Librarian retires after 40 years

Lauren Jackson
Staff Reporter

Lauren C. “Baldy” Wilson, a member of the Class of 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in English, has retired after 40 years as the head librarian at the Jack G. Wilson Library at Jacksonville State University.

During that time, Wilson has seen the library grow from a small, single-floor facility to the three-story library complex it is today. She has seen the library's collections grow from a few thousand volumes to more than 100,000, and she has seen the library's staff grow from a few librarians to a team of 25.

Wilson has also seen the library's technology change dramatically. When she started, the library had only a few microfilm machines and a few card catalogs. Now, the library has a computerized cataloging system that allows patrons to search for books and other materials online.

Wilson has seen the library's role in the university community change as well. When she started, the library was primarily a place for students to do research. Now, the library is also a place for faculty and staff to work, and it is a place where community members can come to use the resources.

Wilson said she is most proud of the library's staff. She said they have all worked together to make the library a place where people can find what they need.

"The library is a place where people can come to get information," Wilson said. "We have a great staff who are always willing to help people find what they need."
Students that attend JSU got to experience Costa Rica on land and in mid-air as part of a summer learning experience organized by Spanish instructor Dr. Pacheco. The purpose of the trip was to give students the opportunity to experience new cultures and to practice their Spanish language skills. The trip began in early May, and the students traveled to Costa Rica along with instrumentals that were created by a group of students. They stayed in a local community and practiced their Spanish skills by interacting with the locals. The students also had the opportunity to participate in various activities, such as visiting local markets, exploring the rainforest, and attending cultural events. The trip was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about different cultures and to practice their Spanish language skills.
Is Alabama ready for zombies or other natural disasters?

Kevin Spann  
Political Columnist

Since the remake of George Romero’s genre defining work Dawn of the Dead in 2004, and particularly the release of The Walking Dead television series in 2010, zombies have become an ever increasing fixture of American pop culture. Now it seems the popularity of zombies has begun to cross over into politics. Recently Kansas Republican Governor Sam Brownback gained accolades across the political spectrum for his declaration that October would officially be recognized as the state’s “Zombie Preparedness Month.” The governor felt the announcement would serve as a flashy way to get his state’s citizens to plan for any and all natural disasters including, of course, the event of a zombie outbreak. Governor Brownback even revealed that he and his son have invested significant time in preparing for a possible zombi apocalypse themselves. Specifically, they have planned to fall back to Brownback’s parents’ isolated farmhouse in hopes of riding out the crisis much like season two of The Walking Dead series. The governor explained in a press conference that if one could properly prepare for a zombie outbreak they could also be ready for any of the other more likely disasters that the state may one day experience. The governor went on to recommend that planning for the zombie apocalypse is the same as planning for any disaster one needs three things: a disaster kit, a plan and practice.

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I don’t mean to brag, but my bank account sent me a memo that said I’m outstanding. My album “GPA” drops this year. Things I’ve learned in college: Peanut butter can and should be a meal. Some scammer called me and told me that my computer is infected. So I went along with it for about 10 minutes by playing dumb. I finally told him I was just wasting his time. I’m more careful with video game money than I am with actual money. I hope we win the national championship so Coach Grass gets the field named after him and it confuses everyone. I really should have invested in an umbrella for this week. Every night I wake in a cold sweat. My nightmares haunt me. The voice of the devil himself. Taunting me, mocking me. Things I’ve learned in college: Peanut butter can and should be a meal. Some scammer called me and told me that my computer is infected. So I went along with it for about 10 minutes by playing dumb. I finally told him I was just wasting his time. I’m more careful with video game money than I am with actual money. I hope we win the national championship so Coach Grass gets the field named after him and it confuses everyone. I really should have invested in an umbrella for this week. Every night I wake in a cold sweat. My nightmares haunt me. The voice of the devil himself. Taunting me, mocking me.
The theme is always the same for all floats, and the judges do its best based on the judges score win a money prize and even more importantly, bragging rights. “The winning for mula is basically getting the thing to move, and work just one good time so the judges can be impressed” said an unidentified Delta Chi. “It doesn’t hurt at all to have great back- up, great music and art work from the sororities, they make it all possible. Whether they can or cannot remains un- seen, but one thing to for sure, everybody will be grinding it out all week to claim that money, and those all-week to claim that money, and those all- important bragging rights for the group that homecoming without friendly competition.

Rock ‘n’ roll: A genre that serves as a time capsule

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Staff Reporter

It is said that everything on earth grows old at some point. Music, however, is that one element of life that exists until the emergence of the Romans into the continent. As the halfway mark of the decade grew nearer, the future looked bright for Elvis Presley to be the international icon. However, at the end of the decade the U.S and were a huge success. The definition of a rock star also changed, as rock bands and artists began living lavish lifestyles and selling out sports arenas during tours. Pink Floyd, Led Zep- pelin and Kiss began ruling the soundwaves and making huge hits. The death of Elvis Presley in 1977 saddened the rock and roll community when he died at the age of 42. In the 1990s, television had been around for close to 10 years and was becoming a major feature in the music world. The launch of MTV and VH1 made a big impact on the future of rock ‘n’ roll. There was a new wave of artists and bands being publicized to music fans. Key artists included Michael Jackson, Madonna and Prince. The definition of rock ‘n’ roll became to face an issue as many disagreed on what was and was not “rock ‘n’ roll.” With Ozzy Osbourne on heavy metal, Bon Jovi on mainstream rock and The Police on new wave rock, it was really difficult to determine what rock and roll really was. In 1986, the first Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induc- tion was held, with Elvis Presley and James Brown, among others, being the first to make the list that would grow now to be what it is today. The 1990s did not make the situation any easier. The crossing of genres was ob- viously happening as heavy metal merged with other genres. Alternative rock, elec- tronic music and rap metal became the new sub genres of the bigger cloud. In 1995 the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum was opened in Cleveland, Ohio with the aim of preserving the rich history that had been created over the years.
Assassin’s Creed Goes Industrial...Revolution

Hector Lopez-Perez
Special to the Chanticleer

Anyone with a PS4, Xbox One or PC can experience societal issues from the Industrial Revolution in England while playing Assassin’s Creed Syndicate. Syndicate released on October 23 and retails for $59.99.

Picture it, London 1868, columns of smoke pollute the air and locomotives begin to fill railways and rivers. In the clouds of smoke and shadows, two Assassins are doing everything in their power to rid London of Templar control. This is Assassin’s Creed Syndicate. In Syndicate, gamers play as two Assassins that they can interchange at any point in the game. Jacob Frye and Evie Frye are brother and sister, trained by their father to join the Assassins. The time period in this game is the glorious Industrial Revolution in London. The plot is simple to those who have played any game in the series before. Kill the Templars, save the land, usual Assassin mission. Although this may seem repetitive by now, Syndicate itself has a different twist to it instead of the usual hunt-and-kill Templars. For example, instead of hunting behind someone and sneaking behind some bushes to hear about the next big plan that an enemy or two are planning, players have to crush their sources from within London. This crushing can be from certain events, such as bounty hunts (where players identify a criminal, kidnap them and throw them into a carriage), specific Templar hunts, or even liberating children from devastating factories, where their superiors work them tirelessly.

Now that the main plot and has been discussed, let’s talk about the characters themselves. Jacob, being the brother and youngest of the two, is more reckless and loves to cause a fight. During the cutscenes of the game, I actually chuckled because he reminds me of myself and how I argue with my sisters. Usually play as Jacob during the Templar Hunts and Gang Wars (which are unlocked after liberating an entire area). Evie, the oldest and the sternest, believes that strategy and stealth are the best options for defeating your enemies. I would recommend using her for more as bounty hunts and child liberation, considering these require you to use more of your stealth skills.

Both Assassins have their own skills that they can learn. In order to learn these skills, the assassins have to earn skill points by either doing special combat combinations or even completing certain tasks in the missions. I usually upgraded Jacob’s combat and Evie’s stealth skills first simultaneously. Now, let’s talk combat. I enjoy taking off some steam by hand- ing out some skillful hand-to-hand combat. The combat is swift and players have to time their presses carefully, but when they do, they can get a combo as high as 75-100 hits without getting hurt. Trust me, it looks so much better on a 54-inch screen than on paper. Assassin’s Creed Syndicate is a great entry to the franchise. Syndicate took what was great about Assassin’s Creed Black Flag and fixed what was broken in Assassin’s Creed Unity. Overall I would rate this being my favorite next-gen game to date. So what are you waiting for? London won’t free itself, you know!

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The crisp fall leaves crumble under one’s shoes and the cooler temperatures become common—places long sleeves are shaken from the closet to join the group of clothes we wear more often. It’s officially fall. If there is one thing this means to me, it is that it is time for the heart of the college football season to take place, which means the second weekend in October is the day to be in some of the best bands in Alabama. AL.com has a poll out inviting fans to vote on their favorite Marching Band. With the first week in the books, I think it is obvious to see why fans would choose the best. It is no surprise to anyone who has actually seen any of these bands play, that JSU's Marching Southerners should be considered the best in the land.

In the first round, JSU took on Troy, who lost narrowly to the same group of talented students, but on a much smaller scale. There existed a great disparity in the quality and pagentry of the Southerners. JSU didn’t have any of the other bands’ fans in attendance. They used a rare bass instrument called the Con B-8 upright recording bass, according to band member Mikey Conn 20-J upright recording bass, expressing his way to a win. However, their performance was impressive to say the least. There was no doubt that Troy’s fans and students in shock. I, on the other hand, thought it would be surprising to us here in the modern world. Nothing against any of the other bands in the competition. They use them a unique sound, one you are not likely to find anywhere else.

According to band member Mikey Conn 20-J upright recording bass, that JSU’s fanbase, that JSU fans is one of the other bands’ fanbase, that JSU fans and the band are connected, that JSU fans and the band are connected. That JSU fans and the band are connected.

He spoke about the band being a way for students to have their own way of life, without losing their sense of identity and tradition.

However, the issue comes when or if they come up against the two most popular college bands in Alabama: the universities of Auburn and Alabama. Both of these colleges have more students and considerably more fans, in so it is to say that there is a distinct advantage to them in any match-up they reach the polls. So I ask of the students of JSU, and the true fans of bands across the state of Alabama, to make the choice of who should be picking the best band in Alabama. There’s nothing wrong with Alabama, Auburn or any of the other competing schools in Alabama. The atmospheres at any of these colleges are crazy on Saturday afternoon.

However, to me, I’ve been on both sides of the field: there’s nothing better than hearing the Southerners introduced over the PA system and seeing the field on a solid Saturday afternoon. Nothing against any of the other schools. They’re just not the JSU Marching Southerners.

Staff Reporter

John Sterling

What makes a society? That was the crux of the Antigone Lecture on October 20. The lecture discussed the development of the concept of society, and the various points of view on it.

In the end, the Anti-gone Lecture was an example of the discussion of the effects of the religious religion on the development of society. There were many parallels and some differences between Christianity and some other religious religions, including the nations that grew alongside Christian countries, that rose alongside Islam. The division of the group of nations was quite clear, for example. Christians in the Middle East, Muslims in the Islamic regions, the Caliphate was well established in these regions and a common fan favorite.
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Volleyball drops two over weekend

Rebekah Hawkins Staff Reporter

Plagued by injury, the Jacksonville State volleyball team fell once more to both Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky as they traveled for their follow-up games last week.

The Gamecocks have struggled throughout往年 as their star leaders have gone down with injuries. In the Friday night match against Morehead State, assistant coach Jennifer Hart was taken down as well. Despite the loss, the Gamecocks fought their hardest, but could not manage the victory. The Eagles won their sec- ond straight game against the Gamecocks this season.

The first set against MSU began with a JSU score. They managed to stay with the Eagles until the 15th point when they were stopped short. The Eagles were already up by five and they scored another one to take the first set 25-15. The second set opened with three quick points by MSU, but it was countered quickly by four JSU points. The score teetered between the two teams with a tie and an advantage taken by EKU. A nine-point run left JSU stranded at four and put the Colonels far out in front. They would not relinquish their lead and won 25-19. Set two was much the same as the first with the Colonels gaining the lead early on the Gamecocks. They fought hard for 15, but EKU won with 25. The final set was close. The score started off tight and remained the same until the Colonels took a four-point lead. The Gamecocks fought hard and were back in the lead, but EKU stopped JSU at 21 and took the set with 25. Maudee Eberle led her first game and the night in kills for the Gamecocks with 10. Hart powered through her injury and had 23 of the 24 total assists on the night. The Gamecocks moved to 12-17 when they played Al- corn State and won by forfeit. They will now come home this weekend to play Mur- ray State on Oct. 30, and Austin Peay on Halloween.

Jax State remains No. 1

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State football team hold out the top spot in the STATS FCS Poll and drew within three votes of the top spot in the FCS Coaches Poll on Monday. The Gamecocks (6-1, 4-0 Ohio Valley Conference) were picked by the media as the top team in FCS for the seventh-straight week but gained ground toward the top spot in the coaches’ vote. In the STATS Poll, selected by media from across the coun- try, the Gamecocks received 107 first-place votes and 3,923 to- tal votes, second-place Coastal Carolina’s 33 first-place votes and 3,788 total votes. Illinois State took advantage of a loss by last week’s No. 3 James Madison to climb to second. Jacksonville State, which received 629 votes, eight for first- place, JSU, UTC and EWU rounded out the Coaches’ top five, as well. The release of the polls marks the 25th-straight week that JSU has been ranked in the Top 10 in at least one of the two FCS Polls. The Gamecocks will be at home this week against East- ern Kentucky, the No. 13 team in the STATS Poll and No. 14 in the Coaches Poll. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Burgess-Snow Field on what will be Homecoming for Jack- sonville State University.

JSU golfer Pablo Torres follows through with his golf swing.

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Golf finishes fifth

ESTERO, Fla. – The Jackson- ville State men’s golf team shot a 309 on Tuesday in the final round of the Homewood Hilton Airport Turtle Point in Kiawah Island, the 25th-straight week that JSU has been ranked in the Top 10 by the media as the top team in FCS. Coastal Carolina last week took just three back this week. The Chanticleers received 14 first-place votes and 632 total votes, while Jacksonville State earned 629 votes, eight for first- place. JSU, UTC and EWU rounded out the Coaches’ top five, as well. The release of the polls marks the 25th-straight week that JSU has been ranked in the Top 10 in at least one of the two FCS Polls. The Gamecocks will be at home this week against East- ern Kentucky, the No. 13 team in the STATS Poll and No. 14 in the Coaches Poll. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Burgess-Snow Field on what will be Homecoming for Jack- sonville State University.

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Troyminne Pope (24) carries defenders to the goal line for a score.

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