



2014 Elite Honors Scholars presented to President

Megan Wise
Staff Writer

This Tuesday on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library the 2014 Elite Honors Scholars were officially introduced into the program and presented before President Meehan.

Here at JSU, the Honors Program helps provide academically gifted students with an enriched educational experience in a diverse

range of courses, as well as help students fulfill their potential in their chosen fields.

Every year, eight incoming freshman are selected and awarded the prestigious Elite Honors Scholarship. Spirits were high as each new addition was called forward and presented before family and staff into the program amongst their peers. Much like the so-

rority and fraternity systems, the Honors Program Elites have adopted a tradition of "links" to help new members settle into college life and guide them throughout their time settling into JSU. Each new Elite Scholar found out with whom they had been "linked" on Tuesday night.

Before the presentation of the Elites, both President Meehan and Dr. Steven Whitton spoke on what it means to be an Elite Scholar at Jacksonville State University.

It was evident to see the pride that is associated with this program from the faculty as President Meehan praised the incoming and current members of the Elite Honors for their hard work, long hours and continuation of good habits and practices that had brought them all here.

Although directed at the freshman, his words of advice rang true for all current students at Jacksonville State University. "Education is not a vitamin we can take, but rather something to be exercised, and should be treated as a lifetime practice," Meehan advised each of the Elites.

"The dream is here," Whitton stated with confidence during his address to the group. Having once been the director over the Honors Program, his love for these students involved shone as he pointed out how the program has flourished over the last year. This year, over 300 students are actively involved within the Honors Program, which is 25% more than last year. When describing the

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The 2014 Elite Honors Scholars. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jennie Tanner, Krista McNutt, John Mackey, Kendall Gullledge, Sawyer McKay, Bailey Heflin, Peter Abney, and Katie Cline

When in Rome

Katie Cline
Staff Writer

Do you dream of far off places? Or gladiator battles? Would you like to see the world and maybe even get some college credit along the way? You have the perfect opportunity to do just that and more next May.

In conglomeration with Georgia State, JSU's history department is preparing for their fifth trip to Rome, Italy as part of a study abroad opportunity offered during the May term. Dr. Donald Prudlo of the history department will be one of the professors going on this year's trip.

"There's no better classroom for a history professor than where it happened," says Prudlo. "When you see where history happened, it brings it home in a way that isn't possible in a classroom." Dr. Paul Beezley and Dr. Joe Delap will also accompany students on this trip.

The trip, which is tentatively scheduled for May 5-26, 2015, will cost \$2900 per student and include their hotel room (complete with air conditioning, private bathrooms and Wi-Fi), transportation throughout Rome, entrance fees to all attractions, and three group meals. Students will be responsible for their airfare costs, JSU May tuition, all other meals, and any miscellaneous purchases they wish to make.

Monday through Friday, students will be touring some of the most iconic places in Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon, and the legendary Coliseum. After a generous lunch break during which students can sample a literal "taste of Italy", they will reconvene for an afternoon class taught by Dr. Delap. Trips to the medieval town of Orvieto as well as Florence, home

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Sweater weather: stay warm, stay healthy

Vallean Jackson
Staff Writer

With the recent outbreaks of sickness in the nation as well as on our very own campus, the need for wellness and health is no longer optional.

As the transition of seasons progresses, it is wise to remember that not only is fall and winter known as football season but cold and flu season as well.

Football season is on the radar, but with football comes the changes in the weather. The hot temperatures begin to decrease and the wind kicks up irritants in the air. Seasons switch from summer sun to fall leaves, which causes a stir in many immune systems.

There is no need to attend the "game of the week" with a stuffy nose and a hacking cough. though. Germs are easily spread and can quickly attack the immune system if certain precautions are not taken.

Dorothy Foltz Gray of Parent Magazine from parents.com gives tips on how to stay well during the upcoming seasonal changes. These tips may be helpful to eliminate the need to purchase NyQuil and throat lozenges.

These nine tips are reminders to keep in mind as the temperatures drop below the usual eighty and ninety degrees we become accustomed to having.

Number one: it is very important to wash your hands frequently. The hands come in contact with

many objects and areas that are easy to pick up germs.

Number two: change toothbrushes often after having a cold or flu to eliminate the germs from possibly reoccurring.

Number three: wear socks to keep fungi from entering.

Number four: make sure to get plenty of vitamin D. Exposure to the sun is a great way to get a dose of vitamin D.

Number five: drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration because if the body is not hydrated, it leaves the immune system vulnerable.

Number six: be sure to get flu shots and check to see if all immunization shots and vaccines are up-to-date. This advice is recommended from a variety of websites and strongly advised by doctors.

Number seven: fill up on fiber to help reduce inflammation and strengthen the immune system.

Number eight: avoid stress, as it also makes the body vulnerable when the right amount of sleep or nutrition is not obtained. As difficult as it may seem to do when the semester assignments are piling on and exams are near, try to save some time in your schedule for relaxation.

Number nine: keep moving and exercising to burn calories and keep muscles active.

These nine tips are not one hundred percent affective, but they are vital when it comes to keeping

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While tissues might be a must, things like DayQuil can be avoided with a few precautions.

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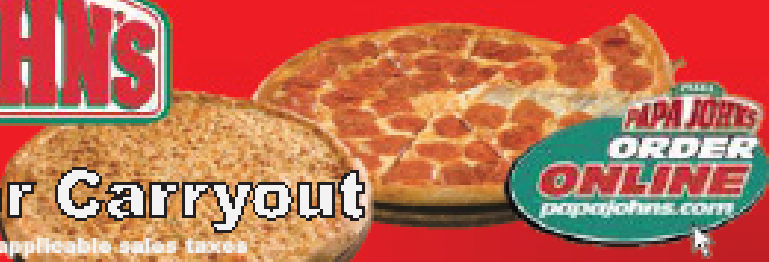


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role the Elites play within the Honors Program, Meehan regarded them as the very foundation. "They are actively molding the program for future scholars," Meehan noted.

As well as being academic role models within the school, the program also encourages active volunteer work. From collecting shoes for local charities to raising money for Relay for Life, the Elite Honors members have certainly given back to the community in a way that should not be overlooked.

After much anticipation, "links" were announced and the class of 2018's Elite Honors Scholars were presented. A reception for the freshmen Elites and their parents followed after the presentation.

For more information on enrollment in the honors program, go to <http://www.jsu.edu/cas/honors> or contact Ms. Janet Whitmore, the Honors Program Coordinator, at the Honors House across from Stone Center.

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of the Italian Renaissance, are also planned.

The weekends belong to the students, and no group activities are planned. Professors encourage students to explore on their own. "We want students from this area to experience things: a different language, a different culture," says Dr. Prudlo.

David Rickless, a junior at JSU, went to Rome in the summer of 2013. "My favorite part," he says, "was just being immersed in the Roman lifestyle. There were other students in the hotel that were doing a whirlwind tour of Europe, and they were jealous of us getting to stay in one place long enough to really experience it."

The Rome trip is open to all JSU students regardless of major or classification, and Prudlo says they have always had unique mixture of students. "We really value having a diverse group of students, because it brings a lot of different perspectives to the trip."

Students interested should note that a \$400 nonrefundable deposit is due by November 15th, with the remaining balance due by March 1, 2015. For more information, there is a meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd at 4PM in Stone Center Room 326.

Students with any questions who cannot attend the meeting may contact Dr. Prudlo or Dr. Beezley. All roads lead to Rome, and now yours can, too!

Yellow bus revival, first tailgate at Dillion Field



John Sterling/The Chanticleer

Students from organizations across campus meet to discuss each group's events and activities.

John Sterling
Staff Writer

The Organizational Council gathered for their bi-weekly meeting Tuesday night to discuss upcoming events as well as recent changes in campus policies. Several announcements were made, and the agenda for the next several weeks was laid out.

One of the most prominent announcements is the return of the Yellow Bus, which will be returning after a long hiatus following a campaign to bring about its return this summer. Running 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thurs-

day and Friday nights, as well as certain Saturdays, the bus will have scheduled stops at several night hot spots such as Brothers, Jefferson's, and locations on the square, giving everyone an opportunity to safely enjoy their late night escapades of choice.

Gamma Sigma Sigma will be holding an interest meeting this Thursday at 6:52 p.m. in Merrill Hall, room 250, to anyone interested in joining.

Starting this Friday, the SGA will be holding a Shirt Swap each Friday before game day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Bring in a university t-shirt from another college and grab a voucher for

a Cocky t-shirt from the bookstore. The first twenty visitors get theirs free of charge, and everyone after will receive a discount.

Saturday marks the first tailgate of the season at Dillon Field with the theme, "Throwback the Tigers!" encouraging tailgaters to honor a decade of choice, bringing a heavy dose of nostalgia to go with the game day rush.

Next Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the Alumni House will be hosting a Latin Dance. Promises of music, dancing, and an opportunity to learn about another culture and have a great time doing it.

On October 11th, Sigma Nu will be hosting a car show down at the Alumni House. Running from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be various prizes raffled and a performance by Lindsay Hinkle, with proceeds going to charity.

Overall, the semester is shaping up to be a busy and productive one. These are just a small sampling of the events and occurrences planned for the upcoming months, with much more to follow. To anyone out there who runs their own club or organization on campus with an interest in getting involved, the Organizational Council meets in the TMB Auditorium every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

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away annoying colds and the dreaded flu.

Following these guidelines decreases chances of contracting sicknesses; however, failure to do so has been linked to the recent "outbreak of the respiratory virus in ten states," according to Jessica Durando of USA Today.

Further research of the epidemic is still being pursued, but USA Today reporter Liz Szabo interviewed Micheal T. Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota about this respiratory virus outbreak. "It's a virus called EV-D68 which causes coughing, wheezing, but usually has little to no symptoms," said Osterholm.

"There is not a vaccine; however, people can reduce their risk of this virus-- and most infectious diseases-- by washing their hands frequently with warm water and soap," said Osterholm, which follows Dorothy Foltz Gray's first step in staying well during the changing of the seasons.

Hand washing is agreed upon among most doctors and professionals as great advice to keep in mind to stay out of the population of cold and flu season. Therefore, take the time to wash your hands frequently to cut back risks of being sick and welcoming viruses.

As the weather begins to change in the upcoming weeks, be aware of each of these aspects of your own life to ensure wellness and keep away the germs.

Blood drive, T-shirt swap, and more at Senate meeting

Savannah Rice
Staff Writer

The SGA Senate met Monday, September 15th in the TMB auditorium. There were several officer reports, ranging from information about the SGA Twitter account to the upcoming football game.

The JSU football team plays the University of West Alabama in the season's first home game this Saturday at 3pm.

Band Day, a music event hosted by the Marching Southerners, is also scheduled for this Saturday.

Some of the announcements listed in the agenda include the Alpha Omicron Pi Run for the Roses, Engage JSU's meetings and the Voter Registration Drive.

The Run for the Roses is scheduled for October 4th and will cost each runner \$25. Engage JSU meets on Mondays at 8.

Signups for the Voter Registration Drive begin next week in the TMB.

The Student Senate works hard to create fun and exciting events that interest and include

every student on campus. Some of these upcoming events include the decades-themed tailgate preceding the first home game, the SGA-sponsored t-shirt swap, and the blood drive.

As of Monday night's meeting, there is one tailgate spot available for any JSU organization to fill.

Organizations should contact SGA President Brett Johnson to inquire about the spot. The theme for the tailgate is "Throw Back the Tigers," where students should dress in clothing iconic to past decades.

SGA will judge participation, and the organization that wins will be awarded a cash prize. The t-shirt swap is an event at which students can bring shirts from other universities and trade them for free or discounted COCKY t-shirts. The swap will be held on the Fridays before each home game at the campus bookstore.

The SGA blood drive will be this Thursday and Friday in the TMB.

Two new Senators were added to the Student Senate at the meeting Monday night.

Newly appointed Elections Clerk Lem-

onte Long epitomized the values and beliefs of SGA with his acceptance statement, "I am very concerned with everyone's opinions. I love JSU from the bottom of my heart."

SGA wants not only to hear the opinions of the Student Senators but also of each and every student on campus. From social media invitations and events that engage students to the student body report in the meeting's agenda, SGA's main goal is to involve all students.

The best way to make this happen is through "publicizing more on Twitter or Facebook and having spirit nights to get more students involved," according to new Athletic Support and Spirit Committee Head Jared Edwards. All students are welcome to voice their opinions at the Senate meetings.

Vice President of Student Senate Tyler Brown expressed SGA's interest in hearing the voices of all students in attendance. "It is our job to represent the entire student body."

Senate meetings are located in the TMB auditorium on Mondays at 6 p.m.

Meet The Chanticleer's 2014-2015 Staff



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Jacksonville State hosts 12th annual Health Fair

Taylor Brown
Staff Writer

JSU hosted its 12th annual Health Fair on September 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the TMB auditorium. The fair was a joint effort between different organizations such as Counseling Services, JSU Peer Educators, Health Services Center and University Housing and Residence Life.

“It’s about an opportunity to bring all these different organizations and services under one roof, and hope that students will come by and gather information and be equipped to stay more healthy,” said Director of Counseling and Disability Support Services Julie Nix.

Various booths from different organizations around Alabama were set up around the auditorium for students to visit.

Organizations such as the American Red Cross, Sickle Cell Foundation, and 2nd Chance, Inc. were present.

There were also different school organizations present, such as the JSU NAACP chapter, RMC Student Health Center and various fraternities.

Examples of services and informa-

tion include the Central Alabama chapter of the Sickle Cell Foundation, which provided free testing for sickle cell anemia.

HIV/AIDS testing, blood pressure checks, pressure point massages, asthma screenings, lung volume screenings, bone density screenings and depression screenings were also available.

Sarrell Dental, a non-profit dental practice that offers services to children ages 1-20, was also present.

Chiropractor Dr. David Wade and A Better Body Chiropractic were present.

There was also information on depression from the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

One of the largest organizations, the Alabama Department of Public Health, was providing pamphlets containing information about STDs and birth control options.

The ADPH also demonstrated the harmful effects of tobacco with the use of a tar-filled jar.

Food and refreshments were provided by the Peer Educators of Counseling Services.

“We are pretty much the hands of the fair. We do a lot of the setting up, the cleaning up and making sure the tables get to the vendors,” said Jade Scott, Peer Educator Coordinator.



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



If I stop to let you cross the street at a non-crosswalk section, I better be seeing some pep in that step...knees to chest dude, KNEES TO CHEST

If Apple made a car, would it have Windows?

I love how you can tell how people get to class. Those who drive have on jeans and a sweater, us who walk are sweating in the least amount of clothes as possible.

More confused now when I see non-powdered soap...

“You may cross Pelham Street” is the highlight of my day because it means no more classes...

If someone smiles at you, the correct response is to smile back, not an evil death stare.

Seriously thinking about keeping a pillow in my car so I can take more naps.

I want to be one of those people who get up early with time to waste and eat breakfast and everything...but I don’t see that happening in the near future.

Submit today!
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Campus crime report

09/11/2014
Automobile Accident
Stadium Tower Parking Lot








09/11/2014
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle
Stadium Tower Parking Lot

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Arrest- Open Container & Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
Paul Carpenter Village

09/12/2014
Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
Mountain Street

09/12/2014
Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle
Logan Hall Parking Lot

7-day weather outlook

 TODAY	 FRIDAY	 SATURDAY	 SUNDAY	 MONDAY	 TUESDAY	 WEDNESDAY
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

AMTAE Robotics club hosting car show

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Jacksonville State University Robotics team will be hosting a car and bike show on September 27, beginning at 10 a.m. near the intersection of highways 204 and 21.

The JSU Robotics team is trying to raise money to attend the 2015 National ATMAE Robotics competition, where two years ago JSU walked away with first place.

ATMAE, or the Association of Technology, Management, and Ap-

plied Engineering, is a professional association with more than a thousand members who share ideas, research, and applications that help to improve the future.

ATMAE gives special accreditation to institutions as Applied Engineering schools, handles person-

certifications, an annual national conference, publications that focus on technology, management, and engineering, and numerous other opportunities.

The annual conference this year will be held in St. Louis, Missouri beginning November 19.

The ATMAE club here at JSU is primarily focused on the 14th annual robotic contest that happens in conjunction with the conference.

Last year, much of the money that was needed to make it to the convention city was donated and this year,

the team hopes it will not be any different.

Drew Coffman, a JSU engineering major and member of the ATMAE club, said that primarily this event was “raising money for the JSU AMTAE Robotics club for our registration to compete at the National

ATMAE Robotics competition.”

Each year for the competition, the competing teams are required to build a robot that can perform certain tasks that center around a theme.

This year the theme is “Robot Olympics” and the robots must be able to lift a 10 pound barbell off the ground six inches, which is harder than it sounds for a robot that is powered by small electric motors.

Another goal for the bots is being able to ‘kick a field goal.’ This is exactly as it sounds.

A robot has to be able to kick or throw a small football 6 feet and through a goal post whose crossbar is 2 feet off the ground and 2 feet wide.

The third problem the bot will have to overcome is a 20 yard dash, where the bot will have to outrun the other robots it is running (rolling) against.

The fourth and final hurdle for the robot is what ATMAE is calling the Marathon Golf Ball Collector, where the bot will complete 2 laps around a competition area while trying to collect 12 golf balls.

Each event will be scored and the bot with the most points will be awarded first place.

“The bot design is completely

done by the students, as well as all the work,” says Coffman, so it will be interesting to see what the team has in store for this year’s competition.

The fee to enter is around \$30 for student chapters and the expenses incurred traveling to Missouri will also be paid for through fund raising.

The car and bike show will be the first of its kind to be held to raise money for the ATMAE club and will be held at 865 Pelham Road N, in Jacksonville.

In order to enter, a \$10 entry fee must be paid for both cars and motorcycles. An admission fee for on-lookers will be \$2.

At the end of the show, a raffle will be held for a grand prize of an \$80 tool kit, along with various other prizes, using the tickets that the attendees bought, and a first place prize will be given to the winning cars and bikes in each category.

Concessions will also be sold at the show.

To enter a car or bike, contact the ATMAE Robotics club president Blake Ray at bray3@jsu.edu or go online to Facebook and search JSU Car/Bike Show.



The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering

Courtesy of ATMAE



Members of the Jacksonville State University robotics team that won the President's Cup at the ATMAE competition 2 years ago are shown with their robot. From left are, Tina Civitello, Ben Ledbetter, Jessica Civitello and instructor Phillip Dean.

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USA Network and Verizon join forces

Verizon and USA Network are teaming for the Characters Unite College Tour to encourage students to use technology and their voices to help solve some of the country’s biggest social issues, such as stopping hate and discrimination and preventing dating abuse.

On September 17, 2014, USA and Verizon launched a national contest – the “Characters Unite College Tour Competition” – for colleges and universities to win the opportunity to become one of the seven campuses visited on the tour this fall.

From September 3 through September 26, all college and university students can enter the competition at charactersunitecollege.com.

Once students have entered the contest, they can encourage their friends to enter by promoting the tour on Facebook and Twitter. For every friend they get to enter, their school receives a bonus referral vote.

The school with the highest number of entries will be guaranteed a stop on the fall tour and get a very special guest – one of the stars from a USA Network hit series.

“Verizon’s culture of diversity and inclusion is the core of who we are as a company and allows our employees to unleash their full talent and potential,” said Michelle Watts, director of workforce performance, at Verizon. “We’re proud to join the Characters Unite College Tour to help engage the brightest minds of tomorrow in creating a more open and respectful society, and make a positive difference in the world.”

“The Characters Unite College Tour and Competition represents our continued effort to inspire students to speak out against hate, abuse and discrimination,” said Toby Graff, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, USA Network. “We are proud to partner with Verizon and their HopeLine campaign to encourage today’s students, our future leaders, to become champions of change at their schools and in their communities.”

At each stop of the Characters Unite College Tour, students will be invited to create

a free “I Won’t Stand For...” t-shirt, personalizing it by stamping a word to fill in the blank, such as bullying, dating abuse, racism, religious intolerance, sexism, homophobia, ableism and more.

In addition, they can take a photo to be a part of the Characters Unite online gallery and immediately share the image with their friends and family via social media, joining millions of people – including top musicians, movie and television stars, athletes and political leaders – in the Characters Unite campaign to combat all forms of violence and discrimination.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to learn more about loveisrespect, a program dedicated to empowering youth and young adults to prevent and end abusive relationships.

Students will also be able to join Verizon in speaking out against dating violence through the company’s HopeLine program.

The activation will include HopeLine Collection bins where guests can donate no-longer-used wireless phones and accessories in any condition, from any service provider.

Donated phones are recycled or refurbished and turned into support in the form of cash grants for local and national domestic violence prevention organizations across the country.

Through HopeLine, Verizon also provides wireless phones to local domestic violence prevention organizations across the country for use by their clients.

In addition, students will be invited to share messages of hope to domestic violence survivors through HopeLine’s Because Voices Have Power initiative.

To enter the contest, view the rules and regulations and learn more about the Characters Unite College Tour Competition, please visit charactersunitecollege.com.

To learn more about HopeLine from Verizon, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hope-line or www.voiceshavepower.com.

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Solution for the sudoku puzzle located on page 3

Sudoku Solution - Medium

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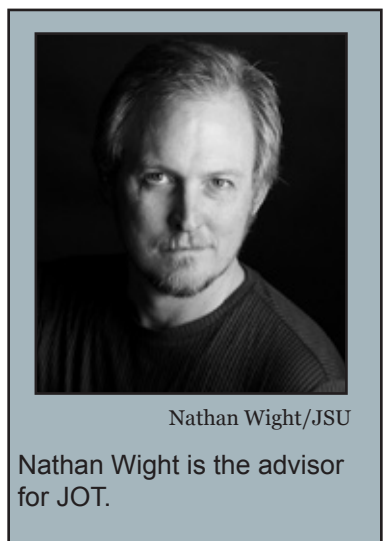
“You have attended the world premiere of an opera.” With those words, Dr. Nathan Wight of the Jacksonville State University’s Department of Music closed the recent performance by the Jacksonville Opera Theatre (JOT).

On September 13, 2014, JSU’s JOT performed a never-before-seen opera written by Bruce Trinkley, a composer and professor of music at Pennsylvania State University, and his partner Jason Charnesky, a lyricist.

The opera, called ‘Christmas for King Midas,’ was only about an hour long and included only six characters.

Despite how short the performance was though, a large lesson was packed into the time it took up.

Dr. Wight said of the show, “We originally were aiming towards middle school and high



Nathan Wight/JSU
Nathan Wight is the advisor for JOT.

school but after the score was finished we decided on our side that maybe we should focus on elementary and middle school and leave high school out of it.”

It was written primarily for middle and elementary students, to be performed during the week before the winter holidays when no real classroom work is done.

The show aims to teach children that the ‘I want more’ attitude that is so prevalent in the general public’s mind is not the way to think.

Most know the story of King Midas, whose touch could turn anything to gold, and the loss of his wife and child to his golden touch sent Midas into a deep pit of despair.

The opera uses the story to help teach five unruly kids, who are simply ready to be out of school for Christmas, that more is not always better.

Trinkley said of how the opera began, “Nathan asked if we

would be interested in doing a show for schools at Christmas,” and this show was born.

The score began being written around mid-April and the cast got the scripts in mid-August.

Trinkley said that, total, about 4 months of work has gone into the show. “I had the good fortune to be at an artist colony in southern California it was on a mountain top and I was there in late March and April.”

He continues, “We did the piano score and then for the last three weeks we’ve done the orchestra.”

Speaking of the music, the show featured a small live orchestra that had both students and teachers as its members.

Dr. Jeremy Benson, a professor in the music department at JSU and who conducted for the performance said, “It’s always a great opportunity for the students to play in an orchestral setting. We had students and faculty playing tonight.”

Benson continues, “We had two rehearsals then the dress rehearsal and then the performance so the expectations for the students to come prepared was really high and they met that expectation.”

With so little time to prepare for the performance, both the orchestra members and the operatic actors had to be completely prepared before-hand and that preparedness came through in the very first staging of ‘Christmas for King Midas.’



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Bruce Trinkley, pictured above, and his partner Jason Charnesky wrote ‘Christmas for King Midas.’

Upcoming events on and around campus

September 18, 2014

The film ‘A More Perfect Union: America Becomes a Nation’ will be screened in Leone Cole Auditorium beginning at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate Constitution Day.

September 19, 2014

The author Joseph Scott Morgan will be hosting a book signing beginning at 7 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library

September 23, 2014

The Rome, Italy Study Abroad interest meeting for the May 2015 semester will be held in room 326 of Stone Center beginning at 4 p.m.

September 26, 2014

Student Performance Hour will be held in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 1:45 p.m.

September 27, 2014

The JSU ATMAE Robotics club will be hosting the JSU Car/Bike Show beginning at 10 a.m. near the intersection of highways 21 and 204 in Jacksonville. Entrance fee required.

A Reminder

The ‘Organic Whole’ art gallery will be open until the end of September. No admission fee is required.

Ten reading suggestions for the average college student

Every college student knows what it’s like to be swamped with homework and there comes a point in our college careers when reading is no longer something we do for pleasure.

However, some books are just worth the read, and here are 10 instances in which this is the case.

“The Host” by Stephenie Meyer:

Best known for the Twilight saga, Meyer has become an author well known in the book industry, but also one that is continuously ridiculed.

However, it is hard to ridicule her after a novel as creative as this. While it strays from the werewolf/vampire dynamic pre-teens have fallen in love with, it sticks to the sci-fi genre in a love story too different for words.

If you ever have the time, whether you hate or love Meyer, this book is worth at least a glance.

“Looking for Alaska” by John Green:

For those that like the dark, gothic-like form of books, this is great. Main character Miles Halter (a junior in high school) is relatable and innocent in starting the novel.

However, as the story progresses,

readers captivated from beginning to end.

Deenie, Lise and Gabby are best friends who seem to be going through typical girl drama when all of a sudden a seizure hits Lise in the middle of class, and no one knows why.

Scary as that is, it gets worse when other girls in the school start falling to the same, unknown illness. With a worldwide obsession with the zombie apocalypse and other such horror fantasies, this novel is sure to fit in somewhere.

“If I Stay” by Gayle Forman:

With this novel becoming one of the biggest movies of the year, it’s difficult to leave it off this list. Most have seen the many previews, but if not, here is a brief summary.

Mia is in a car accident with her family in which she is the only survivor, but only barely. In an out-of-body experience, she watches her boyfriend beg her to stay with him while she longs to be with her family as well.

With as tough (tough being understated here) of a decision as this one, it’s hard not to feel emotional when reading this novel.

created yet.

For those that enjoy TV series such as “CSI,” “Bones” or “Criminal Minds,” this book is a must read.

“Elizabeth is Missing” by Emma Healey:

Psychology majors would particularly like this one.

Maud is an elderly woman who is in the early stages of dementia. Seventy years previously, her sister, Sukey, went missing and was never found.

Now, with Maud’s memory quickly disappearing, she is beginning to suspect her best friend, Elizabeth, is missing. Despite her family (and Elizabeth’s family’s) repeated attempts to convince her this isn’t true, Maud has become a frequent visitor of the police department, desperate to find her friend.

This is by no means a light read, but it is definitely one that everyone should read. Heartbreaking as it is, it reveals much about the human mind worth knowing.

“Twisted” by Laurie Halse Anderson:

One of the best female authors to write about a male’s life since S.E. Hinton’s “The Outsiders,” Anderson really captures the essence of the movement from adolescence to manhood.

The story follows teenager Tyler Miller on his quest for acceptance as well as for the most popular girl in high school. As cliché as it may sound, Anderson’s ability to blur the lines between right and wrong and display the necessity of acceptance makes this novel yet another that is worth reading.

“Remember Me Like This” by Bret Anthony Johnston:

Justin Campbell disappeared four years ago, and his family has been endlessly searching for answers and coping, attempting to hold their disheveled family together.

But one day, Justin is found, and the family is thrown for a loop. While most would think everything gets better, Johnston makes sure to cover all the corners of what it really feels like to pull a family back

together after such a traumatic experience.

This novel has been called suspenseful and right on point as far as emotions are concerned, making it a must read.

“Being Henry David” by Cal Armistead:

Many English majors should remember coming in contact with Henry David Thoreau’s “Walden” at some point in their college careers, and it plays a large part in this novel.

Hank finds himself in New York City without any idea how he got there or memory of who he is, and the only thing on his person is a copy of “Walden.” So, he calls himself Henry David (or Hank) and builds a life for himself in the seclusion of Massachusetts.

While Thoreau isn’t exactly everyone’s cup of tea because of his very philosophical points of view, this novel incorporates him in an understandable way that the reader will appreciate when they are done. In all, “Being Henry David” is just one of those books college students should read.

“13 Reasons Why” by Jay Asher:

Clay Jensen is a high school student leading a very average, normal life ... up until his classmate, Hannah Baker, commits suicide.

Two weeks following the incident, Jensen receives a box with cassette tapes on his front porch, and discovers it is Hannah’s voice on the other end. He is one of thirteen people to receive the tapes, and comes to realize the tapes list the reasons Hannah took her life.

This mystery is compelling to say the least, and displays the truth of what consequences some actions can provoke. The story is brilliantly written and anyone who hasn’t definitely needs to pick this one up the next chance they get.

While reading for fun seems to lose priority during the school year, these 10 books are well worth any little free time they may take up.

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his character dramatically changes. Foreshadowing seems to be the most frequent literary element, and the story changes tone several times, going from feel-good to dark and dreary within the turn of a page.

Not only is the story captivating enough to read in a day, the writing is advanced for a young adult novel.

“The Fever” by Megan Abbott:

Taking on a scary movie-like series of events, this novel will have

“Mr. Mercedes” by Stephen King:

Who doesn’t love Stephen King? He has nearly single-handedly created some of the most distinctive characters and stories of the horror genre (such as “It” and “Carrie,” just to name a few).

With that, he is back, and this time tackling a lone, human serial killer. The novel reeks of suspense and the heroes of the story are probably some of the most dynamic he has

OPINION & EDITORIAL

A note on partisanship

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Four years ago, in my high school government class, I learned about a political party that existed very briefly in American history and has since helped shape my worldview on politics and government.

The Populist Party, otherwise known as the People's Party, was formed in 1891 as a result of revolts by farmers and laborers against the Democratic and Republican Parties for ignoring their interests and difficulties for over a decade.

Their main platform focused on asking the federal government to buffer economic depressions, regulate banks and help laborers who were suffering in hard times. However, it was not so much the specific demands, but the spirit behind those demands that caught the attention of millions of followers back then—and, quite frankly, myself that day in government class.

The organized Populist Party is noted in history to have existed until about 1908. I am no historian, but I tend to disagree with that timeline.

Sure, the official Populist Party may no longer be organized. But I truly believe that in the heart of the political attitude of the American people lies an essence of populism.

We see it in different forms today: from the rise of the Libertarian movement, to the fairly recent Occupy Wall Street movement, even to Tea Party sentiments. There is one underlying theme transcending the current

American electorate: the goal of shifting the focus of government back to the every day citizen.

Since that year in government class, other things have unfolded that have led me into the realm of politics and public policy. Early into my years of involvement in politics, I toiled with the question of “what party

do I belong to?” While I have my leanings in some directions over the other, I still cannot say that I am 100 percent this or that.

I have come to learn that the national Democratic and Republican parties are really just two big groups that divide the public based on varying differences of opinion. The reality is, partisanship is just a tool used to simplify political beliefs—that's it.

What we as voters should be focused on is who our elected officials actually represent. When you think of your senator or congressman, what comes to mind first: how he or she has represented the interests of you and your peers? Or do you think of his or her political party affiliation first?

Since the birth of our country's modern government, it has always been intended to be a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. It should never be intended of the Democrats, by the Republicans, for the special interest groups.

From common man to businessman, it is our job as citizens of this nation to see to it that we are led by those who understand the plight of every person.



Functioning reality and unreal fantasy

Marie McBurnett
Editor-in-Chief

Do television and movies cross a line when it comes to portraying realistic events? Is our escape from the “everyday” destroying our ability to think clearly about our own lives?

We have been having this ongoing discussion in my Media Literacy class for a few weeks.

Our focus is on Disney and the romantic implications it places on young children today. Do these children see these princes and princesses and learn about an unrealistic fantasy of love before they even know what it means?

It gives them hope. It is a perfect way to introduce children to the idea of love. To contrast, imagine letting the same child watch the sitcom “Everybody Loves Raymond.” There is always some sort of marital drama in this program between the protagonist Raymond, and his wife Deborah in every episode. They yell at each other, ignore each other and sometimes even throw objects at each another.

Raymond and Deborah may depict a real relationship more closely than most Disney movies, but is this the sort of programming kids need to learn about love? We want them to learn the best of what this world could offer.

Hopes may be held too high for the Disney movies of the 20th century, but they are beginning to get closer to a happy medium between “Cinderella” and “Everybody Loves Raymond.”

More confusion arises with adult animated series. I have

yet to muster up the strength to watch a full episode of “Family Guy,” “American Dad,” or “South Park.” These programs attract children because they are animated and have characters that appear to be children like them.

The messages these shows convey are not meant for children.

There are children-oriented

movies and programs specially designed for a younger audience, but anything that can attract an adult more than likely has inappropriate underlying content that only adults will understand.

The problem arises when children pick up on that strangely worded phrase that could be construed as adult content.

Children are not the only ones affected by television and movies, however. Teens and young adults also learn from the entertainment industry. Some of them have positive messages. “The Big Bang Theory” shows that it is acceptable to be different from mainstream society.

The new sitcom “Mom” or “Two and a Half Men” depict drugs in a way that television has never seen before. Where “Mom” shows recovering addicts and their journey to sobriety, “Two and a Half Men” relishes in depicting drug and alcohol driven lives and idolizes those who lead them.

The new series “Extant” is set in the future, where the protagonist fights a fantasy world, which is created by her half-alien, half-human child.

As we find seek refuge in these unrealistic worlds, we also need to see what they are doing to our lives--as well as our children's.



In technology this week: music releases and Nintendo announces new gaming console versions

Sawyer McKay
Staff Writer

This is the first of a new tech column series that I'll be writing here in *The Chanticleer*.

Nintendo has announced two new models of their popular handheld gaming console, the 3DS. The “New 3DS” and “New 3DS XL” will both be the same size as the existing models, but will feature a number of improvements to the hardware. New ZL and ZR shoulder buttons have been added, as well as a C-button that will allow dual analog control. The new systems are also getting a slight bump in processor speed, improved 3D viewing angles, and integrated support for Nintendo's upcoming line of near field communication (NFC) figures, called Amiibo. (These will be somewhat similar to Disney Infinity figures.) The new systems are slated for a release in Japan later

this year, but reportedly will not come to western markets until 2015.

If you found U2's latest album, “Songs of Innocence,” in your iTunes library in the past week—and you didn't download it—then fear not. Bono didn't hack your Mac to promote the band's latest LP. As it turns out, Apple announced last Tuesday at the end of the live streamed reveal of the iPhone 6 and Apple Watch that it had entered a marketing deal with the band. 500 million iTunes users would get the new album for free, and if you have your iCloud configured to automatically push new purchases to all your devices, the files were automatically downloaded.

Sure, free music is great, but many iTunes users were concerned about the fact that their music libraries were accessed without their knowledge. Especially with recent security scares affect-

ing services such as eBay and PlayStation Network, a heads-up would be nice the next time Apple, or any other company, wants to hand out a freebie.

This week's music recommendation is, in fact, *not* U2. If you haven't heard of Switchfoot, they're an alternative rock group made up of brothers John and Tim Foreman, as well as Drew Shirley, Chad Butler and Jerome Fontamillas. They've been around since the 90's, but hit the big time when their 2003 album, “The Beautiful Letdown,” went double platinum.

There is a documentary on Netflix called “Fading West,” which explains a lot about the band's arrival at its new album.

Their latest effort, “Fading West,” is an eclectic compilation of songs written while the group toured such exotic locales as New Zealand, South Africa and Bali. Most of the band members are life-

long surfers and these destinations offer some of the best waves anywhere. However, the trip wasn't just for kicks.

They were writing the songs for the new album, drawing on all they saw for inspiration. They also devoted some of their time to humanitarian efforts. While the album is a bit of a departure from the band's usual sound, the change is welcome, and it's still Switchfoot at its core. At once uplifting and soberly thought provoking, “Fading West” is definitely worth checking out, alt-rock fan or otherwise.

Check back here each week for reviews and news updates in the world of technology and entertainment, more music recommendations and other content. Have any questions or suggestions? Feel free to contact me at smckaychanticleer@gmail.com or on Twitter @ChantyTech.

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

2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State L 7-45
 - 9/6 @ Chattanooga W 26-23
 - 9/13 Open
 - 9/20 vs West Alabama
 - 9/27 @ Murray State *
 - 10/4 vs UT Martin *
 - 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

Upcoming action

- 9/19
- Volleyball vs Northwestern State
- 9/20
- Cross Country @ Winthrop/ Addidas Invite
- Volleyball @ Auburn
- Soccer @ Ball State
- Football vs West Alabama
- Volleyball vs Florida A&M
- 9/22 - 9/24
- Women's Golf @ Golfweek Conference Challenge

Volleyball

Jennifer Hart named OVC Setter of the Week

JSU Volleyball finishes strong in Magnolia Invitational

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State volleyball team came out of the Ole Miss Magnolia Invitational with wins and a second place finish to their name after only one loss to an undefeated Ole Miss team.

The opening match was a nail-biter against in-state foe UAB. While JSU came out strong early and defeated the Blazers in the first two sets, they lost in the third. However, it didn't take their momentum away and JSU walked away with the match win after a tight final set.

The Gamecocks had a .216 attack percentage on the day with .407 percentage that came in set two alone. Allyson Zuhlke led the Gamecocks with 15 kills and a .300 attack percentage by herself. Charis Ludtke was behind Zuhlke with 11 kills and Nicole Merget had 10. On defense Samantha Bohne led with her 12 digs and Jennifer Hart picked up 11.

The final scores for the match favored JSU 25-21, 25-19, 22-25 and 25-23. The Gamecocks were in for a rough ride when

faced with SEC opponent Ole Miss who is currently undefeated in play. Despite a win in the first set, it didn't take long for the Rebels to bounce back and defeat the Gamecocks in the last three sets of the match.

Despite an attack percentage of only .188, several Gamecocks made their mark against the unbeaten Rebels. Emily Rutherford was one who made her mark as she had double numbers in both offense and defense. She hit 13 kills and 15 digs. Bohne had the lead on digs with 19, while Merget had the team-high 14 kills. Jennifer Hart also had 48 assists, which was second only to Ole Miss' Aubrey Edie who had 61.

The final scores for



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Nicole Merget hits the volleyball across the net in the Invitational.

the loss to the Rebels were 28-26, 23-25, 21-25, and 17-25.

The last match of the Magnolia Invitational was a familiar one for the Gamecocks as they again played and defeated the Mercer Bears. There would be no sweep this time as Mercer managed to pull out one lone victory against the Gamecocks in the first set. The Gamecocks were forced into extra points with the Bears in 3 out of 4 sets. The lone exception was the second set, which the Gamecocks won by the largest margin of any of the sets against Mercer.

The two teams were well matched as their final attack percentages were separated by a small amount.

JSU had .153 and Mercer had .152. Rutherford again put up doubles in both offense and defense with 16 kills and 14 digs. Merget had 14 kills and Bohne led the team with 18 digs. Behind Bohne in digs was Hart with 15 and Hannah Kirk with 14. Hart led both teams in assists with 38.

The final scores in the JSU win over Mercer were 24-26, 25-18, 26-24, and 28-26. The Gamecocks will get ready to enter into the next stretch of their schedule. They will take part in the Auburn War Eagle Invitational that starts Friday. They begin against Northwestern State on Friday. They will take on host Auburn and finish with Florida A&M on Saturday.



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Kelsey Bright scored her sixth goal of the season against Alabama State. The Gamecocks went on to win 3-0.

JSU Soccer blanks Alabama State

MONTGOMERY - Jacksonville State netted a pair of goals in the first 15 minutes of its Sunday match with Alabama State to cruise to a 3-0 win over the Hornets at the Alabama State Soccer Stadium.

The win moved the Gamecocks to 4-4 on the season and the first win of their four-match road trip that began last Sunday. JSU picked up a weekend split after falling to Troy on Friday evening. ASU fell to 3-5 overall.

Junior Kelsey Bright registered her sixth goal of the season almost 10 minutes deep in to the contest. The Kingwood, Texas native lofted a ball over the Hornets' keeper in to the top right corner of the goal. Bright's scoring play was set up by senior Brianna Salverda, who was credited with her first career assist.

Jax State added its second goal

in the first 15 minutes off the foot of sophomore Nicola Dominikovich. After Jackie Rush's shot was blocked by the ASU keeper, Dominikovich finished the scoring threat with a goal. It was her third goal of the season after recording a pair against Mississippi Valley State earlier in the season.

Defensively, the Gamecocks were equally impressive by allowing just five shots for the entire 90 minutes. ASU's first shot came 30 minutes in to the opening half as Aaliyah Lewis' attempt was saved by JSU keeper, Meara Johnson. Johnson posted her second shutout of the season.

JSU finished with 19 total shots, including nine on-goal chances. Rush turned in a match-high four shots. Bright tallied three shots, while Dominikovich and Macken-

zie Bellows added a pair of shots.

Bellows added JSU's third goal in the 69th minute after ASU's Zaria Maynard was issued a yellow card inside the box. Bellows scored her fourth goal of the season after a successful penalty kick.

The Gamecocks wrap up their four-match road trip next weekend with a rare Saturday-only match. The Red and White will trek to Muncie, Indiana to face off with Ball State on Sept. 20. Match time is set for 1 p.m. It will be the second meeting all time between the Gamecocks and Cardinals. The only previous meeting came during the 2001 season in a tournament hosted by Southeast Missouri. BSU claimed a 1-0 decision.

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JSU home-opener vs West Alabama



Steve Lathan/JSU

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks will play the West Alabama Tigers in the Gamecocks first home game of the season. Kickoff is Saturday at 3 p.m.

Marvel Robinson
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State will host their first home game of the season against West Alabama.

The Gamecocks (1-1) are coming off an open week to get ready to play the Tigers of West Alabama (2-0).

"We were able to heal up after two very physical football games in Michigan State and Chattanooga," said Coach Grass.

The last game the gamecocks played was against Chattanooga where they won in overtime 26-23. The win gave the Gamecocks their first win of the season and gave

John Grass his first career win as head coach of the Gamecocks. Now, Coach Grass and the Gamecocks are looking to win their first home game.

"It feels like half the season is gone and we haven't had a home game yet, but it is going to be good to play in front of our home crowd this week playing West Alabama."

This is the 46th meeting between the two teams and JSU leads the series 32-12-1. The Gamecocks have won 16 of the last 19 meetings. The last time the two teams played was in 1992 where Jacksonville State won 54-27. Both Coaches are in their first season as head coach.

Jacksonville State has an overall

record of 47-18-3 in home openers since the Gamecocks moved to Burgess-Snow Field in 1946. The Gamecocks have won eight-straight home openers as they look forward to making it nine-straight.

Jacksonville State is in for a tough one against West Alabama as the stats show a close matchup. The Gamecocks have an average passing offense of 173 while the Tigers have a passing offense of 159. It's not that close in the rushing offense as West Alabama has an average of 274.5 and Jax State has an average of 153.5. The rushing defense of Jax State allows an average of 142 yards while West Alabama allows only

69.5. The passing defense is a lot closer as the Gamecocks average is 196 and the Tigers average is 200.5.

The Gamecocks are third in the OVC Standings. In the FCS Standings, the Gamecocks are eighth in the coaches poll and ninth in the Sports Network.

"I bet the student section will be rocking," said Coach Grass, who is a JSU alumni.

"It is going to be special," he said.

Jacksonville State will face West Alabama on Saturday at JSU Stadium at 3 p.m.

Gamecock Volleyball hangs on to defeat the Hornets in five sets



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Samantha Bohne is set to hit the volleyball as the Gamecocks eventually beat the Hornets in five.

MONTGOMERY - For the first time this season the Jacksonville State volleyball team saw the fifth set, and it pulled off a hard-fought 3-2 (25-23, 25-18, 14-25, 20-25, 15-8) road win over Alabama State on Tuesday.

The Gamecocks (5-6) took the first two sets before the Hornets (4-10) fought back to take the next two and force a decisive fifth. JSU held off ASU in the final set to pick up its fifth win in the last seven matches.

"We played well enough to win," JSU head coach Terry Gamble said. "We didn't play our best but a positive is that on a night where we didn't play

well we found a way to get a win on the road. Nicole (Merget) played really well and really led us up front."

Merget, a senior middle blocker from Canton, Mich., had 14 kills on a .364 attack percentage to lead the Gamecock offensive attack and pace a trio of JSU players with double figures in the kills column. Junior Emily Rutherford also had 14 kills in the win, while freshman Allyson Zuhlke added 13.

Rutherford was a dig shy of a double-double with nine, but it was fellow junior Samantha Bohne's 21 that would lead the JSU back

row. Freshman setter Jennifer Hart added 12 digs to go along with her 42 assists for her fourth double-double in the last five matches.

After taking a close opening set by two points, the Gamecocks seemed to take control of the match by claiming the second set 25-18 and taking a 2-0 lead. The Hornets wouldn't go away before dropping JSU in the third set 25-14 and 25-20 in the fourth to tie the match and force a deciding fifth set.

In the fifth, ASU struck first, but the Gamecocks went on a surge that quickly pushed them to an

8-2 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

After a tough 0-4 start to the season, the Gamecocks have turned things around to win five of their last seven matches.

JSU will look to maintain its winning form this weekend at the Auburn War Eagle Invitational, where it will open play against Northwestern State on Friday at 4 p.m. The Gamecocks will then take on the host Tigers Saturday at noon before finishing with Florida A&M at 5 p.m.

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