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Candidate debates and voter decision

2015 SGA candidates spend an evening debating their platforms

John Sterling
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association debates were held this Tuesday. Each candidate stood before their peers to argue why they should be elected, and now it is time for JSU's students, the voters, to decide their fate.

Issues ran the range from budgetary to event planning, and each candidate took the opportunity to weigh in. The first debate was between Dylan Jones, Austin Thigpen and Hunter Wallace, each running for Vice President of Organizational Affairs.

The primary issues were regarding the Organizational Council's relevance and attendance, as well as concerns over increasing allo-

cations to student organizations.

"With representation at the OC, they would have more of an obligation for their organization," said Dylan Jones. As for allocations, "I know it was raised recently. \$400 is a good median."

"I won't mandate full attendance, but requiring attendance to at least two meetings a semester will lead to a more well-informed Council," said Austin Thigpen. Regarding the allocations, he stated, "I would absolutely raise them. If we raise them bit by bit, we will encourage groups to apply and accomplish more."

Regarding the OC, Hunter Wallace had this to say, "I want to seek them out, do the footwork. Speak face to face with our OC representatives." He also weighed in on the

issue of allocations, "These organizations are bringing aid to the campus. We have to have more apply to make it worthwhile."

Next were the candidates for Vice President of Student Activities, Alexis Gravlee and Ariel Tolson.

Regarding what kind of event she would like to bring to JSU, Gravlee suggested, "Something like a carnival, with games and booths dedicated to specific groups. It's inexpensive and fun." Regarding the possibility of an additional fee for students, to be allocated to the Activities budget, "We should ask the students, hold a survey to see what the students want."

Ariel Tolson had her own opinions to express regarding both issues at hand. "Go back to middle school, something fun and simple

like a field day. Three legged race, sack races, something we could run all day on the TMB lawn that everyone could see and attend." Regarding the fee, "I won't support anything the students don't support. If the students don't want an extra \$10 student fee, then I won't push for it."

The last two candidates, Jesslan Sharp and Tyler Brown, are each running unopposed. Sharp is running for Vice President of the Student Senate, while Brown is running for SGA President. However, each still had their own issues to weigh in on.

"Give each Senator an outline, show what they can and cannot do. Make meetings every other week, so that they are more invest-

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JSU students were taught proper meal etiquette on March 4 at the Student Alumni Association's 7th annual Etiquette Dinner.

SAA hosts 7th annual Etiquette Dinner

Lyndsey Bonner
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On Wednesday March 4, 2015 JSU's Student Alumni Association hosted their 7th annual Student Etiquette Dinner.

This year, SAA had the largest attendance to date. They required students to make RSVPs, and one hundred and fifty were in attendance, and Director of Alumni Relations Kaci Ogle said there was even a waiting list of around twenty students.

The goal of the dinner was to teach students a few tips about etiquette, in case they have a business dinner after they leave college and enter the work force.

"We want everyone to learn at least one thing tonight that can possibly help them in the corporate world when they graduate," said Ogle.

The dinner was very interactive for students. Throughout the dinner, SAA had different students read from tip cards that were placed on the tables. For example, one of the cards read, "If you are ordering from a menu, do not order the most expensive item. Avoid finger foods or foods that are hard to eat. Order the same number of courses as your host."

SAA Vice President Kelsia King said,

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English Language Institute now offers new course for students

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Jacksonville State University offers a wide variety of courses and the range of classes that only continues to expand.

Starting in Fall 2015, JSU will add EH 473, or Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language, to its growing course list.

The course is designed to set up teachers who are aspiring to teach non-native English speakers the English language.

The students will discover how individuals learn a language that is previously foreign to them.

Also, they will learn the skills necessary to create lesson plans as well as carry them out and assess how their students are obtaining the material.

Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Salls Hall. This course has two separate sections available. Section 001 is for undergraduates, and Section 002 is for graduate students. In order to register for and take this class, some prerequisites must be completed. The prerequisites are a minimum grade of C in EH 102, EH 102H, or EH 104.

The class was proposed by and will be taught by Dr. Linda Yost. She wanted it to be an offered course here. "I wrote a proposal for this course last year because I believe many JSU students, especially prospective teachers, want to work with internationals," said Dr. Yost.

She is very excited about the opportunity to teach this course again. It was taught once before by her in Fall 2014 as an experimental course.

She currently teaches international students in JSU's English Language Institute, or ELI. She has also taught international students at three different colleges. Teaching English as a second language is her field so she is more than qualified.

She believes that EH 473 will prove

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ed,” said Sharp on her plans regarding the student Senate. Brown’s chief concerns regarded the student body, as well as acclimating to a new administration after Doctor Meehan’s retirement later this year. “The SGA has a hard task ahead of it, building relationships with the new administration. Working one on one, regardless of rank and file.” As for the student body and their own concerns, “I keep an open door policy, and by listening to students as they address their concerns.”

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be beneficial to students who take the course. “TESL is an interesting and exciting field offering great career opportunities, and given the changing population demographics in the U.S., teachers-in-training need to prepare to work with linguistically and culturally diverse groups of students,” said Yost.

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“This event is one of my favorites because it really gives everyone a taste of something they could very possibly experience to get a job in the future, and I truly believe it helps us all to prepare for a situation like that.” After the meal was over, several students involved in SAA had a “fashion show” to show what appropriate at-

tire is for a business dinner. “The Student Alumni Association is probably the most useful organization to be a part of here at JSU, because it really helps prepare you for life after college. In addition to the etiquette dinner, we learn how to present ourselves professionally, how to speak to future employers, do’s and don’ts for interviews, and

tons of other things. Every student can benefit from what SAA has to offer,” King emphasized. SAA even gave away several door prizes for those in attendance including a gift card to Effina’s Tuscan Grille. To get information about SAA, contact Kaci Ogle by email at kogle@jsu.edu or SAA Advisor Alan Renfroe at arenfroe@jsu.edu.

Battle for same-sex marriage continues in Alabama

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On Tuesday, March 3, 2015 the Alabama Supreme Court ordered county probate judges to uphold the state ban on same-sex marriage until a final ruling is issued by the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision challenges an order, made by U.S. District Judge Callie Granade on January 23, which overturned Alabama’s ban on gay marriage. Calhoun County Probate Judge Alice Martin and probate judges statewide had stopped issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples a day after the Alabama Supreme Court made its decision. The probate court in Mobile County has chosen to protest the ruling by not issuing marriage li-

censes to heterosexual or same-sex couples. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in April on whether gay couples nationwide have a fundamental right to marry and whether states can ban those unions. Before the ruling last Tuesday, 48 of the state’s 67 counties were acknowledging that Alabama had become the 37th U.S. state where gays can legally wed, according to the Human Rights Campaign, which advocates for gay marriage nationwide. In the ruling, the Court granted an emergency petition by two anti-LGBT groups, the Alabama Policy Institute and Alabama Citizens Action Program, who sought to stop probate judges from issuing marriage licenses across the state.

Tuesday’s decision stated that probate judges would have five days to submit responses if they want to show cause why they should be able to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples. “Judge Martin had no immediate plans to submit such a response, and that Martin’s decision not to do so was in line with the decisions of most of the state’s probate judges,” Shirley Miller, chief clerk at the Probate Office of Calhoun County said, according to a story by *The Anniston Star* from March 5. “Six of the court’s nine justices concurred in yesterday’s opinion. A seventh concurred in part and there was a single dissent, based not on constitutional issues but a contention that the court did not have jurisdiction,” ac-

cording to an article by *The Washington Post* from March 4. Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore, who has spoken openly against same-sex marriage, did not take part in the ruling. “The Alabama State Supreme Court does not have the authority to interfere with a federal court order,” Human Rights Campaign legal director Sarah Warbelow told al.com. “This order is outrageous and baffling, and no amount of legalese can hide the bare animus that forms the foundation of this extralegal ruling.” The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the issue of same-sex marriage nationwide by June, and a ruling in favor of those marriages could strike down every state ban simultaneously.



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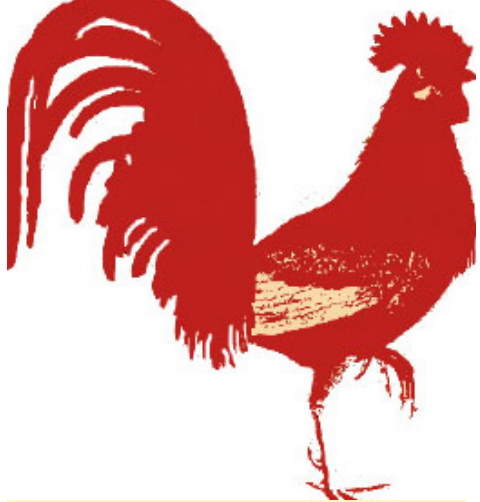
A few weeks ago, my two roommates and I got a new roommate. The way our place is setup, the only places we have to share is the living room and kitchen area. All else is our own responsibilities, but since those two areas are the first things you see when you enter our place, we always we keep those areas clean. We did before our new roommate came. Even when our old roommate was there, she always cleaned up behind herself, and made sure the areas remained cleaned. Upon meeting the new roommate, we discovered that she was a sweet person and still is, but isn't the cleanest in the world. We want her to make herself at home, but leaving food and trash around and failing to clean up behind her is not what we all are used to. I understand that some people do not mind an unkempt room, but these are places where people see first before even entering anyone's room. How do we tell our new roommate to clean up without it coming off the wrong way?

Sincerely,
Roommate Problems

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Yours truly,
Chanty

7-day weather outlook

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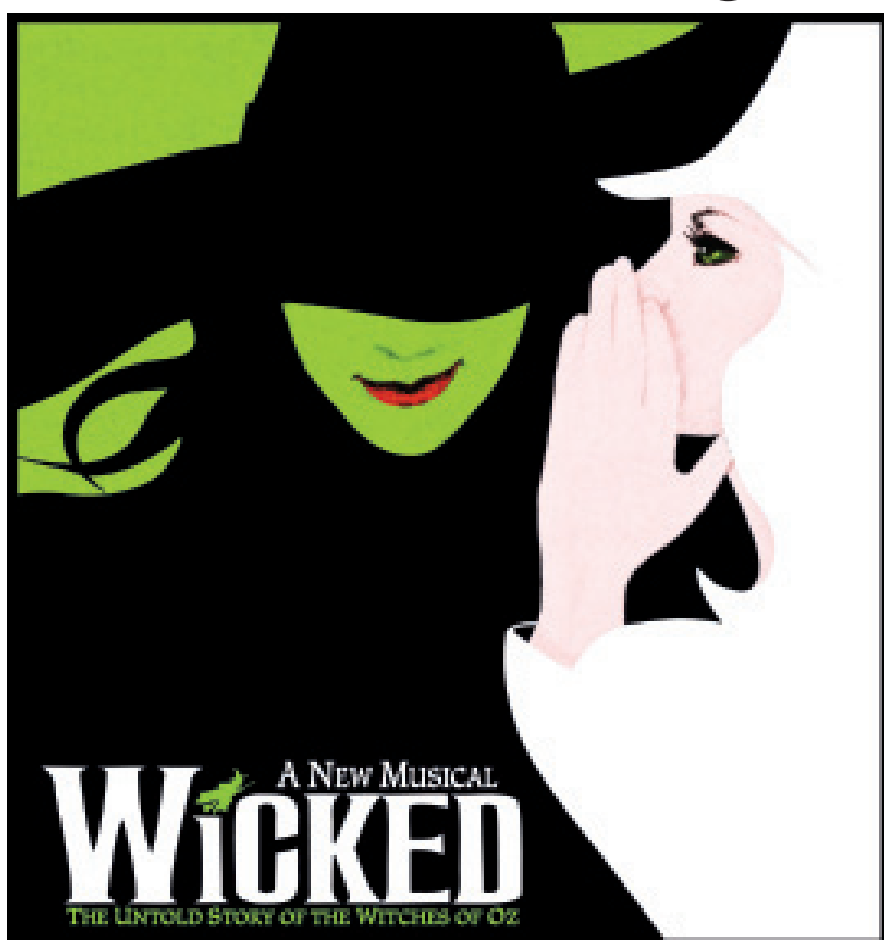
Review: A 'Wicked' good time

Megan Wise
Staff Writer

Under the green glow of the Fox Theatre's lights in the hustle and bustle of Atlanta, the highly anticipated and beloved musical, *Wicked*, has returned. Based on the novel, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire, and winner of over fifty major awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz.

Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls met in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery, and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious, and well adored. This heart-warming show tells the story of their remarkable odyssey, while also leaving you anxious to catch a re-run of the classic film.

Starring Alyssa Fox as Elphaba (Wicked Witch of the West) and Carrie St. Louis as Glinda, it comes as no surprise as to why these shows left Atlanta with sold out performances and standing ovations. With the heavy reputation this musical carries, songs such as "Popular" and "Defying Gravity" leave the performers



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with big shoes to fill. Not only were these leading ladies able to go above and beyond doing so, but were also able to add their own charisma and twists to the characters themselves. Both Elphaba and Glinda's char-

acters are both very uniquely written characters. Although she's a typical "blonde girl" stereotype, Carrie St. Louis' Glinda had the disposition and charm of Elle Woods from *Legally Blond*, but with the kind of sincerity

that makes you giggle-snort as she makes absurd comments while also pulling at your heartstrings. Without a doubt, Alyssa Fox's Elphaba was definitely the bluntest, most intelligent, and charming portrayal I have ever seen, and that's a big statement.

Elphaba might possibly be one of the most complex characters in the Broadway world. Born into a world that doesn't accept her, her only wish is to do well and have a bright future, but when she learns a dark secret concerning the Great and Powerful Oz, she is ostracized and given the title of the Wicked Witch as we all know and love her. Not only did Alyssa Fox embody this tale beautifully, but the vocals of both she and Ms. St. Louis were nothing short of phenomenal.

While the show just finished its tour in Atlanta, this show tends to run quite frequently due to its popular status in the theatrical world. Even for those who aren't huge fans of the original 1939 film, the show itself transcends all age groups and is worth looking into—and for all those who missed this year's run, the tale of two witches is coming to the Magic City next summer. Beware, all you Birmingham natives—something *Wicked* this way comes.

Exploring the #evolution of the hashtag

The pound sign wasn't always known as a hashtag, nor was it always used to group messages on Twitter.

But now that the symbol has been established as a hashtag, it's changed the way we communicate, both online and in the real world.

Though it seems the hashtag is a more recent development, the meta-data label was actually first used by the Internet Relay Chat in 1988, for purposes much like they're used for today — to group messages, images, and other content. Around 20 years later, in 2007, blogger Stowe Boyd is believed to have been the first to officially call the symbol "hashtags" in a blog post.

Less than two years after that, Twitter had adopted hashtags and anything with the pound symbol in front of it became hyperlinked and users could search Twitter for a hashtag and easily find and navigate through tweets that had used the tag.

Today, the use of hashtags has expanded beyond Twitter.

Hashtags are now used in relation to politics, TV shows, breaking news, celebrities, activism and more. Pretty much every show on

television has a hashtag associated with it, and sometimes a show will broadcast a specific hashtag for that episode so fans can talk to each other and see what others have to say on Twitter about what's happening during the airing.

This use of the hashtag was what it was intended for — to group Tweets and communications together so people can use the meta tags to read about some event, person, or whatever.

But just as the hashtag can be used for appropriate and useful applications, so too can it be used for other purposes, and the hashtag quickly evolved from its primary function to being a way for people to provide social commentary, impart sarcasm, and other narratives on their social media posts.

And around when the hashtag's use started evolving is also when it started to spread to other websites, and now hashtags have become a part of our real conversations and have changed the way we communicate.

Hashtags are now used in texting and when we talk out loud, with people saying things like, "I can't wait to go to Florida this spring

break, hashtag: no more snow" or "I found five bucks in my pocket today and was able to get a Starbucks drink, hashtag: blessed."

"Tagging our thoughts — usually bits of brainpower already whittled down to a few sentences on Twitter — allows us to organize them, both online and in real life, in a new way. The hashtag facilitates categorization of thoughts by nature and also by related content," wrote Lauren Schuhmacher in a Huffington Post article about hashtags.

"Related thoughts can usually be communicated in one word when a hashtag is added. For a generation especially interested in brevity, that's a pretty cool way to talk."

And it's true that this generation very much expects instant gratification, has a short attention span, and is interested in rapid connections — and therefore abbreviations, acronyms, and hashtags are great ways to fast track communications.

But is that really a good thing? We've already pretty much streamlined the communication process so we basically don't even talk to each other in real life anymore.

Using hashtags not only streamlines that process but further streamlines online communications and replaces more individualistic and well-thought out answers and narratives. This may lead to us being more concise but at what cost? When not on Twitter, we don't have a 140 character limit, and so using hashtags isn't necessary to better state what we want to say in a concise manner.

"The colloquial hashtag has burst out of its use as a sorting tool and become a linguistic tumor — a tic more irritating than any banal link or lazy image meme," wrote Sam Biddle in a Gizmodo article about how hashtags are ruining the English language.

And while I can see and appreciate the value in hashtags, and understand how many have taken to using them in real life in a mocking sort of manner, I still think they're better kept to online communications and their original function.

Because if I hear another college student say "hashtag: blessed" or "hashtag: first world problems," it'll be too soon. #Seriously.

~UWire

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Beet: good enough to rival current social media?

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Staff Writer

In today's world almost everything is published somewhere on the internet. Whether that be on Facebook, Instagram or even Snapchat it seems like more and more apps are coming out every day to rival these social network powerhouses.

One of these is Beet, "a social video platform that lets you easily capture, share, and remember the moments that make up your life," as the developers claim. This app is on the iTunes store for a free download. An android compatible version of the app is set to release in April of 2015.

Beet was founded by Jonathan Miller and Sean Thielen in 2014 and is based out of Los Angeles, California.

Beet takes six second video clips and then compiles them into one larger video. This larger video can then be imported to something like the popular app Vine but instead of many little videos on your profile it is just one long video, much like a story on Snapchat.

Overall the app is solidly built and everything that I have tried to do has worked and worked well. One technical problem that I can point out is the way that you skip through videos can get a little buggy. This has caused some unwanted pauses, but other than that the app runs very smooth.

The user interface is very responsive and well put together; it flows like a combination of

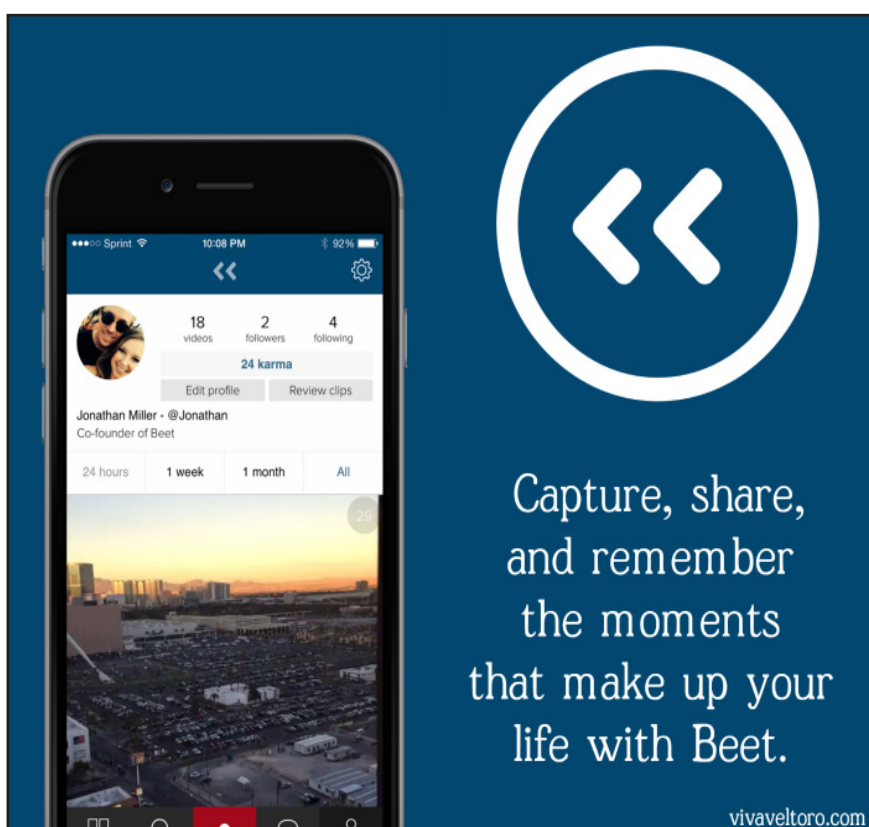
Snapchat and Instagram rolled into one. It also looks fantastic in my opinion. It is simple and not overcrowded with ads or useless "filler."

Beet is very well built and the developers have put a lot of time into making sure everything works. The problem that I see with this app is not how it looks or if it is buggy or not. It is how you can convince people to use something different

Most humans have Snapchats and Instagrams that do video just like this app does. The only difference that I can see is that instead of making them individual videos, it stitches them all together into one video.

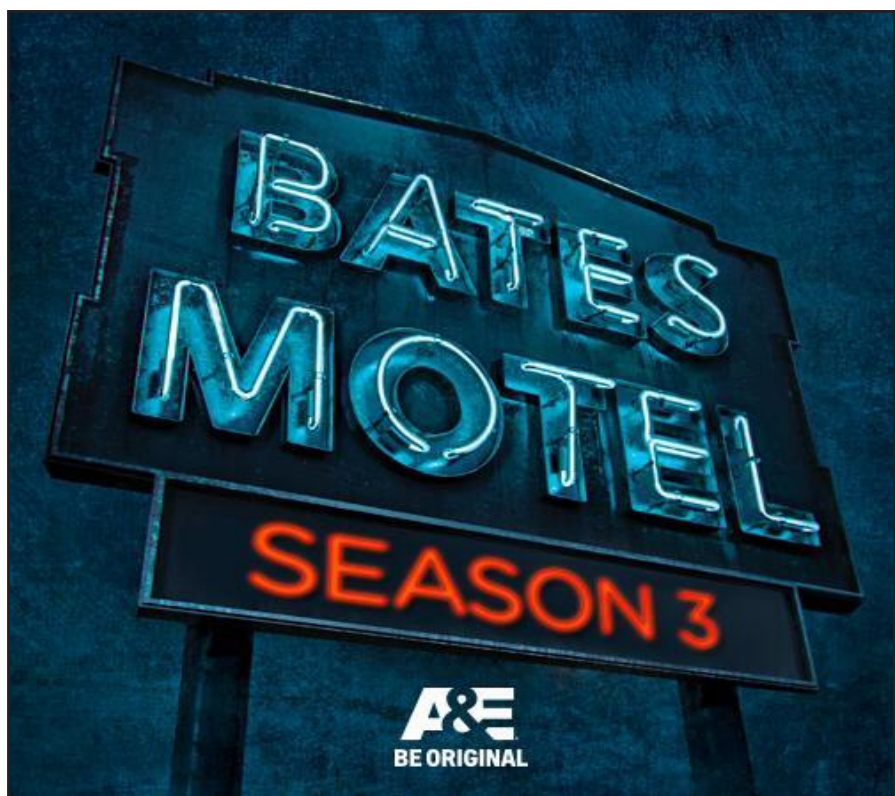
What about this app makes it so much better to use? Why would I log onto this instead of just looking on my Snapchat story, which does the same thing as this app only you cannot comment or share the videos publicly?

This app is a great idea, it is kind of like the



Walmart of video sharing applications; it has everything in one place, that way you don't have to run around to all your other apps to get the same information. The interface is easy to learn and a pleasure to use. The only problem I can see with this is that people will not want to switch over from what they are already using.

'Bates Motel' recap: Season three premiere embraces its 'Psycho' roots



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This is it. This might be the season in which we finally see Norman completely lose it.

Bates Motel, the contemporary prequel to Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film, *Psycho*, might actually answer the question this time: How exactly did Norman go psycho?

Season two was our first look into Norman's mental illness. We saw more of his blackouts, as well as his interactions with the figure of his mother, and how he exited his body when he killed his junior English teacher, Ms. Blair Watson.

Season three picks up at the end of summer, with Norman waking up on

the first day of senior year, snuggled up next to his mother, Norma Bates.

While eating lunch alone at White Pine Bay High School, Norman begins to hallucinate and sees Ms. Watson sit next to him, eagerly welcoming him back to the town's only high school.

As the hallucination goes on, blood begins to drip down Ms. Watson's neck — the exact spot Norman slit after having sex with her.

When Norman confesses to his mother, she reacts by homeschooling him and promoting him to motel manager.

They then proceed to snuggle again — the show's producers have successfully and consistently made the audience feel uncomfortable with the mother-son affection.

When Annika Johnson, an attractive escort staying at the Bates Motel, is brought onto the show, Norman can't resist.

At this point, the show fully embraces its *Psycho* roots. Norman peeks through Johnson's window as she makes her way to the shower.

One of Norman's more obvious triggers is sex. But as if that weren't psycho enough, seeing his mother's struggle is another

thing that make him black out, as his desire to protect her and make her proud is overwhelming.

This first episode also follows the subplot of Norman's brother, Dylan, who is set for trouble.

Dylan has been the only one noticing Norman's peculiar behavior, and his background in the town's illegal drug distribution business makes him a target for many people, even Sheriff Romero, who helped protect the business that runs the economy at White Pine Bay, Oregon.

The audience can't help but feel sorry for Dylan as he continuously deals with the fact that he was the product of his mother's continuous rape by her brother Caleb, who didn't stop until he moved out.

The final two minutes of the premiere have Norman ironically escorting Johnson to a restaurant. But when the Porsche they left in finally returns to the motel, Norman is the only one exiting the car.

Season three is set to answer many questions and raise some new ones as well.

The show's acceptance of its roots will lead to disturbing revelations and clarity about Norman Bates.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Alabama inches backward when it comes to voting rights

Brett Johnson
Political Columnist



On the heels of the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the historic march in Selma that prompted the passage and signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Alabama is inching backward on the progress made. Starting last year, the Alabama legislature passed a bill to increase the deadline for registering to vote before an election for the first time in decades; this year they want to double-down.

For many years, Alabamians could register to vote all the way up until 10 days before an election. Starting last year, the legislature opted to push that back to 14 days before an election citing needs of county registrars to process the forms.

This year, Rep. Jack Williams (R-Birmingham) wants to more than double that length of time to 30 days before an election. According to Williams, 30 days is something that's "absolutely essential in Jefferson County" and some of the other larger areas.

I don't argue that Jefferson County might have its problems staffing the registrar's office, but anyone with civic common sense knows that the vast majority of voter registration activities taken on by civic-minded organizations and individuals are mostly within 30 days of an election – when voting is highest on the minds of Alabamians.

This bill will make that opportunity impossible. This bill will literally take the thunder out of the hype behind registering to vote, going to the voting booth and honoring the sacrifices of those men and women who have fought to protect our rights.

Do not get me wrong; I deeply respect Rep. Williams for listening to the needs of his district and working to meet them via his capacities in

the state legislature. However, I do not believe that this type of policy development is the most efficient way to move our state forward.

Once we begin taking the issues of one particular county and developing policy to be applied to all 67 counties, we could find ourselves going down a slippery slope. What's good for Jefferson County might not be good for DeKalb. What's good for Mobile County might not be the best solution for Blount County.

At the state level, we need to be 100 percent undeniably certain that any legislation passed is representative of the will or needs of all, or at least the majority, of Alabama counties and the citizens that reside within.

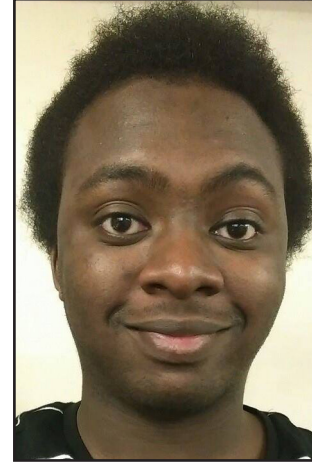
Inching back on voting rights statewide because one particular county has staffing issues is not the way to improve Alabama for the better. In fact, the trend nationwide is moving toward removing registration deadlines; many states already have same-day registration.

Alabama's motto has long been: "We dare defend our rights." It's time we live up to that standard and stop inching back on voting rights that have been hard won in the State of Alabama.

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Apple springs forward with new Apple Watch

Myron Jones
Technology Columnist



Apple hosted its Spring Forward event on March 9. At this event, Apple made several announcements involving their services and devices. Apple announced a new MacBook and an official release date for the Apple Watch.

The new MacBook is Apple's thinnest and lightest laptop to date. It is 13.1 mm thick and weighs two pounds with a 12 inch retina display (2304 x 1440 resolution). Compared to previous MacBooks, this version features a larger trackpad and keys that use a new mechanism that is said to result in typing that is four times more stable. This MacBook has no cooling fans and a larger battery. The new MacBook will be available in multiple versions. The base model is \$1299 and a more powerful version will be available for \$1,599.

In addition to the new MacBook, Apple announced new versions of the MacBook Pro and MacBook Air. These new additions to the MacBook family are faster than previous iterations and include the same new large Force Touch trackpad featured in the new MacBook.

At the event, Apple also shared more information on their first wearable device. The Apple Watch will be released in three different models: Apple Watch Sport, Apple Watch Steel, and Apple Watch Edition. Each variation of the Apple Watch has its own unique design. The Apple Watch Sport will cost \$350 for the base model. The Apple Watch Steel will cost \$550 for the base model, and the Apple Watch Edition will cost \$10,000 for the base model. The Apple Watch Edition will have a limited release and feature an 18K solid gold body. The

Apple Watch will be available for pre-order on April 10 and the device will officially release on April 24.

Apple also announced the latest update for users of iOS devices. iOS 8.2 is now available. The major feature for iOS 8.2 is support for the Apple Watch that will be available next month.

Apple Watch is supported for the iPhone 5 and above.

Tim Cook, Apple's CEO also announced an official price drop for the Apple TV. The Apple TV will now be available for \$69 MSRP. Hardware was not the only thing that Apple had to mention at the Spring Forward event.

HBO Now will be available exclusively on Apple TV and the App Store for a limited time. HBO Now is an HBO service that is accessible without a cable or satellite subscription. HBO Now will cost \$14.99 a month. For a limited time, the first month is free if you sign up on an Apple TV or iOS device.

No new iPhones were announced at this event, but an announcement will most likely come later in the year. Having new hardware available may reduce the prices of previous models.

For more information regarding these new announcements and all other new Apple products, you can log onto www.apple.com for specs, videos on the products, and pricing information.

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Raise minimum wage: tips should be sign of gratitude, not expected

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Imagine going to a restaurant. Choose any one, because you're paying in this fantasy. But keep one thing in mind: not only will you be paying the check for the meal, you'll also be paying a healthy portion of your waiter's salary.

According to www.dol.gov, the federal minimum wage for tipped workers is \$2.13 per hour. Seven states, as well as Guam, "require employers to pay workers full state minimum wage before tips." Twenty-six states "require employers to pay workers above federal tipped minimum wage," which is often still low in comparison to other fields.

And in 17 states and two territories, tipped minimum wage is still all that employers have to pay their workers as long as they qualify as tipped employees. Unsurprisingly, Texas is one of these states.

Monetary gratuity for the service industry is a well-known, well-understood and well-kept tradition that occurs on a daily basis, which is fine.

Waiters and waitresses, maids, valets and so on work hard jobs to make an experience enjoyable for someone else. Then they go home to their apartments and try to rest before work comes back around.

Not only do they exist in an industry that sees them as expendable, but their wages are far too low, and we all know how rough those jobs



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look. Dominoes on the corner of Scott Street and Elgin Street is just one local example of a dirty, wearisome, depressing work environment that is inhabited and run by tipped workers.

The issue here is layered. People who work hard to please other people, especially in a country that is supposedly void of discrimination of class, deserve tips; these perks necessarily exist due to the relationship-centric nature of these jobs.

Tips should convey gratitude and satisfaction. Instead, they hold no merit, but are simply an expected custom.

According to www.cnn.com, "most states allow employers to claim a 'tip credit' which can effectively reduce their minimum hourly obligation for tipped employees to as low as \$2.13."

Employers are taking this whole tipping conspiracy past the realm of half-hearted complaint into that of actual treachery.

According to www.everythinglubbock.com, there has been a legislative proposal by Rep. Terry Canales that would prevent Texas restaurants owners from "deducting from the tips of waiters and waitresses the transaction processing fees that businesses must pay when customers use credit cards to pay for their purchases."

Not only should people be paid enough to live off of, especially in the so-called first world civilization that is America, but they should also receive gratuity when they work for it. That is the nature of tipping.

Tipping needs to become less of a custom and more of a symbol of gratitude that exists only for the employee and the customer that they are servicing.

Work is not all there is to life, yet so many have to make work their main priority just to get by. Increase minimum wage for tipped workers as well as all workers.

Maybe then everybody can have the chance to utilize their creativity to better themselves and their community, rather than rotting in servitude and exhaustion.

If tipping becomes less important, each instance of gratuity will contain more personal meaning, as it should.

SPORTS

Gamecock Baseball is swept by SIUE

JACKSONVILLE – SIU Edwardsville completed the weekend sweep by taking both games on Sunday at Rudy Abbott Field as the Cougars claimed a 12-4 win in the opener and edged Jacksonville State in the night cap, 2-1.

The twinbill sweep moved SIUE to 3-8 on the season as it picked up its first three wins of the season in Jacksonville. The Gamecocks dropped to 6-6 overall and 0-3 after the first weekend of league action. The sweep by SIUE was the first since Jax State was swept at Tennessee Tech last season and the first time since 2009 that an OVC foe has come to Rudy Abbott Field to take all three contests since UT Martin swept JSU the last conference weekend of 2009.

After SIUE opened the altered weekend with an 8-4 win on Saturday, the Cougars continued that momentum in to Sunday's opening game as they would score eight runs in the first three plate appearances to take an 8-2 lead. SIUE, who had eight of its 18 hits for extra bases, scored a pair in the second and exploded for six in the third. After trailing 2-0, the Gamecocks responded with a pair of runs. JSU clawed back to an 8-4 deficit with lone runs in the third and fourth, but SIUE's Ryan Agnitsch came in relief to stymie the JSU bats the rest of the way.



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The JSU Baseball team fell to SIU Edwardsville which put them at 6-6 overall.

After JSU touched SIUE starter Jarrett Bednar for eight hits in the first three innings, Agnitsch allowed just one Gamecock hit the rest of the way and turned in four strike outs. He picked up his first win of the season in relief.

SIUE chased Jax State Tony Urban after just two innings after scoring six runs on nine hits along with three runs off of freshman Grant Chandler in relief of Urban. SIUE, who started the day batting .222, finished the doubleheader with 23 hits, 10 of which were for extra bases. Urban fell to 2-2 on the year.

In the second contest, it was much more of a pitchers duel as both teams combined for 11 hits. JSU sent freshman Jake Walsh to the bump for his first start of his career and

turned in five solid innings of work. The Cougars manufactured the first run of the contest in the second inning with an RBI from Skyler Geissinger.

JSU plated its lone run in the fourth after freshman Taylor Hawthorne punched a single down the left field line to score Ryan Sebra, who started the frame with a lead off single. Sebra finished the day 3-for-7 with a pair of runs driven in and scored two runs.

The contest went to the ninth at a 1-all deadlock and the Gamecocks' closer, Travis Stout on the mound to preserve the situation, but a lead off double to left by Keaton Wright got the SIUE's wheels in motion to plate the eventual winning run. After a sacrifice bunt to push the

runner to third, Dustin Woodcock lifted a deep fly ball to left field, scored the game-winning run. Woodcock went 1-for-3 in the second game, but was a thorn in JSU's side in the opener with a 2-for-5 outing at the dish.

JSU had the tying and go-ahead run on the base path after a walk by Josh Bobo and single to right off the bat of Hayden White, but SIUE's Zach Malach stuck out the final out for his second save in as many days.

The Gamecocks faced their first midweek contest of the year on Wednesday as in-state nemesis Troy visited Rudy Abbott Field. This weekend, the Gamecocks are scheduled for a three-game span against Austin Peay.

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Gamecocks step out in football pads for the first time this spring

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State football team put on pads for the first time this spring on Saturday morning on Burgess-Snow Field, which was a welcomed sight to head coach John Grass.

The second-year head coach and reigning Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year talks about physicality and being a physical football team and was excited to see his guys in full pads for the first time since winning the 2014 OVC title.

"It's just good to be in pads," Grass said. "You get to come out here and block, tackle, work on the fundamentals of the game and be a little physical. It's good to be able to do an inside drill with pads on and all of those things."

Grass was pleased with the first full contact practice of 2015, seeing positives and negatives on both sides of the ball. Grass and his staff will evaluate the first week and move forward to improve over the 15-practice spring that will culminate with the annual J-Day Spring Game on April 11.

"We had a good first day fundamentally. I thought we did some good things. I see some positive things and I see some things we definitely have to get better at. That's what spring is all about, though."

Turnovers were an issue on offense Saturday, but that mirrors as a positive on the defensive side.

"We turned the ball over too much, offensively," Grass added.

"Defensively, we created some turnovers, which is a good thing. That's something we have to get better at, creating turnovers on defense and not creating them on offense."

After several injuries that required postseason surgeries and treatment, the Gamecocks are without several players this spring. Grass has been pleased with how some younger players have stepped up and filled in those gaps on the depth chart so far.

"I think our depth, with so many guys on the I.R. right now and not being able to practice this spring, has been good," he said. "We're still able to do two groups and things like that, so our depth is better."

The Gamecocks will return to the practice field on Tuesday with an 8:30 a.m. practice. Their first scrimmage of the spring will be Saturday.

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John Grass, head coach of the JSU Football team, examines the practice.

Gamecocks Side Bar

Upcoming Action

3/13

-Women's Tennis at Morehead State

-Men's Tennis at Morehead State

-Rifle vs NCAA Rifle Championships

-Baseball at Austin Peay
6:00 p.m.

3/14

-Rifle vs NCAA Rifle Championships

-Men's Tennis at Eastern Kentucky

-Women's Tennis at Eastern Kentucky

-Track and Field vs Gamecock Quad
12:00 p.m.

-Softball at Morehead State
12:00 p.m.

-Baseball at Austin Peay
2:00 p.m.

-Softball at Morehead State
2:00 p.m.

-Soccer at Alabama State
3:38 p.m.

3/15

-Softball at Morehead State
12:00 p.m.

-Baseball at Austin Peay
1:00 p.m.

3/16

-Women's Golf at Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate

-Men's Golf at Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate

3/17

-Women's Golf at Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate

-Men's Golf at Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate

-Softball at UAB
6:00 p.m.

3/18

-Baseball at Alabama State
6:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State infielder Sara Borders is named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Week

Melania Bajo Geijo is named the Ohio Valley Conference's Female Golfer of the Week

JSU Women fall to Belmont in the first round of OVC Tournament



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Destany McLin led the Jacksonville State Women's basketball team with 18 points in the first round of the OVC Tournament where they loss to Belmont.

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The Jacksonville State Women's Basketball team fell 55-45 to Belmont in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tournament on Thursday.

The Gamecocks finish with a 19-10 overall record and 9-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference. They finished 10-3 at home.

Destany McLin led the Gamecocks in scoring with 18 points followed by Candace Morton's 13.

JSU shot 33 percent from the field and was 1-of-12 from three-point range. Belmont, on the other hand, shot 43 percent from the field and 46 percent from the three-point line. Bel-

mont also shot 81 percent from the free-throw line, while JSU only had one free-throw attempt.

The Gamecocks jumped on the scoreboard first with a jumper by McLin for two points. Belmont responded with a three-pointer to take the lead and kept the lead for the remainder of the half.

Belmont would go on a 13-4 run to go up 16-6 at the 12 minute mark. However, the Gamecocks found themselves down by only four when Miranda Cantrell hit a two-point jumper to make the score 20-16. Belmont ended the half with a three-pointer to take the 23-16 lead in the half.

The second half was back-and-forth in scoring when Destiny James hit a three to bring the Gamecocks within three with 12:18 left to play in the second half.

JSU took the lead with 5:12 left in the game when Morton hit a three to finally put the Gamecocks back in the lead with a 41-40 score. Belmont bounced back with a three, while another JSU two-pointer tied the game at 43 with four minutes left.

Belmont would then take control when they went on a 6-0 run to go up 49-43 with 2:04 left to play in the game. James ended the run with a two-pointer, but that would be the last points the Gamecocks scored as Belmont held on to win and advanced to the next round.

Despite the first round loss, this Jacksonville State Gamecocks' season was still one of the women's best as they recorded 19 wins for the first time in the school history.

Borders remains hot as JSU splits last day in Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Senior Sara Borders capped a red-hot weekend with four more hits on Sunday and led the Jacksonville State softball team to a 7-0 win over Wright State before falling to Charleston Southern 6-3.

The Gamecocks (12-7) put the finishing touches on a 3-1 weekend in the Charleston Southern Tournament, one that saw Borders put up some impressive numbers.

The Alexandria, Ala., native went 8-for-13 (.615) over the four games and drove in nine runs. She homered three times and doubled once, while also drawing two walks. Her on-base percentage was .688 for the weekend, while she boasted a 1.385 slugging percentage.

Jax State's offense woke up for the trip to Charleston, where it hit .373 over four games. The Gamecock pitchers held its opponents to a .196 average and allowed just four earned runs in 27 innings of work.

In the early game against Wright State, Borders and Ella Denes seemed to mimic each other for a while. They hit back-to-back solo homers in the top of the first to put JSU up 2-0

and then had back-to-back RBI singles in the third to make it a 4-0 lead.

They each had singles in the fifth, as well, with Borders' driving in JSU's fifth run of the game. Whitney Gillespie finished it off with a two-run single to right that made it a 7-0 Gamecock lead in the fifth.

Borders and Denes would each finish the game 3-for-3 with a homer, while Borders drove in three and Denes two. Denes scored two runs and Borders crossed the plate once. Gillespie also had three hits in four at bats, also driving in two runs.

Gillespie (5-2) held the Raid-

ers in check in the circle, too. The freshman from Pelham, Ala., held WSU hitless through 3.2 innings before allowing a pair of two-out hits in the fourth. Those would be the only two hits Wright State would muster against Gillespie, who struck out three and walked two in six innings of work. Sophomore Jordan Sims tossed a scoreless seventh to finish the game off.

Montana Wear (1-9) suffered the loss after allowing two runs on two hits in two innings for WSU. Ashley Sharp gave up five runs on nine hits in five innings of relief work.

The Gamecocks jumped on Charleston Southern in the second game of the day, pushing a run across after a Jamie McGuire single led to an error that allowed Taylor Sloan to score an put JSU up 1-0. They tacked on another in the second, when Savannah Sloan stole second and forced another error that allowed her to make it a 2-0 JSU lead.

Christian's first homer of the game, a three-run shot, capped a four-run third that gave CSU a 4-2 advantage. The Gamecocks got one back on a passed ball in the fifth, but Christian's two-run home run

in the bottom of the inning made it 6-3.

Sophomore Logan Green (5-2) suffered the loss for JSU despite holding the Buccaneers to five hits through six innings. Cheyenne Gandara (9-4) earned the win, holding JSU to just three unearned runs on 12 hits in seven innings.

The Gamecocks were scheduled to face Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Wednesday at 4 p.m. CT before opening Ohio Valley Conference play at Morehead State in Morehead, Ky., next weekend.



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Sara Borders helped lead the Gamecocks to victory over Wright State with her hot performance.

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