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# Author Sonny Brewer speaks about book

**Brittany Robertson**  
 Staff Reporter

Through the mysterious and wondrous backwater bays of Alabama, the story of Sonny Brewer and his book, "The Widow and the Tree," is spun and told to awe struck fans.

On Thursday, September 24, The Houston Cole Library held a book with the author himself.

His book was published in 2009, but the event was to recognize Brewer's award from the Alabama Library Association. Brewer is an author from Fairhope, Ala.

He has been published for numerous fiction, non-



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**Sonny Brewer speaks on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library on September 24. Brewer recently received an award from the Alabama Library Association.**

fiction, children's books and poetry. He has been a writer since his time as a

freshman at the University of Alabama. His English teacher commented on a story

he had written, and he changed his major to creative writing. "I honestly didn't

expect many people to come out here tonight. I don't want to set myself up for high

expectations. One signing I did, I walked into the bookstore and there was only one person there. But you know what, I still stayed and talked with them and signed their book. As a writer, you have to be willing to talk to whoever shows up. Even if it's just one person, or even a hundred people," said Brewer.

"Every encounter is meaningful and can not be dismissed."

The event turned out well with community members, teachers and students in attendance.

Brewer talked about his time as a writer and how he started up his own

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## Workshops prepare students for federal jobs

**Katelyn Schneider**  
 Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University Career Services held two information meetings and two workshops on Tuesday, September 29 to help educate current students as well as alumni of all majors on federal job opportunities and helpful methods for applying for them.

Director of Career Services Becca Turner, was in charge of this event.

In the past, these meetings have been held sporadically. They have not been held yearly, but that is expected to change.

"Now that we have

been made aware of job opportunities in the federal government in the next five years, we're going to do this annually," Turner said.

There is also a possibility to have events such as these not just yearly, but also at least once a semester.

For Tuesday's event, Turner received help from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, who helped lead each of these meetings.

"The purpose of these events is to connect our students with the opportunities that are coming available," Turner said.

The goal of events like this is to help students get jobs and

find careers after they graduate from JSU.

A big motivator behind the events comes from the Army Materiel Command, which is a provider of materiel readiness.

"We're doing this because sixty percent of federal employees that work at AMC in Huntsville can retire now," Turner said. "We're trying to equip students and alumni with the knowledge that they need to effectively apply for the positions as they come open."

The first information meeting and workshop covered the topic of all available federal government jobs. One thing that was men-

tioned in the meeting that is important for students and alumni to know is about loans.

There are opportunities to seek loan forgiveness when working certain federal jobs.

One organization that does this is the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

The workshop is more hands-on for those who attend. The purpose of the workshops is to allow students and alumni to actually work on applications and resumes.

During the workshop, they were provided with help from the employees of the Federal Bu-

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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### Sociology, social work expands view of world

**Brittany Robertson**  
 Staff Reporter

The Department of Sociology and Social Work in Brewer Hall offers programs and clubs that encourage students to expand their view of the world.

When students hear about sociology or social work, many of them assume the job involves working around children. However, there is more to this field of study.

Sociology and Social Work are two entirely different fields of study. Social work is the practice of ad-

vocating for individuals and communities; sociology is the study of societies and human interaction.

Dr. Maureen Newton explained that a degree in social work covers many areas.

An entry-level worker could be working in public health, assisting folks in possibly a planning clinic or trying to address sexually transmitted diseases; some work with DHR, focusing on child welfare.

Others work in home health agencies, helping people cope **See SOCIAL, Page 2**

## JSU department allows students to travel to Rome in the spring

**John Sterling**  
 Staff Reporter

JSU offers students a journey of a lifetime: to travel to Rome.

"I can't imagine a better opportunity for a college student," said Dr. Donald Prudlo, Associate Professor of History at Jacksonville State University, in reference to the Rome trip this May. It will be

the sixth such trip since JSU began the tradition back in 2008.

The visit is planned to run from May 3 to May 24, allowing students an insight into a foreign culture and history.

The Rome trip is part of a collaborative effort between the history and foreign language departments at JSU, headed by Dr. Delap, Dr. Prudlo, and Dr. Beezley.

The cost for each student will be \$2,900, not including airfare, travel documents, food, tuition for the class itself, and other miscellaneous expenses.

The fee will cover room and board, all entrance fees for the various locales, unlimited inter-Rome transport, as well as three group meals.

"To be at the center of world culture for the last 3,000 years, art,

food, night life, there's nothing like teaching Western Civilization where it happened," Prudlo said. The trip offers three credit hours in history or foreign language for students, as well as the opportunity to visit many famous sites and locales.

"It has some of the best historical sites in the world but it's also modern, func-

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bookstore, Over the Transom.

Brewer then started on his book. He said it all started with a train ride to New York when he remembered the widow from the story.

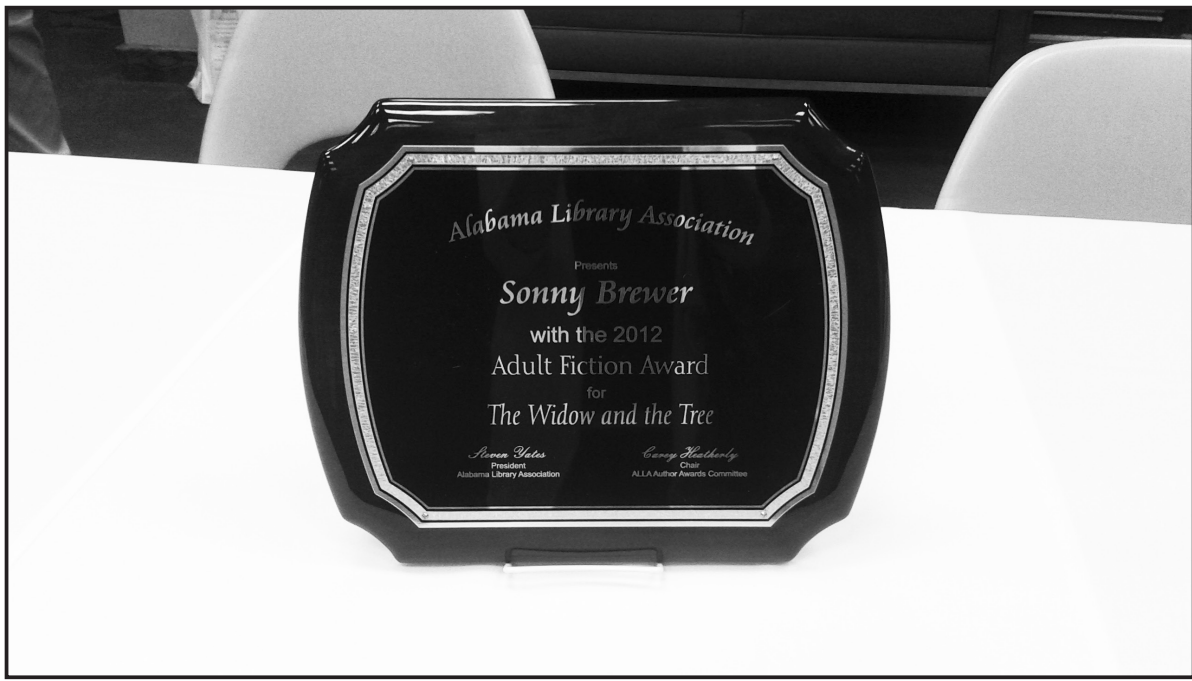
He thought back on everything he knew about her and that tree, and began to write on the train.

He read out excerpts of the introduction and about the widow herself.

The book explains how she hired a man to kill a tree on her land and dives into the events that followed after.

The story was inspired by real events. Although the names of the people who lived there are not made known.

There was plenty of laughter during



Brittany Robertson/The Chanticleer

**Sonny Brewer's Alabama Library Association award was on display in the library on September 24. Brewer spoke about his new book, "The Widow and the Tree."**

his talk, and a great response from JSU students. English professor, and board member of the friends of Houston Cole Library,

Dr. Joanne Gates, was there after she suggested Brewer to the board.

"I attended because I had heard Sonny Brewer at the two oc-

casions he came to the Tree,' said Gates. 'On The Brink' conferences. I had read 'Poet of Tolstoy Park,' 'Cormac' and I am in the middle of 'Widow and

ones for him to sign for

this occasion. Signed-by-author copies make great gifts," she said.

Gates said that he is a very engaging writer. "Once we heard he was available and interested, discussions of competing writers were taken off the table to be discussed for later events," Gates said.

Brewer is currently working on his next book, "One Somebody," about a man named Charlie who is a little strange and a little different from the people in the town he just moved to.

Brewer said he will return to Jacksonville when he has completed it.

"If you want to be a writer, you have to write. Don't just talk about it, you have to do it," Brewer said.

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tioning city," said David Rickless, a student who previously attended the Rome trip.

Students who go on the trip will be staying five blocks from the Vatican, one block from the Metro, and two blocks from one of the well-regarded indoor markets in Rome.

"The whole culture, it's an experience. Seeing history, feeling history, immersing

yourself in culture," said Cody Beck, another student who previously attended.

Sites such as the Sistine Chapel, the Catacombs, and St. Peter's Basilica are nearby for students to visit.

"The art is very easy to access. You don't have to be in a high end gallery to find good art, or to appreciate it," Rickless said.

Students will also have free weekends to travel on their own, with faculty permission. On previous trips, students have visited Naples, Venice and Pompeii.

There will be an interest meeting for the trip on Tuesday October 6, in room 326 of Stone Center. For further questions, contact Doctor Prudlo at dprudlo@jsu.edu.

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reau of Prisons.

Seven employees from the Bureau came so that they could work with individuals or answer individual questions as needed.

The second information meeting and workshop centered around the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The employees spoke about things that strictly pertained to the Bureau.

This included things about salary, locations, diversity in the workplace and the

things an employee should and shouldn't do while on the job.

These types of meetings and workshops have proved to be beneficial. According to surveys, the students and alumni who have attended appreciate all the information that is given.

It is also beneficial because more students are able to be helped at one time rather than having to set up dozens of individual appointments.

If students could not make Tuesday's meet-

ings, accommodations are available. They can email Becca Turner to collect the information that was discussed.

Career Services also has upcoming events that will provide the same information from Tuesday's meetings.

There will also be another workshop held during this time that guides students and alumni on how to apply for all federal jobs and how they can communicate their skill set for a federal resume.

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with acute and life threatening health conditions and running programs. Many of the department's graduate students run non-profit programs.

Students may take Introduction to Social Work to see if the material interests them; it is a 300-level course.

If students are not interested in a career as a social worker, they can still use the course as an extra elective so it won't be a wasted class.

"Social workers do everything from one-on-one case work with an individual, all the way up to being members of Congress," Newton said.

"We are everywhere, we just don't always have the title of Social Work with it. We may be a manager, pro-

gram director, a Senator or a representative. We do a lot more than just child welfare. It's a part of what we do but that's only a piece of it. We're trying to address social problems and prevent social problems. So we're prevention and intervention," Newton said.

Dr. Tina Deshotels is an Associate Professor within the Sociology Department. She explained that, much like social work, there are programs that students can take to see if the student wishes to pursue it as a degree option; some of the programs include media based classes, theory and seminar, classes in religion, education and a course that Deshotels herself will be teaching called Drugs and Society.

"All of the programs are great for students thinking about a career in sociology. It's such a broad field that even if they don't want to major in it, the courses can help in fields such as criminal justice, government, religion, media, education and so on. It's a field that covers just about everything," Deshotels said.

The sociology program has three student organizations: the Sociology Club, JSU Students for Equality and Alpha Kappa Delta. Together, they all work toward unifying people and promoting social justice, as well as advocating for strong academic standards.

Members of each organization have participated in academic conferences and performed volunteer work in the

community, as well as sponsored campus and community events.

"We have a student Social Work Club, and they do a lot of service activities throughout the year," Newton said.

"They just assisted with the Welcome Back Veterans Picnic," she said.

"Also, every year we host a holiday party for the Boys and Girls Club here in Jacksonville. [The club members] collect gifts for the kids. We get names and ages of the kids, between about 30 and 60 kids, and then we bring in a Santa who passes out the gifts to the children," Newton said.

Each member of the faculty have master's degrees in their fields, and some also have doctorates. Newton mentioned

that one alumna from the university, Dr. Rebecca Turner, has a degree in the field of

Social Work. Turner is the Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

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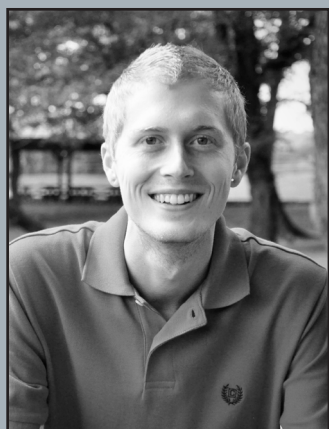
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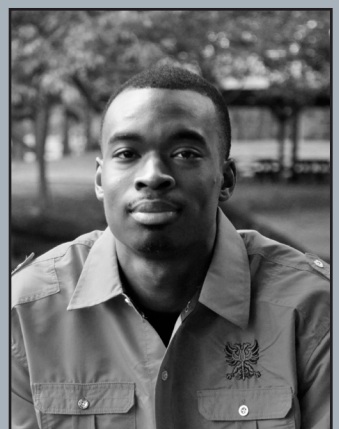
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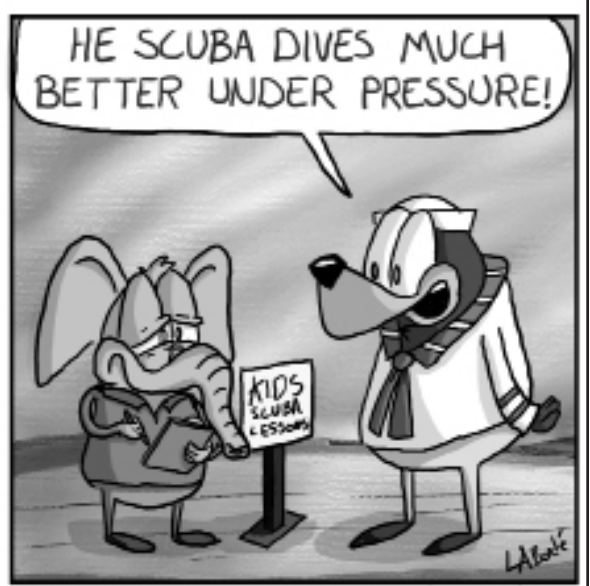


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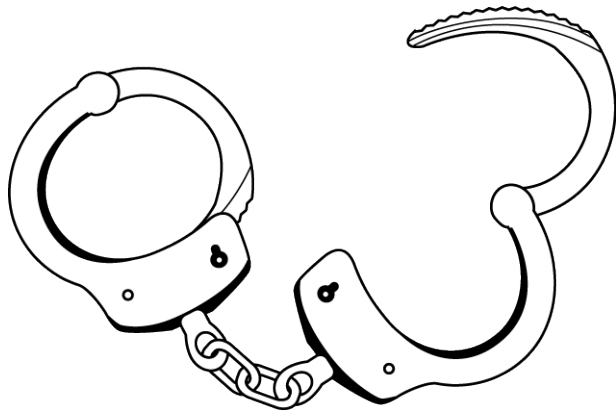
09/23/2015  
Automobile Accident  
Stone Center Parking Lot

09/24/2015  
Information Report-  
Suspicious Person  
Rock House

09/24/2015  
Property Damage  
Crow Hall

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of Conduct  
Nelson Avenue

09/28/2015  
Information Report  
Hammond Hall & Carlisle  
Fine Arts Facility

09/29/2015  
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Houston Cole Library  
Parking Lot

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## Chicken Scratch



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When you're trying to get your life together and your alarm doesn't go off.

Just realized that beef jerky is kind of like a cow raisin.

I walk around like everything is fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.

True happiness is never more than a coffee away.

Study Tip: Stand up. Stretch. Take a walk. Go to the airport. Get on a plane. Never return.

Can't sleep because I can't figure out how waffle fries are made.

Got up at 6 to write a paper due at 11. That's how to college right?

On Saturday, brace yourselves, the fight song will be played a lot. A LOT.

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## Dear Chanty,

I am a junior with 72 credit hours and lately I have been thinking a lot about changing my major. I am currently a political science major and a history minor, but now I think I would like computer science way more as my major. I already have 12 credit hours in political science and I don't want to feel like I have wasted all this time. I thought about changing my minor from history to computer science, but at this point I am more interested in computers than politics. I would have already changed my major, but I don't want to be in college for an extra two years and I am doing well in all of my political science classes. I have thought about this every day for the last month and I still don't know what to do. Any suggestions?

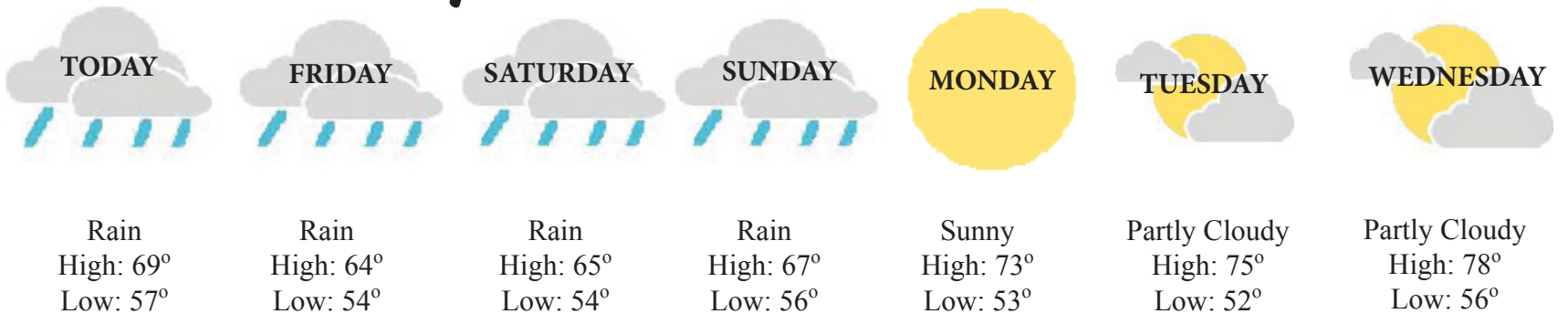
*Sincerely,  
Undecided*

## Dear Undecided,

If you really want to major in computer science, then go for it. Many students go through the same deliberation and confusion that you are currently going through. One possibility that you could consider is changing your minor to political science. That way, all of your credit hours for those courses would not be in vain. If you decided to do this, you could easily change your major to computer science and begin taking courses in that department. I do not believe that this would set you behind, but I highly suggest that you discuss this with both your current advisor and an instructor from the computer science department. Even if making the change would set you behind a semester or two, don't worry about it. Pursue a degree in something that you will enjoy doing and you will certainly not regret it.

*Yours truly,  
Chanty*

## 7-day weather outlook



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



TomorrowWorld.com

TomorrowWorld 2014, which is pictured above, welcomed 160,000 visitors from over 75 different countries to the Chattahoochee Hills in Ga.

## TomorrowWorld 2015: A beautiful disaster

**Christina MacDonald**  
*Arts and Entertainment Editor*

“People of Tomorrow,” the slogan name for the guests of TomorrowWorld, were not pleased with the returning 2015 music festival.

Continuous rainfall and weather conditions left many visitors stranded for hours in the late night cold, while others were simply unable to attend the final day, September 27.

TomorrowWorld is a three day music festival and five day camping experience held in Georgia, which its website describes as “a realm hidden from civilization, deep within the forests of Chattahoochee Hills.”

There is no set address for the festival as it prides itself in being off the map.

TomorrowWorld is known for its intense experience with outstanding décor, A-class camping, VIP areas, and gourmet food.

However, this year it became known for the figurative mud slide the public team had to clean itself up from.

In a press release, TomorrowWorld wrote, “...Sunday September 27, TomorrowWorld will only be accessible to visitors currently camping at DreamVille...The experience of the TomorrowWorld visitors is always TomorrowWorld’s number one priority, so TomorrowWorld was forced to close all daily parking lots and drop off locations.”

This was written after thousands of guests had taken to social media after they were denied transportation from the festival, which many had paid for in advance as part of a package deal.

Social media was blasted with angry fans, laying by the side of the road unable to leave the festival.

TomorrowWorld does not serve anything with cash. ‘Pearls’ are the currency of the festival and must be

pre-registered onto the computer chip inside the TomorrowWorld bracelet pass.

This is one fact that led to many guests, trying to leave, being without transportation. They had no cash on them to pay outside sources.

Those that did have cash on them, were unable to reach many options as the cell phone reception was terrible and the Uber app crashed.

Buses, due to the necessity, were charging unbelievable rates upwards of \$50 to \$100.

According to Thump.com, James Baker, a third-timer of the festival, described the scene as looking like something from a movie, with thousands of people in the woods, and some relieving themselves in the open, passed out on curbs and banging their hands on the sides of full buses.

Once Baker was safely on board a bus, he witnessed a man lay down in the street to try to stop the vehicle

so more people could board.

TomorrowWorld has issued several candid apologies and even created two avenues for refunds.

Sunday’s activities carried on for the estimated 40,000 residing in DreamVille, TomorrowWorld’s campsite.

Any guest that had purchased the three-day pass was allowed to enter, although, transportation was still an issue for many.

From social media, it seems to be an overwhelming consensus that the weather has not to blame for the festival being labeled a ‘disaster,’ but rather it was the lack of coordination. From those trying to exit Saturday night into Sunday morning, there seemed to be a total disregard for safety. The festival go-ers were to a large degree left to take care of it themselves.

Money talked for TomorrowWorld. It was those guests with DreamVille tickets, which are more quite

expensive that did not have to worry about any of this. Also, even new DreamVille visitors were allowed in.

Reagan McCracken, said to Thump.com, “‘We heard the music inside,’ she says. “All the events were still happening, we just couldn’t get past the gate... Everyone’s question was why not let people in if music was still playing. Why only cancel for people not staying on site?”

People had come from all over, paying travel costs and ticket costs to attend.

Outside the last gas station on the way to the festival, there was a man, who had driven all the way from Maryland. He traveled the distance to find out the news once he entered Georgia.

Many are advocating that had the festival’s team been more prepared none of this would have happened.

Law suits are being considered, but mainly the People of Tomorrow just

want a better ‘Tomorrow.’

The show must go on. Armin Van Buuren closed out the festival, giving an outstanding performance under what seemed to be thousands of fireworks.

For those that did attend the festival, the 2015 music line up was not a disappointment. It featured major names such as Benny Benassi, Armin Van Buuren, Hardwell, David Guetta, Laidback Luke and Tiesto.

For those there Sunday, the atmosphere was one of family and unity.

As of 2014, TomorrowWorld was nominated for Best Festival Worldwide by the International Dance Music Awards (IDMA) in 2014. One can only wait and see what will happen for the remaining for years.

It can cost around \$145, if you only go for one day, or \$1,459 dollars, if you spend the night in DreamVille, the camp ground area, for three days.

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# Drama Department releases Season of Plays

The JSU Department of Drama is gearing up for another exciting season of enchanting audiences with breath-taking performances.

"This promises to be a very exciting season, and one that will really highlight the work of our students," said Randy Blades, chair of the department.

"It also represents an effort to bring some fresh, powerful theatrical work to the university and help expand what is possible on our stages. Some of the work is a bit challenging, but I think it will ultimately be very rewarding for our audiences."

The line-up for the 2015-16 season is as follows:

"Dead Man's Cell Phone"

Oct. 15-18 and 22-25

First up on this season's line up is "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl, a comedy that examines the nature of redemption, morality and how in memorializing the dead we can be changed.

What starts out with an incessantly ringing cell phone ends up being a strange journey for Jean when she chooses to answer the phone of a man who is...indisposed at the moment. The New York Times has heralded it a beguiling new comedy.

"Dead Man's Cell Phone" is a play that touches some heavy themes with a pretty light touch," said Blades. "The lead character's journey is one of self-discovery with a bit of satire of modern life but with a pretty romantic outlook. We think it is going to be a great example of how talented our students are in a lot of

ways. We are performing it in our black box, which will make it a nice intimate show."

This play is appropriate for ages 13 and older due to some language and content.

"The Bacchae" November 12-15

Audiences will have the opportunity to explore a 2,000-year-old work with a modern façade. Written by Euripides and translated by Robert Woodruff, "The Bacchae" is one of the strangest and most engaging of the Greek tragedies. Dionysus – the god of wine, prophecy, religious ecstasy and fertility – returns to his birthplace in Thebes seeking revenge. The JSU drama department's modern translation promises to make this a memorable evening of theatre.

"We are setting it in a dystopian future in which Dionysus is the god of 'sex, drugs and rock and roll,' in a society which is denying itself all pleasures," explained Blades. "It is a new look at a traditional story that I think is going to be exciting and challenging."

Due to some content, this play is appropriate for ages 13 and older.

"Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson"

February 18-21 and 25-28

Celebrate President's Day this year with a not-so-traditional biographical romp through the life of Andrew Jackson. Dressed as an emo-rock star, President Jackson takes the stage in an audacious musical that follows the journey of America's seventh president – from his early days as a child on the wild frontier to his controversial reign in the White House.

This hard-rocking

musical explores the life of a man who refused to take no for an answer and will do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Through a combination of fact and completely irresponsible bouts of fiction, this is not your mama's history lesson!

"'Bloody, Bloody' is deeply funny, very raunchy and absolutely different than any musical we have done," said Blades. "It looks at Andrew Jackson as a historical figure, but instead of being completely historical, it tells the story by having him played as a rock star.

It is some very inventive storytelling that mixes in a lot of historically accurate (at least as it is understood now) details but twists them in a lot of fun ways."

This play is recommended for ages 16 and up due to language and content.

Student Showcase and One Acts April 9-10

This special showcase of work and achievements by JSU's very talented students will combine the directing class one acts as well as displays of students' achievements in design, technical work, film and performance.

Come see the variety of interesting projects JSU's students have been working on throughout the year. Tickets for this show are only \$5 general admission.

May Production To Be Announced

JSU Drama will once again team up with the Oxford Performing Arts Center to present a community show in May.

-JSU News Wire

# Art Department hosts "Ley Lines"

JSU's Department of Art will host the opening reception for "Ley Lines," a collection of contemporary drawings that explores the validity of media in the digital age, on Oct. 1, 5-7 p.m., at the Hammond Hall Gallery.

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

A national juried art show, "Ley Lines" received more than 250 entries from across the U.S. Jurors from the JSU art department narrowed the works down to 45 of the best and most appropriate

for the gallery space.

The finalists will be judged by Emily Sheehan, a professor of fine art and head of drawing at Indiana University Southeast.

The best in show will receive \$500.

Before the reception, Sheehan will give a lecture at the Roundhouse from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sheehan received her Master of Fine Arts degree in visual studies from Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

In her artist statement she comments, "The activity of draw-

ing holds me in the human space longer," said Sheehan.

"In my effort to portray a moment in drawn image, I consider the situation of the encounter and the depth of the physical and psychological responses triggered in the moment," she said.

"Ley Lines" is designed to promote new course offerings at JSU and will be held in the newly remodeled Hammond Hall Gallery.

The exhibition will be on display from Oct. 1-29.

-JSU News Wire

## Upcoming Events:

Foothills Piano Festival to be held on Oct. 2  
Mason Hall 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m

WLJS reception for their 40 anniversary on Oct. 2  
International House 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Study Aboard Interest Meeting on Oct.  
Merrill Hall Rm. 219 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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## Examining the issues of education

**Lauren Jackson**  
*Staff Reporter*

As with anything, the American education system is riddled with faults and flaws. With a system responsible for the future of America itself, the problems must be identified and changed. Children deserve a chance at the future, and right now they are being set up for failure.

One of the most prevalent problems associated with the education system is rote memorization. With a testing schedule that is far stretched, students more than ever procrastinate until the night before exams, then “cram” all the information.

This form of studying allows for short-span memorization in which the student learns nothing, except how to pass an exam. The skills that a student needs to know to get to the next level, whether that be in education or their profession, is skipped over, and only a numerical grade determines that they were even “taught” this information.

It can be argued that grades are a great motivator for students to do better, but it can also be harmful. With the grading system, there are varying levels of passing.

In real life there is not going to be varying levels of passing. Employers do not want to hire someone who can only do part of a job. A

person can not survive if they “almost” know how to do something, or halfway know how to do something.

When in a hospital, a patient would not want a doctor performing an operation that he just memorized for an exam years ago, and does not actually understand himself. Grading as it is currently used is more harmful than beneficial.

Instead of earning a numerical status that determines knowledge, it should just be a pass or a fail and nothing in between. A student should either learn the material and pass, or not learn it and fail. School is technically designed to guide students to the next phase of their lives, and reality does not allow for halfway successes.

Another hotly debated issue with the education system is the subjects taught, or more precisely, the subjects that are not taught. While students learn theories and algorithms only beneficial to one specific subject, they do not always learn life skills necessary to survive.

Students can solve complex equations, quote Shakespeare, and spout out theories of evolution, yet they do not know how to file taxes, or how to handle insurance policies; they do not know how to gain credit, build their resume, or score an interview, and there is no excuse for that.

If success is aimed for, then the things that come with success should be taught.

Another large issue with the education system is the busy work. Educators have come to rely on assignments that take large amounts of time and serve little to no purpose other than to “encourage thoughts, or to inspire creativity.”

With so many small assignments due, school alone drains the student’s energy, much less if they are involved on campus or working. Busy work is the death to curiosity and imagination.

Bright students that would otherwise be intellectual and find information for themselves that interests them, are now thrown into two choices; a student can either do their work and pass while being too tired to do their own learning, or not do the required work and actually learn something that matters to them while failing.

The choice is deadly either way, and is setting up our students to fail. Skills and knowledge are essentially worthless without a formal education, yet an education without skills and knowledge will be equally lethal in the employment world. There has to be changes made or the world will stay the same, and the first step to change is to embrace the future through the students who will be writing it.

## Game website Twitch announces new features

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*Tech Columnist*

At TwitchCon 2015, Twitch announced features that would be coming to the platform in the future. Twitch will be implementing video uploads, an HTML5 video player, customizable thumbnails, 24/7 playlists, and changes to whisper functionality among other things.

TwitchCon 2015 took place on the weekend of September 25 and was hosted in San Francisco, Calif. It was the first official convention for the streaming website.

The convention was not only a place for Twitch to make announcements, but also an opportunity for broadcasters and viewers to meet one another and interact outside of the scope of streams.

Video uploads will allow users of the Twitch web interface to upload their videos without the need of streaming them live first.

Presently, all uploads to Twitch must be streamed live and then they are added to archives that may be available on demand. The video upload

feature is expected to come in early 2016.

In October, the whisper system is expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging system featured in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persistent history. The new whisper interface will also be available on mobile devices.

The new 24/7 playlists provide broadcasters the opportunity to stream custom playlists to their channels.

These playlists may be comprised of archived live broadcasts or highlights. This functionality will allow broadcasters to keep their stream active even when they are not actually present and provide new viewers with a glimpse of content from the channel. 24/7 playlist support is expected to be added this fall.

In addition to the above features, Twitch is launching an official Playstation app. The Playstation app will provide Playstation users a simpler and more convenient method of watching following broadcasters. Playstation users

can already stream to Twitch and watch other PS4 Twitch streams, but the app is expected to expand that functionality. The Twitch Playstation app will support Playstation 4, Playstation 3, Playstation Vita, and Playstation TV.

Twitch is a streaming website that focuses on live broadcasts of gaming. The website is used for players across gaming communities to interact in real-time and is a major resource for many gamers.

Streams provide gamers with the opportunity to see things that they may not otherwise encounter in their own gameplay. Although Twitch is a major website for game streaming, it is not the only streaming site around for gamers. Youtube Gaming launched in August as an alternative, and hitbox is another common streaming service.

With esports on the rise, many gamers tune in to streams to view the latest tournaments, competitions, and even practice sessions.

Major esports competitions around the world can often be viewed on streams coming from sources such as Electronic Sports League (ESL) and Major League Gaming (MLG).

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## John Boehner resigns from House and Congress

**Kevin Spann**  
*Political Columnist*

Last Friday, political buffs were surprised to learn that Speaker of the House John Boehner would soon be resigning not just the speakership, but also his seat in Congress.

While a surprise, observers could not exactly call the news shocking. Boehner’s speakership was a turbulent one nearly from the start.

Despite being a close ally of former Speaker Newt Gingrich, many Republicans of the

more tea party or libertarian persuasion viewed Boehner as a product of the Washington establishment, and insufficiently committed to opposing Democrats and the President. Meanwhile, Boehner’s tactics were still too confrontational to foster much, if any, across-the-aisle support of his speakership.

Despite a government shutdown and numerous attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Boehner’s base of support came almost exclusively from main-

stream republicans. Despite largely holding the line in 2012, Obama’s re-election and increasing his Congressional majority in 2014, Boehner’s base gradually dwindled.

This became extremely apparent with his last election to the speakership, where over 30 members of his party opted to either not participate or vote for another Republican.

In recent months, talk of a tea party coup against Boehner has also been featured prominently on political news sites.

While the announcement was a surprise, it was not a shock.

As for what exactly this means for Congress, there are a variety of opinions, but the consensus seems to be that this is far from a victory for Democrats.

While Democrats are likely happy to see Boehner go, his successor is extremely unlikely to be a more pleasant adversary.

Although Alabama Congressman Mo Brooks recently told Yellowhammer News he predicts that Boehner’s successor

will be a liberal Republican, Democrats are unlikely to agree with the prediction.

Kevin McCarthy, Boehner’s heir, ranks similarly to the soon-to-be former speaker on most ideological listings. Meanwhile, McCarthy’s competitors for the position, Tom Price of Georgia and Steve Scalise of Louisiana, are viewed as being further to the right.

Because of this, congressional leadership may take a significant rightward shift, or if McCarthy is to emerge victorious, he will like-

ly have to pay for this position by awarding the tea party faction larger say in matters—resulting in a slightly more rightward shift.

However, Democrats and Republicans that are worried over another government shutdown do gain from the announcement. Boehner seems to have a genuine desire to avoid another drawn-out funding battle, and the announcement frees him to invest his remaining checks and political capital in preventing brokering a deal.

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### JSU Upcoming Action

- 10/1  
-Softball vs Gadsden State  
Community College  
5:00 p.m.
- 10/2  
-Soccer at SIU Edwardsville
- Women's Tennis at Coastal  
Georgia Invitational
- Volleyball vs Jackson State  
7:00 p.m.
- 10/3  
-Rifle at Memphis Invitational
- Cross Country vs JSU Foot-  
hills Invitational  
8:30 a.m.
- Football vs Mississippi Valley  
State (Preview Day)  
1:00 p.m.
- 10/4  
-Rifle at Ole Miss Invitational
- Soccer at Eastern Illinois  
1:00 p.m.
- Volleyball vs UT Martin  
2:00 p.m.
- 10/6  
-Volleyball at Alabama A&M  
7:00 p.m.

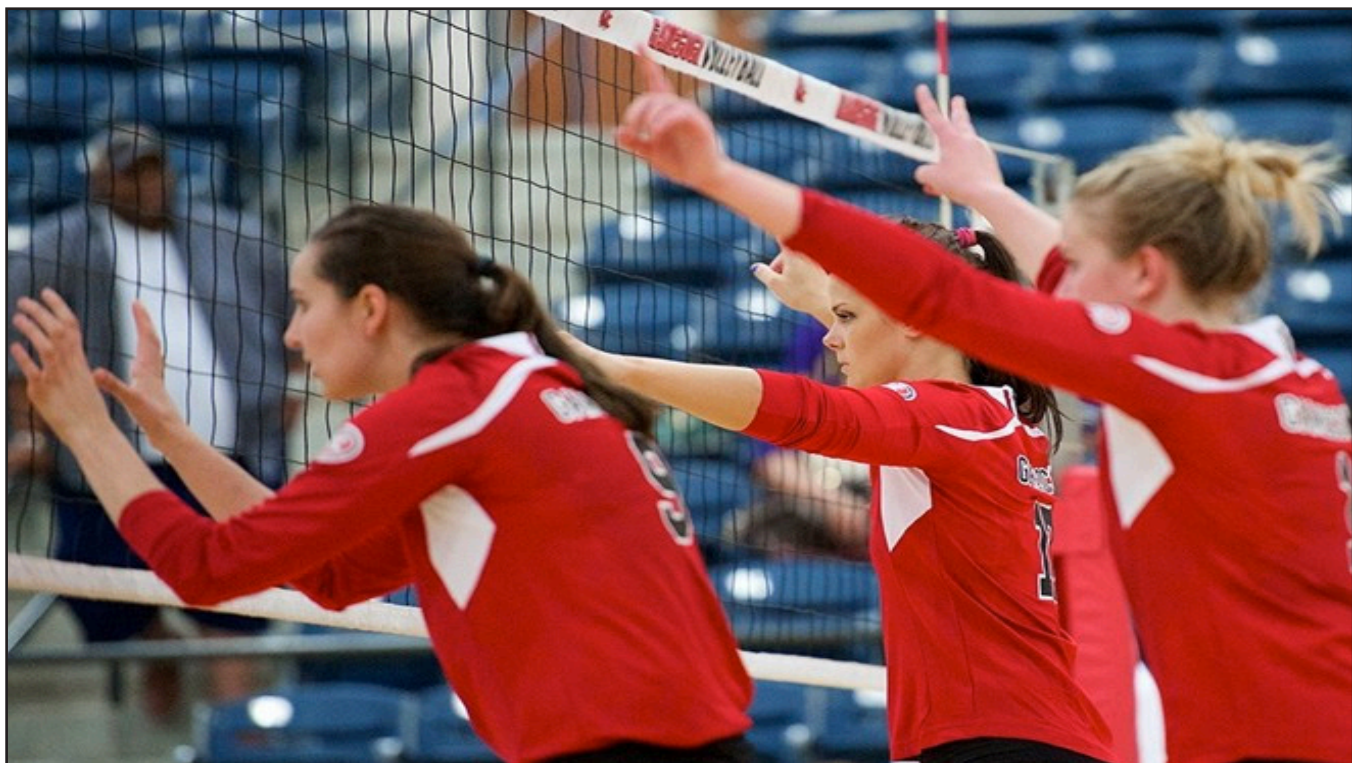
### 2015 Football Schedule

- 9/5 @ Chattanooga W 23-20
- 9/12 @ Auburn L 27-20 OT
- 9/19 vs TSU W 48-13
- 9/26 @ UT Martin W 48-41
- 10/3 vs Mississippi Valley  
State 1 p.m.
- 10/10 Open
- 10/17 @ Tennessee Tech\*  
6p.m.
- 10/24 @ Austin Peay\* 4 p.m.
- 10/31 vs Eastern Kentucky\*\*  
1 p.m.
- 11/7 @ Eastern Illinois\* 1 p.m.
- 11/14 vs Southeast Missouri\*  
1 p.m.
- 11/21 vs Murray State\* 1 p.m.

\*OVC game/ \*\* Homecoming

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1. Jacksonville State
2. Coastal Carolina
3. North Dakota State
4. Illinois State
5. South Dakota State
6. James Madison
7. UNI
8. Chattanooga
9. Eastern Washington
10. Youngstown State
11. Montana State
12. Sam Houston State
13. Montana
14. Villanova
15. Fordham
16. Portland State
17. Eastern Kentucky
18. Liberty
19. Richmond
20. New Hampshire
21. Indiana State
22. Southeastern Louisiana
23. McNeese State
24. Harvard
25. William & Mary



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The Jacksonville State Gamecocks' Volleyball team is now 1-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

## Gamecock Volleyball gets off to a slow start in the OVC

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks dropped their first two conference games of the season against SIU Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois. JSU started conference play on Friday night against the Cougars of SIU Edwardsville. The match was forced into five sets to determine a winner, but the Gamecocks were unable to walk away the victor. The first set was back-and-forth between the two teams with SIUE managing to hold on to win 25-23. The Gamecocks rallied in the second set and were able to win 25-16, but the third set was the opposite as SIUE walked away with the 25-15 win. Forced into more sets, the Gamecocks made it clear they were not going to quit and managed a tough 29-27 win in the fourth. However, it would ultimately be SIUE who would claim the match victory after a 15-12 win in the final set.

The Gamecocks hit .169 overall and .268 in their winning fourth set. Emily Rutherford had double digits in both kills with 15, and digs with 16. Charis Ludtke and Allyson Zuhlke also had 14 and 13 kills, respectively. True to form, Jennifer Hart led her team in assists with 49, while also having 17 digs on defense. Hannah Kirk led the team in digs with 19. The following evening, the Gamecocks played against OVC offensive

leader Eastern Illinois. The Panthers would build solid leads to sweep the Gamecocks swiftly in three sets. The first set saw the Panthers take the lead early with JSU never really able to catch up. The Gamecocks would go on to fall 25-15. The second set was promising with the Gamecocks having the early lead, but it wouldn't take long for EIU to jump out in front and take the set 25-19.

The final set was much the same with the Panthers leading early. The Panthers took the set, and match, with a final 25-19 win holding the Gamecocks to under 20 points for each individual set. Despite the loss, Ludtke was able to get seven kills just in front of Rutherford with six. Kirk and Ludtke also had double digits in digs with 13 and 10, respectively. Hart also added 21 assists to the mix, just four shy of the game high of 25 from EIU's Marah Bradbury. Despite their loss, the Gamecocks maintain an all-time winning record versus EIU 15-6. The Gamecocks moved to 8-11 overall and 1-2 in conference play after defeating Tennessee Tech on Tuesday. The Jacksonville State Gamecock Volleyball team will now come home to the Pete Mathews Coliseum for the first time this season to play Jackson State on Oct. 2. The match is set for 7p.m.



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Mackenzie Rombach (left) and Charis Ludtke (right) is seen playing defense for the JSU Volleyball team.

## JSU Soccer falls to Tennessee Tech

**JACKSONVILLE** – The Jacksonville State soccer team dropped a tough 2-1 decision to Tennessee Tech on Sunday to close out the opening weekend of Ohio Valley Conference play. After opening the league slate last Thursday with a win over Morehead State, the Gamecocks split the opening weekend in OVC with the setback and fell to 4-6 overall. The Golden Eagles of TTU picked up their second OVC win of the weekend and improved to 4-4-3 on the season. Jax State finished with a nine-shot advantage on TTU with 16 total shots, but the Golden Eagles managed to post a pair of goals within two minutes in the opening half and stave off multiple JSU scoring chances throughout the final 45 minutes. TTU turned in nine shots in the road win. TTU put the first goal of the con-



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Kelsey Bright scores the lone goal for JSU.

test on the board in the 29th minute as Cassidy Ortman headed a serve from Zoie Hensley and squeezed the ball just inside the left post. The Golden Eagles had 10 of their 12 corner kick chances in the first half and it led to their second goal of the half in the 31st minute. Karigan Owens took the corner from the right side of the pitch

and set up Abi Gearing for the header to the far post. Jax State kept the pressure on TTU throughout the contest, including nine scoring chances in the second half as it finished with seven on goal opportunities. The Gamecocks broke through for their lone goal in the 80th minute after senior Courtney Hurt fed Kelsey Bright with a perfect ball as Bright flicked the ball in to the net. It was Bright's second goal of the weekend and third of the season. The goal energized the Jax State side, but TTU managed to fend off the Gamecocks in the final 10 minutes of the contest. The Gamecocks will make the long trek to the state of Illinois next weekend as they will take on SIU Edwardsville on Friday, Oct. 2, followed by a Sunday contest at Eastern Illinois. ~ JSU Sportswire



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Eli Jenkins is set to throw a pass for the Gamecocks. Jenkins passed for 254 yards and contributed four touchdowns in the win.

## Gamecocks outlast conference foe UT Martin in a 48-41 win

**MARTIN, Tenn.** — Every good team has at least one game a season when it struggles against an opponent to make the score closer than the game actually was.

That is what happened to No. 1-ranked Jacksonville State at UT Martin Saturday afternoon.

After having a commanding 28-point lead early in the fourth quarter, the Gamecocks held on to beat the Skyhawks 48-41 after UTM scored 21 unanswered to draw to within seven in the game's closing minutes.

"It was just a kind of long, bizarre game, that's the only way I can describe it," Jacksonville State head coach John Grass said. "I have to take my hat off to UT Martin though. I knew they were going to be ready to play and ready to battle, which they did. They played extremely hard and had a great game plan for us."

The win improves Grass' overall record as Gamecock head coach to 13-3, tying Jim Blevins (started in 1965) for the best 16-game start as a head coach in Jackson-

ville State history. It's also the 11th consecutive game the Gamecocks have won against fellow Ohio Valley Conference opponents, with their last loss coming at Eastern Illinois on Nov. 16, 2013.

Jacksonville State (3-1, 2-0) fell behind early in the first quarter after a Jackson Redditt 41-yard field goal put UT Martin ahead by three. He added a 38-yarder later in the quarter after a Troy-maine Pope 8-yard touchdown run then a 21-yard touchdown completion from Eli Jenkins to Josh Barge put the Gamecocks ahead.

The pass from Jenkins to Barge was the first of three touchdown toss from the redshirt junior quarterback to the Carrollton, Ga., native. Barge also hauled in a 9- and 17-yard touchdown pass later in the game.

The three touchdown catches in the game tied the junior's career-high and was only his second career multi-touchdown game at JSU. He finished with nine catches for 107 yards to go along with the three touchdown receptions.

Jenkins came up 34 yards short of his career-high in passing yards (288), but the Birmingham native finished the day 16-of-25 passing for 254 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a 1-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. He became the first quarterback since Ryan Perrilloux to account for four touchdowns in a game.

Jenkins (5,398) also moved past Maurice Mullins (5,138 from 2002-05) for sixth place and David Gullledge (5,339) for fifth place in Jacksonville State's total offense list. He trails Perrilloux (5,339 from 2008-09) for fourth.

Running back, and Kentucky transfer, Josh Clemons scored his second rushing touchdown since joining the Gamecocks when he ran into the end zone from four yards during the fourth quarter.

UT Martin's Jarod Neal did everything he could to help the Skyhawks earn the come-from-behind victory.

The quarterback threw for 433 yards on 34-of-49 passing. He also threw for five

touchdowns: 12-yarder to Carlos Williams, 63-yarder to William Tanner, 16-yarder to Rod Wright and a 39-yarder to Wright.

"Their quarterback is really good," Grass said. "With a lot of defensive linemen out, we just couldn't get enough pressure and they had a good plan to get the ball out of his hand quick. We busted a few coverages, which isn't typical of us, and couldn't get off the field on third downs."

Anniston native Troy-maine Pope ran for a game-high 159 yards on just 16 carries. He also added a 46-yard touchdown run to his first quarter score.

UT Martin trailed 28-6 with three seconds left in the first half before Neal's touchdown strike to Weathers brought the Skyhawks to within 15.

UTM immediately opened the second half on a scoop-and-score by Terri Triplett to cut the deficit to eight, which was the closest it would come to the lead until the it trailed by seven at the end of the game.

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Troy-maine Pope tries to elude a UT Martin defender.

## Payne, Pettit and McLeod pace the way for JSU

**MACON, Ga.** — For the third consecutive meet, the tandem of Stephen Payne and Kole Pettit led the Jacksonville State men's cross country team on Friday at the Julius Johnson Invitational, hosted by Mercer University.

Junior Ju-ells McLeod paced the Gamecock women in the third outing of the season.

It turned out to be similar to a dual meet with the host-Bears as JSU finished second to MU on the men's side and fourth in the women's competition.

Payne and Pettit finished second and third respectively behind medalist Ahmed Jama of MU.

Payne covered the 8K course layout in 27:19.27, followed by Pettit's time of 28:12.86.

Ahmed claimed the win by crossing the finish line in 26:62.16.

Sophomore Matthew Bonds finished eighth among the Division I competitors with a time of 29:12.57.

Sophomore Daniel Burton posted a mark of 29:29.05 to finish 13th on the individual list.

Ben Pryor and Alexander Beverly rounded out the times for JSU with a mark of 29:43.26 and 29:53.05.

In the women's 5K, McLeod clocked a time of 20:30.48 to finish just outside the top-10 as she claimed the 11th spot.

Dayja Simon finished in 21:19.21 to follow McLeod and finish 22nd in the field.

Gina Carnovale finished 24th after carding a mark of 21:39.55.

Briana Jackson rounded out JSU's top finishers with a time of 23:22.08.

MU swept both team titles in their home meet as the Bears edged Georgia State and Georgia Southern in the women's activity.

JSU returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 3,



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Stephen Payne of JSU finished second in the Invitational.

hosting the annual JSU Foothills Invitational in Oxford, Ala. at the Oxford lake Complex.

The meet will get underway at 8:30 a.m.

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