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Staff Writer

This Monday, February 9, many same-sex couples were lined up outside probate offices all across Alabama, with the hopes of finally being able to be wed. In Calhoun County (and many other counties) however, those hopes were crushed—temporarily.

U.S. District Judge Callie Granade overturned Alabama’s same-sex marriage ban on January 23, ruling it unconstitutional. Two days later, she placed a stay on the ban, giving state legislatures the chance to take the issue to the circuit court, which took no action regarding the matter.

The U.S. Supreme Court then denied a request that would have extended the state’s ban on same-sex marriage. Sunday night, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore ordered probate officers around the state to refuse to issue or recognize same-sex marriage licenses. For many, it is unsurprising that Moore voiced his biblical views again after the dispute about the Ten Commandments display forced him to leave his post.

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WANDERLUST
JSU’s Summer Exchange Programs

Lyndsey Bonner
Staff Writer

JSU students interested in traveling or studying abroad are in luck. This year, JSU is offering several study abroad trips. These trips give students the opportunity to travel all over the globe to a variety of countries. Most trips have been held in past years, allowing students to learn a lot and tour many historic sites such as the Coliseum, the Pantheon, St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City, Shanghai, a 2000 year old restaurant in China, and other incredible places in history.

By studying abroad, students get the opportunity to experience a brand new country with different and new outlooks, new customs and activities. Most people that take these trips find that by immersing themselves in the education system of a different country is the best way to experience and understand the people, traditions, and culture of that country. Education is the centerpiece of any study abroad trip—it is, after all, a study abroad program—and choosing the right trip is a very important factor. Luckily, JSU offers students many different options.

The JSU history department is sponsoring one trip to Rome this year. There are currently three seats available. They will be traveling from May 6

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Crossing t’s and dotting i’s
Department Spotlight: English

Adam Higgins
Staff Writer

Located in the Stone Center building is one of the many gems of Jacksonville State University—the English Department. Dr. Robert Felgar is the Department Head and believes that the department provides students with excellent instruction.

“We stand out because we put so much emphasis on skills that are crucial to students’ futures: thinking, writing, speaking, listening, and reading,” said Dr. Felgar.

The English Department offers students a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree and a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree along with a Minor in English. The department also offers courses for students seeking teaching certification in English or the Language Arts teaching field. The Department offers a variety of special topics courses, ranging from film noir to the graphic novel to The Bible as literature. Broadly speaking, we want JSU graduates to emerge as the best thinkers and communicators possible,” said Dr. William Hug, Professor of English and Director of Writing.

Students who major in English can propel their career into a variety of directions. The department offers an internship for majors to allow them to see what kinds of professional opportunities are available.

“One graduate recently spent two years in Thailand teaching middle-
students may apply for Writing Scholarships with the opportunity for financial aid through Porter, Associate Professor of English. And Andrea Porter insists that the subject works that are centuries old, Dr. Teresa Reed, Professor of English. for a local Chamber of Commerce,” said Joe Delap at jdelap@jsu.edu. For more information about these, you can contact Dr. Joe Delap at jdelap@jsu.edu.

The English Department is also involved in a variety of community service projects. The prestigious Solo Playwriting Competition is held each year to help teach Holocaust history to middle school and high school students in the state of Alabama. The annual JSU Writers Bowl allows high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to create teams that compete in the areas of poetry and prose. Students familiar with the Southern experience may enter their original work in the annual JSU Writers Bowl, which is held each year since the summer of 2012, and has been a great success in the Honors department. Yet another trip students can experience is a trip to Japan in the summer through a program offered at our partner school: Kansai Gaidai University. This course is a 6-week program offered by the Asian Studies Program at Kansai Gaidai located between Kyoto and Osaka. The deadline for applications will be March 20. For information and the application can be found on the JSU website. If none of these trips spark interest, never fear—there are a few more study abroad trips available through JSU’s consortium with the University of Southern Mississippi. There are a variety of different locations to travel and study. For more information about these, you can contact Dr. Joe Delap at jdelap@jsu.edu.

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Subcription boxes, a monthly box filled with items that fit a specified theme, have become increasingly popular. The boxes are a nice upgrade from the standard gifts that many buy for those they do not know well.

But what exactly are subscription boxes? These gifts are boxes that more often than not contain items from a specific brand, such as fancy cosmetics. Subscription boxes come in all different types. They also usually have a theme. This theme is used to determine the items that are inside the box, which are often kept a secret until the box is opened. For example, a subscription box that is themed for socks, most likely contains different socks from multiple brands. The socks would also vary in length, color, and pattern. While you know the theme, exactly what is in the box is still a mystery.

Subscription boxes can be specified for men or women depending on who the box is being gifted to and that company is providing the service. Boxes that can be given to women may include themes such as nail polish, homemade tea, or crafts. Boxes that are directed towards men can include beer, grooming tools, and more. There is one particularly popular subscription box that even includes bacon.

Subscription boxes are not necessarily male or female specific. There are gender neutral boxes that can include items such as coffee. Boxes have even been created to be ordered specifically for the enjoyment of cats and dogs. Examples of these are BarkBox and KitNip.

Subscription boxes are also appropriate for all ages. They can be given to kids, young adults, adults, and even senior citizens. There is one type of subscription box that can be themed based on a particular book, box series, movie, video game, or anything else. An example of this is the subscription box that is themed based on the popular book series and now movies, The Hunger Games. A box like this would make an excellent gift for a fan of the series.

The boxes do not always have to conform to one theme. Instead, the subscription boxes may be custom made. In this case, different types of items can be put into one box. For example, one box subscription service provides clothes based on a taste profile the company creates based on the subscribers answers to a list of questions. This service then develops boxes unique to each subscriber.

Subscription boxes are also rather cost efficient. Prices can range from $10 to $40 and sometimes more. Ultimately, it depends on what is put inside the box. For the contents of the box, the subscription boxes are generally considered very inexpensive, with the actual worth of the items being considerably more than the subscription price.

These boxes do not have to be gifts. They can be kept for whoever is purchasing the item. They can also be received through subscriptions like magazines. Individuals can receive a box once a month for an extended length of time if that is what he or she signs up for.

If interested in this idea, YouTube offers numerous different channels and videos that show examples of subscription boxes. Sometimes, the videos include YouTubers opening their recently received subscription boxes. A popular channel that shows unboxing videos often features boxes from LootCrate. LootCrate is a subscription box company that is very well known and focuses on creating boxes for people who are interested in what would be designated as geeky. These unboxing videos provide excellent examples on what sort of things one may expect when opening a subscription box.

These boxes are becoming increasingly popular. They can be given as gifts for any time of year whether it is a holiday such as Valentine's Day or Christmas or whether it is just a birthday. This is definitely a gift idea that should be considered, both for friends and family, and for self.

### Valentine’s Week Activities at Jacksonville State

Whether you’re celebrating your significant other or “single awareness day,” there’s a lot to love about being on campus during the second week in February! Here are some Valentine’s Day events taking place at Jacksonville State University this week:

- **February 15**
  - **SGA Speed Dating and Valentine Sweetheart Social**
    - 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
    - Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium
  - **Valentine’s Day Dinner**
    - 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
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Join Sodexo for a meal sure to make your eyes light up! For a meal swipe plus $8, choose between steak or shrimp. Can’t make up your mind? For a meal swipe plus $12, enjoy both! For more information, contact the Dining Services Department.

- **February 14**
  - **JSU Jazz I & Trombone Ensemble with Guest Artist Wycliff Gordon, Trombone**
    - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
    - Mason Hall Performance Center

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#### Valentine's Day Events

**Tuesday, February 14th**

- **4-8 PM**
  - **We're Moving!!**

**February 16, 2015**

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**Card Swipe Required.**

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  - **A Chamber Winds Concert**
    - 7:00 p.m.
    - First United Methodist Church in Anniston (1400 Noble Street)

**February 19, 2015**

- **JSU Drama will begin performances for A Year with Frog and Toad: Ticket purchase required.**

**February 27, 2015**

- **The Marching Bassetians will have an interest meeting in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested.**

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  - **Soul Food Night at the First United Methodist Church in Anniston (1400 Noble Street).**

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  - 7:00 p.m.
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**February 22 and March 1, 2015**

**February 19th – 21st and 27th at 8pm**

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http://www.jsu.edu/campuslife/staffnews/
Students strut their stuff in Alpha Kappa Psi’s fashion show

Marsena Edwards
Staff Writer

Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity hosted a “Welcome to Vegas” themed fashion show on February 9. The fashion show was a part of the various activities for AKPsi’s Spring Rush Week 2015. “A fashion show was “to show the campus the various activities for AKPsi’s campus to get involved in different professions. Nick Brown said, “Our chapter decides three or four themes that are categorized into different parts of the show to involve AKPsi members.”

The fashion show was a part of the various activities for AKPsi’s spring 2015 rush week. Ariel Tolson, senior and two year member of AKPsi, said the purpose of the fashion show was “to show the campus the variety of different professional looks” students can achieve. She also stated that as a business fraternity they work hard every week, but they wanted to show the campus that they can work hard and have fun.

Department of Fashion

The stage was lit with a DJ, 3 decorated life size dummies and a screen that read, “Welcome to Ve- gas! Work Hard Play Hard. AKPsi Spring Rush Week 2015.”

Casino chips were given, which gave audience members the chance to win door prizes during the show. After the event began, the crowd was jamming to upbeat hip-hop music provided by DJ Ace Twon. AKPsi members, Aaron Per-kins and Amari Richard-son were the comedic hosts. “Boos Up” was the name of the first category introduced. Model and AKPsi member, Jus-tin Kennedy dressed to impress in his slate gray slim suit and skinny black tie. Kennedy stated that his particular professional was his favorite of the night. The females came out strong and some wore blazer/skirt, combi with solid color tops and heels, while others opted for a more casual look with a blazer and dress pants combination. The next category was titled, “Ca-sino Night.” Richardson introduced the looks as “sexy but elegant.” There were a variety of looks including little black dresses with high heels, pin-striped suit jackets with long dresses. An intermission soon followed. A group of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternal members wooed the crowd with their smooth stroll performance. Following the brief intermission, the show shifted to a poppy fun in the sun look with the category “Corporate Excursion.”

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The last category titled, “Collecting the Check” was more of a business attire look with a personal twist.

Jacksonville citizen “dances” with UPD

Jefferson Varner IV
Staff Writer

Jacksonville native and aspiring hip-hop mu- sician Blake Graham danced his way into con- troversy with UPD on January 20, when he at- tempted to dance freely near the JSU Quad. Graham recorded and uploaded the video to the Internet. Prior to the videotaping, Graham confirmed that his intention was to break a friend’s recording studio were altered when he caught up the video to the Internet. The video has since then amassed over 4,400 views.

“I was dancing. But the real story is people don’t see people as themselves enough.” During the same interview, Graham was able to quickly capture the event with his iPhone and later uploaded the context to his Facebook profile. The video since then has amassed over 4,000 views and has ignited a storm of debate among an array of JSU course-curricular pertains to the discus- sion of either policy or Graham were in the right.

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Giddy additionally noted that a local Jacksonville individual was recently arrested following an intru- sion on campus, where the individual was caught in the act of stealing radios from nearby vehicles. “They dzieci and former police officer, Graham were in the right.”

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In his final regards to the incident, Blake Graham noted that individuals should learn how to simply “relax and enjoy life.”

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MOORE’S STANCE IN THE COURTHOUSE DOOR

Brett Johnson
Political Columnist

Since last Mon-
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Calhoun County’s probate court and
the courthouse door.

In Calhoun County, the probate
judge has ordered probate judges
to refrain from issu-
ing marriage licenses to same-
sex couples based on the fact that
they believe it is a violation of the
constitution.

Unfortunately Judge Moore’s order
is based on the U.S. Consti-
tution, which explicitly places fed-
eral law over state law.

Moore’s argument has been that the
federal court ordered the probate judge
outside the authority of the state court.

For those of us who have seen
how Moore has handled the
Courthouse door
and the marriage
issue, Moore has
expressed his
position on it.

Moore claims that he is
only issuing licenses to same-sex
couples because the federal court
decided to stay the marriage
licenses in the state court.

While Moore is not the first
to take a stand against the
same-sex marriage issue,
Moore is the first to do so
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Benson led SWU Women to another double-digit victory

The Jacksonville State women’s basketball team has won again, moving them up to 7-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference standings. As they defeated Tennessee Tech 70-54 on the road Saturday evening, Briana Benson dropped 20 points, energizing the Gamecocks as they ended the game with a total of 70 points. Senior Candace Morton dropped 12 points and senior Destiny McClin scored 10.

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JSU was quite successful in shooting from the field as they came out of the first half with 52 percent. However, Jacksonville State’s defense restricted Tennessee Tech to 11-of-29 from the field. JSU began the second half with an eight point lead and was able to pick up 36 more points before the end of the game. Jacksonville State’s sturdy defense was able to keep Tennessee Tech back, so TTU was only able to score 28 more points in the second half. JSU was able to maintain a strong lead and soon reached the double-digits at the 9:43 mark after Courtney Strain scored a three-pointer. Tennessee Tech tried to catch up quickly by giving JSU only a three point lead of 40-37, but JSU fought back by gaining 13 more points, giving the Gamecocks a 16 point lead.

Jacksonville State grew steady control of the game and eventually gained a 20 point lead after Morton made a pair of free-throws. This will be the first double-digit win against Tennessee Tech for JSU since 2005. This is also the first time since the 2003-04 season that the women’s basketball team has recorded three double-digit wins in a row. Tennessee Tech now falls to 2-9 in the OVC.

JSU finished the game with a shot percentage of almost 49 percent from the field. Tennessee Tech shot only 36 percent from the floor.

The Jacksonville State women’s basketball team will play again on Feb. 11 in the Pete Mathews Coliseum at 5:30 p.m. against Belmont.

Williams leads JSU Track & Field at Southern Illinois Invite

The highlight of the day was the performance of sophomore Ashley Williams. Leading the way was Williams’ fourth-place finish in the high jump with a season-best 1.55 meters improving on her previous mark of 1.49 meters. The Auburn, Ala., native finished fifth in the triple jump at 11.59 meters. The previous best of 13.39 meters tied for the best throw of the season by Gamecock. In the shot put portion of the day, senior Danielle Moss had a distance of 13.69 meters to finish seventh after host Southern Illinois swept the first four spots of the competition. Freshman Courtney Bennett’s throw of 10.96 meters was good enough for a top-15 finish. Senior Alyssa Leyendecker’s 11th-place finish in the weight throw with a distance of 13.39 meters tied for the best throw of the seasons by Gamecock. On the track, sophomore Jaimee Parham finished ninth in the 400 meter dash crossing the line at 1:00.05. Senior Whitley Towns was able to do slightly better with a seventh-place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:22.64. In the shorter 200 meter dash, freshman Kayla Thompson's mark of 26.06 placed just outside the top-10 at 11th.

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The Gamecocks were paced by sophomore Brandon Musket’s top air rifle mark of 959. For his efforts, he was named the 2015 OVC Air Rifle Athlete of the Year. Musket broke the previous school record of 956 held by Matthew Starnes since 2008.

The Gamecocks were edged out by Mercer 13-11, as the Bears scored 11 of their 13 wins and 11 of their 13 losses in 2015.

The Gamecocks’ first win of the year and the ninth time overall, the Jacksonville State program claimed an Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Championship on Sunday at its home range on February 12, 2015.

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The Gamecocks fall to Bears in Mercer Invitational finale

Dillon Floyd

Staff Writer

JSU Softball came up a little short in taking of the weekend Invitational, losing 13-6.

The Gamecocks were 4-0 head into the championship game on Sunday, with one of those wins (10-7) being over mercer on Saturday. JSU held a four-point deficit early to claim a 6-4 lead, but a seven-run fourth inning for the Bears gave the game the lead for good.

Freshman Emily Woodruff delivered a three-run homer to cap the five-run second and gave the Gamecocks their first lead of the game. The center fielder from Albertville, Ala., drove the ball over the wall in left center for her first career home run.

JSU received an unearned run in the third to stretch its lead to 6-4, but the top of the fourth did the Gamecocks in. Mercer scored seven runs on five hits, an error, a walk, and three hit batters to claim control of the game. The Bears would add insurance runs in the fifth and in the seventh to finish the scoring.

Junior Casey Akengkenber (0-1) suffered the loss in the circle for JSU after allowing five runs on eight hits in three innings of work. She walked one and hit two batters. Riley Carter (1-0) earned the win for Mercer after holding JSU scoreless on two hits in the final half of the inning. She struck out seven and walked three.

The Gamecocks were able to get a taste of victory on the hill for the Gamecocks back in to the contest. The Golden Eagles cooled off just slightly in the second half, but still managed to hit 36 percent from the field and limit JSU to its nine baskets.

Tech dominated on the boards as it had a plus-19 advantage in rebounds and pulled down 48 total boards. TTU’s Charles Jackson led the rebounding effort with 16 rebounds on the night, as TTU outrebounded JSU 48-30.

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