decision to favor indecision has been left to speak for itself. Including Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma, Indiana and Wisconsin, there are now 24 states in which same-sex marriages are permitted, with six more expected to join the mix in the near future.

West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kansas, Colorado



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and Wyoming, all of which have tried to place bans on same-sex marriages, fall under the same circuit appeals court. If these states’ bans are lifted, same-sex marriage will be legal in 30 U.S. states as well as the District of Columbia.

Tuesday followed with its own headline making stories when the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that same-sex couples’ equal protection rights were violated in Idaho and Nevada, lifting bans on same-sex marriage in these states. Alaska, Montana and Arizona—all under the Ninth Court’s jurisdiction—also have laws in place banning same-sex marriage, but many believe that these, too, will fall soon.

It’s hard to deny that history is being made right in front of the eyes of the American people.

When Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage in 2004, it was a shock to

most, and it was a long four years until Connecticut followed suit.

A slow and steady political trickle resulted when Vermont and Iowa following in 2009, New Hampshire in 2010, New York in 2011 and Maine in 2012.

2013 was the year the dam broke. 18 states have legalized same-sex marriage since January 1, 2013, more than twice as many as the previous ten years combined.

None of these states, however, fall within the crucial region of the Bible Belt, and it is here that proponents of marriage equality will most likely face their biggest roadblock.

With decades of tradition and strict values, the South is typically the last region to support or pass new or “radical” laws, and the idea of same-sex marriage is far out of the “Southern comfort zone” of many of its inhabitants, particularly those of older generations.

The truth is, though, that times are changing. It is only a matter of time before marriage equality takes its place among the ranks of great American rights movements.

One day, a child will come home from school and say, “Moms! I have to learn the day same-sex marriage became legal everywhere.”

And that day may be closer than anyone thinks.

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# SPORTS

## JSU Soccer downs the Colonels

Alyssa Cunningham  
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State beat the Eastern Kentucky Colonels on last Sunday afternoon in a 2-1 win for the Gamecocks. The win brought the Gamecocks' record to 6-7 and 2-2 for the Ohio Valley Conference. This marks the first win against Eastern Kentucky since 2006.

The Colonels gained an early lead when Cassie Smith slammed the ball in the left corner of the goal with an assist from Logan Harvey at the 3:04 mark. The game got dirty with seven fouls for ECU and four fouls for JSU. The first half ended with the Colonels ahead.

However, the Gamecocks came back when junior Kelsey Bright scored at the 63 minute mark when she drew the keeper out with an assist from senior Jackie Rush. Five minutes later, the Gamecocks landed another point when red-shirt junior Courtney Hurt completed her penalty kick, making her eighth goal of the season so far.

The Gamecocks were on fire as goalie Caroline Robinson only had to make two saves against ECU. The Colonels goalie, Anna Hall, had to make five saves. The Gamecocks also had seven shots on



Steve Lathan/JSU

Courtney Hurt scored her eighth goal of the season in a JSU win.

goal as opposed to the three that ECU managed. This explosive win comes after a two-game loss against Morehead State and Murray State.

The Gamecocks are currently ranked fifth out of the 11 teams in the Ohio Valley Conference with

six games still left in the season, and all of them against OVC teams. The Gamecocks will play Eastern Illinois on Sunday at 1 p.m. at home. For all game information and stats, go to [jsugamecocksports.com](http://jsugamecocksports.com).

## JSU Volleyball brings down the Skyhawks

Rebekah Hawkins  
Staff Writer

After a win against OVC opponent Tennessee Tech at home, the Gamecocks defeated the Skyhawks of UT Martin in five sets last Saturday to remain unbeaten in conference play.

A series of victories in the Ohio Valley Conference has the Gamecocks on a streak that they carried into their game against UT Martin. Immediately, it was clear that the Skyhawks were going to test JSU as they dropped their first set. They went on to win the following two before they lost the fourth. In the fifth and final set it was JSU who grabbed the lead early until UTM decided that they would not go down so quick. They reclaimed the lead at 13-12 before JSU took advantage of the Skyhawks' mistakes to claim the win.

Despite the fact that UTM had the lead in attack percentage with .220, the Gamecocks still had a reasonable .188. JSU had over .200 in three out of five

sets with their highest coming in the fourth with .229. Charis Ludtke led the day in kills with 19 with Emily Rutherford behind her with 10. Samantha Bohne led both teams in digs with 21 and Rutherford added 12 of her own. Jennifer Hart continued to add assists to her record with 45 in the game against the Skyhawks.

UTM held their own on the day, and despite the Gamecocks' lower attack percentage, JSU was still able to hold UTM to below .200 in three of five sets. Emily Keaton led the Skyhawks offense with 23 kills, while Chelsea Bowles led on defense with 17 digs. Madison Bergren had the day-high 61 assists just in front of Hart.

JSU improves to 10-8 overall and still remains undefeated in conference play at 4-0. This marks the Gamecocks first 4-0 start since 2009. Next, JSU will have an out-of-conference match against Alabama A&M, who they swept in the Troy Invitational earlier in the season. Conference play will resume against Tennessee State at home on October 10.

## Sanders and McLeod leads Cross Country

**OXFORD, Ala.** – Jacksonville State's Mickey Sanders and Ju-ells McLeod each led the Gamecocks in the JSU-hosted Foothills Invitational that was ran on Saturday at Oxford Lake.

Sanders finished runner up in the men's 8K, while McLeod crossed the finish line eighth among the Division I individuals. Both individuals paced the Red and White to third-place finishes in the Red Division.

On a pristine morning to run, McLeod posted a mark of 18:59.98. The time was a season best for the McDonough, Ga.-native. She bettered her time by a few seconds from last season's Foothills Invitational. Senior Whitley Towns turned in an impressive showing on the home course with a top-15 placement. Towns covered the 5K course in 19:06.54, which set a career-best for the Boaz, Alabama-product.

In the men's race, Sanders went toe-to-toe with Austin Peay's Daniel Hamm. Hamm was the top Division I finisher just ahead of Sanders with a time of 25:51.56. Sanders carded a time of 26:05.59 to claim silver.

a time just outside of the top 10. Paul Lueck claimed the 15th spot. Cummins tallied a time of 27:51.64, while Lueck was clocked at 28:09.28.

Georgia State was the overwhelming winner in the women's Division

I section with 16 points. The Panthers claimed the top-four individual spot, led by Hannah Stefanoff. Stefanoff posted a winning time of 17:26.52.

Ohio Valley Conference member Austin Peay took home the top spot in the men's event with 47 points. UT Martin finished second ahead of Jax State. The event served as a preview of the upcoming OVC Cross Country Championships that will be held on Saturday, November 1 at Oxford Lake.

JSU returns to action next weekend

as it travels to Greenville, South Carolina to compete in the Gene Mullin Invitational on Oct. 11.

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Ju-ells McLeod runs to an eighth place finish at the invitational.

His mark was a personal best for the Marquette, Michigan standout. The Gamecocks placed a pair of top-15 finishes as Jordan Cummins clocked

### Gamecocks Side Bar

#### FCS 2014 Top 25 (The Sports Network)

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

#### 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 @ Tennessee State\*  
 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

#### Miles Jones named OVC co-Offensive Player of the Week

#### Upcoming action

- 10/10-10-12  
 -Women's Tennis vs USTA/ITA Southern Regional
- 10/10  
 -Volleyball vs Tennessee State  
 7:00 p.,
- 10/11  
 -Cross Country @ Gene Mullin Invitational  
 8:00 a.m.
- Softball vs Alabama Southern  
 10:00 a.m.
- Softball vs Shelton State  
 11:45 a.m.
- Football @ Tennessee State  
 2:00 p.m.
- Volleyball vs Belmont  
 2:00 p.m.
- 10/12  
 -Soccer vs Eastern Illinois
- 10/13-10/14  
 -Men's Golf @ WKU Kenny Perry Invitational





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Brent Brooks helped the Jacksonville State Rifle team claim the Ole Miss and Memphis Invitationals in the first weekend of the season.

## JSU Rifle claims Ole Miss and Memphis Invites

**JACKSONVILLE** – The nationally ranked Jacksonville State rifle team opened the 2014-15 season with a stellar start by claiming the Ole Miss Invitational and the Memphis Invite in the first weekend of the season.

The Gamecocks, who enter the season ranked eighth nationally, turned in a 4676 aggregate score against the nine-team field. JSU topped Ohio Valley Conference foe Murray State by 14 points (4662). Ohio State claimed third with a final tally of 4643.

In air rifle, Jax State senior Cole

Tucker was the top collegiate finisher with a final mark of 596. Tucker was one of four Gamecocks to finish in the top six in the individual standings. Tucker, Samantha Bullard, Brent Books and Brandon Muske led the Red and White to a 2367 score in air rifle. Bullard and Books claimed a share of fourth place with scores of 591. Muske was two points back with a 589 mark.

Books, a senior from Tipperary, Pa., was to the top JSU individual in the smallbore portion of the event with a 582. Combined, Books finished with

a personal best in aggregate score with an 1173. Bullard turned in a mark of 580 in the first competition of the year. Senior Dan McCall and Austin Cock rounded out the scoring with final tallies of 577 and 571.

In the Memphis event, JSU finished with a 4675 and posted 67 points higher than second place UT Martin (4608). Bullard and Books claimed medalist honors in smallbore with 582 marks.

"I am very pleased that our team was able to come out with two very respectable scores this early

in the season, already in our first two matches," said head coach Ron Frost. "Our air rifle is very strong at this point, yet there is a little room for improvement in the smallbore discipline and we will need to place more emphasis on our smallbore training."

The Gamecocks return to competition on Oct. 19 as they will take on The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

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## Gamecock football wins fourth straight game

**Marvel Robinson**  
Sports Editor

In only their second OVC game of the season, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (4-1, 2-0 OVC) defeated UT Martin (1-5, 0-3 OVC) 38-14. Saturday's game marked the 36th meeting between the two teams where JSU now leads the series 29-7.

The Gamecocks played well as a team as many players contributed on both sides of the ball. Miles Jones stood out with a career high 150 rushing yards along with a touchdown to earn the honors of the OVC co-Offensive Player of the Week. The offense had a total of 497 yards with 284 rushing yards and 213 passing yards. The defense was rock solid with a shut-out in the first three quarters and only allowed UT Martin to reach the redzone once in the whole game.

JSU put the first points on the scoreboard early in the first quarter when Eli Jenkins completed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Markis Merrill. JSU went up 7-0 as they moved to the second quarter with the same score. Max Shortell connected with Anthony Johnson on a 34-yard touchdown pass to put the Gamecocks up two touch-

downs. After another JSU defensive stop, the Gamecocks' offense would get the ball right back and

to make the score 21-7 at the half. The third quarter was a long, scoreless quarter with little action.



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Miles Jones rushes for 150 yards and is named OVC co-Offensive Player of the Week.

score again. Troymaine Pope picked up a couple of first downs along with a Shortell's 25-yard run to set Jones up for a two-yard touchdown run. The Jones score made it 21-0 with 8:34 left in the second quarter. UTM scored their touchdown on a Tony Bell 24-yard fumble return

However, the play picked back up in the fourth quarter where JSU scored 17 points. In the post-game interview, head coach John Grass stated: "We have to learn how to create that energy at all times and play four quarters of the same energy."

In the fourth quarter, Jones ran

for 62 yards to set up Jacksonville State's fourth touchdown of the game where Bo Brummel caught a 12-yard pass from Jenkins to give Brummel his first career touchdown catch. This made the score 28-7, until Jaylen Hill made an interception (first in his career), which would eventually set up a Connor Rouleau 31-yard field goal to make the score 31-7.

UT Martin would finally put together a drive that reached the redzone and the endzone. Trent Garland scored on a two-yard run for UTM to make the score 31-14 with 3:58 left in the game. However, it would be a little too late for a UT Martin comeback as Terrence Pendleton would recover a fumble and set up a Pope three-yard touchdown run. Dawson Wells also recorded his first career interception for JSU towards the end of the game and returned it for 29 yards. The final score would end 38-14.

"We just have to continue improving in all three phases and just get better," said Coach Grass.

JSU has now won four-straight games and will get ready to travel to Nashville, where they will play Tennessee State. The OVC game will start at 2 p.m on Saturday, October 11 and will be broadcasted on ESPN3.



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