



Meehan's legacy: the secret behind the "Friendliest campus in the South"



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Several things set Jacksonville State University apart from other universities—Cocky, our chipper Gamecocks mascot, "The Friendliest Campus in the

South," our honest motto and President Bill Meehan, our fearless leader.

After the announcement of his retirement this July, things around campus are not going to be the same.

Meehan has been a part of the Gamecock

family for almost fifty years, joining in 1968 as a freshman here on campus. In the beginning, he earned his bachelor's degree in biology. This led him to come back again to get his master's degree in biology in 1976. Just one year later, Meehan found himself on the other side of the classroom as an instructor in the biology department at JSU.

Meehan went on to get his doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Alabama in 1999, only to return to Jacksonville State the same year and become the President of JSU.

Meehan has remained here ever since, carrying out each and every sin-

gle one of his presidential duties to the best of his ability.

Today, Meehan lives on campus with his wife, Beth Meehan. They have twin sons, Drew and Will, who attend Auburn University. Their daughter, Carol Grace, attends Jacksonville High School. Students have always been welcomed with open arms into the Meehan residence, no matter the occasion.

One of the most commendable things about Meehan is simple: he cares for the individual students that call this campus home.

This year during move-in, volunteers, workers and instructors could be seen all across campus at any given dorm un-

loading cars, carrying bags, and helping students find their way into their new homes. Among them? Meehan himself.

During the mad dash that is final's week, Meehan can often be found in the library, on the quad, and all around campus equipped with snacks and nourishment for those who find themselves caught by crunch-time.

No matter what the case may be, it is evident that President Meehan is so much more than an administrator—he is a father, a caregiver, a helping hand, a support system, a teacher and a friend.

Perhaps this is why news of Meehan's retirement came as such a surprise to fac-

ulty and staff, members of the Board and students alike.

"I could not have been more blessed by God to have this opportunity," said Meehan at the Board of Trustees meeting earlier this summer after announcing his retirement. Meehan's last official day will be July 15, 2014.

Regardless of what the future holds for all of us here at Jacksonville State University, one thing is for certain—President Meehan has been full of dedication, helpfulness and genuine care for each and every student that has passed through the doors of this institution and his contributions to this university will never be forgotten.

MyJSU program helps students graduate on time

Marie McBurnett
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Ever wonder how far along in your degree you've reached? The answer is just at your fingertips with the Degree Evaluation program offered on every undergraduate's MyJSU account.

Jacksonville State University unveiled this program in 2008 and it still operates under the motto: "Don't Hesitate...Just Evaluate!"

The program is offered with Banner, the software JSU administrators use to communicate with students.

According to Director of Academic Advisement Michelle Green, "The program is a step-by-step for students to see which classes they have completed and which classes they need in

order to graduate."

To gain access to the program and all that it offers, students need to log in to their MyJSU account. From there, they need to get to the Student Records menu through Self Service Banner. Now the student can find Degree Evaluation (CAPP).

If students have never used the tool before, they should click on Generate New Evaluation. If they have accessed their evaluation before, they can click on Previous Evaluation.

From there, the students gain access to their current degree.

GPA is available at the top of the page, along with details about the selected degree. All general education categories and the status of completion can be seen underneath it. Any university or

major-specific exams are listed as well as the completion status of them.

Students can click on the degree and see how far along they are in their schooling, but there is more: they can also click on the What-If Analysis and see how far they would be in another degree if they decided to change their major. Students should click on the current program then click on the program they wish to enter. Another Degree Evaluation Report will appear in regard to the

new major. Please note that this is not a formal change of major.

"It helps students because it is a digital version of a plan of study, and it is always available, day or night," said Registrar Emily White.

"This is not meant to replace advisors. Every student needs their advisor. This is a way for them to track their progress and prepare for their advisement," said Green.

"We've really started pushing it this year because we want our students see that

they can graduate on time," said White, "It divides up the areas of study more specifically than transcripts."

"We feel that Degree Evaluation has been underutilized up to this point," said White.

If students want help learning how to use Degree Evaluation, there is a tutorial video on JSU's YouTube channel.

The JSU Drama Department created university-specific video which will be released in mid-September. Although the tool

JSU Registrar's Office

is only available to undergraduates right now, graduates will have the option to use it in the future.

During the month of October, the Registrar's Office will be putting on a month-long event called October Blitz. There will be mobile stations spread out around campus every week to inform students about Degree Evaluation. There will be staff members present to run evaluations and walk students through the program.



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JSU Honors Program gets new director

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Times are changing for the Honors Program here at Jacksonville State University.

Last fall, Dr. Steven Whitton stepped down as the director of the program to return to the classroom full-time.

Whitton started the program about five years ago with the help of the Honors Board per request of Dr. Earl Wade. Throughout his years within the program, it expanded each year, which he hopes will continue to do under its new director.

Dr. Lori Owens, the new director, wants to continue this increase and get to know the members of the program on a personal basis. She has had interactions with a few of the students but would like to get to know them all.

She has also been the faculty advisor for the school debate team since 1999 and she is the advisor for pre-law. Owens is involved with many student-oriented programs and she likes helping and being around the students.

She said when her dean asked her if she

would want to be the new director for the honors program she didn't have to think twice about it.

Honors Program Coordinator Mrs. Janet Whitmore is very optimistic about Dr. Owens and the future of the program. Similar to Owens, Whitmore also cares about the students on a personal basis and wants to continue building relationships throughout the program.

Whitmore believes that Owens is going to be caring, will be there for the students and will continue to help keep the students motivated.

Whitmore also believes the members will really like Owens and that she will be a great help to the program.

Emily Smith, president of the program, is also on a similar path concerning the future of the program.

"I would like to see the program continue to grow, and it's going to be up to us to get the Honors Program involved around campus," Smith said.

She is very optimistic with the new director and is looking forward to meeting Owens. She person-

ally wants a director that would be involved and that cares about the students. She feels Owens is great for the job.

Smith, a senior Elite Honors Scholar, has been involved with the program from the time she started at Jacksonville State; this will be her last year as a member of the program.

Within the past four years Jacksonville State University's Honors Program has had a twenty percent increase in the number of honors classes filled. The program grew from 365 seats to 565 seats this fall.

"The goal is to keep this increase in the number of students moving up," Owens explained. She has several projects that she plans to start working on soon. She mentioned creating a theme for the program, meshing the Honors Program and honors classes together even further, and several other ideas that she hopes will continue to help the program thrive.

JSU's Honors Program has a bright future ahead, and it seems Owens is very optimistic about it all.

Dates to remember:

September 16-Last Day to Withdraw from all classes and Receive 50% Tuition Refund

October 16-Midterm Grades Due

October 24-Last Day to Drop or Withdraw Without Academic Penalty

November 14-Last Day to Drop Passing or Withdraw with Academic Penalty

November 24-28-Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5-Last Day of Class

December 8-13-Final Exams

December 16-All Grades Due

December 19-Commencement

Cricket Wireless to launch new ZTE Grand X device

On August 1, Cricket Wireless announced the launch of the new 4G smartphone, the ZTE Grand X.

Beginning August 8, the Grand X will be available to the public both in stores and online for the price of \$99.99 after a \$50 mail-in rebate with a Cricket Visa Promotion Card.

The Grand X will join a list of options from Cricket's no annual contract wireless service.

The phone has a 5 inch display with Corning Gorilla Glass for protection and dual cameras, excellent for taking the perfect "selfie" and video chatting with friends.

The phone has surround sound from SRS TruMedia and the Android 4.3 OS for organizational purposes.

Additionally, the phone is equipped with

a 2300 mAh battery with Qualcomm Quick Charge 1.0 technology and claimed to charge up to 40 percent faster than other technology in the marketplace. This should be taken into consideration for those who experience battery and charging problems with their current devices. As an added bonus, the Grand X comes with 15 GB free OneDrive Storage.

Andy Smoak, the Head of Product for Cricket Wireless emphasizes the affordability of the plan. "This deal with unlimited plans starting at \$35 per month after \$5 Auto Pay credit gives consumers more options at great prices.

The \$5 Auto Pay credit is given at the end of each billing cycle while the customer is involved in the Auto Pay program.

The company's national loyalty program,

Cricket Rewards, gives customers an opportunity to purchase a new phone every year. Customers on smart and pro plans earn a reward credit for every payment made on time in full.

After customers earn 12 reward credits they can then earn a device credit. Once this device credit is earned, the customer is eligible for a phone upgrade. To make a long story short, Cricket gives customers a \$50 credit towards a new smart phone after 12 months of payments made on time.

These incredible offers can be found at over 3,000 Cricket Wireless stores and online nationwide

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Meet The Chanticleer's 2014-2015 Staff



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Pharmaceutical lecture in Martin

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Staff Writer

Students looking for a career in Pharmacy could talk to John Parker of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy on September 2, from 9-11 in Martin Hall. Located at Samford University, the school offers a four year Doctor of Pharmacy degree to students.

John Parker, Assistant Director of Admissions, explained the program in more detail.

“You spend three years in the classroom, and one year out in experience,” said Parker. According to Parker, no Bachelor’s Degree is needed for entrance into the school as long as prerequisites are met.

“We have two years of prerequisite classes that the students complete prior to applying to the program,” said Parker.

The prerequisite classes come from the core subjects, though the majority of hours come from the natural and applied sciences, such as general and organic chemistry. Aside from prerequisite classes, applicants are required to submit ACT

or SAT scores, as well as test scores from the PCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test).

For the first three years of school, students are trained in both the classroom and in practical experience at one of several centers located around the country. The final year is spent entirely at the various centers where the students get hands-on experience in Pharmacy.

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy admits about 125 students into the program each year out of around 500 applicants.

According to Parker, “Average GPA is between 3.4 and 3.5; the average ACT score around 26,” referring to those students selected. The school is proud to point out its 97.7% pass rate for the NAPLEX, or North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, which is required for Pharmacy graduates.

Scholarships are available to those who meet the requirements. Students looking to apply to the McWhorter School of Pharmacy can do so by visiting their website at www.samford.edu/pharmacy.



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.

Taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge for a cure

Katie Robinson
Staff Writer

Scroll through Facebook, browse Youtube, even flip to CNN, you will probably see the numerous trends going on and one may strike you as particularly odd. It may just look like a bunch of people dumping water on their head, but what is the reason? Why is dousing yourself with freezing cold water something suddenly popular? The reason may surprise you.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, named after the famous New York Yankees baseball player.

It is a disease that involves the deterioration of neurons

in the brain responsible for muscle movement. Eventually, the disease will progress to complete lack of muscle control, where the person will face total paralysis. There is nothing that halts the disease and there is no cure. It leads to death generally just a few years after diagnosis.

The Ice Bucket Challenge was established by the ALS Association to raise funds and awareness for people struggling with ALS. The idea of the challenge is simple: once you are challenged, you can either complete the challenge and donate \$10 or pass and donate \$100 dollars.

To complete the challenge, nominees dump a bucket of ice water on your head, capture it

on video, donate to the cause and challenge friends, family or strangers to do the same.

Between July 29 and August 12, the ALS foundation raised 4 million dollars. That is a huge improvement over last year’s 1.2 million. Even the largest groups at JSU are taking part in this challenge; for example, The Marching Southerners participated. Their goal was to bring \$5 each and donate \$2,000 as a whole to the organization.

Many other organizations have participated collectively, and that is not to mention the many individuals who have donated as well.

Katie Haynes is a sophomore on campus who took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. She

was nominated by her friend, Ryan. She agreed because she really felt like it was for a good cause and her sorority sister “just really wanted to dump a bucket of water on her.” Katie encourages everyone on campus to accept the challenge and donate to the organization.

There is no doubt that the organization and the challenge are raising both awareness and monetary donations. There is question to how long this “Ice Bucket Craze” could keep going strong on campus. Maybe other philanthropy organizations will adopt the idea of donation challenges and put Youtube to some good use.

Chicken Scratch



Loving that starting a slow clap is the first thing the professor does in class.

Tip for freshmen: wear nothing from high school, no cargo shorts, no fedoras or trilbies, and if you have more than 2 prominent colors per garment you’re probably doing it wrong.

I just had a 15 minute class. #Blessed #LoveJSU

The procrastination is strong with this one.

Please tell me more about how cool you were in high school.

I wanted your school to know that as an MSU grad who has attended home games for many years your school band was without a doubt one of the finest we have ever had the pleasure of seeing in Spartan stadium. There was a lot of buzz in the stands when your band began to play. They were terrific. Congratulations.

Ken Davis
Bloomfield Township, MI

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08/29/2014
Possession of Marijuana & Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit
Trustee Circle

08/29/2014
Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Curtiss Hall
Parking Lot

08/29/2014
Automobile Accident
Bennett Boulevard

08/29/2014
Harassment
Sparkman Hall

09/02/2014
Trespass Warning Issued
Campus Inn Apartments

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Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall

7-day weather outlook



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Chance of Thunderstorm
High: 89°
Low: 69°



FRIDAY
Chance of Thunderstorm
High: 90°
Low: 68°



SATURDAY
Thunderstorm
High: 91°
Low: 69°



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 89°
Low: 67°



MONDAY
Chance of Thunderstorm
High: 86°
Low: 67°



TUESDAY
Chance of Thunderstorm
High: 88°
Low: 67°



WEDNESDAY
Chance of Thunderstorm
High: 88°
Low: 66°

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Taking a look behind the curtain

Christiana Tyler

Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's actually 'The Seagull' by Anton Chekov. The Jacksonville State University Department of Drama has announced the upcoming shows for the 2014-2015 season and one of them is entitled 'The Seagull.'

Also included in this

One Acts. Students will prepare presentations of a costume piece, lighting design, set design, or short plays that they will present to the public.

Randy Blades, the department head in JSU's drama department, says of the showcase, "A lot of people don't see the design, the backstage work, the technical work. There are a lot of audience members who are surprised because they don't realize we make all of the costumes, that we build so much of our sets. So we want to highlight some of that."

Up first this season though, is 'The Seagull,' a play written by Anton Chekov and first premiered around 1898.

An early 20th century Russian play, 'The Seagull' is about art and the artists that create it. The main character is a writer who wants to become a famous playwright, whose mother is already a famous actor.

"We haven't done a Chekov here before," says Blades. "He's one of the greatest playwrights in history. It's a big thing

for us to tackle as our first show of the season."

It will be a large undertaking for the department. The show is set in the early 1900s and so requires period costumes and sets to match the time. The set not only has to match the timeframe but there also needs to be 4 different set designs because of the different backgrounds to each of the scenes.

Blades described a modular set piece that would break apart and come back together as different and new pieces. "It's complicated," says Blades, "but a good kind of complicated that we're really excited about."

This season, the English department also gets to be involved in the form of Dr. Pitt Harding and Dr. Steve Whitton. Both professors get to be an actor in one of the shows this performance season.

"If we need someone a little more age appropriate for the role, it's nice to get a non-college person in. We don't do it in detriment of a student getting a role but when it's viable we like to bring faculty in," explains Blades.

The other play this semester is Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap,' a murder-mystery that is this year's student directed show. It is also the world's longest running show, with over 60 years on the West End in London.

Tanner Cain, a senior with a theatre major, is very excited about being able to do this show because he has wanted to do a murder-mystery for a while said Blades.

Because the show is a murder mystery, the story will not be printed here in the paper. "We want to keep the ending a secret," says Blades.

The members of the show will have spent

about 6 weeks perfecting each of the shows so be sure to attend.

'The Seagull' will be presented beginning on October 16 in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on the main stage at 7 p.m.

Very soon, the online ticket booth webpage will be up and functioning so tickets will be available to order online, by phone, or at the box office.

Auditions have already been held for the first two shows but spring shows will have auditions in November. A monologue and a song will need to be prepared if someone is interested in participating.



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A scene from 'The Illusionist,' a play from a past season at JSU.

season's shows are 'The Mousetrap' by Agatha Christie, 'A Year with Frog and Toad' by Robert Reale, and 'To Tread Among Serpents' by Kelly McBurnette-Andronicos.

And at the end of the season, the JSU Drama department will sponsor the Student Showcase and



Drama Department/JSU

"They don't realize we make all of the costumes, that we build so much of our sets," says Randy Blades.

Inexpensive dating ideas for college students

Elana Goodwin

UWire

Dating in college doesn't have to mean saying goodbye to the little money you have (because hey, you're a college student and you're broke).

There are plenty of ways to make a date memorable and fun without looking like you're being a cheapskate.

Here are some dating ideas for college students that won't break the bank.

Do something outside. Going to a park, taking a walk, or having a picnic are all free or very cheap date ideas as are watching the sunset or looking at the stars.

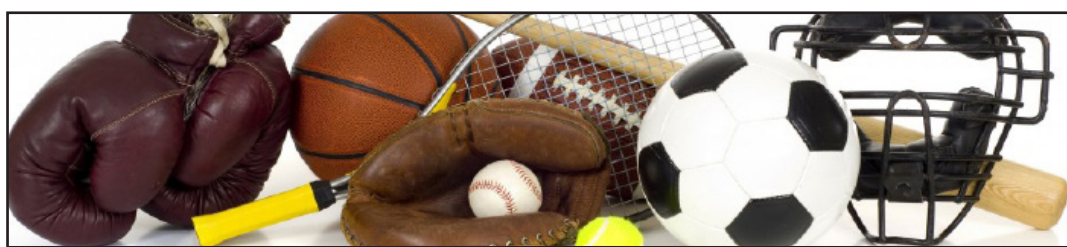
Look up parks, boardwalks, outdoor markets, and more nice places in your area to walk around outside, take in some fresh air, and people-watch.

Having a picnic takes a little preparation time beforehand but is a nice way to have a casual (and cheap!) lunch or dinner together while enjoying the great outdoors.

If you want to spend more serious time outdoors, go for a bike ride together or look into metro parks in your area and go

for a hike.

Attend a sporting event. While tickets to some games, like football and basketball, cost money at many colleges, there are other teams that you can go see for free. Lacrosse, swimming, soccer, rugby and more are typically free



Diamond Pharmacy/diamondpharmacy.com

At Jacksonville State University, all sporting events are free with a student I.D. so be sure to take advantage of this facet of your student I.D.

there's other people watching that you don't know.

Movie nights mean you can get comfy (pajama party!), cue up Netflix, and then flip for who gets to pick the movie first. Or you can kick it old-school and have a childhood films marathon and watch classic Disney movies with your date.

Do something seasonal. Rather than just going on the same kinds of dates year-round, plan a date that can only be done in certain seasons.

In the summer, hit the beach or local pool together for a day out in the sun. In the fall, go apple picking, on a hayride, or to a haunted house. In the winter, go ice skating, sledding, build a snowman, or have a friendly snowball fight. In the spring, take advantage of the nice, not-too-hot weather and do something physical.

Go bowling. Bowling is

a pretty fun and cheap date idea as renting shoes and a lane don't cost all that much.

Plus, bowling gives you a chance to get in some good-natured smack talk as well as some real conversation as you wait between turns.

You can even make this a group date by inviting another couple you're friends with to come with.

When bowling with your group, you can play couple vs. couple, and girls vs. boys for some friendly competition.

Have a study date. Dating doesn't always mean going out and doing something; it's also just about spending time together.

Having a study date means you can do this during the week when both of you are busy with homework and classes and need to get work done but also want to be in each other's company.

Plus, you can rope your significant other into test-

ing you on material before a test, bounce ideas and paper topics off them, get an extra pair of eyes on your essay, etc.

Use your college I.D. Your college I.D. can help you get awesome deals at various businesses and restaurants located near your college campus as well as discounted movie tickets.

Look into what establishments by your university offer specials and cheaper rates to college students and take advantage of them by planning your date at a place that won't empty your wallet.

So when you're planning your next date night, don't worry about how much money you have left in your wallet or if you're reaching your credit card limit.

Use one or more of these inexpensive dating ideas for college students to have a fun night that doesn't kill your bank account.

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Plan a movie night for you and your significant other.

for students to attend.

You can make going to the game a fun date by wearing team colors and packing a picnic snack to eat while you watch your school play.

Plan a movie night. Rather than going out to see a movie, stay in and have a movie marathon.

Staying in is cheaper than going to a theater, plus you can pause the movie whenever you want and don't have to tailor your reactions because

Some reasons you should go see “What If”

Alexandra Brown
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Michael Dowse’s new indie/hipster-esque rom-com “What If” is not just another shallow, unbearably common attempt at the genre that is usually known for having such a reputation.

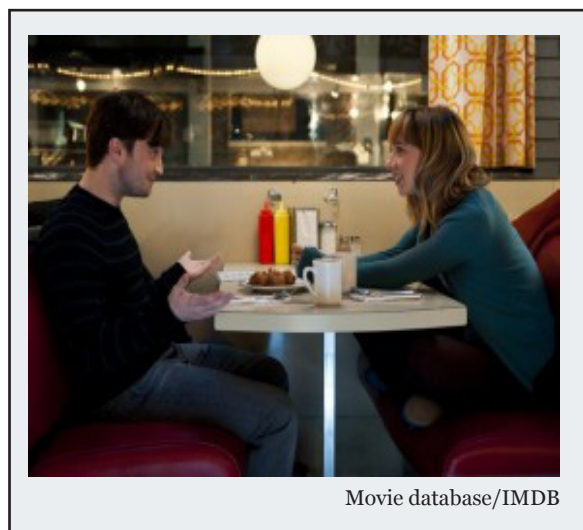
It is most likely safe to say that the genre has not produced something so whimsical and quirky since “500 Days of Summer,” which will undoubtedly forever be a favorite among rom-com lovers.

What makes this movie so appealing and a must-see of the summer, above all else, is its originality. Romantic comedies so often portray unrealistically beautiful male and female leads who find each other in some idealistically magical way, fall in love, endure some tragic conflict, and end up living happily ever after. Not the case here (for the most part).

Wallace, the male lead played by Daniel Radcliffe, and Chantry, the female lead played by Zoe Kazan, each share different, uncommonly used names. They would also not be considered traditionally beautiful people, like most leads in romantic comedies tend to be. This factor alone makes the movie even more relatable.

Another notable aspect of the movie is the setting, which is not, miraculously, New York City, but Toronto, which took me a little too long to figure out. The amount of romantic comedies that take place in New York City is way too substantial and needs to decline.

Although the movie exhibits the clas-



Movie database/IMDB

sic “When Harry Met Sally” story line of two friends eventually becoming something more, it does so in its own unorthodox way.

Wallace and Chantry meet in the kitchen of her cousin’s apartment, where they immediately connect over poetic refrigerator



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“What If” stars Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan and is along the lines of “500 Days of Summer.”

magnets. Not only is the manner in which they meet wonderfully unique, it’s refreshing because it hasn’t been used in every other romantic comedy.

The cast and its acting is the second reason this movie is a summer must-see. The chemistry between Kazan and Radcliffe, two actors who have never before worked together, was surprisingly terrific.

Adam Driver of HBO’s “Girls” plays Chantry’s cousin, Allan. Driver is entertaining, whether he’s giving Wallace questionable relationship advice, participating in a surprise wedding, or enjoying a large plate of nachos after certain physical activities (and then yelling about it).

It was hard to take Daniel Radcliffe seriously as a male lead in a romantic comedy after growing up seeing him as “the boy who lived,” never having noticed just how small he really is compared to other human beings.

Nonetheless, he was a stellar Wallace and worked very well opposite Kazan to make the movie all the more enjoyable.

Its originality, talented cast, well-executed humor, and thoughtful writing definitely make “What If” a must-see among this summer’s romantic comedies.

~UWire

Upcoming events on and around campus

September 4, 2014

The gallery ‘Tiny Deaths’ by Mario Gallardo will be opening in the Hammond Hall art gallery beginning at 5 p.m.

September 5, 2014

“Q” Ensemble present will present “Friday Night Movie-Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” (1920) beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall auditorium

September 6, 2014

Jacksonville Community Center will be hosting a film showing themed “Earth Day in the Fall” beginning at 2 p.m.

September 8, 2014

Ready JSU Week begins and will continue until the 12th. Speakers and demonstrations will show how volunteerism can benefit both the world around you and yourself with the goal of promoting disaster preparedness.

September 17, 2014

SGA will host the SGA Salsa Party in the TMB auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

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

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College students are discovering a new and innovative social network

An innovative social network called The Portalz sets itself apart from other social networks through a major change in methodology and gives focus to responsibility, privacy, safety, and collaboration.

Unlike other sites, individuals can not directly sign up for a user account. Rather, all user accounts for The Portalz can be real names or nicknames and are created by an Administrator. An individual signs up for an Administrative account and is then given the capability to not only create a user account for themselves, but also create/manage additional user accounts on behalf of others. All members of the social network receive their user accounts by either creating one for themselves as an Administrator or by having someone else who is already an Administrator create one for them. This process is an important distinction to understand and allows for other unique social networking features to occur.

The Portalz also has 3 age based communities for socializing. Each user account is assigned to one of these communities (tween,

teen, or adult) at the time they are created.

Another significant feature involves the creation of Private Social Networks. All user accounts that are created by the same individual (Administrator) are automatically grouped together to form its own private social network. Interaction between users within a private social network is separate and distinct from interaction between users within an age based community.

Julianna Yee, the teenage co-founder says “The Portalz has familiar features similar to most social networks but is very different because this social network is about control. Socializing within a community of peers makes great sense and having the additional choice to communicate separately within your own private social network is outstanding. Our unique process makes this possible”.

Another channel of communication called a “Linked Private Social Network” can also be created by joining 2 or more different private social networks together as a single unit. Members

of a Linked Private Social Network have access to exclusive social interaction that is above and beyond communications within an assigned community or independent private social network.

Bill Yee, the company’s other co-founder mentions, “Parents, business leads, and individuals are building their private social networks by signing up as Administrators and creating user accounts for themselves and others. Family private social networks are influential in keeping everyone in closer contact and business private social networks becomes a company’s own intranet site providing enhanced privacy for better task collaboration.”

Bill continues by saying “College students and young adults are currently the ones taking charge in creating private social networks. They are signing up for multiple Administrative Accounts with each having different sets of created user accounts, one set for their family members to use and the other for friends who share common interests and activities.”

Julianna Yee adds, “We have



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Co-founders Julianna and Bill Yee

received support from a member of the House of Representatives, Jim Himes, who advocates for stronger and better privacy on social networks. All information has importance, and being able to determine how and with whom you can interact gives it value.”

“ThePortalz.com is a great choice in social networks especially if you find having control over your information is important. You can easily take it for a test drive and verify for yourselves. It’s free and only takes a couple of minutes to sign up.”

~UWire

OPINION & EDITORIAL

Alabama's fight to bear arms

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Any red-blooded Alabamian knows that there is a deep Southern tradition rooted in the fundamental right to keep and bear arms.

In fact, most Americans recognize the significance of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

But for those of you who might not be familiar with the issue or the amendment itself, I've placed it here for you verbatim:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

So there it is. In black-and-white: shall not be infringed. Seems pretty cut-and-dry, right? Not so fast, says one Alabama lawmaker.

State Representative Mike Jones (R-Andalusia) says that the protections in the 227-year-old federal constitution is not enough for Alabama.

In fact, he sponsored the Alabama Firearms Protection Amendment to amend Section 26 of the 1901 Alabama Constitution to add: "every citizen has a fundamental right to bear arms and any restriction on this right would be subject to strict scrutiny."

This bill was passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2013 and will be on the November ballot for Alabama voters to decide if the law will be amended.

Supporters say this will make it tougher for government to impose gun restrictions and that it addresses concern that fed-

eral courts might overturn current laws protecting gun rights.

"If that were to happen, and the justice had a difference of opinion, than the law is today, then that means the state would be the ones interpreting gun rights, so we want have our constitution make sure it says it's a fundamental right," says Rep. Jones.

Now, I've followed politics for quite a while and I've yet to see any significant evidence that the government is coming to take our guns. However, I have to give mad legislative props to Rep. Jones on his foresight in sponsoring this bill.

What we see here is a classic exercise of the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. That amendment gives rights not inherently expressed in the U.S. Constitution to the states.

Here, Representative Jones has "laid down the law" so-to-speak for the federal government—or anyone who attempts to alter Alabama gun laws for that matter. By placing this amendment in the Alabama Constitution it gives Alabama leaders legal standing to respond with "strict scrutiny" to any such actions.

At the end of the day, the law of the land (U.S. Constitution) will always supersede state law, and the Second Amendment likely does more to protect our rights to bear arms than anything else can or ever will.

However, If I know the Yellowhammer state like I know the iron-sights on my 30-30, I'd say the chances of this amendment passing in November is right on target.



Feeding online consumerism

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Almost everyone in my generation has been exposed to the world of online shopping. This could be coined as the age of Amazon.

Why is this? Several things are the cause of it. First of all—and this is possibly the most obvious of reasons—we are in the age of technology.

Everything that many of us have ever known has centered around technology. When I was younger, I remember the dial-up connection that helped my family and me stay connected to the world. Online shopping was not very prominent with anyone back then simply because the slow connection would not allow it. As the need for a faster connection grew, so did the need for more opportunities to use that connection to its full potential.

Thus, online shopping was born. It has been a struggle though; from looking at listings from third parties with the help of search engines to the global market we find present today.

Everything seems to be cheaper when it is purchased online—or so consumers are led to believe. As long as consumers research and add up shipping and taxes, they can take advantage of a great deal without having to leave the comfort of their living rooms. They only have to wait a few days to reap the rewards.

This also helps the struggling postal system. The USPS has been on the cusp of extinction for a long time. With the rise of technology, such as the ability to pay bills online or to

email a friend, the USPS lost a huge bulk of their revenue.

Many parties who buy and sell online use the USPS to have things shipped and delivered. This gives the USPS a leg to stand on, although the struggle to stay afloat is still present.

Now comes the psychological side of things. I cannot tell you how

excited I am when I check my mailbox everyday to see if the object I ordered has arrived. I am not sure why I feel anxious, but sometimes I will find myself thinking, "Maybe my new phone case came in today," and I get excited about the possibility that it is sitting in my mailbox.

With bidding sites like eBay, the power is given directly to the two parties that control the price. Bidders can choose to bid on an object they desire, and since most bids start in the lower price range, people are more likely to return to bid again...and again...and again.

Let's face it. There is an addictive rush in bidding and winning an auction.

It all boils down to two things: consumerism and technology. We, can choose to bow down to these needs to win bids or buy material objects that seem to be at a discounted price, or we can moderate the intake of our possessions.

While online shopping has its benefits, there can be downfalls. Providing credit card information is risky everywhere—especially when you don't know who is watching. How much are we willing to put on the line for that next hot, new deal?



How to avoid the "Freshman 15"

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Anyone who's visited a college dining hall knows the "Freshman 15" isn't just an urban myth. Between the pasta bar, stir-fry station and dessert table, it's easy to overindulge—over and over again. But being away from home and adjusting to college life doesn't have to derail your diet. Developing a simple routine can help you stay fit and focused for the year.

Here are a few tried and true tips from fellow college students (and their parents) that can help you avoid putting on the extra pounds this school year. Following this guidance, as well as eating a balanced diet and staying active, can be a piece of cake (pun intended)!

1. Power Up Your Day

Don't skip breakfast. If you are rushing to class, grab a piece of fruit, yogurt and granola or a handful of nuts. Or get up a little early (hint: don't hit snooze) to grab a bite to eat at the dining hall. Put your breakfast on a small plate versus a tray to avoid taking more food than needed to get you going for the day.

2. Take the Long Way Around

Spending some time exercising will help you burn off those calories you consume from food.

Squeeze in some exercise by taking the long route to and from class, or walking instead of taking the bus. Or, turn your backpack into a barbell by throwing in some extra books and taking the stairs.

You'll burn calories and tone those muscles in no time.

3. Makeover Your Mini-Fridge

Whether you're hanging out with roommates or cramming for an exam, eating in your room at odd hours is part of college life. Making the right choices, and in the right sizes, can mean the difference between picking up extra weight or picking up a hot date. To keep your snacking habits in check, stock your fridge and dorm room with your favorite pre-portioned drinks and snacks, such as mini cans of Coca-Cola, fruit cups, mini Babybel cheese, Nutri-Grain cereal bars, small bags of pre-cut fruits and veggies and individually wrapped snack packs.

4. Avoid Midnight Snacking

We all know college life comes with late night snacking. To avoid temptation, bring healthier snacks to keep you going or study in a place without food (read: avoid studying in the dining hall because it's stock full of yummy temptations). If you have evening classes or plan on a night out, eat dinner beforehand so you're not starved late into the night when that pizza delivery can become oh-so-appealing.

5. Use the Buddy System

Eating right and exercising alone can cause a serious case of FOMO (fear of missing out). So ask your roommates and friends to join in on the fun to keep you motivated and looking great in your selfies! Set a time each day to work out together, go for a jog, join an ultimate Frisbee game or start a pick-up basketball game at the gym. Also, keep each other accountable for making the right food choices at the dining hall and late at night.

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

2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State L 7-45
 - 9/6 @ Chattanooga
 - 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

- 9/4
-Volleyball vs Alabama A&M
- 9/5
-Volleyball vs Mercer
-Cross Country at UTC/PowerAde Invitational
-Soccer vs Jackson State
-Volleyball @ Troy
- 9/6
-Football @ Chattanooga
- 9/7
-Soccer @ Alabama
- 9/7-9/9
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Volleyball off to slow start

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The JSU volleyball team suffered a pair of hard losses to the No. 1 ranked Michigan State Spartans and the Southeastern Louisiana Lions last Saturday.

The losses came on the last day of the UAB/Samford Volleyball Challenge that took place at Samford University.

The Gamecocks lost to Georgia State and Samford on the first day of the challenge.

Last Friday was the debut of the Gamecocks new head coach Terry Gamble. JSU lost 3-1 to Georgia State with final match scores of 25-21, 25-19, 20-25, and 25-23. Then, the Gamecocks came back and lost to Samford 3-0 with final match scores of 25-22, 25-7, and 25-22 again.

The Gamecocks began the last day of the challenge against the Spartans. The Spartans showed their strength, and the reason for their national ranking, as they hit .364 during the match. They also had 10 kills from Allyssah Fitterer, eight from Holly Toliver and were led in digs by Rachel Minarick who had 12 on her own.

Despite the low .024 offensive percentage of the Gamecocks, the team produced 4 kills apiece from Allyson Zuhlke and Nicole Merget. While on defense Hannah Kirk produced nine digs, and seven each came from Jennifer Hart and Samantha Bohne. The fi-

nal scores from the first match were 25-15, 25-14, and 25-10.

The second match was against the SLU Lions and nearly gave the Gamecocks a victory. Although the first set was well in SLU's favor, the second was harder for them to win. Set two saw six lead changes and 15 ties that paved the way to SLU's eventual 31-29 victory. The final set saw JSU come within one at 11-10, but it didn't take long for SLU to regain control and grab the last victory.

They finished the match with scores of 25-13, 31-29, and 25-16. SLU was led in kills by Parrie Hartley who had 15. Morgan Todd had the defense with 16 digs, while Elizabeth Ramee was directly behind her with 15.

The Gamecocks had a .333 attack percentage and were led in kills by Emily Rutherford with 14. She also had 11 digs but it was Samantha Bohne who led the defense with 20 digs on the day.

The JSU volleyball team will head to the Troy Invitational on Thursday. They will face Alabama A&M first. They will follow it with matches against Mercer and the Trojans of Troy on Saturday.

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Cross Country wraps up the season opener

OXFORD – The Jacksonville State cross country teams opened the 2014 season hosting the JSU/Strut's Season Opener on Friday evening at the Oxford Lake complex in Oxford, Ala.

The Jax State men claimed silver in the team standings, while the Gamecock women finished third in the field.

In the men's 5K, JSU was paced by senior Mickey Sanders. The Marquette, Mich.-native finished seventh with a time of 17:00.67 in the first outing of the season. Sophomore Steven Payne also posted a top-10 finish with a mark of 17:08.93. Sophomore Ben Pryor crossed the finish line just outside the top-10 with a time of 17:40.88. Seniors Jordan Cummins and Paul Lueck rounded out the Jax State scoring with marks of 17:45.57 and 17:46.10 respectively.

Mercer claimed the team title on the men's side with 18 points. The Bears had the top-four finishers in the event. Trexler Davis claimed medalist honors with a winning time of 16:14.16.

In the women's event, JSU sophomore had one of her best showings of her career as the McDonough, Ga. covered the 4K course in 15:54.28 to finish sixth in the field. Senior Whitley Towns registered a mark of 16:42.47 to claim the 14th spot. Freshman Dayja Simon made her Gamecock debut in the opener and finished in 17:45.68. Sophomore Briana Jackson and Hannah Pelham rounded out the Jax State individuals.

MU swept the team titles as it claimed the women's crown. Alabama State finished second behind the Bears. Kami Orrender of MU was the individual winner on the women's side with a time of 15:04.37.

The Gamecocks return to action on Friday, Sept. 5 as they will compete in the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga/PowerAde Invitational.

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Gamecocks late rally falls short against Samford

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State soccer team put together a second half comeback, but Samford thwarted the Gamecocks' late surge to escape with a 3-2 decision on Friday night in the 2014 home debut for JSU.

JSU dropped to 1-2 on the season, while the Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season after falling in their first two matches of the season. Jax State looks to bounce back in the first home weekend of the season as it will host Mississippi Valley State on Sunday. Match time is set for 1 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field.

Samford weathered the JSU pressure early before creating scoring chances of its own. SU posted all three goals within a nine-minute frame in the first half. Emily Jones netted the first goal at the 25 minute mark as her shot

from the left side came off the hands of JSU goalkeeper Meara Johnson and in the back of the net. The Bulldogs took advantage of a free kick from a penalty at the top of the box and headed the ball past Johnson. Heather Lacy was credited with the second goal of the night. SU registered the eventual game-winner in the 34th minute as Jermaine Seoposenwe drilled a ball from the top of the penalty box for the score.

JSU was credited with six shots in the first 45 minutes, while SU turned in nine of its 15 total shots in the opening half. The Gamecocks started creating chances in the second half and put the Bulldogs on their heels in the second half. JSU, who finished with 16 total shots, had 10 in the second half.

Red-shirt junior Courtney Hurt

tallied the first of two second-half Jax State goals in the 64th minute. After the Bulldogs were pressing in the JSU end of the field, sophomore Chelsi Bender cleared the ball to Kelsey Bright, who led Hurt on a great feed to get past the SU defense and knock it past the keeper.

Bright added to her stat line with her second goal of the season after she took the deflection off of a keeper save after a JSU attempt to knock it in the back of the net.

JSU had multiple chances in the final 14 minutes, but could not get the equalizer. Senior Lindsey Jackson and Hurt paced the Gamecock offense with four shots each.

Live stats will be available Sunday at JSUGamecockSports.com.

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JACKSONVILLE STATE

Tough debut for Grass ends with a loss

Marvel Robinson
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks lost 45-7 to the Spartans in the debut of new head coach John Grass.

It was clear to see that the Jacksonville State Gamecocks were outmatched by the Spartans of Michigan State. Michigan State is the defending Big Ten champion and a serious contender to be in the inaugural College Football Playoff.

JSU came out strong with the first play of the game. It was a 32-yard pass from quarterback Eli Jenkins to wide receiver Josh Barge. That play turned out to be the Gamecocks longest play of the game. However, they did not score on that drive.

The Gamecocks scored their only touchdown in the third quarter when Max Shortell completed a 9-yard pass to Markis Merrill. Freshman placekicker Conner Rouleau scored his first point as a Gamecock with the extra point. The drive consisted of 9 plays and 54 yards.

Michigan State scored 38 of their 45 points in the first half.

Connor Cook completed 2 passing touchdowns to Tony Lippett and a third one to AJ Troup. The three passing touchdowns consisted of 64, 71 and 17 yards. Nick Hill scored twice on a 17-yard run and an 8-yard run. Michael Geiger ended the half with a 35-yard field goal. Michigan State last touchdown came in the third quarter when Tyler O'Connor ran it in for three yards.

The Gamecocks had a low total of 22 rushing yards to Michigan State's 211 rushing yards. DaMarcus James of the Gamecocks had no touchdowns, snapping a streak of 12-straight games with at least one rushing touchdown.

There were 11 Gamecocks that made their first career start on Friday's game vs. Michigan State. The four on offense were Ruben Gonzalez, Justin Lea, Casey Dunn and Bo Brummel. The seven on defense were LaMichael Fanning, Devaunte Sigler, Tre Garland, Michael Carlisle, Folo Johnson, De-



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Gamecocks wide receiver catches a pass from quarterback Eli Jenkins.

Barrius Miller and Jaylen Hill.

Bo Brummel caught a 6-yard pass from Jenkins to give him his first career catch in a JSU uniform. Ruben Gonzalez also made his first career catch as a JSU player with a 23-yard pass from Shortell.

JSU senior linebacker Ben Endress recorded 10 tackles which led all defenders. This marked his third-career double-digit tackle game.

John Grass became the first

coach in Jacksonville State history to face an FBS opponent in his debut with the Gamecocks.

There were 75,127 in attendance at the game. This marks the second-largest crowd to ever watch the Gamecocks play behind 82,691 at Florida on Nov. 17, 2012.

Next up for Coach Grass and the Gamecocks is Chattanooga. The game will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Soccer sets program and OVC records in 15-0 win against Mississippi Valley State



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Jacksonville State's Lindsey Jackson kicks the ball past a defender. The Gamecocks soccer team exit with a convincing win on Sunday.

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State soccer team established a program record and an Ohio Valley Conference mark for goals in a single game with a 15-0 thumping of Mississippi Valley State on Sunday afternoon at the JSU Soccer Field.

The Gamecocks, who opened the 2014 home slate this weekend turned in a split after a tough, 3-2, setback to Samford on Friday. JSU improves to 2-2 on the season, while the Devillets of MVSU fall to 0-3 on the season.

The 15 goals scored established a new JSU record for goals in an individual game. The previous mark was 12 against Alabama State on Sept. 23, 2008. Nicole

Heiser's late goal also set a new OVC record for goals in a contest, bettering Austin Peay's total of 11 against Alabama A&M in 2011.

Jax State needed just 1:33 in to the contest for the first of 12 goals in the opening 45 minutes. Redshirt junior Courtney Hurt scored the first two goals with the second coming on a penalty kick. Head coach Neil Macdonald inserted freshman Kayla Thompson in to the starting line up for her first career start and she made an immediate impact with back-to-back goals in the fourth and eighth minutes. The Brandon, Miss.-native also finished with a pair of assists. Junior Kelsey Bright took the

team lead in goals with two in the contest, including the fifth goal in the first 10 minutes of the contest. The Kingwood, Texas-product also had an assist on the afternoon. Sophomore Nicola Dominikovich turned in her first career goal in ten-minute mark and added a second goal to get credit in 20th minute. Dominikovich also aided in a goal. Sophomore Mackenzie Bellows added her name in the scoring column with a goal in the 13th minute after an assist from senior Jackie Rush. Rush tallied her first goal of 2014 in the 19th minute. Junior Brianna Boutziouvis tacked on a pair of goals in the first half along with Carsen Taylor. Tay-

lor's was her first of her career.

Bright, Bellows and Heiser all scored goals in the second half to close out the scoring. The Gamecocks finished with a season-high 31 shots, including 20 on-goal chances.

MVSU was limited to seven shots in the contest. JSU split up the goal keeper duties as freshman Caroline Robinson handled the net in the opening half, while Katie Thomas was inserted in the second half.

JSU remains at home on Friday night as it welcomes Jackson State to Jacksonville for a 7 p.m. contest.

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