Saying goodbye to President Meehan

Katie Cline
Staff Writer

When Dr. William A. Meehan retired on July 1, 2015, he will have served as the president of Jacksonville State University for 16 years, the third longest term by any of the university’s presidents. Meehan’s term is exceeded only by those of Dr. Houston Cole and Dr. Clarence Daugette. On Friday, April 3, the university hosted a reception on the fifth floor of Stadium Tower to honor Dr. Meehan and his family for their service to JSU.

Under Dr. Meehan, JSU has witnessed many changes, including the addition of five new buildings and the major renovation of three others. He was president during the launch of the campus shuttle system, the Gamecock Express, and implementation of the university’s first doctoral program. The university has also been reaccredited twice under his leadership and has added several new scholarships, the biggest being the Elite Honors Scholarship.

In addition to all of this, Meehan has his own goal in mind when it comes to the legacy that he is leaving. “Getting students to come and graduate,” Meehan said. “I’m very proud of the fact that under my administration we’ve added a lot more scholarships that allow smart students to attend JSU.”

Celebrating 80 editions

The Chanticleer hosts gathering in honor of anniversary

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Students and faculty gathered in Self Hall on Monday night to celebrate 80 years of student newspapers at JSU.

First published in 1934, The Teacola was the first campus newspaper when JSU was known as the Jacksonville State Teachers College—thus the title “Teacola,” a combination of the words “teachers” and “college.” In 1954, the paper’s name changed to The Collegian. A final name change came in 1967—just one year after the institution was elevated to the status of a university—the newspaper adopted the title of The Chanticleer. “Chanticleer,” by which definition refers to “a name given to a rooster, especially in fairy tales,” is quite a fitting name for a newspaper whose university mascot is the Gamecock.

Marie McBurnett, the current editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer, praised the newspaper as a source of real-world experience for students. “The paper’s really awesome because it gives you a chance to work in the field,” said McBurnett. “I’ve been with the paper for several years, and it also gives you an idea of what you want to do, whether you want to be a writer or if you want to be an editor or if you want to be the one who lays out the page.”

Chanticleer alumni were invited to the night’s event to reflect on their own time here at JSU working with The Chanticleer. Among those in attendance was Ben Cunningham, the current Managing Editor for The Anniston Star. Cunningham first came to JSU in 1994 where he wrote for The Chanticleer, but took four years off from school from 1997 to 2001 to serve in the United States Air Force. Cunningham returned in 2005 and served as the editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer from 2001 to 2003. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 2003.

“It’s a pleasure to get to do what I do here every day for a living. You don’t know...
As the Instagram-ready backdrop and the welcoming beat of top tunes, students at Auburn University were more than ready to kick off the second annual Cockystock hosted by the Student Government Association. Taking place at the Student Center for life for a great afternoon with plenty of free activities for everyone to enjoy. They also go to Bailey Dance Studio in Hoover. One day a week for an hour of coaching. Their practice has paid off. In 2014, they won the USA Dance National Championship in Bronze level rhythm dancing, which includes the Cha-Cha and Rumba. “Our first first-place finish was the National Championship,” he says with a smile. In March of 2015, they had five second place finishes and one third place finish in both the rhythm and smooth categories of the Bronze and Silver levels. Perhaps their success has influenced JSU students. In the fall of 2014, some students got together and formed a Ballroom Dance Club. The students asked Hammett to be the advisor of the club, and he agreed. Amy Henry instructs the students, and he helps out whenever he can. The future is wide open for Hammett and Marshall. They are looking forward to the Gumbo DanceSport Championships in Baton Rouge, LA this June. The couple will also be participating in a new competition this year. “We’re going to break off and do some dancing in country ballroom, which is a totally different type of thing. Our first competition will be next December,” he says. Although the couple is trying new things, Hammett has ruled out one possibility. “People kid me all the time about ‘when am I going to appear in Dancing With The Stars’, and of course I tell them ‘never’. I’m not star quality enough,” he said with a chuckle.

Check out www.jsu.edu/chancellors for end-of-the-year news!
My hood is so big, it makes me feel like a Jedi.

10 minutes before class...gotta decide if I'm going or not.

It never fails that all I think about around finals is food and Netflix.

The word "nun" is just the letter "u" doing a cartwheel.

I've got 99 problems...and they're all in this study guide.


Getting home and realizing they forgot one of your containers: riceless.

Warning: upcoming Finals week may cause extreme tiredness, extremely bad mood and excessive tears...you have been warned.

No one shows their true character more than when they are retrieving their bags from baggage claim.

The only reason I didn't go to class today was I didn't have any creamer for my coffee.

The semester is coming to an end and I feel really overwhelmed. I want to just shut down and listen to music all day, but I know I can't. I cannot because I am so close to graduation and getting closer to achieving my career. I know this is no time to slack or fall behind, but I feel like there is so much going on and I am trying to balance it all; however, I am unsure of how to balance it all. There are final exams on one end, final assignments and projects, trying to make deadlines, trying to get a job back home for the summer, and still find a way to pack up for the summer. I feel like if I stop for me there is something that is going to fall behind. Then it also feels as though when I am doing nothing I am wasting time when I can be being productive. I don't know what to do. It all seems like so much, but I know once I get it done I will not have to worry about it. Unfortunately, I am pushing through, but am not sure how to deal with feeling overwhelmed.

Stressing Out, Chanty

Wow! You do have a lot going on. There is nothing wrong with taking a breather especially when you are feeling so overwhelmed. Take a minute to get yourself together. If you do not have yourself together there cannot be a graduation for you to attend or the start of your career. You will burn yourself out if you do not find the time to balance it all as well as put yourself first. There is nothing wrong with taking out time for you even if it is just laying down doing nothing. Sometimes doing nothing is doing everything because in nothing, you get a chance to breathe and feel relief. Once you get your second wind, hit the ground running, but strategize where you want to start. Do not procrastinate to prevent falling behind. Pacing yourself and taking your time will help things fall better into place.

Yours truly,
Chanty

The Chanticleer staff is happy to help!
Email chantynewstips@gmail.com with your problems and look in the paper next week for our newest "Dear Chanty" section.
NOTE: All entries will remain anonymous, and Chanty will respond to all inquiries.
To Tread Among Serpents premieres tonight

Megan Wise  
Staff Writer

Although the student body has already begun to settle in for the summer with just a little under two weeks left in the semester, the Drama Department here at JSU has been more than busy in its preparation for the Drama Student Showcase and One Acts.

Loosely based on true, local events, To Tread Among Serpents tries to tell the story of the axe murderess and community member, Violet Haight, as told by the name of Violet Haight who has been convicted of murdering her boyfriend and brother in Rabbittown, Alabama. Written by Kelly McBurnett-Anderson, winner of the 2014 Southern Playwrights Competition, the play hits close to home for many locals here in Jacksonville.

Among Serpents

Drama Student Showcase and One Acts.

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The Duncan family received a notice of their winnings has already been sent in and documented by the government.

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Family Feud revisited: the Duncan family reflects on their once-in-a-lifetime game show experience

Vallconc Johnson  
Staff Writer

Criminal Justice professor Harald Duncan and his family came to know Family Feud back in July 2014 — but what happens after the screen fades to black?

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Southerners get new uniforms

When it comes to a band, good looking uniforms are a must. As well as being attractive, the uniforms must also be functional to play in. In the case of the Marching Southerners, it was time for an upgrade. The 2015-2016 season will see the Southerners getting the uniforms they deserve.

These new uniforms feature a mixture of details from past uniforms dating all the way back to 1960 to the most modern uniform that came out in 2005. With the new uniforms the Southerners are not only getting a visual upgrade, According to an article written in The Monticello Star, the new uniforms will be made of lighter material, machine washable, and the jacket will be all one piece instead of 3 separate pieces. These improvements should make the uniform a bit more comfortable for the students that wear them.

In regards to the current uniform, Timmy Markey, a current Marching Southerner, said, “The current uniforms were very hot and were not very protective. The students can’t do anything when they are on the field.”

Roger Reid, author of “Longitude” and “Space and Time,” will help those who attend discover how simple it is to journal about the nature surrounding them. A short hike to Little River Falls will end with those participating able to write a story or poem about their surroundings.

Along with these two events, Heather Montgomery, a nationally known children’s author, will lead a hike teaching how to observe what happens in nature and how to see the world from a different perspective.

Beginning a new year, there will be science talks and book signings from some of Alabama’s most well-known writers.

JSU Field Schools is now in its second decade of operation and cultivates comprehension of Alabama’s natural and cultural significance in its students. The instructors incorporate immersion-based learning and outdoor activities to help create unique programs that are educational and enjoyable.

Little River Canyon Center is a JSU building that utilizes sustainable design elements, such as geothermal heating and cooling, to make the structure environmentally friendly.

For more information about JSU Field Schools, contact them at 256 - 782 - 8010.

Music Department/JSU

Jazz ensembles to showcase skills on April 14

The Spring Jazz Showcase will be April 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Faculty and students are encouraged to come and support one of the largest jazz programs in the state as they show off what they have learned this year.

The showcase will feature every JSU Jazz group at the university. This consists of 5 combos, 4 big bands, and the Latin Ensemble. The showcase is the end-of-the-year concert.

All of the groups participating are playing on the highest level they are capable of playing. There are multiple groups performing, with each playing 1 to 2 songs.

The concert will last roughly 90 minutes. The students will be playing everything from funk and swing to rock.

Lunnen will hear every style that goes into the makeup of jazz music today.

The groups performing will cover a tradition that is over 100 years old and originated in New Orleans. Dr. Andrew Neville just returned from a two day residency at the University of Alabama, and was a guest artist at Williams College.

He said, “Our jazz program is over twice the size, even though they have twice as many music majors. Sometimes it’s not the building or facilities, it’s the people in the building. Granted, we need a new building, as ours is pretty much as useful as lipstick on a pig.”

Jazz Ensemble I and II, as well as the Latin ensemble will be fresh off the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame Competition, held on April 11, 2015 in Birmingham.

Taking less than half of the organized jazz groups on campus to the competition, JSU still has the largest program in the state of Alabama. Auburn, UAB, Alabama, Miles College and Wallace State are some of the other schools the jazz ensembles will be competing against this year.

Music Department/JSU

Earth Day at JSU

Christiana Tyler
Arts & Entertainment Editor

April 22 sees the celebration of the modern environmental protection movement as we know it. Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 in the United States and has now grown to be celebrated in over 150 nations around the world.

What is Jacksonville State University doing to celebrate the earth and conserve it? JSU Field Schools is hosting an Earth Day Weekend beginning Saturday, April 11 at the Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne.

Experts in the field of botany, geology, biodiversity, nature observation and nature journaling will lead tours around the grounds of the center and explain the ins and outs of nature and what individuals can do to help protect it.

Jim Lacelife, author of “Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks,” will begin the celebrations with a tour on canyon geology, botany and biodiversity with transportation provided by the Field Schools.

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With these new uniforms coming in, the uniforms, visit Ken Bodiford’s YouTube channel.

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A farewell to the Friendliest Campus in the South

Social media apps help graduates find jobs

Brett Johnson
Political Columnist

Four long years have come to this goodbye. The last four years of my life have been dedicated to serving the student body of the State University of New York at Stony

Brett Johnson is a senior double-majoring in political science and communication. His column is published weekly.

Myron Jones
Technology Columnist

Social media is a powerful tool for college experience. There are several websites and social networks that students are already familiar with and willing to use. Some of these include Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and YouTube. And among, others.

Myron Jones is a senior majoring in communication. His column is published weekly.

Christopher Tyler
Opinion & Editorial Columnist

It was amazing to see the growth from a paper that reads it, but I've come up blank every time Christiana Tyler
Entertainment & Lifestyle

I have a hidden potential. Jobs, Good.co does make the often tedious process of job hunting more enjoyable. While using the app for this story, I became a bit hooked on the quizzes. From your responses, Good.co makes a suggestion of jobs that are a good fit for you. The traits the app picked for me were “methodical, logical, concrete, practical, analytical, and scientific.” Almost everything that the app gathered from my responses seemed to fit well. If you wish to take the job hunting more seriously, LinkedIn is still an excellent resource. It is as simple as filling in your information and finding the relevant resources. You can connect with professionals in your field. You can connect with others and see available jobs. LinkedIn functions very similarly to social networks that you may already be familiar with but has the additional benefit of giving you additional career opportunities.

One of the first goals of JSU was to enter the important JSU Presidential Search. The key to relating to students and communities is to serve as JSU's President.

For the SGA, I am more than confident that my predecessor, Brett Johnson, has done the right thing. He deserves the thanks of all JSU students. I was truly blessed this past year with a team of officers that were ready to hit the ground running and do this with superb proficiency. His ability to relate to students and communicate with administrators will suit him well in the role of being the student body's advocate.

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A major benefit of services such as LinkedIn and Good.co is that they can be used to very strong professional tools to launch a career. Because these services focus first on connecting core friends, it is easy to find an audience of people that are worth helping and be supportive.

Traditional social media sites work very well as a form of exposure. Once your social media presence is recognized on business networking sites becomes even more valuable.
The Jacksonville State University Men’s Tennis team dropped their weekend series vs Murray State and drops to 9-11 overall.

Jax State Men’s Tennis team falls to Tennessee Tech and drops to 9-11 overall.

Dylan Gee and Mathias Chaim, 8-3. Aaron battled Wendler-Filho in singles play at the No. 1 singles spot. Aronin won in straight sets – 6-2, 6-3. Mena picked up another Tech point with a straight sets – 6-2, 6-3 win. The Golden Eagles punched the final point with a win at No. 6. Jorge Alfonso quickly worked Jacksonville State’s 3rd pitcher to clinch the win. He went one inning and allowed one hit. Travis Stout would replace McCreless on the mound. Jacksonville State opened things up early in the contest when an Angel double allowed both Petrongolo and Daniel to score. Angel was then allowed to score when White hit a single through the left side gap. Sebra then scored off of a sacrifice to right field. Murray State answered with five runs in the first inning. Brock Downing scored first for the Racers when Nick Moore singled to right field. Taylor Matthews tripled down the right field line clearing Derek Yoder, Tyler Lawrence and Moore. Matthew Johnson then brought Matthews home with a single to left field. The Gamecocks were able to score two more runs in the sec. 2nd. Sebra sacrificed to center field bringing Daniel. Petrongolo scored off of a single by McCrecess. The third inning did not see much offensive action, but in the fourth, McCrecess once again singled and brought Petrongolo home. Murray State tied things up in the fifth. Anthony Bayus singled to right field, allowing Lawrence to score his second run of the contest. Johnson then singled to left, giving Bayus the opportunity to score. The Gamecocks regained the lead in the sixth. Sebra singled to center, and bayus scored the run. Murray State’s Kipp Moore hit a three-run-home run in the seventh, scoring Pekey Harris and Matthews to finish the game. Jacksonville State won Thurs- day’s match up 4-1. On Friday, however, the game was rained out, and the teams didn’t get to play. The first game of the double- header on Saturday saw the Game- cocks fall in a close 7-8 defeat. Tuesday, the Gamecocks traveled to Montgomery to take on the Ala- bama State Hornets where they lost 10-1. After heading to Birmingham’s Southside to face the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers on Wednesday, JSU will be looking to pick up Ohio Valley Conference ac- tion on Friday, April 10, when the University of Alabama Golden Eagles will be in town for a three-game series.

**SPORTS**

Gamecock Baseball falls in weekend series vs Murray State

**Upcoming Action**

4/10 - Women’s Tennis at Austin Peay
10:00 a.m.

- Soccer vs Troy
10:53 a.m.

- Men’s Tennis at Austin Peay
2:00 p.m.

- Baseball vs Tennessee Tech
6:00 p.m.

4/11 - Track and Field at Spec Towns Invitational
8:59 a.m.

- Men’s Tennis at Murray State
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- Women’s Tennis at Murray State
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- Baseball vs Tennessee Tech
1:00 p.m.

- Softball at Tennessee Tech
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- Softball at Tennessee Tech
3:00 p.m.

- Football vs J-DAY SPRING GAME
5:00 p.m.

4/12 - Baseball vs Tennessee Tech
1:00 p.m.

- Softball at Tennessee Tech
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- Softball vs Kennesaw State
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Birmingham made national headlines a few
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in 1978 (FBS, FCS, Div. II,
2008, 33 of those are located
in the Southeast and Texas,
third-largest university in
the area of the country best
known as a hotbed for the
sport. Leading the Southeast
in this recent trend of bring-
ning new programs to life is
the state of Georgia where
seven different schools have
made the decision to start
competing in the region’s most popular sport. One of
these schools is located in the
area of the city of Kennesaw just
30 miles Northwest of At-
lanta and is home to the
William G. Woods School of Athletics at Kennesaw State University.

The University of Alabama, Kennesaw State University, and many other institutions
have been forced to make difficult decisions due to financial constraints. The University of
Alabama, for example, announced its intention to drop football in 1978, only to reverse its
decision after facing financial hardships. Kennesaw State University, on the other hand,
announced its plans to add football in 2015, despite facing significant challenges.

The decision to add football at Kennesaw State University is part of a larger trend across the
country. According to a recent report by the NCAA, the number of Division I football programs has
declined from 199 in 1995 to 128 in 2015, with many schools choosing to reallocate
resources to other sports or other programs. The trend is not limited to football, as many
other sports and programs face financial challenges that require difficult decisions.

The decision to add football at Kennesaw State University is significant not only for the
school itself, but for the entire region. The university is one of the largest in the state of
Georgia, and the addition of football is expected to bring additional revenue and increased
visibility to the institution.

The financial impact of adding football at Kennesaw State University is expected to be
substantial. The school will need to raise capital and invest in new facilities and programs to
make the program viable. The university will also need to secure new funding sources, which
may include increased ticket sales, merchandise sales, and other revenue streams.

The decision to add football at Kennesaw State University is a complex one, with
many factors to consider. However, the benefits are significant, and the university is
expected to make significant progress in the coming years.