Knowing the ins and outs of the ECE

Marie Simpson
Staff Writer

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”—Benjamin Franklin must have been referencing the English Competency Exam administered by JSU’s English Department. This basic writing skills test must be passed in order for students to be eligible for graduation. The English Competency Exam, ECE, is an essay that consists of 400-500 words. Students choose between two essay prompts and have a maximum of one and a half hours to complete the exam. The exam is given three times a year offered in October, February, and June. “Students who do not register to take the ECE as soon as they are eligible are my greatest concern,” said Susan Sellers, English Professor and ECE instructor. For students to qualify for the exam they must have completed at least 60 hours and passed EH 101 and EH 102. Postponing the exam could affect a student’s progression at JSU, especially if taken in the last semester before the students expected graduation date. “That’s when things turn ugly.”

The fourteen-year ECE veteran gave great advice to those who have not yet taken the exam. “This test is not meant to terrify students,” said Sellers. Workshops are available for students the week before an exam is held so that they may prepare for the upcoming test. When the student arrives to take the test, a blue or black pen is required along with a Blue Book for the essay. Print dictionaries and electronic spellers are recommended, but not mandatory. The student must also bring a picture ID to the exam for identification purposes.

Because this is a mandatory exam, students are given ample opportunity to retake the test before graduation if not passed the first time. A six-week period known as “remediation” is available to those who have not yet taken the exam. “This A six-week period known as “remediation” is available to those who have not yet taken the exam. “This

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JSU allows more hands-on experience for videographers

Department Spotlight: JSU Interactive

The staff of the newly implemented JSU Interactive stays busy with projects year-round.

Katie Cline
Staff Writer

JSU Interactive is brand new—so new, in fact, that many students and faculty aren’t even aware it exists. Formed in November 2013, JSU Interactive is a three-person sub-department under Marketing and Communications. Accomplishing seemingly impossible tasks, Lead Designer Shannon Crutchfield and her two videographers, Bo Bailey and Tanner Cain, create promotional videos, commercials, websites and campaigns for departments within the university. The trio has completed 80 videos thus far, including JSU’s “Accepted” campaign for high school seniors and the 2014 Homecoming Hype video. “The only way we could get this type of content before was outsourcing,” said Crutchfield. “If you’re going to go to an outside agency, you can pay upwards of a hundred thousand dollars per video. So, we’re producing a lot of content for very little cost.”

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In addition to being fiscally efficient, it is JSU Interactive’s goal to help JSU live up to its reputation as the Friendliest Campus in the South. “We are trying to give the university the best look and feel that it can have,” said Crutchfield, “and the response has been great. The best thing to me is that we have so much student involvement.”

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Vallean Jackson/Staff Writer

Jacksonville car wash provides surprise service

Tucked away in the bustling area between Loco Mex and Pizza Hut on Highway 21, there is a place that serves as a one stop self-serve wash, but it isn’t just an ordinary car wash. This facility allows people to also wash man’s best friend—their pets. It is easy to miss this concealed building that sits back from the highway. Though this seemingly random piece of architecture is away from the main strip, it serves a great purpose to the Jacksonville area. The Pet Wash/Car Wash caters to those who love their cars and their pets. Everyone who owns a pet knows what it is like to have Fido smell slightly like outdated milk. The Pet Wash/Car Wash is a one-stop spot for pet grooming and car washing needs. As customers eliminate the animal hair on the seats or paw prints that seem to have their perpetual mark on the windows, they

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One Large one topping pizza $6.99

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can also clean the animal that caused the mess. There is no need for an employee to be present to wash and clean the car because all the equipment is on-site. When customers enter the parking lot of the Pet Wash/Car Wash, the option to go left or right will determine the price for service. The cost of the car wash is $1.75 in quarters and the entire vehicle can be cleaned inside and out. The equipment is offered along with seven steps to clean and detail the car. The business might appear to be too far from the small business district due to all the restaurants surrounding it, but it is certainly a convenience for students and surrounding Jacksonville residents.

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It's just exciting that people want to be involved," JSU Interactive's head of special events, Andy Green, said. "We have to be efficient. Sometimes we have to turn people away just because video takes a lot of time to produce." Projects can take anywhere from four days to produce for a basic event video to six months for more complex ad campaigns, such as the "Accepted" campaign. In conjunction with Andy Green of the Admissions Office and Tim Garner of Marketing and Communications, JSU Interactive has produced its most exciting ad yet: a two and a half minute video entitled "Accepted," which has inspired an online viewbook for prospective students and will be shown as a recruitment tool at Accepted Students Days throughout this semester.

Bo Bailey is a senior Communication major and one of two videographers and editors for JSU Interactive. "We sat and racked our brains for about a week brainstorming and just thought of coming down to one word and that was “accepted.” Everybody wants to feel accepted.” "And at JSU you’re definitely going to be accepted,” Crutchfield added. "As young as it is, JSU Interactive has already been growing by leaps and bounds. In December, JSU Interactive was awarded two silver Education Digital Marketing Awards for its “Accepted” video and online viewbook and a gold award for its Housing and Residence Life video. But the benefits of JSU Interactive go farther than just awards. “It’s a great chance for us to hone our skills, [as Communication majors] come out and learn, actually do real world experience,” said Bailey. "Work- ing here has given me more experience than any of my previous jobs. We’ve done things that look good. They feel good; it’s something to be proud of,” Bailey. “Everybody that sees [‘Accepted’] has told us, ‘That’s what Jacksonville is about. That captures it.’”

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Week from our newest “Dear Chanty” section.

NOTE: All entries will remain anonymous, and Chanty will respond to all inquiries.

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In Love & Hurt

I’ve been dating a guy for almost a year and neither of us is very good at being friends with people of our own gender. This means that neither of us gets jealous easily and we trust each other a lot. That’s where the problem comes in. My significant other is friends with his ex-girlfriend and I have no problem with that because she’s a pretty awesome lady. What I do have a problem with happened last week. After watching some television shows with her and spending some time with her, he spent the night at her place. I was really upset and broke up with him. When I did, he went romantic on me and told me he would fight to make me trust him and love him again. He treated me really badly but not taking into account my feelings about him spending the night with his ex-girlfriend, now he’s trying to win me back. I still love him and have given him a chance but is staying in a relationship where I’ve been hurt really worth it?

Sincerely,
In Love & Hurt

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Chicken Scratch

If this guy can’t work a DVD player, then why is he the head of the department?

I wonder how many people would notice if I bought and wore a JSU Alumni shirt to class.

We need another break. That last one didn’t cut it, especially for anybody that had to participate in that parade.

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The concept of time travel has been in movies for a while now. With movies like Back to the Future and Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure, the idea has done some really good things for the movie industry. Sadly I would not rank Project Almanac as high on the list as its predecessors.

To summarize, David Raskin, the main character, is accepted into MIT but like any student, is struggling to make the payments. His father was an engineer who died when David was seven years old but left a lot of his projects unfinished. To get some extra scholarship money he needs to come up with an idea for a project, so he starts looking through his dad’s old projects to see if he can find anything worthwhile. While he is looking through all of his dad’s old junk he stumbles across his father’s old camera. David then starts watching the tape and sees that it is from his 7th birthday party. He then notices something in the mirror during the party, after investigating it closer he sees that it is himself but as a seventeen year old. He is convinced it is him but it takes some time before his friends and sister accept the reality. Wondering how this could be they go into his dad’s old workshop to have a look around.

This is where the time machine comes into play. David and his friends find the machine and attempt to fix it. It doesn’t take long before David loses his cool and starts to mess with too many things in the past just like every other time travel movie that has come before.

The way the movie was shot was similar to Project 9. Held mostly by David’s sister Christina, it is shot using the found footage technique. I personally like this kind of camera method but it is not for everyone. The person I went to the movie with though said that she got dizzy from watching it on the big screen and I could see why. The camera does a lot of spinning and cutting in and out throughout the movie, especially during time travel. Overall this movie is fairly good. The only part that I did not like was the ending. It felt very rushed and started to get confusing relatively fast. I found myself thinking about what previously happened rather than watching the movie. The rating from IMBD.com come out at a 6.6 which I think is an accurate rating for this movie. I personally would give it anywhere near a seven.

While the story was okay, the camera play as well as the somewhat confusing ending really took away from what I thought was a really solid film overall.

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Project Almanac MTV’s new movie gets a 7/10

Upcoming events on and around campus

February 11, 2015
SGA Hosts Speed Dating and Valentine Sweetheart Social in the TMB auditorium from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

February 14, 2015
The annual JSU Trombone Festival will be held all day in the Mason Hall Performance center.

February 19, 2015
JSU Drama will begin performances for A Year with Frog and Toad. Ticket purchase required.

February 27, 2015
The Marching Ballerinas will have an interest meeting in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"Kaleidoscope 2015" gallery opening slated for February 5

The JSU College of Arts and Sciences will be presenting "Kaleidoscope 2015," featuring visiting artist Brett Calliero. This exhibition is a culmination of a series that consist of mixed media paintings. The gallery opening will take place in Hammond Hall on Thursday, February 5, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The opening reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please contact the JSU Art Department at (256)-782-5419. ~JSU Newswire


General Admission Tickets
Adults $20
Student $10
Available at the door and online

Dates
February 12-14, 19-21
@ 7:30 p.m.
February 15 & 22
@ 2:30 p.m.

Presented by CAST Theatre, 100 Gamecock Drive, Anniston, AL 36207
February 5, 2015 -

2015 has started and that means tons of new music releases. Bands, solo artists, etc. across the board are trying to make 2015 their year. I took the liberty of highlighting some of those famous music legends that are going to show 2015 what they are made of. Smoke + Mirrors will be released Feb. 17th. This will be the second studio album from the extremely successful and talented alternative rock band, Imagine Dragons. The band was formed in 2008 and its current members are: Ben McKee, Wayne Sermon, Dan Reynolds and Daniel Platzman. The band has announced their second album at Lollapalooza in Sao Paulo, Brazil. They labeled the inspiration behind the album as their ultimate “new years resolution.” Lead singer Dan Reynolds told MTV back in 2014 that the band didn’t want to put out another record until they felt “really good about it,” and they were going to take as long as they needed to record another great album.

Two singles have already been released, “Gold” and “I Bet My Life.” Imagine Dragons has already found international success with their first studio album, Night Visions. It features the chart topping singles “Radioactive,” and “Somebody That I Used To Know.” The new release is expected to feature songs that have been written over 2011 and 2014. The only consistent member from 1965 to 1988 parts of her upcoming album was leaked. More than a dozen unfinished demos were leaked on various websites. Madonna is on track to release her record in March. Rebel Heart, to be released on March 9th, is her thirteenth studio album. Avicii, Kayne West and Diplo are collaborators on the album. Madonna found inspiration for the title from the “different facades of the singer, her rebellious and renegade side, and her romantic side.” According to MuuMuse, Rebel Heart will be a very different album from the rest of Madonna’s releases in this decade, calling it an “eclectic record,” that features an array of musical genres. Madonna has been around for years and has produced some great songs like “Material Girl,” “Like a Virgin,” “Like a Prayer,” “Vogue,” and “4 Minutes.” However, she has never recorded an album as her rebellious and renegade side, and her romantic side. She was extremely talented. It is wonderful to see her do it again,” when I first joined the JSU music faculty in 1999 and being so well, and I look forward to hearing this recital.”

Dr. Kimberly Mullendore Brown to perform vocal recital at Mason Hall

Jacksonville State University alumna and soprano Dr. Kimberly Mullendore Brown will perform a voice recital on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Center of Mason Hall on the campus of JSU. She will be accompanied by piano professor Dr. Gail Steward.

Dr. Brown is a graduate of Oxford High School and received her bachelor’s degree in music from Jacksonville State University, where she was a voice student of Sam Brown. She received her master’s degree in vocal performance from the University of Alabama and a DMA in vocal performance from the University of Memphis. She has been on faculty at Wayland Baptist University’s (WBU) School of Music since 2007. At WBU, she is employed as associate professor and director of vocal studies, teaching applied voice, lyric dictation, and vocal pedagogy. Dr. Brown has appeared as soprano soloist for works including Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Bach), Messiah (Handel), Requiem (Fauré), Elijah (Mendelssohn). Vesperae solennes de confessione (Moore), Serenade to Music (Vaughan Williams), and Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 (Villa Lobos). Her operatic credits include principles in Enzo’s Lello di Figaro (Mozart), La bohème (Puccini), The Tragedy of Carmen (Bizet/Ritz), and Aïda (Herrng (Britten). Dr. Brown is active as a solo and collaborative recitalist, having recently performed large collaborative vocal works such as Lachrymae/ Waltz 4 (Patch) To Be Sung Upon the Water (Argento). I Never Saw Another Butterfly (Lehmann), and Sechs Lieder (Spor). She has been on faculty at Wayland Baptist University and at Wayland Baptist University, where she is assistant professor of voice, and the chair of the music department. She has been on faculty at Wayland Baptist University, where she is assistant professor of voice, and the chair of the music department. She has been on faculty at Wayland Baptist University, where she is assistant professor of voice, and the chair of the music department. She has been on faculty at Wayland Baptist University, where she is assistant professor of voice, and the chair of the music department.

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How charter schools are impacting college tuition

Brett Johnson
Political Columnist

Coming off an overwhelming victory for those opposed to charter school legislation, legislators in the Alabama legislature are feeling more confident than ever in their ability to push forward their education agenda. Top of the list is allowing charter schools in Alabama.

Charter schools are publicly funded but private schools established by businesses or community groups under a charter with a local authority. Essentially, a private school funded by public funds are allocated to operate the school. Charter schools have come out of a growing “school choice” movement that is based on a simple idea that parents want more of a say in their child’s education. In fact, the charter choice was one of President Obama’s top education initiatives and campaign platform plank back in 2008.

Surprisingly enough, this leftist movement has made its way to Alabama and was championed by the Republican Party. Yes, they say politics makes for bedfellows. Nonetheless, after four years Alabama Republican leaders have been pushing charter schools legislation.

However, given no serious retaliation as to why the controversial Alabama Accountability Act, legislative leaders have been saying the time is now for charter schools runen this quadrennium. So what does it mean? It is no surprise to students, professors and staff? It could mean a dip into all of our pocketbooks. It’s a huge issue and it’s an issue handled. Essentially, charters are limited to the follow-the-kid strategy; meaning public funds are allocated to schools other than traditional public schools.

This would mean if your sibling were in a public school and decided to attend a charter school your money that would have been spent on their education at the public school now go to the charter school instead. Most veteran will argue that this means no additional financial burden on education.

To quote Dwight Schrute, “False.” This theory relies on the idea that dollars spent in education are for just the student and the teacher. In reality, any new funding for charter schools is going to cost additional dollars to operate over what is currently being spent in a given school district. Factor in support staff, secretaries, office staff, nutrition personnel, and those costs add up. In short, is a district you essentially double the cost of educating a child. This gives the charter operators of two options: increase the amount you spend per child or decrease the quality of education across the board by decreasing salaries and benefits for those involved in the school. Because Alabama can’t get the state budget or know my state will the result be a way to increase K-12 expenditures.

It is with your dollars or taxes? Cut higher education. Legislators find it easier to justify cutting higher education than funding to pay for k-12 funding because they pay taxes. They know that charter schools are putting their losses by increasing tuition.

This is how college students fit into this debate. It is understandable to hope for school choice now for a student in K-12 could ruin public education for the next generation in the same future. However, we have to look at the consequences of stretching our few resources to the limit.

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

Spinning the world wide web wider

Myron Jones
Technology Columnist

One of the latest trends in electronics is the Internet of Things. It’s all about expanding the use of the Internet beyond human to computer applications. The Internet of Things sees the Internet as a method of better connecting the world together.

With the rise of cloud computing, this is becoming increasingly possible. Many devices have already started adding Internet connectiv- ity but is it really for the better? There are benefits but increased connectivity are already available. This include smart TV’s and smartphones. The promises of such devices is that the increased connectivity and performance and extra convenience at the cost of a higher price tag.

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Young Greek question, answers, myths, misconceptions

Kenneth Smith
Staff Writer

For the past two years that I have been an active member of my organization, the fraternities and sororities have been a part of a Greek unity clean-up day up here in Jacksonville. This has made a huge impact on the community. The mayor, city council, members of the community and university leaders have all taken note that all we can all come together to enrich the community and make sure that we are doing our part to let it be known. If you are interested in learning more about the Greek community here at Jacksonville State University, you are very much in the right place. To quote Dwight Schrute, "It’s not really that bad."

It is my hope that whoever reads this realizes that being a member of a Greek organization is not as bad as it seems. It is true that it can be a little draining on your wallet but also the brother or sister you get in the organization.

Delta Chi – “The V Foundation”
Kappa Alpha Order – “MDA”
Pi Kappa Phi – “Buckman Fellowship”
Phi Sigma Pi – “YouthAids,” and “A.T.K.E. Defense”
Tau Delta Phi (Colony) – “Active Minds”

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The Chanticleer

Baseball season opener
2/13
8:00 p.m.

M Basketball vs Belmont
5:30 p.m.

W Basketball vs Belmont
2:30 p.m.

Men’s Tennis @ Samford
2:30 p.m.

Women’s Tennis @ Samford
2:30 p.m.

Rifle
3:049

Football
3:045

Men’s Golf
2:975

Men’s Basketball
2:478

TOTAL
3:110

Upcoming Action
2/6
-Softball vs IPFW
10:80 a.m.

-Softball vs Valparaiso
12:15 p.m.

-Track & Field at Southern Illinois
3:50 p.m.

2/7
-Rifle vs. OVC Rifle Champions
11:15 a.m.

-Men’s Tennis at Chattanooga
12:00 p.m.

-Softball at Bracket Play
1:30 p.m.

-Track & Field at Southern Illinois
3:52 p.m.

-W Basketball @ Tennessee
5:30 p.m.

-M Basketball @ Tennessee Tech
7:30 p.m.

-The Jacksonville State GunBLACKS men’s basketball team gets set to shoot a free-throw.

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Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks men’s basketball (9-15, 2-8 OVC) traveled to Nashville, Tenn. to take on the Tennessee State Tigers (5-18, 2-6 OVC) Saturday night that resulted in a 45-43 Gamecock loss. Darion Rackley led the Gamecocks with 10 points, while D.J. Felder matched a career best 13 rebounds. Jacksonville State looked to rebound from two consecutive losses Saturday night as they traveled to Music City, USA to face Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee State. Road games have not been kind to the Gamecocks this season, going 1-12 when playing away. The Gamecocks were only able to able to keep the contest close in the first half, taking the score to 22-19 into the locker rooms for halftime. The second half started in Jacksonville’s favor, too. The Gamecocks were able to go on an impressive 12-2 scoring run that brought the lead to 15 and the score to 36-21. None of Rackley’s 16 points came during this half. However, misery would ensure for the Gamecocks. The Tigers decided to change their defensive strategy; and it would work, too. The Gamecocks were only able to score two points over the next nine-and-a-half minutes. Meanwhile, Tennessee State was able to start chipping away at the deficit and scored 19 points over the same span. With 4:45 left to play, TSU reclaimed the lead. This was their first lead since the 13:40 mark of the first half. Five points would be the greatest lead that the Tigers would hold during the contest, but Jacksonville State was able to bring the score back within two points by the time the first buzzer blew. The Gamecocks will travel to Memphis, Tenn. on February 4 to take on the Memphis Tigers in the third game of their four game road stretch.

Jay Brown

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Darion Rackley

Brandon Rackley of the Jacksonville State Men's basketball team gets set to shoot a free-throw.

JSU Rifle shatters program and range record on Saturday

JACKSONVILLE – The nationally-ranked Jacksonville State rifle team tuned up for next week's Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Championships by shattering the program's all-time aggregate score and the Gamecock Rifle Range record on Saturday against Columbus State.

JSU, ranked No. 4 in the recent Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association's Poll, recorded a final mark of 4699 to top the Cougars by 155 points. CSU finished with a score of 4544. The previous school mark was 4606, while the range's previous best was 4696.

Senior Dan McCall and sophomore Brandon Muske had near perfect scores in air rifle. McCall turned in match-best 595, while Muske was two marks back at 593. Both combined for nine missed perfect shots in the air rifle portion. McCall also turned in a solid day in small-bore with a final tally of 580. The Baltimore, Md.- native recorded an aggregate score of 1175. Muske was three points back of McCall in his final individual aggregate with an 1170. The Brannum, Texas- product had a 577 in small-bore.

Junior Samantha Bullard had a stellar day at the range as well with a 590 in air rifle and a 582 in small-bore. She finished second in small-bore behind Cole Tucker's top-small-bore score of 586. Tucker's best score of the day came in air rifle with a 591. Senior Brent Bucks added marks of 586 in air rifle and 582 in small-bore. Jax State will attempt for its ninth consecutive championship on Saturday and Sunday.

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The 2015 Super Bowl is in the books and it was everything the fans expected, and more. The New England Patriots intercepted Super Bowl XLIX from Seahawks for 247 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions for New England.

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Patriots intercept Super Bowl XLIX from Seahawks

With 4:54 remaining in the third quarter, Wilson passed for a 29-yard strike to take the lead, 14-7. Wilson and the Seahawks did not waste any time. Tom Brady hit Chris Matthews with an 11-yard pass to take the lead, 14-7.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - The Jacksonville State University basketball team, the Gamecocks, looked to continue their OVC standing. They were 11-7 for field goals made. Morton led the way in the first half with 11 points scored on her own, nine of which came on three-pointers.

The win gave the Gamecocks their lead at 16:17 for the last and final time in the game. JSU would tie it up again at 39 one minute later, then reclaimed their lead by three before TSU tied it at 42. After that, JSU would take the lead back and not release it for the remainder of the game. By the seven-minutes mark, JSU had a lead by eight. As the first half came to an end, JSU were TSU’s third point in the field goals made. Morton led the way in the first half with nine points scored. They were 6-29 for a 3-point lead. The Gamecocks came away with the victory.

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Track & Field finishes visit to Hoosier State

Perry turned in the best performance of the day by a Gamecock in the Triple Jump event. The Cartersville, Ga., native set a personal best with a distance of 13.39 meters to place 6th in the competition. It just topped her mark of 11.38 meters that placed 6th in the competition. It just topped her mark of 11.39 meters to place 6th in the competition.

The JSU women won their 15th game of the year on Saturday with a 63-50 victory against OVC opponent Tennessee State. This was the Gamecocks third win since 2004-2005 and placed them at a generous 6-4 in the OVC standings. JSU also gives them a three-game win streak and snaps a road loss streak that goes the last three when the Gamecocks lost to Eastern Illinois. It places them fourth in the OVC standings just behind Morehead State. Destiny McLin led the way in scoring for the Gamecocks with 16 points. Candace Morton was behind her with 14. JSU was nearly perfect in free throws as they made 9 of 10.

JSU Women reach 15th win of the season with victory over TSU

The first half was well matched for both teams. While JSU went into the locker room with the lead, it was not an easy battle to get there. JSU jumped out in the front first, but it wasn’t long before TSU had the score tied at four for the fourth time of the first half. JSU took the lead by two, but less than 20 seconds later, the Tigers had tied it again. It would be nearly five minutes later, one minute and 40 seconds, before Morton would take the lead 8-6 for the first time. They went up by their highest lead of the game 13-6 before Gretchem Morrison would hit back-to-back three-pointers that would bring TSU’s lead back down to one.

After a fast and scoreless first quarter, the two teams battled through the contest leaving Seattle with 20. However, the Patriots gathered 25 first downs and one interception for Seattle.

Tom Brady won MVP and was 37 of 50 for 328 yards with four touchdowns pass to make the game-ending interception. Butler, stepped in front of Russell Wilson’s decision as Patriots undrafted rookie Malcolm Butler intercepted a pass to the 2015 edition of the Super Bowl.


With 3:55 remaining in the game, New England closed the gap to 29-24 with a 4-yard pass from Brady to Danny Amendola. With only 2:02 left on the clock, Brady found Julian Edelman for a 3-yard pass to take the lead 28-24. The last two minutes were made for an exciting and controversial finish to the 2015 edition of the Super Bowl.

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