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

Alex McFry
Several things set Jacksonville State University apart from other universities—Cocky our chipper Gamecocks mascot, “The Friendliest Campus in the South,” our heart 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. At the begin-

ning, 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 class-

room as an instruc-
tor in the biology department at JSU.

Meehan went on to get his doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Alaba-

ma in 1999, only to return to Jackson-

ville State the same year and become the President of JSU. Meehan has re-

named here every since, carrying out each and every sin-

gle one of his presi-
dential 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 Jacksonville University. Their daughter, Carol Grace, attends Jack-

sonville High School. Student 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 instruc-
tors could be seen all across campus for any given dorm un-

loading cars, carry-

ing bags, and helping students find their way into their new homes. Among them? Meehan himself. During the mid-
dash that is final’s night, Meehan can often be found in the library, on the quad, and all around campus equipped with snacks and conversation for those who find themselves caught by crunch-time.

No matter what the case may be, it is evident that Presi-
dent Meehan is so much more than an administrator—he is a father, a caregiv-
er, 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, mem-

bers of the Board and students alike. “I could not have been more pleased by God to have this opportunity to provide Bill Meehan at the Board of Trustees meeting earlier this summer after announcing his retirement. Meehan’s last official day will be June 15, 2014.”

Regardless of what the future holds for all of us here at Jack-

sonville State Uni-

versity, one thing is cer-
tain—President Meehan has been full of dedi-
cation, helpfulness and genuine care for each and every stu-
dent 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

Editor-in-Chief

Ever wonder how far along in your degree you’re reached? The answer is just at your fingertips with the Degree Evalua-
tion program offered every undergradu-

ate’s MyJSU account. Jacksonville State University unveiled this program in 2008 and it still operates under the motto, “Don’t Hesita-
tate! Just Evaluate!”

The program is of-

f ered with Banner, the software JSU adminis-

trators use to commu-

icate with students. According to Di-

rector 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 stud-

dent can find Degree Evaluation (CAPP). If students have nev-

er used the tool before, they should click on Generate New Eval-

uation. If they have ac-

cessed their evaluations before, they can click on Previous Evaluations.

From there, the stu-

dents 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 sta-

tus of completion can be seen underneath it. Any university of major-specific ex-

ceptions are listed as well as the comple-

tion 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 term 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 tool is only available to graduates who have completed all of the courses for a major change of major. “It helps students be-

cause it is a digital ver-

sion of a plan of study, and it is always avail-

able, 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 pre-

pare for their advisement,” said Green.

“We’re really start-

ning pushing it this year because we want our students that they can graduate on time,” said White. “It divides up the areas of study more specifi-

cally 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 tutor-

al video on JSU’s YouTube channel. The JSU Drama De-

partment created uni-

versity-specific videos which will be released in mid-September. Although the tool is only available to students that got their degree right now, graduates will have the option to use it in the future.

During the month of October, the Reg-

istrar’s Office will be putting on a month-

long event called Dot-

cherry Blitz. There will be mobile stations spread out around campus every week to help inform students about Degree Eval-

uation. There will be staff members present to no evalua-
tions and walk students through the program.
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 nationwide 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 $15 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 smartphone 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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Check out this week’s edition online at www.jsu.edu/chanticleer!
Taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge for a cure

Katie Robinson
Staff Writer

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 the best of the best. We have every chance 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

Pharmaceutical lecture in Martin

Taylor Brown
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 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 Pharmacists 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 202. 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 and have them with two letters of recommendation from JSU full-time faculty or staff. Application deadlines are due by October 10, 2014.
Inexpensive dating ideas for college students

Elana Goodwin
UWIRE

Dating in college doesn’t have to mean saying good-bye to the love you have (because hey, you’re a college student and you’re in love) but don’t have to tailor your bank account. 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 is all free or very cheap ideas as are watching the sunset or looking at the stars. Look up parks, boardwalks, outdoor markets, and nice places in your area to walk around outside, take in some fresh air, and people-watch.

Having a picnic takes a little planning but is a nice way to spend some time outdoors beforehand but is a nice way to have a casual (and cheap) lunch or dinner together while getting to enjoy the great outdoors. If you want to spend more serious time outdoor, go for a bike ride together or look into metro parks in your area and go for a hike.

Attend a sporting event. You can find sporting events for free at school or get in for a discount with your student I.D. 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.

Go bowling. Bowling is a fun activity that you can get in for with your student I.D. There are a lot of ideas as are watching classic Disney movies with your date. Do something sea- side; you can go to the beach or have a picnic on the beach. Just going on the same dates of your first barbecue or a dinner together is a nice way to start.

In the summer, go apple picking. Take advantage of the nice, not-too-busy weather and do something physical. Go bowling. Bowling is a fun activity that you can enjoy doing together. You can watch your favorite team and have a little 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 home- work and classes and need to get work done but also want to be in each other’s company!

You can, of course, use your college I.D. to help you get a free deal at several restaurants and other places located near your college campus as well as discounted movie tickets.

Look into what each establish- ments by your uni- versity I.D. are your students on campus, can get the best rates to colleges and take advan- tage of them by planning your date. While tickets that aren’t won’t empty your wallet. So when you’re plan- ning your next date, don’t worry about how much money you have left in your wallet or if you’re reaching your credit card limit.

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It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s actually ‘The Seagull’ by Anton Chekov. The Jacksonville State Uni- versity Department of Drama has announced the fall season show for the 2014-2015 season and one of them is entitled ‘The Seagull.’ Also included in this season’s shows are ‘The Monstress’ by Agatha Christie, ‘A Year with Fridge and Toad’ by Rob- ert Reale, and ‘To Tread Among Lilliputians’ by Kelly McBurnette-Andronicos.

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Plan a movie night for you and your significant other.

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Some reasons you should go see “What If”

Alexandra Brown
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Michael Dowse’s new indie-chipster-esque rom-com “What If” is not just another shallow, unfeelingly common attempt at this genre that is usually known for having such a reputation. It is in fact 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 original young and fresh leads, the sheer unpretentiously lighthearted and beautiful female and male leads who find each other in some ideally simplistic, magical way, fall in love, endure some tragic conflict, and end up living happily ever after. Not the case here (for the most part). The male lead, played by Dan Radcliffe, and the female lead, played by Zoe Kazan, each share different, uncommonly used names. They would also not be considered becoming something 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 different romantic comedies that take place in New York City is way too substantial and needs to decline. Although the movie exhibits the clas.

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 give 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 from an Administrative, or by having someone else who is already a member of The Portalz create an account for them. This process is an important distinction to understand and allows for 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 (teens, college students are discovering a new and innovative social network of a Linked Private Social Network have access to exclusive social interaction that is above and beyond communications within their own social network). a test drive and verify for your information is important. You can easily take it for a test drive and verify for yourself. It's free and only takes a couple of minutes to sign up. —UWire
To avoid the “Freshman 15”

Sylvia Meléndez-Klinger
UWire

Anyone who’s visited a college dining hall knows the “Freshman 15” isn’t just an urban myth. Between the pasta bars, stir-fry sta-
tions 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.

1. Power Up Your Day

Squeeze in some exercise by taking the long road to and from class, or walking instead of taking the bus. Or, turn your backpack into a barbell by throwing in some books or college textbooks. I’d say the chances of this amendment passing in No-

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2. Avoid Midnight Snacking

We all know college life comes with late nights and an im-
ter connected with the intake of our possessions.

3. MakeOver Your Mindset

Whether you’re hanging out with roommates or cramming for an exam, eating late at night or odd hours is part of college life. Making the right choices, and in right sizes, can mean the difference between picking up extra weight or picking up a date. To keep your snacking habits in check, try making small changes in your daily routine.

4. Avoid overindulge – over and over again.

It all boils down to two things: consuming less on-line—or so consumers are led to believe. As long as consumers research and add up shipping and handling costs, 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 nature to online shopping.

5. Use the Buddy System

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6. Black-eyed Peas

While online shopping has its benefits, there can be downsides. Providing credit card informa-
tion is risky everywhere—es-

7. Buy and sell on

While online shopping provides a convenient way to shop, it is important to be cautious and a

8. Tune into the future

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9. Check out your package

Squeeze in some exercise when you’re snacking on a healthy snack, like a grain cereal bar, small bag of pretzels or a few nuts. It’s easy to overindulge while snacking, but you can avoid overeating by choosing healthy snacks.

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Volleyball off to slow start

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Writer

The JSU volleyball team suffered a 3-2 decision on Friday night at the 25 minute mark as her shot Emily Jones netted the first goal posted all three goals within a scoring chances of its own. SU pressure early before creating home weekend of the season as it together a second half comeback, son, while the Bulldogs picked a 3-2 decision on Friday night but Samford thwarted the Gamecocks after a pair of times 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 Parkey who had 11 kills, while Samford Todd had the defense with 16 digs, while Elizabeth Ramey 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 Samatha Bohne who led the defense with 20 digs on the day. The JSU volleyball team will head to the Troy Invitational to head the way to SLU’s 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.

Gamecocks late rally falls short against Samford

JACKSONVILLE — The Jackson- sonville State soccer team put together its second half comeback, but Samford thwarted the Game cocks’ late surge to escape with a 3-2 decision on Friday night in the 2014 home debut for JSU. JSU dropped to 1-2-0 on the sea son, while the Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season after falling in their first two matches of the season. JSU 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 Mears Johnson and in the back of the net. The Bulldogs took advantage of the SU defense Hannah Kirk produced nine digs, and each second came from Jennifer Hart and Samanta Bohne. The fi nal scores from the first matches were 25-15, 25-14, and 15-9. The second match was against the SLU Lions and nearly gave Gamecocks a victory. Al- though 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 fi nal 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 Parkey who had 11 kills, while Samford Todd had the defense with 16 digs, while Elizabeth Ramey 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 Samatha Bohne who led the defense with 20 digs on the day. The JSU volleyball team will head to the Troy Invitational to head the way to SLU’s 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

OFTON — The Jackson sonville 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 JSU men claimed silver in the team standings, while the Gamecocks wom en finished in sixth place. In the men’s 5K, JSU was paced by senior Mickey Sand ers. The Marquette, Mich.-native finished seventh with a time of 17:00:07 in the first outing of the season. Sophomore Steven Heyne also led a top-10 finish with a mark of 17:08.89. Sopho more Ben Pryor crossed the fin isher line just outside the top-10 with a time of 17:40.88. Seniors Jordan Cummins and Paul Luke rounded out the JSU men’s scoring with marks of 17:45.57 and 17:46.10 respectively. Mercer claims the title over the men’s side. The Bears had the top-four fi nishers in the event. Tuskegee Vi das claims the title over the men’s side with a winning time of 16:14:16.

In the women’s event, JSU sophomore had one of her best showings on her career as the McDonough, Ga. covered the 4K course in 15:54:28 to finish sixth in her first outing. Seniors Whiteley Towns registered a mark of 16:42:47 to claim the 14th spot. Freshman Brianna Jackson made her Gamecock debut in the opener and finished in 17:45:68. Sophomore Brianna Jackson and Hannah Pelham rounded out the Jax State individuals. MU swept the team titles as it claimed the men’s crown. Alabama State finished sec ond behind the Bears. Kami Ohrner of MU was the indi vidual on the women side with a time of 15:04:37. The Gamecocks return to ac tion as the opener is just as as it will compete in the Univer sity of Tennessee-Chattanoog a PowerAde Invitational.

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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.

The 15 goals scored established a program record and an Ohio Valley Conference mark of 22 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. Mischigan State. The four on offense were Ruben Gonzalez, Justin Lea, Casey Dunn and Bo Brummel. The seven on defense were LaMichael Fanning, Devauta Sigler, Tre Garland, Michael Carlisle, Folo Johnson, De-


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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.

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