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Welcome to JSU, Gamecocks!



Dear Students:

Welcome to Jacksonville State University! Your fellow students, faculty, staff and administration are pleased that you have made the wise decision to join us for the great adventure, which is Jacksonville State

University. I believe you have made an excellent choice for your future.

Jacksonville State University is now your home. I urge you to become as familiar with your campus as you are with your own home. Your new campus, its buildings, programs in academics, athletics, and student life, as well as its faculty, staff and students, represent opportunities to enrich your future beyond your dreams and aspirations.

The Chanticleer staff has assembled an excellent guide for your new home, "Gamecock Guide". Here you will find not only the campus map and an outline of resources, but also advice on student life with articles from student leaders who want you to get the most from your university experience.

This year as new students you will be participating in JSU's Summer Reading Program. The 2014 reading, The Fault In Our Stars, by John Green, will be read by all first year students and will be discussed in your English classes and other aspects of your JSU first-year experience. You too will be writing, sharing, and discussing your own beliefs.

So we are glad you are here. Get ready for a great year.

Welcome New Gamecocks,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President

Hey Gamecocks!

Welcome to JSU! I am so happy you've chosen to join the Gamecock family! JSU is a wonderful community of students, faculty, and staff who all make up the Friendliest Campus in the South. There is literally something for everyone here at JSU, and this guide provided by The Chanticleer will help you discover all of the amazing opportunities JSU has to offer.

As a student, you are automatically a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). There are numerous SGA committees and councils you can join to assist you in finding where you're going. As SGA officers, we represent the interests of the student body to the university administration, local government, and general public. Here at JSU, you have a voice, and the SGA

is here to make certain that it is heard!

I encourage you to make the most out of your time here at JSU by finding where you fit in. Whether it's a campus organization, SGA, Greek life, or in your academic field: take the time to meet new people, make lifelong memories, study hard, learn from mistakes, support the Gamecocks on the field, try new things, and laugh until you cry. Your time at JSU is only what you make it: so make it great!

I am so glad to have you in our family. My door is always open on the top floor of the TMB and I'm always happy to see fellow students. If you ever need anything, feel free to stop by or give me a call! Let's have a great year and go gamecocks!

In your service,

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2014 GO! Leaders



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Gamecock Express routes

The Gamecock Express is a free transportation service designed to take students where they need to go, whether it be on or off campus. The routes for each bus are color coded and can be found above the windshield. Each bus is equipped with a bicycle carrier. The internal routes run 7-10 minutes apart while the external routes run 18-35 minutes apart. All bus routes and destinations are listed below, along with the approximate time to get from stop-to-stop. Students can access the location of each bus and route in real time by downloading the JSUMobile app on their smartphone or tablet and then accessing the "Transit" icon.

Red Route

Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
TMB-Mail Center.....	1
Sparkman/Ayers.....	1
Curtiss Hall.....	1
Park Place II.....	1
Dixon/Self Hall.....	1
Brewer Parking lot.....	2
Merrill Hall.....	1
Stone Center West.....	1
Rowe Hall.....	2
Wallace Hall.....	1
Houston Cole Library.....	1
Library-back.....	1
Collge Apts.....	1
Sparkman/Ayers.....	2
Central Stop.....	1

Blue Route

Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
TMB-Mail Center.....	1
Jacksonville Square.....	3
Winn-Dixie.....	2
CVS.....	1
Hampton Inn/Bojangles.....	1
Dollar Tree.....	2
Jacksonville Hospital.....	2
Jacksonville Mediplex.....	1
Wal-Mart.....	2
IGA/Dollar General.....	3
Jacksonville City Offices.....	2
Walgreens.....	1
Sparkman/Ayers.....	2
Central Stop.....	1

Black Route

Mon.-Fri., 5 p.m.-9 p.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
TMB-Mail Center.....	1
Jacksonville Square.....	3
Winn-Dixie.....	2
CVS.....	1
Hampton Inn/Bojangles.....	1
Dollar Tree.....	2
Wal-Mart.....	2
IGA/Dollar General.....	3
Walgreens/Jefferson's.....	2
Sparkman/Ayers.....	2
Central Stop.....	1

White Route

Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
TMB-Mail Center.....	1
TMB-Front.....	1
Colonial Arms Apts.....	3
Gamecock Diner.....	1
Stadium Tower.....	1
Salls Crosswalk.....	1
Park Place II.....	1
Dixon/Self.....	1
The Reserve.....	3
The Gamecock Village.....	3
Penn House Apts.....	3
Trac II Apts.....	3
Coliseum/PC Village.....	1
Dixon/Self.....	1
Sparkman/Ayers.....	2
Central Stop.....	1

Yellow Route

Thurs.-Fri., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
Jacksonville Square.....	3
Brother's.....	1
Walgreens/Jefferson's.....	2
Dixon Hall.....	3
Coliseum/PC Village.....	1
Park Place II Apts.....	2
Central Stop.....	1

Purple Route

Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m.-2 p.m.	
Central Stop.....	0
TMB-Mail Center.....	1
TMB-Front.....	1
Colonial Arms Apts.....	3
Gamecock Diner.....	1
Stadium Tower.....	1
Wallace Hall.....	3
Houston Cole Library.....	1
Library-back parking lot.....	1
Stone Center West.....	2
Merrill Hall-mid parking lot.....	1
Brewer parking lot.....	2
Coliseum/PC Village.....	3
Dixon/Self.....	2
Sparkman/Ayers.....	1
Central Stop.....	1



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Decoding JSU's parking zones

Zach Tyler

Associate Editor

Any student parking on campus must register their vehicle with the University Police Department. The UPD then provides a parking decal.

Decals are \$25, unless your vehicle has a Jacksonville State University license plate—then the first decal is free. A second decal can be purchased for \$1.

Decals are colored to correspond to JSU's four parking zones: gold for faculty and staff and silver for commuting students. Students who live on campus are divided into the two remaining zones: green for the north zone, and orange for the south.

Students with a green parking decal can park at the Dixon, Crow, Patterson, Logan and Pannell residence halls, as well as at the International House.

The orange decals of the south zone allow students to park at Curtiss and Kennamer Halls, the Athletic Field house, and Stadium Tower Apartments. Parking at Paul Carpenter Village, Colonial Arms, Campus Inn, Penn House, College and Jax Apartments also requires an orange decal.

The silver-coded commuter parking zones include the lot at Stone Center, the lot on Highway 21 across from Brewer Hall, behind the Houston Cole Library, in front of the TMB and Stephenson, behind Curtiss Hall, and the lot behind Pete Matthews Coliseum.

JSU divided into four parking zones when the Gamecock Express transit system began operating. The zones are designed to funnel commuters who travel to JSU on Highway 21 and Highway 204 away from Trustee Circle and the transit lines, says UPD Chief Shawn Giddy. Commuters ac-

Color coded: Citations for parking in the wrong zone can add up quickly if students ignore these signs. UPD Chief Shawn Giddy says the zones are designed to get commuters off campus roads and on to the sidewalks, reducing traffic and collisions. The number of pedestrians struck by cars has actually decreased as well. "Imagine six or seven thousand people trying to move their cars after a 10 o'clock class on Monday," Giddy said. "It just isn't possible."



count for most of JSU's traffic.

Registering for a parking decal can be done via the internet at MyJSU. Log in and select 'Student Parking Decals' from the list on the left side of the MyJSU page. Then, select 'Purchase Parking Decals' and fill out the electronic registration form.

After completing the registration form, you'll be prompted to print out a registration confirmation page. Bring that page along with your license and vehicle tag receipt to the UPD at Salls Hall. Salls Hall is located on Forney Avenue—it will be the building with all the police cruisers parked beside it. Since we're avoiding tickets here, be especially careful not to park in a spot reserved for one of the officers.

After receiving a decal, attach it to the passenger side corner of your vehicle's

windshield. Decals are valid from September of the year purchased until September next. It needs to be clearly visible at all times—or you run the risk of being ticketed for improper decal display, a fine of \$15.

Most parking violations—parking in the wrong zone, parking on a yellow curb or in an area where there's no parking at all—carry a penalty of \$25. If your vehicle obstructs the flow of traffic on campus, that's \$45. Parking in a handicapped-accessible spot without the proper decal is \$50.

Students should register their bicycles with the UPD, too. Bicycle decals are free, don't expire, and can be requested through MyJSU just like a parking decal.

Zach Tyler/The Chanticleer

'See it, hear it, report it'

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

JSU's University Police Department is one of the few nationally-accredited law enforcement agencies in the state. Fourteen certified officers, two full-time (and one part-time) security guards and one K9 unit keep the peace on campus.

Chief Shawn Giddy said the agency spends the majority of its time investigating criminal activity, as well as performing building walk-through and zone checks.

But JSU's police officers are always available, even for students who might not feel safe walking alone at night – they offer escort services to and from any location on campus.

They also assist motorists who've locked their keys in the car, or left the lights on and need a jump.

Parents who haven't heard from their

children at JSU can also ask the agency to perform a welfare check on that child. Communication Supervisor Sgt. Brian Mann said that happens all the time. Because most students at JSU are considered adults, Mann said all an officer can do is deliver the message and report back to the parents that their child is safe.

The University Police Department also maintains inventory lists of students' valuables, especially electronics. Students can add info and serial numbers of their valuables to the list online, which helps officers recover the items in case of theft.

Sgt. Mann said one of the most common crimes committed on campus are "thefts of opportunity." Many students, he said, have a bad habit of leaving phones, wallets or keys on tables in the dining hall or another public area. "Don't make it easy for somebody to steal from you" by leaving those items unattended, he warned.

Some students may think the police are just waiting to arrest them for drinking, but Chief Giddy says that isn't the case. Jacksonville has what's called

an open container ordinance, meaning that it is illegal to drink in public places.

"We can't ignore problems with safety" – or the liability JSU might face if students were to drink, drive and then hurt themselves or others, Giddy said.

Part of enforcing local laws and protecting the JSU community involves education and outreach, so the agency also performs presentations on topics like sexual assault and 'active threat' situations.

Chief Giddy says his force deals mostly with a small portion of the JSU community. He wishes his officers knew more of the students who graduate; it's the ones who "aren't here to do what they're supposed to" that they become most familiar with.

And while he thinks UPD does a great job keeping the peace, Giddy acknowledged that they can't see everything – policing is most effective when done with the community's help.

Sgt. Mann agreed. "If you see or hear anything suspicious and you don't know what to do, call an officer," he said. "It all comes back to that: see it, hear it, report it."

Always on call:

Seven UPD call boxes on campus allow students a direct line to dispatch in case of emergency. Most students carry cell phones and may not need to use the call boxes, but they are handy in case of an interruption in cellular coverage, like during last winter's snow storm.

The seven call boxes are located in the following areas:

1. Abbott Circle near Wallace Hall
2. The Quad
3. The Russell Parkway and Trustee Circle intersection
4. The corner of Stephenson Gym
5. The entrance of the JSU track
6. Houston Cole Library parking lot
7. Stone Center parking lot

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University Police:

For non-emergencies, dial 256-782-5050.

In case of emergency, dial 256-782-6000.

Or go online at <http://www.jsu.edu/police/index.html>.



Getting a life that isn't dictated by disorder

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

All the change that young adults go through during college results in a lot of extra stress. Add to that the pressures of demanding schedules, difficult coursework and financial uncertainty, and Julie Tolbert Nix says you've got a recipe for mental illness.

Nix is director of Counseling Services at JSU. She and three other counselors provide those services to students, faculty and staff. They can help with personal issues, family or relationship problems, and financial or academic trouble.

Counseling is free – students don't need insurance. Both male and female counselors are available.

There's no limit to the number of counseling sessions students can have, either; Nix says that is determined by each counselor on a case-by-case basis.

It's easy to ask for an appointment with one of JSU's counselors, and students are usually seen quickly. The most popular methods of requesting counseling are via telephone and the online request form located on Counseling Services' webpage.

Many young adults struggle with anxiety and depression, says Nix. The problems can either be transient – experienced only for a period of time – or lifelong. But either way, Nix wants students to know that both problems are very manageable.

"A lot of people don't realize how treatable most mental illnesses are," she said. "So you can have a good life, a life worth living, that isn't dictated by your disorder."

Counseling Services does not have a psychiatrist and cannot write prescriptions to its clients.

Several groups operate out of the Counseling Services office.

The narcotics anonymous group Stepping Up meets in the counseling office's conference room every Thursday at 6 p.m. It's for anyone trying to maintain recovery from substance abuse and dependence.

A support group called Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships meets in the office on the third Tuesday of every month.

JSU's Peer Educators are also based out of the Counseling Services office. The group of 25 students gives presentations to classes, fraternities and sororities on topics like mental wellness, substance abuse, healthy relationships and campus safety.

Nix says the idea behind Peer Educators is that information on topics like depression, anxiety and sexual assault often affects students differently when it comes from a peer they can identify with.

If you think you have a problem with anxiety or depression or know someone else who might, contact Counseling Services at (256) 782-5475 or online at <http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/>.

Preparing for success with Career Services

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Becca Turner, director of Career Services at JSU, has a message for freshmen: "Do not wait until your senior year to come see us."

Turner's office is a helpful tool, both for new college students and those about to complete their education.

It offers career and self assessments, tests that can help a new student choose a major, define a future career or better understand their interests.

Turner feels that the information students get from the assessments "is so valuable that everyone could benefit from it."

Her office also collects and maintains an online repository of jobs, internships, co-ops, shadowing and volunteer experiences, known as JLink. All students enrolled at JSU have a JLink account; they just have to activate it by logging in to the website.

Turner recommends that every student take advantage of JLink – even freshmen who may not be thinking about working yet. Increasingly, Turner said,

job recruiters are looking for students with experience in their field. Internships and co-ops are a good way for them to gain that experience.

"We like to encourage students to consider working as early as their sophomore year," she said. "It's very easy to let four years go by and you haven't had a job yet, and that makes it difficult for a recruiter to believe that a student has the skills necessary to survive in the workplace."

The Career Services office also hosts career fairs in the fall and spring semesters. The fairs are an opportunity for employers to come onto JSU's campus and interact with students looking for jobs.

Career Services organizes two types of fairs: the career fair, which brings employers looking for students across a spectrum of majors, and the reverse education fair, which allows JSU's education students to show off their talents to local schools and universities. This year's career fairs are scheduled for October 1 and March 4, and the reverse education fair will be February 4.

Check out JLink online:
<https://jsu-csm.symplicity.com/>
Connect with Career Services!
Facebook: Career Services at Jacksonville State University
Twitter: @JSUcareer

Want better grades? Check out ACE

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

The Academic Center for Excellence scheduled 23,487 tutoring sessions for JSU students during the 2013-2014 school year.

Carrie Drake, who is now coordinator of tutoring services, says that the center didn't see nearly as many students when she began as a tutor.

Drake isn't sure why the culture around tutoring has changed so much, but she knows the center had to change with it.

The center offers students scheduled tutoring in all of JSU's general education classes – English Composition and Literature, Foreign Language, Computer Science, History, Business, Social and Behavioral Science, Math, and Physical and Earth Science

– more than 40 courses in all.

Students can request a tutor via the online request form, hosted on the center's JSU webpage. The form is sent to Drake, who then matches students with a tutor and notifies them of their appointment time. Tutors typically meet with students for an hour or two twice a week, depending on the course being tutored.

A tutoring session can also be requested via GradesFirst, which is accessible from MyJSU.

The center expanded last spring to include two drop-in tutoring labs for physical and earth science and mathematics. While students have to request an appointment at the center in the Theron Montgomery building, they can just show up to the physical and earth



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JSU athlete DJ Felder helps teammate Grant White out with homework at the Academic Center for Excellence, located on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery building.

science lab located in Martin Hall between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Drake said most tutoring for science now takes place at the drop-in lab. "Every student learns differently," she said. Some students need the structure of tutoring sessions at a set time each week; others only need help occasionally. "By having a drop-in center, students who only have trouble once every

few weeks can get that help without having to set up an appointment," said Drake.

There's also a drop-in tutoring lab for math, located next to the Academic Center for Excellence on the third floor of the Theron Montgomery building. Two to three tutors capable of teaching math from any course on campus are available there from 4 to 10 p.m.

Monday through Thursday.

Even if a student needs help with a course that the center doesn't have a tutor for, Drake says she will do her best to make accommodations for that student – even if that means hitting the books herself.

Last summer, she said there was a student who needed tutoring for a 12-week geology course. "We rarely get requests for that

in the summer, so I didn't have a tutor," she said.

Drake had graduated with her Master's degree in geography a few years before and had taken the geology course the student needed help with, so she decided to tutor him.

"I worked with him every day for 12 weeks," she said. "I really put a lot of effort into helping him, and he learned. He improved after every session," she recalls. The student finished his course with a B.

Drake says she only hires students who have completed at least one semester of college. Prospective tutors must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must have earned at least a B in the course they're interested in tutoring.

Tutors are paid minimum wage and work up to 20 hours a week.

ACE Tutoring Center

Third floor, Theron Montgomery Building

Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Math Lab

Third floor, Theron Montgomery Building

Monday - Thursday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Martin Hall Tutoring Center

302 Martin Hall

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Steve Latham/JSU

JSU foregoes fall tuition increase

Marie McBurnett
Editor-in-Chief

JSU has been fighting what seemed to be a losing battle against a raise in tuition for the 2014-2015 academic school year, but the university has won the battle for now.

JSU, along with other higher education and K-12 education programs across the state, are funded with state income tax and sales tax.

This collection of tax money is called the Education Trust Fund. When the economy is uncertain, funding inevitably decreases

due to inflation. JSU keeps everything in motion through the ETF and the tuition from its students. Enrollment has been going down everywhere due to loss of much needed Federal Pell Grant money.

Many students rely on this money to avoid piles of student debt upon graduation. Some of these people cannot afford to go to college.

More problems arose when JSU's employee insurance, PEEHIP, raised the insurance cost for its customers.

PEEHIP currently insures K-12 public

education employees, along with two colleges: JSU and Athens State.

To keep the cost of education across the state from skyrocketing, the Alabama State Legislature proposed to implement one of two options: the state would either give education employees a two percent pay raise or cover the increased cost of their insurance.

The House of Representatives voted to cover the cost of insurance, which did not include JSU or Athens State. That meant JSU had to decide if tuition

would increase or if it would have to find another way to cover its employees' insurance costs.

The JSU Board of Trustees met on Apr. 21, 2014 to discuss the option of increasing tuition. After voting, the Board chose not to increase tuition for the 2014-2015 academic year. The university will receive more funding from the state this year than last year, but it is not enough to cover the new cost of insurance.

In July, the Board of Trustees will meet again to come up and vote on ideas to come up with the difference.

Class Planner

Marie McBurnett
Editor-in-Chief

College Scheduler is a website that helps students plan out their semester before the registration period begins. Instead of browsing the Class Schedules hyperlink on the MyJSU homepage, students can click the Schedule Planner hyperlink to plan and save their classes to the Schedule Planner Registration Cart.

Students add courses and desired breaks for a weekly schedule. After that, the planner will generate a number of schedules based on the student's given specifications. There is a comparison tool where students can compare up to four schedules at once.

Users can "lock" classes that they know they want to take and dismiss those they do not want to take. The View/Edit option under each selected course will allow the user to view all of the classes available for scheduling.

There is also a place to sched-

ule breaks, which eliminates all schedules which conflict with the given break times.

Once the desired schedule is selected, students should be sure to save it to their Registration Cart. It will stay there until and throughout the student's registration.

When the user's registration opens, they can click on their registration cart and the planner can register the student for all open classes.

Having a cart with the desired courses does not guarantee the user's admittance in every class. If the class is closed or if additional requirements are not met, the student will not be able to register even though it is in their cart.

The Schedule Planner is available for all semesters as long as the semester's schedule is posted on the JSU website.

Help videos are on the Schedule Planner homepage that teach users how to get the most out of the tool.

Tastiest campus in the South

Ditch dishwashing and grocery shopping with JSU's Dining Services

Jack Hopper Dining Hall and the Gamecock Diner

Students looking for a standard college cafeteria dining experience need look no further than Jack Hopper Dining Hall, sometimes referred to as the Caf.

The Caf is an all-you-care-to-eat buffet that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Friday. Breakfast starts at 7 a.m., and meals are served all day until 8 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, the dining hall is only open for brunch from 10:30 a.m. to



2 p.m., and dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

It features entrée and international cuisine lines, a sizzling salad bar, grill, deli, pizza and pasta bars.

If class is in session, students can bet the Caf will be open. Obvious exceptions include major holidays.

The Gamecock Diner is a modern take on the college cafeteria experience. Students place their orders on a touch screen menu, choosing from a single "hearty" entrée item or several staple fast food items.

The chef then prepares the student's meal.

The Diner features unlimited salad, soup and dessert bars. It is located behind Stephenson Hall.

WOW Café & Wingery

All campus residents must purchase a meal plan, of which there are several. The difference between the plans is how many Caf or Diner meal credits versus the amount of flex dollars a student receives.

Students who opt for a plan with more flex dollars are free to choose from the other Dining Services venues on campus, like WOW Café & Wingery or the Food Truck.

WOW Café is a New Orleans-based franchise that specializes in cooking up marinated wings Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until midnight. Dining

Services director Scott Williams says they're the best wings in Jacksonville – and the biggest, too.

On Saturday, the wingery opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. On Sunday, it's open from 4 p.m. until midnight.

WOW also serves burgers and onion rings; this fall, Dining Services will incorporate barbecue ribs, chicken sandwiches and tenders. JSU's Food Truck serves the café's menu, and can be found between the Stone building and Merrill Hall between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day.

Flex dollars can also be spent at the TMB food court. The ever-popular Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich is an option; other



Lynn Cotton/Dining Services

venues include Baja Fresh, a Mexican-style grill, and Freshens, a frozen yogurt and crepe shop.

The food court is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. It closes at 4 p.m. on Fridays.



Above and top: Steve Latham/JSU

Jazzman's Café & Bakery

By the time graduation rolls around, most students are very familiar with Houston Cole Library, thanks to long study sessions and research papers encrusted with scholarly citations.

Jazzman's Café & Bakery is located in the ground floor of

Houston Cole, and serves a variety of caffeinated beverages to help students through late nights in the library.

The menu includes coffee, iced coffee, espresso, frappes and smoothies. Jazzman's also serves muffins and cookies.

The café is open Monday through Thursday from 8 in the morning until 10 at night. On Friday, it closes at 4 p.m. It's closed all day Saturday, but open from 3:30 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Dining Services has major changes planned for several of the flex dollar venues, like Grill 155 in the TMB food court, which will become Cocky-Que during the fall 2014 semester.

The renovated venue will serve barbecued ribs and whole, cut and quartered chickens prepared in what Director Scott Williams described as "the Cadillac of smokers."

Dishes to die for

Don't leave Jacksonville without checking out these local eateries

Heavenly ribs

At Cooter Brown's Rib Shack, owners Tim and Barbara Johnson say the food is as good as the building is ugly.

The building may be pretty ugly, but the



food is so much better than the building could ever be bad.

Since Tim Johnson and his wife Barbara re-opened the old bar and decided to focus on the food, Cooter Brown's ribs have been recognized time and again as one of the best dishes in the state.

Alabama's Board of Tourism ranks them as one of the 100 dishes to eat in Alabama before you die. The Anniston

Star has declared them the best ribs around – although they acknowledge that there are an awful lot of rib places in Alabama.

If ribs aren't your thing, Cooter Brown's also serves burgers, wings and grilled chicken. They've got a hillbilly eggroll appetizer that's stuffed with smoked, chopped pork and served with barbecue sauce.

The restaurant has a full service bar, too, with 10 beers on tap, and a selection of craft and seasonal beers in the bottle. There are food and drink specials every night.



Date-night dining

Effina's Tuscan Grille sits on the other side of the dining spectrum. If you're looking for charming place to take a date, Effina's is for you.

Serving mostly Italian-inspired salads, pastas, pizzas and calzones, the Tuscan Grille is the brainchild of restaurateur Ste-

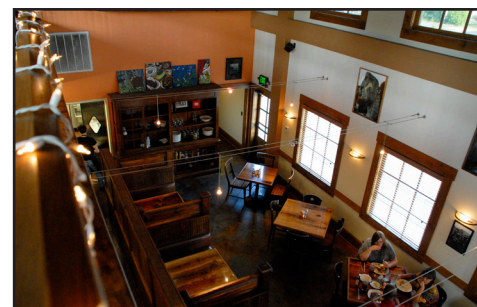


ve Landers. It opened in 2009.

One of the restaurant's most popular dishes is the fettuccine Alfredo chicken, but Friday's prime rib special is delicious, too. There's a different special each day of the week.

A different, freshly caught fish is served each day, and all of the beef served is certified Angus.

Effina's is open for lunch or dinner.



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Straight out of 1980

As the sign out front attests, Cecil's Place has been home-owned and operated since 1980 – 35 years. Tyler Marbut's family has



owned it and The Rocket all along; he took over for his dad nearly two years ago.

The restaurant looks like it hasn't changed much since the '80s. Marbut says the food hasn't changed, either: the barbecue sauce that makes Cecil's cheeseburger the best around is a family recipe.

If you're looking for an old-fashioned hamburger dive, Cecil's Place is the only place for you. There are always specials, like the cheeseburger combo, which comes with a freshly made burger, potato wedges and a drink for \$5.99.

But Cecil's biggest draw may be the hand-dipped Blue Bell ice cream and milkshakes. The restaurant has nine flavors of ice cream, which comes in a cup or old-fashioned waffle cone.





Steve Latham/JSU

Athletics at a glance

Sport	Season	OVC
Baseball	31-25	18-12
M Basketball	10-21	4-12
W Basketball	14-18	8-8
Soccer	4-13-2	0-9-1
Football	11-4	NA
Softball	40-15	22-5
W Tennis	9-14	5-5
M Tennis	17-8	8-1
Volleyball	13-18	6-10

Cross Country running teams went to the OVC championships. The women's team placed 7th while the men's team placed 9th.

The men's Golf team went to the OVC championship and placed 1st. The team placed 8th or 14 in the NCAA Sugar Grove Regional game. The women's team went to the OVC championships and placed 3rd.

The JSU Rifle team went to the OVC championships and placed first. In the NCAA Rifle Championships, the team placed 7th of 8.

The JSU Track and Field team went to the OVC championships and placed 8th.

For the 2014-2015 schedule for the teams above, check out www.jsu-gamecocksports.com

Killing time between classes

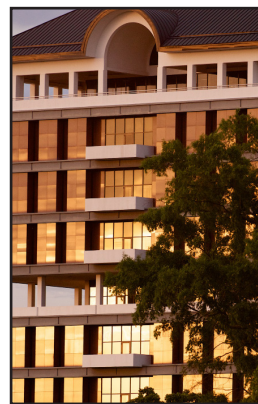
Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Most of the day is taken up by classes for a full-time student at Jacksonville State University. It's that elusive free time between classes that many have no idea what to do with.

There are actually many things on campus that students can fill those breaks in their day with.

As a student, all of the campus amenities are free, including Stephenson Hall and Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Stephenson Hall holds the campus gym, so if you want to burn some time and some calories, head over there. The gym includes Cybex weight machines,



Steve Latham/JSU

Houston Cole Library has 13 stories divided into 3 mini-libraries and houses over 700,000 books.

Hammer Strength free weights, and cardiovascular machines to help students stay active during their stay at JSU.

Not only does Stephenson offer a full gym, but many different fitness programs, such as Zumba and TRX suspension training classes, are offered throughout the day. Just check the recreational sports websites for dates and times.

Intramural sports are also offered and organized by Stephenson Hall staff. To sign up, just head to the recreational sports website.

Stephenson also houses racquetball courts and steam rooms and everything is free to students of Jacksonville State University.

The Coliseum, currently closed this summer for remodeling, houses an indoor swimming pool and is home to the intramural fields and tennis courts also.

The pool is only open for a few hours during the middle of each day and so would be perfect to swim some time away in between classes.

The Coliseum will open back up for use on August 15, 2014, and will have a brand new HVAC system.

All of the courts and pool are first come, first served but with priority given to classes sponsored by the university.

Not to be over-

sleepy and don't want to go back to wherever you call home, each floor of the library has at least one couch that you can nap on, but be careful on the sixth floor. Usually that couch is taken.

You can also reserve study rooms in



Alex Stillwagon/JSU

Stephenson hall is home to many different types of exercise equipment, along with a full sized basketball court, fitness programs, and steam rooms.

looked is the Houston Cole Library, which is 13 stories of over 700,000 books. There are plenty of desks and computers located on each floor for the studious student.

Each floor is also home to a floor librarian, so if you need help finding a title or researching, the best resource is the librarian located on the floor your research or book would be in.

If you're a bit

the library so you can have a group study session, and if you need more help with classes, you can head to the tutoring center called ACE in the Theron Montgomery Building.

If you have anything you like to do between classes that wasn't mentioned here, tweet The Chanticleer (@ChanticleerJSU) or comment on the Facebook page (JSUChanticleer).

Regional Medical Center providing campus health care

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Getting sick or hurt is no fun; going to the doctor to get treatment is even less so. Fortunately, seeing a physician on campus is easier now than it ever has been, thanks to JSU contracting health care services from Regional Medical Center.

Regional Medical Center is a local health care network based out of Anniston, where the center operates a 338-bed hospital. It owns a second 89-bed hospital in Jacksonville, as well as several physician clinics and urgent care centers.

It began providing health care service to the JSU campus last fall after President Meehan and the Board of Trustees decided in January of 2013 to buy that service.

Prior to making that decision, staffing the Student Health Center on campus had

been a problem. JSU was only able to provide eight hours of primary care to students, faculty and staff per week. Only four hours per week were allotted for women's health.

But because RMC employs almost 200 physicians and 600 nurses, staffing the health center has not been difficult. A primary care physician is now available on campus eight hours per day, five days a week.

The regional medical network seeks to provide health care that is both accessible and affordable to the entire JSU community.

Students can either make an appointment via telephone or walk right in to the clinic and be seen by a doctor.

RMC also staffs the center with nurses, who are trained not only to deliver health care service, but also education concerning sexual diseases and prevention.

Just as before RMC assumed operation of the health center, free condoms are available inside the clinic's door.

Contracting health services through RMC also grants JSU students access to after-hours care at the office of Dr. Wyndol Hamer, right across Highway 21 from the RMC Jacksonville campus. JSU's transit system will provide students with transportation to both Dr. Hamer's office and the hospital.

A portion of the \$150 student fee charged to all JSU students defrays the cost of operation at the Student Health Center. Health care services at JSU are available



Above: The Student Health Center on Trustee Circle is operated by Regional Medical Center of Anniston. Members of the JSU community can seek health care there 40 hours a week, a dramatic increase from the eight hours of health care JSU was able to provide.

Below: Contracting health care services through RMC provides JSU students, faculty and staff with access to several physicians' and urgent care clinics, like Dr. Wyndol Hamer's office on Highway 21.



Zach Tyler/The Chanticleer

not just to students; faculty and staff may use the Student Health Center, too.

Thanks to recent federal mandates allowing young adults insurance coverage under their parents' plans, RMC plans to bill students' insurance where possible. A fee schedule is also available.

Students seeking treatment at the health center should take their ID card and an insurance card, if they have one.

Student Health Center

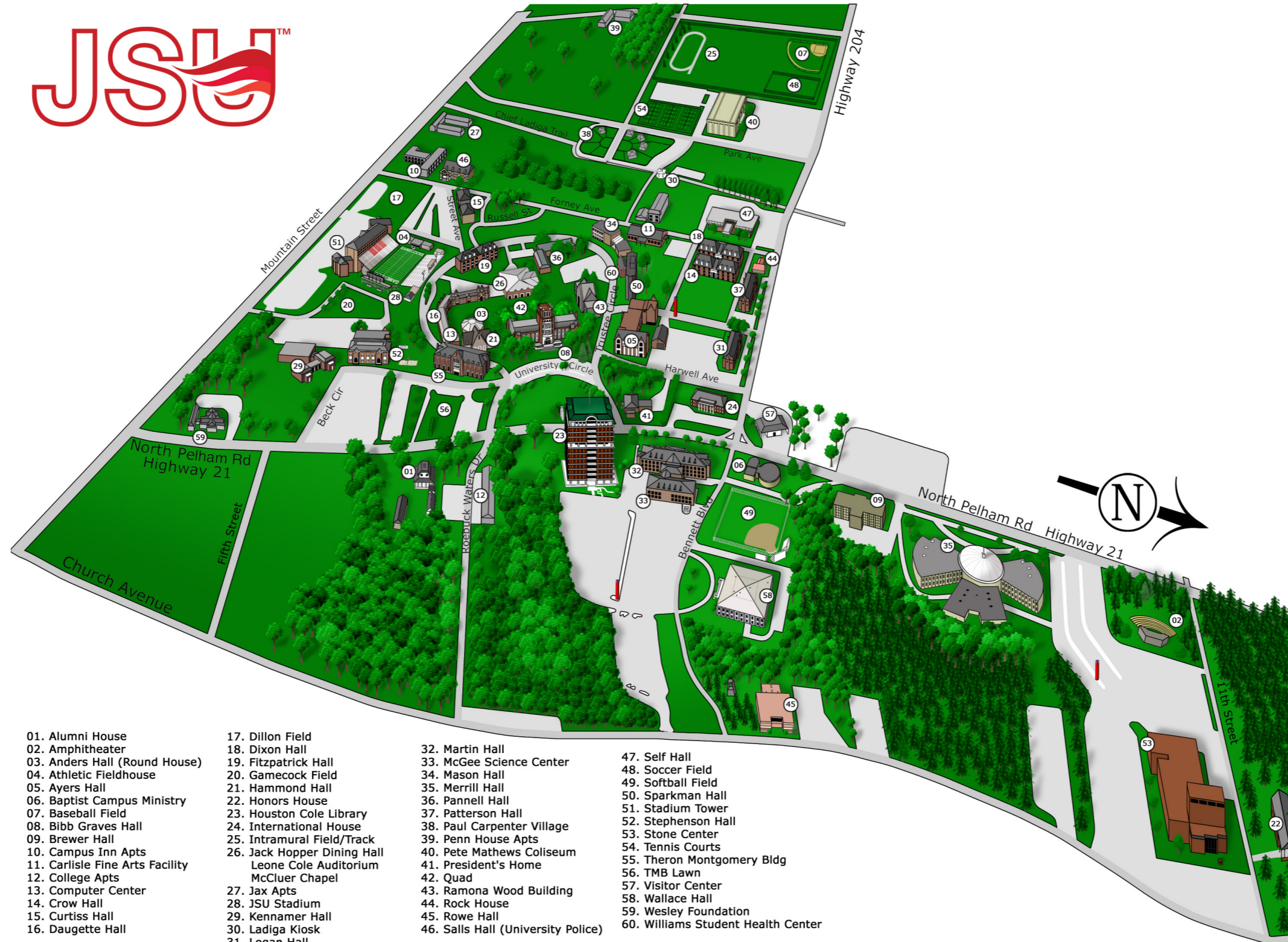
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Services offered:

- Urgent Care
- Women's Health Care
- Men's Health Care
- Mental Health Screening
- Physicals
- Immunizations
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Campus map

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| 04. Athletic Fieldhouse | 20. Gamecock Field | 35. Merrill Hall | 50. Sparkman Hall |
| 05. Ayers Hall | 21. Hammond Hall | 36. Pannell Hall | 51. Stadium Tower |
| 06. Baptist Campus Ministry | 22. Honors House | 37. Patterson Hall | 52. Stephenson Hall |
| 07. Baseball Field | 23. Houston Cole Library | 38. Paul Carpenter Village | 53. Stone Center |
| 08. Bibb Graves Hall | 24. International House | 39. Penn House Apts | 54. Tennis Courts |
| 09. Brewer Hall | 25. Intramural Field/Track | 40. Pete Mathews Coliseum | 55. Theron Montgomery Bldg |
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John Grass named new coach

JSU's football program gets a new face for the 2014-2015 season

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Only hours after Bill Clark informed Jacksonville State that he was taking the UAB job, JSU President Dr. William Meehan and Athletic Director Warren Koegel announced the promotion of former offensive coordinator, John Grass, as the new head coach of the Gamecocks.

"I'm really excited that we have a coach that has been with us. I have a lot of respect for John as a person and as a coach, and the players have a lot of respect for Coach Grass as a person and as a coach," stated JSU A.D. Warren Koegel. "We feel very fortunate that we got a guy who is a Jacksonville State graduate who loves this university, who is going to be able to lead us on and continue what Bill Clark and the rest of the staff accomplished last year."

Grass, like Coach Clark, was a 1990 graduate of JSU. He joined Clark's staff last season as offensive coordinator leaving his job as head coach at Oxford High where he led the 6A program to five consecutive winning sea-

sons and a 41-16 overall record. Prior to his time at Oxford, Grass spent a pair of seasons at 6A Spain Park where he was named the 2007 AHSAA Class 6A Coach of the Year after leading his Jaguars to the state championship where he fell to Bill Clark's Prattville squad.

From 2000-2006, Grass made coaching stops at Moody,

Albertville (where he earned the 2002 AH-SAA Class 5A Coach of the Year) and Hoover.

In his debut season in the college ranks as JSU's OC in 2013, Grass led an explosive offense that shattered the previous school records in total yards and points scored in a single season. Grass guided an offense that had to use three different starting

quarterbacks throughout the season due to injuries and led the trio to passing for a school record of 3,033 yards.

Coach Grass won't have to rely on the air attack only as running back DaMarcus James returns for his final season after rushing for a school record 1,477 yards in 2013 and a school and conference record 29

rushing touchdowns.

The 2013 Gamecocks, with Grass as offensive coordinator, experienced their best season of Division I football.

Grass' offense was on their way to potentially leading JSU to the FCS Semifinals before Jenkins and James both suffered injuries in the Quarterfinals at Eastern Washington in what resulted as a 35-24 season-ending loss.

"It's a blessing, said Grass just hours after being promoted to head coach. "It's a great opportunity, with the circumstances that arose with Coach Clark going to UAB. I felt blessed last year to become part of this University as a football coach. I'm looking to build on the success we had last year. I'm excited about that opportunity and continuing that success."

The last time JSU ran through three coaches in three years was 1983-1985 with Jim Fuller, Joe Hollis and Bill Burgess. Burgess was a former coach at Oxford High who later led Jacksonville State to their only National Championship in school history. Fans hope history can repeat itself.



Steve Latham/JSU

New JSU football head coach John Grass instructs players on the field during the annual J-Day game on Apr. 12, 2014 as his first public head coaching debut. The White squad beat the Red team 21-6.

New charging stations promise JSU full batteries

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

JSU students can now worry less about getting stuck with a dead cell phone while on campus.

That's because the SGA installed two new phone charging stations, which can be found at the Office of Student Life on the fourth floor of the TMB and Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

The stations will provide students with a means of electricity for their devices without having to worry about lugging around their chargers and having to keep up with endless amounts of cords.

"When we realized we had the extra money allocated to the SGA, we knew we wanted to do something for the students. We all brainstormed different ideas and finally agreed that the charging stations would help the most students,"

Jade Wagner, the 2013-2014 SGA President said.

She feels the charging stations will be extremely useful to students, especially if the university suffers any more severe weather.

The stations are equipped with several types of adapters fitting the most popular Android and Apple devices, including the iPad; there is even an adapter for BlackBerry phones.

Only cell phones and tablets can be charged at the stations, as laptop chargers are not standardized.

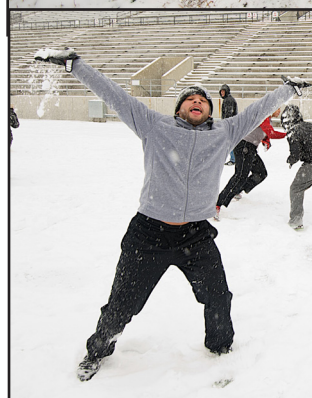
The stations cost the SGA \$2,257.

"When they arrived, we all jumped around like children on Christmas," says Wagner.

The SGA has been working on this project for some time, and now all students will get to reap the rewards of their determination—and so will their cell phones.



Photos by Steve Latham/JSU



Students come together for a day in the Burgess—"Snow"

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

Faint screams and taunting could be heard coming from within Jacksonville State University's Stadium on Jan. 28, 2014.

Inside, the peace and tranquility that accompanied the blanket of white all over Jacksonville was gone.

Burgess-Snow Field had been transformed into

a battleground.

What everyone thought would be nothing more than a "light dusting" had proven to be the most substantial amount of snow that JSU has seen in several years.

At first, there was a minor panic as questions arose in everyone's minds. Are classes getting cancelled? How

am I going to get home? Where am I going to get food?

Once the university settled most of everyone's inquiries, people started to wind down and focus on perhaps one of the most beloved aspects of a snow day: snowball fights. What better way to celebrate the winter wonderland than by storming the Burgess-Snow field while it is covered in actual snow?

Students hid by the entrance near the main gates,

surprising unsuspecting passerby with a fistful of freshly fallen fluff.

Once inside, it was every Gamecock for themselves.

Soldiers used trash cans on the football field as forts, plastic lids from containers as shields, and anything else they could find in an effort to survive one of the coldest wars in the history of JSU.

Gamecock traditions

Alma Mater

*Alma Mater, Alma Mater,
Grateful voices raise a song
of tribute and devotion,
Thy honored name we
praise.
Light of knowledge, store of
wisdom, love of truth abide
in thee,
Quest for beauty, search for
freedom, thine eternally,
Oh, Alma Mater, Alma
Mater
We humbly bow to thee!*

Fight song

**Fight on, fight on for ole Jax State
We're proud that we're from
Alabama
Fight on, now don't you hesitate,
Courage, pride and honor
will lead you on to victory, so
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Dancing traditions at Jacksonville State

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

The Marching Ballerinas have been a huge part of the JSU experience since their founding in 1956.

The Ballerinas were only the fourth precision dance line of their kind in the United States. They were preceded by Kilgore College Rangerettes and Tyler Junior College Apache Belles, both of Texas, and the Southern Mississippi Dixie Darlings. The dance team was styled after the Radio City Rockettes.

The Marching Ballerinas perform a 'traditional' show for pre-game and half-time shows at JSU football games, and an 'exhibition/modern' style show for post-game and exhibition performances.

Though their uniforms have been somewhat altered over the years, they still are essentially the same style as those worn by the Ballerinas in 1959.

The Ballerinas hold auditions each March. 70 to 80 girls audition each year, and usually between 32 and 36 dancers are selected.

The Ballerinas are composed of dancers from various backgrounds and experience levels.

"Not all of them have been dancing their entire lives," says Noelle Millirons, who danced with the Ballerinas for four years and now serves as their Coordinator. "We take talented girls who have potential. We're like a family; we spend a lot of time together. All the new girls have a 'mommy Ballerina'."

Millirons emphasizes the importance of keeping the traditions that the Ballerinas were founded on, while pushing themselves as dancers, as a team, and as a performance group in general.

"We have a slogan," she says. "'Remembering our history and writing our own.'"



Matt Reynolds/JSU

Marching Southerners

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Established in 1956, the Marching Southerners of Jacksonville State University have been helping to define what it means to be a band for almost 60 years.

With over 400 members who come from across the country and about 150 new faces each year, students across campus will hear the sounds of the Southerners practicing.

This year's Marching Southerners theme is "Salvation is created: A Journey from Darkness to Light" which progress steadily from a powerful opener to a hopeful final song.

Each year, the band at JSU performs for thousands in stadiums across the country. Not only that, but many times the band is asked to perform at Band of America events as an example to high school bands on what can be accomplished.

Ken Bodiford, the director of the Southerners for the past 21 years can attest to that, "When I was in the 10th grade, my band director brought a group of students to JSU to watch The Marching Southerners rehearse one Thursday night. That was my first exposure to JSU and

to The Marching Southerners. After seeing The Southerners that night, I knew that I wanted to go to JSU and become a member of the band program."

The Marching Southerners are more than just a band. It's a family that helps those that are a part of it with whatever they need.

For incoming freshmen and transfer students who are starting a career in the Southerners, it's both a privilege and an honor to become a part of marching tradition.

Bodiford says that "the main thing we look for in members is a good work ethic and a great attitude."

A good work ethic and attitude would definitely be needed with all of the hours spent practicing and preparing the performances for games and showcases.

Both an instrumental and marching audition is held at the beginning of band camp each year for those who are interested in becoming a member of the Marching Southerners.

For more information, the soundtrack of this year's production or scholarship information, go to the home page of the Marching Southerners at www.marchingsoutherners.org



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Organizations on Campus

Active Minds At JSU

To promote awareness and education and to remove the stigma that surrounds mental illness and to create an environment for discussion.

Advisor: Linda Shelton, Counseling Services, 256-782-5954

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African American Association

Encourages the exchange of ideas concerning African-American students at the University and promotes cultural understanding.

Advisor: Debbie Taylor, Student Life, 256-782-5490

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African Historical Society

To promote truths about African history to students and serve the community's youth.

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American Chemical Society

Emphasize the importance and relevance of chemistry and offer tutoring services.

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Ballroom Dance Club

To promote social and competitive ballroom dancing.

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Chanticleer (JSU Newspaper)

Informs and entertains JSU students, faculty/staff and administration about campus events and important regional and national news. Provides a public forum for the expression of different opinions.

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Promote community service, leadership and fellowship among members of the JSU community

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Promote the views and success of the Democratic Party through active interaction in the

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Collegiate Music Educators

Promotes the professional and artistic development of music teachers through professional conferences, in-service meetings, and events; supports the JSU Department of Music.

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To unite and explore our inner geek!

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To raise awareness of abuse inflicted upon our planet and to promote recycling.

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Elite Ladies Organization

To encourage and inspire young women to serve in their community.

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ENACTUS

A community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.

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Family and Consumer Sciences Club

To unify the concen-

tration within Family and Consumer Sciences into a student chapter of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

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Forever Young Modeling Troupe

To promote fashion and help build confidence.

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Freshman Forum

Provides freshmen an opportunity to become more involved in SGA. Must be an incoming freshman who has shown campus involvement in high school and is committed to pursuing that commitment in college.

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History Club

To encourage further learning and understanding of our nation's great history.

Advisor: Dr. L. Cook,

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International Association of Emergency Management Student Chapter

To promote academic and research excellence and opportunities within the fields of emergency management and homeland security as well as their related disciplines.
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International Student Organization (ISO)

To foster a cultural understanding and sharing between the international students and increase international student ties with the local community.

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Ironclad Gaming

To teach the mechanics of the gaming system, basic role-playing, socializing and enjoying the gaming experience.

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dents

Promoting a positive image of nursing throughout the local, state and national level.

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To encourage and teach teamwork, to be competitive, to become physically fit and have fun.

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JSU Judo Jujitsu

To strive toward a harmonious development of the human character.

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JSU Math Club

To promote the interest of mathematics among students.

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JSU Mixed Martial Arts(MMA)

To instruct students on basic and intermediate martial arts skills.

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JSU Model Arab League-Geography

To learn more about the Arab world, to develop skills in parliamentary debate, and to participate in the Southeast Model Arab League sessions in the spring semester.

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JSU Rugby

To promote teamwork, build character and raise moral through playing rugby.

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JSU Students for Equality

Promote and educate gay rights issues as well as provide a safer environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

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Justice & Civil Rights Initiative

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Learning Eagerly About Destination (L.E.A.D.)

Promote striving for excellence in all areas of life.

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-N.A.A.C.P.

An outlet devoted to school involvement and community service.

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National Society of Leadership and Success

Organization that provides experiential learning to help promote leadership and personal development academically and professionally.

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Outdoor Adventure Club

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Mimosa (JSU Yearbook)

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For the development and advancement of music.

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Political Economy Club at Jacksonville State University

The club is a reading, discussion, and debate group to promote the study of classical liberal and libertarian theory at JSU. Its members are interested in the economics and politics of the free and virtuous society and do not generally

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Political Science Model Arab League

To introduce students to all aspects of life in the Arab World while debating critical issues in an official format.

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Pre-Law Society

To create a comfortable atmosphere for students to learn the process of pursuing law school.

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Residence Hall Association

Provide a voice and address the concerns of residents living in JSU residence halls and apartments.

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Society of Professional

Journalists

To promote diversity, freedom of information and ethics.

Advisor: Mike Stedham, Communications Department, 256-782-5713

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Spanish Club

The goal is to reach the community with awareness of the language and culture.

Advisor: Eduardo Pacheco, History, 256-782-8245

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Students Alumni Association

JSU Alumni are ready to assist and prepare students for jobs after college.

Advisor: Allen Renfroe, Alumni Relations, 256-782-8256

E-mail: arenfroe@jsu.edu

Student Government Association (SGA)

Promote the welfare of the student community by providing an avenue for student expression, social activities and student services. All enrolled students are members.

Advisor: Debbie Taylor, Student Life, 256-782-5491

E-mail: dbtaylor@jsu.edu

Tau Delta Phi

To encourage academic excellence, foster good moral decisions and enhance the ideals of brotherhood through the holistic development of its undergraduates.

Advisor: David Myer, English Department, 256-782-5464

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The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering

The organization constructs and program robots for national competitions.

Advisor: Phillip Dean, Technology Department, 256-782-5839

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WLJS Radio Station (92J)

Provides JSU and surrounding communities with news and information, music, public affairs, sports programming, and information about campus activities. The 3000-watt FM radio station licensed to the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University provides hands-on experience for students who are interested in making broadcasting a career and serves as a laboratory for radio production classes.

Advisor: Mike Stedham, Communication, 782-5713

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Women's Issues, Support and Empowerment

To promote a more balanced world, where every woman feels valuable. We hope to use our experiences as tools of empowerment, inspiration, and change. Through activism, we believe, ideals become reality.

Advisor: Erin Rider, Sociology Department, 256-782-8477

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Writers' Club

An artistic outlet that encourages writers to find their talent in a specific genre and to improve writings skills.

Advisor: Douglas O'Keefe, English, 256-782-5549

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Young People Revolution (Y.P.R.)

Creating and equipping the next generation of young leaders with professional skills to be successful.

Advisor: Ed Lett, Athletic Department, 256-782-8101

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Department sponsored clubs are not listed. For religious organizations, see page 25.

Religion at JSU

Below are the religious organizations that any student can be involved with.

Baptist Campus Ministries

Promotes fellowship and service to the campus and in the community. Advisor: Gary Brittain, Campus Minister, 256-435-7020 E-mail: gbrittain@alsbom.org

Campus Outreach

To build college students into laborers for Jesus Christ. Advisor: Katerri Krebs, Disability Services, 256-782-8390 E-mail: krebs@jsu.edu

Chi Alpha

Bring students to Christ, transforming the university, the marketplace and the world. Advisor: Christie Shelton, College of Nursing, (256) 782-5428 E-mail: cshelton@jsu.edu

Engage JSU

A Christian organization that seeks to worship Christ and foster Christian relationships and serve the campus and community. More information is available at engagejsu.com

Advisor: Brent Cunningham, Management and Marketing,

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Episcopal Campus Ministry

To encourage spiritual growth in Christ and provide services to the campus and community.

Advisor: Robert Carter, Biology, 256-782-5144

E-mail: rcarter@jsu.edu

Faith Outreach

Campus Ministry

Teaching and leading to an identify in God.

Advisor: Rochelle Smith, Residence Life, 256-782-5128

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Christian Student Center (JCSC)

Striving to bring first century Christianity to twenty-first century students.

Advisor: Jana McGinnis, Athletic Department (Softball), 256-782-5524

E-mail: mcginnis@jsu.edu

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

A college ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America dedicated to the cultivation of a Christ-centered community on the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Advisor: Steven

Stout, Psychology and Philosophy, 256-782-8125

E-mail: sstout@jsu.edu

Sav-A-Life PCC Student Group

This is a life affirming ministry that offers emotional and spiritual help to women affected by unplanned pregnancies. Their mission is to help these women choose life for their babies and eternal life for themselves.

Advisor: Kay Cogger, Teacher Service Center, 256-782-5574

E-mail: kcogger@jsu.edu

UPC (United Pentecostal Church)

Student Ministry To unite students of the pentecostal faith and continue in the Apostles doctrine.

Advisor: Ben Hardy, Finance Economics Accounting, 256-782-5397

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Wesley Foundation

Providing an alternative community for students to hang out, study, ask questions, a place to belong, explore their spirituality and serve God.

Advisor: Karen Gregg, Associate Dean Arts and Sciences, 256-782-5231

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Representatives from JSU's Greek organizations gather for a picture.

Greek success

Marie McBurnett *Editor-in-Chief*

Greek life at JSU is diverse and includes 19 fraternities and sororities.

The 2013-2014 academic year brought much success to these organizations and the causes they support.

Many people shy away from the thought of being involved on campus in this way due to the stereotype that fraternities and sororities are the slack of college. This is untrue. JSU's Greek organizations are hard at work all

year long, making the community a better place. According to the Office of Student Life, the fraternity and sorority community raised over \$79,000 to go toward each organization's philanthropic cause.

The community as a whole also performed over 10,500 hours of community service.

The average GPA of the fraternity and sorority community is 2.97 while the average of the entire undergraduate population is 2.65.

Many successful students around the campus are also part of the

Greek community. 5 of the 6 SGA Executive Officers for 2013-2014 were in fraternities and sororities. The 2013 Homecoming King and Miss JSU are members of a fraternity and sorority.

There are Greek affiliated students involved in JSU Ambassadors, Religious Organizations, Peer Educators, Gamecock Orientation, the Southerners and JSU Athletics.

Where there's a passion, there is a fraternity or sorority to support it.

ROTC: preparing leadership

Marie McBurnett
Editor-in-Chief

One of the many proud programs of JSU is the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Students who go through the ROTC program are trained to be an officer in the United States Army while they earn a degree of their choice.

“Sometimes it’s challenging to balance the duties of being a student and a cadet, but we are flexible when conflicts arise,” said Capt. Matt Sawdy, Assistant Professor of Military Science.

Freshmen who wish to enter the program do so without military obligation. They enroll in MSC 101 and MSC 103 in the fall term or MSC 102 and MSC 104 in the spring term. This gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge and entry-level experience without having to commit to the Army.

If the student chooses not to go through the



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Students in the ROTC program attend the JSU ROTC spring awards day on Apr. 17, 2014. Awards for both fitness and academic success were presented.

program, the classes count as electives in most majors. “This is a good opportunity to get electives and leadership skills you can’t get anywhere else on campus,” said Sawdy.

Students who are still interested in the ROTC program at the end of their freshmen year will advance to the sophomore classes without military obligation.

Students are required to contract with the Army in their junior year for

a minimum of eight years of service on either active duty or in the United States Army Reserve or in the Army National Guard.

Sawdy explained that the ROTC classes allow students to perform in live situations to help them in their future careers in the U.S. Army.

The cadets have the opportunity to go to an annual event called Ranger Challenge Competition. The event is

held in Camp Blanding, FLA. “The event hosts several different competitions ranging from rifle marksmanship to navigation exercises,” said Sawdy, “This past year we received the Spirit Staff, which is awarded to the team that shows great heart, energy and determination.”

The first two years of the program include learning about the history, organization and structure of the Army. During

the last two years students learn how to implement military instruction and techniques on management, instruction and leadership.

An Army ROTC scholarship pays full tuition for a student in addition to a monthly allowance of \$300 to \$500, depending on the cadet’s class standing. Students who receive an Army ROTC scholarship are also eligible for room and board scholarships

through the Military Science Department.

Scholarships are based on a student’s academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

New graduate and commissioned Lt. Kimberly Stiles reflected on her time in the program, “My favorite experience was my MS III year and field training exercises. We never knew what was going to happen, we [MS IIIs] kept each other motivated.”

Stiles will be traveling to Missouri to attend Military Police school, and then will start her career in Germany. “If you’re thinking about doing this, try it. You’ll do things no one else on campus will do.”

For more information, contact Capt. Matt Sawdy at 256-782-8025, or visit the ROTC Department page.

To see more of the ROTC, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gamecock.battalion.3.



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JSU running back DaMarcus James (32) breaks away from Dolphin line to make a run on Sept. 7, 2013 in the Burgess-Snow Stadium. Jacksonville State defeated Jacksonville University 48-13.

A record-breaking night

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

It was a historic night at the Burgess-Snow Field on Sept. 7, 2013 for Jacksonville State University.

In a 48-13 victory over Jacksonville University (FLA.), the Gamecocks had a record setting performance running the ball.

The rushing quartet of running backs DaMarcus James, Troymaine Pope, Miles Jones and quarterback Eli Jenkins rushed

539 yards and set a rushing record for all Football Championship Sub-division schools.

This was the first time in recorded history that a FCS school accomplished such a feat.

Late Saturday night, after reaching out to NCAA, the JSU Sports Information Department had it confirmed to them that no FCS school had ever had four 100-yard rushers in a game.

JSU's rushing yardage during this game sur-

passed the previous school record of 453 yards against Samford in 2004.

The Gamecocks attempted 70 rushing plays, another Jax State record, with the old mark being 66 at Arkansas State on Sept. 22, 2001.

Due to their achievement, the Ohio Valley Conference named all four Gamecock 100-yard rushers as Co-Offensive players of the week.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Eli Jenkins was also

awarded the OVC Newcomer Award for his breakout game in his collegiate career.

Pope, a sophomore, led the way with three touchdowns and finished with 160 yards on 16 carries.

James achieved 105 yards on his 12 carries, scoring a touchdown as well.

Jones put in 20 carries late in the game that led to 138 rushing yards.

Jenkins supplied 128 yards that spanned throughout the night.

Jacksonville State rifle team wins another title

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State claimed its eighth Ohio Valley Conference Championship on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014 in Murray, KY at the OVC Rifle Championships.

It was the third consecutive title for the Gamecocks under Ron Frost.

Jax State's score of 4650 was only 12 points above host university and runner-up Murray State's 4638.

On Saturday, JSU won the Smallbore title just edging the Racers by 2999 to 2995.

UT-Martin, OVC affiliated Columbus State and Morehead State rounded out the top five.

On Sunday, the Gamecocks secured their conference title claiming the Air Rifle title as well with a score of 2343.

Jacksonville State

won the 2014 OVC title with an overall aggregate score of 4650 topping the Racers by 12 points.

In Smallbore competition, Jax State landed three shooters on the All-OVC First Team with Bill Harvey, Dan McCall and Samantha Bullard, who led the overall scoring.

Cole Tucker and Sam Muegge also earned spots on the Second Team.

Tucker, a junior, and Muegge, a senior, were named to the First Team in Air Rifle competition along with Brandon Muske

Bullard and junior Brent Brooks made it to Second Team.

F r e s h m e n Brandon Muske was the only Gamecock

to be named to either Newcomer Squad when he earned the top spot on the Air Rifle Newcomer Team.

2014 Football Schedule



Steve Latham/JSU

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

When it comes to the South, there are two things it is known for. One is for being hospitable. The other is football. Jacksonville State University has been named the 'Friendliest Campus in the South' and had a pretty good football season last year, with 11 wins and only 4 losses. JSU football traveled to the playoffs and went 3 games be-

fore losing to #3 Eastern Washington. Here's to hoping Coach Grass can continue last year's good season and perhaps make this year's even better.

The homecoming game will be played against Austin Peay on November 1, 2014. Homecoming offers various opportunities to get involved on campus, whether it be by participating in the Homecoming Pageant or going to the tailgating parties that are held on game days.

August 29, 2014	@Michigan State
September 6, 2014	@Chattanooga
September 13, 2014	OPEN
September 20, 2014 at 3 p.m.	West Alabama
September 27, 2014 at 6 p.m.	@Murray State (OVC)
October 4, 2014 at 3 p.m.	UT Martin (OVC)
October 10, 2014	@Tennessee State (OVC)
October 18, 2014	OPEN
October 25, 2014 at 3 p.m.	Tennessee Tech (OVC)
November 1, 2014 at 3 p.m.	Austin Peay (OVC)
November 8, 2014 at 12 p.m.	@Eastern Kentucky (OVC)
November 15, 2014 at 3 p.m.	Eastern Illinois (OVC)
November 22, 2014 at 1 p.m.	@Southeast Missouri (OVC)



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Gamecock Softball best in OVC

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment
Editor

The University Field, which is home to the Jacksonville State University softball team, was built a little over 2 years ago.

In May of 2014, the field saw its first of hopefully many Ohio Valley Conference

championship games. JSU softball faced Eastern Kentucky in a double header and won both games in order to take home the number one spot in the OVC.

The JSU Gamecocks, coached by Jana McGinnis for the past 21 seasons, finished this season with 39 wins and only 13

losses and so had the privilege of hosting the OVC championship.

Not only was the softball team number one in the conference going into the OVC championship, 9 of the 19 girls on the team were selected to be a part of the 2014 All-Ohio Valley Conference softball teams.

Tiffany Harbin (3), senior pitcher for the Gamecocks, was awarded pitcher of the year and also was given All-Region honors by the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association as second team pitcher.

McGinnis was awarded Coach of the Year honors and Sara Borders (12), an infielder, was named Player of the Year and was also given All-Region honors by the NFCA as first team

second baseman.

The 6 other girls of the team that were awarded honors include first baseman Amanda Maldonado, catcher Savannah Sloan, and right fielder Ella Dennes.

Second team picks for the conference softball teams include designated player Taylor Sloan, pitcher Logan Green, and outfielders Melanie Steer and Stephanie Lewis.

While the Gamecocks ended the regular season in the number one seat, the OVC championship pitted the girls against Morehead State, whom the team had lost to every game in the regular season.

The JSU Gamecocks were sent into the elimination bracket and lost against Tennessee Tech after a rain delay.



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Kelly Naughton (3) claps as the Gamecocks beat Belmont 71-69 on Mar. 1, 2014.

Women's basketball trumps Belmont

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Writer

The regular season ended on the highest of notes for the Gamecocks on Saturday, Mar. 1, 2014 against Belmont. On the layup of Destany McLin in the final seconds of overtime, JSU walked away with a 71-69 victory over the Bruins.

The win was the eighth in league play for the Gamecocks and gave them the sixth seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tournament.

The Bruins held their largest lead of the night during the first half when the score was 25-18. JSU then went on a 9-4 run to bring the score closer to their favor before the end of the half at 29-27. The Gamecocks came out fast and prepared for the second half.

JSU shot 53 percent from

the field during the second half and held their largest lead of the night at 58-53. JSU looked to end the game there, but when the Bruins brought the score to a tie at 59, the game was forced into overtime.

It was McLin who pushed JSU ahead at 69-67 with the clock at 23 seconds. Free throws from Belmont's Jordyn Luffman tied the game for the tenth time, but McLin raced the clock and made the final layup that sealed the deal for the Gamecocks.

McLin had a career high 31 points during the game, 25 of which came in the final half and the overtime session.

Miranda Cantrell had eight points during the game, all of which came in the first half. Briana Benson scored 13 points in the game.

Candace Mor-ton scored four points.

Jax State baseball takes a win against big rivalry

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

It may be the most joyed win of any regular season contest in any sport when the Gamecocks can come out on top against rival Troy.

With the help of a five-run first inning, JSU did just that when they dropped the Trojans 7-3 in baseball on Mar. 18, 2014.

Troy's Jesse Nelson couldn't get out of the first inning as the Gamecocks loaded the bases early.

Jarrett Hood drew a walk that led to the first run. Freshman Josh Bobo then singled up the middle for a hit that plated

two more runs. Finally, senior Stephen Bartlett ripped a single to left that allowed two more runs to score making it 5-0 fast.

The Trojans fought back with a run in the bottom of the first and two in the fourth to make it a 6-3 ballgame after Jax State had scored again in the second when Joe McGuire scooted home on a wild pitch after his two-out triple.

Troy was shut out the rest of the way as Ryan Sebra pitched the final 2 1/3 innings to earn his first win of the season.

The Gamecocks added an insurance run in the ninth that eventually gave way to the final score, 7-3.



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Infielder Josh Bobo (38) throws the ball to help the Gamecocks win.

Impressive season from men's tennis

In a classic championship match that came down to a third set at No. 6, the Jacksonville State men's tennis team claimed the 2014 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship, 4-3, over Belmont on Apr. 19, 2014 at the Heflin Tennis Center in Paducah, Ky.

The Gamecocks, who shared the regular season title with the Bruins, won the program's fourth OVC crown and the first since 2009. It's also the second time that JSU has won both the regular

season and tournament title as it won both in 2007.

"It was a great team effort today. We knew the doubles point would be key to the match and Belmont played an outstanding match. It was just a great college tennis match," said head coach Steve Bailey.

The Gamecocks moved on to the 2014 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship, where they concluded a successful 2014 season with a 4-0 loss to Georgia in the opening round of the

2014 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship on May 10 at the Dan McGill Tennis Complex on the UGA campus.

Bailey, who won OVC Coach of the Year, will have many of the squad back next season and will compete for another conference crown as all six singles players return, including the five freshmen players, who gained valuable experience in their first year of collegiate tennis.

"I know it wasn't the result that we wanted, but I am so proud of this



Steve Latham/JSU

The JSU men's tennis team had a notable season in 2014 with 17 wins and only 7 losses. They also went to the 2014 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship, where they fell to UGA.

team this year and the success that they have had this season," said Bailey. "This is a very young group that got better and bet-

ter each match and this experience in the NCAA Tournament will only help us down the road and strive to get back here in the fu-

ture. I am glad our guys got to experience playing at a place like Georgia."

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