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Pageant raises money for breast cancer

Mary Fowler Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Zeta Tau Alpha hosted its 46th annual Big Man On Campus male beauty pageant to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research.

ZTA crowned Kyle Youngblood as the winner of the pageant. Philip Hensley won the title of "Sexiest Legs" and the first runner up was Dylan Jones. Jones' "I heart Zeta" shirt and balloon animal creations won over the judges for a top spot.

The beginning segment of the pageant started with a GQ walk in which the contestants strut what their mamas gave them often showing off their bums to the judges or giving the crowd a seductive wink. Zeta's own Emilee Cabaniss and Gena Baker announced each contestant along with a brief introductory as they made their way across the stage. Contestant Dylan Jones revealed an "I heart Zeta" T-shirt underneath his black suit and pink tie to prove his love for Zeta.

The second portion was the "Q & A" segment hosted by last year's winner, Tyler Brown. Drake Cebrian, sponsored by Tau Delta Phi, was asked what he would do with the jackpot money if he won the lottery. His reply was, "I would donate half of the money to breast cancer awareness because it's my favorite philanthropy." Travis Sheats, sponsored by Kappa Sigma, answered that he would want healing powers

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LEFT TO RIGHT: First runner up Dylan Jones, first place winner Kyle Youngblood and second runner up Philip Hensley pose after the competition.

Mysterious substance causes Self Hall evacuation, cancellation of classes

Marie McBurnett

Editor-in-Chief

On Monday, several police cars and firetrucks lined Forney Avenue, blocking the entrance to Self Hall due to a white powder substance scattered on the floor.

Jacksonville State University Police (UPD), along with the Jacksonville Fire Department (JFD) and the Anniston Fire Department (AFD), evacuated all students and faculty, and closed the building from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"A cleaning detergent can was found on the scene, but UPD wanted to run additional tests on the substance just in case," said Buffy Lockette, director of public relations at JSU.

The AFD ran several tests on the powder substance and con-



Mike Stedham/JSU

Self Hall closed from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Monday due to a white powder spread around the building. An Anniston hazmat team tested the powder and concluded it was a cleaning agent.

firmed that it was a cleaning detergent, according to Lockette.

Assistant Professor of Communication Jerry Chandler barely missed whoever was allegedly responsible for the incident.

"I was going upstairs to my intro class at about a quarter after 9 in the morning up the center stairway and there was nothing

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College of Arts and Sciences hosts student symposium

Emily Kirby Staff Reporter

The College of Arts and Sciences held a student symposium on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library on Tuesday and Wednesday.

One student, Travis Chambers, presented a lecture entitled "The Impact of Early and Forced Marriage on the Rights of a Child in Afghanistan."

Chambers used his own personal experience as a combat veteran to describe the importance of change in the lives of adolescents in the middle east.

Another presenter, Candace Thompson, spoke on the topic of Straining the Covenant: Parallels in the Books of Genesis and Judges.

"I'm specifically covering how the

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Delivery, Dine in, or Carryout

SPLC coordinator lectures for Black History Month

Emily Kirby Staff Reporter

Emily Mumford, an oncampus coordinator for the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), held a lecture in honor of Black History Month on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library on Tuesday.

The University Housing and Residence Life organized and sponsored the event. Mumford began her lecture, entitled Black History Month: A Legacy of Activism, explained the history behind the February celebration.

Founded in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, the second week of February was set aside for Negro History Week to commemorate the African American population whose families were direct descendants of slaves, or affected by slavery in America.

Finally in 1976, President Gerald Ford named the month of February as Black History Month in the U.S.

Mumford guided listeners through the United States' civil rights history, leading them down a timeline consisting of events that led all the way up to 2015.



Emily Kirby/The Chanticleer

Emily Mumford, an on-campus coordinator for the Southern Poverty Law Center speaks to students about Black History Month on Tuesday in the Houston Cole Library.

To convey to the audience the intensity of population diversity in the U.S., Mumford provided statistics of the percentage of people in the country that identify as white and as colored. In 1970, 83 percent of Americans identified themselves as white and only 17 percent as colored. Today, the numbers are closer; the white population is at 66 percent and the colored population is at 34 percent.

Mumford explained that SPLC encourages the under-

standing of tolerance and acceptance at an early age with their program, Teaching Tolerance, which reaches children in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

They provide teaching kits and books for the participating classrooms. Their goal is to help teachers to be able to teacher gender identity and sexual orientation in the classroom, voting as a youth, and the growing trend of technology and its use in the classroom.

"The mission of Teaching

Tolerance is to promote an appreciation for diversity in schools by reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations, and supporting equity for our nation's children," a slideshow presentation read.

SPLC on campus is the college-level program and is made up of four components: economic justice, juvenile justice, LGBT rights and civil rights trips to the south.

"The March Continues" was a recurring theme in

the lecture, encouraging students to find what they are passionate about and 'march' for it. Not only literal marches, but also anything individuals can do in communities to make a more equitable society.

The SPLC also tracks the amount and activity of hate groups in America. Today, they know of at least 784 hate groups. They track them online, have people find information about the organizations undercover, and have a portion of their website dedicated to exposing the activities of radical hate groups. The link for this information is splcenter. org/hatewatch. They also attempt to find ways to end the groups.

Charissa Johnson, a student at JSU, responded to the lecture by saying, "I really think SPLC could do a good job of educating the students at JSU in hate groups because I think a lot of people didn't know that there were that many hate groups. People like to assume that [the march] is over, but I think that's a big thing that this is talking about, that the march is not over, and people should continue marching."



Mike Stedham/JSU

Members of the Anniston and Jacksonville Fire Departments and UPD work on testing powder found in Self Hall on Monday.

abnormal. I came back down the stairway 5, maybe 10 minutes later to get something I left in my office and there was powder sprinkled at fairly heavy volume all over the stairway."

Chandler's first thought was "the cleaning folks are going to clean the floor," but one of the women that works with cleaning services told him they were not planning on cleaning the floor.

"My initial thought after I found out that it was

not for cleaning, was that it might be anthrax. Then I thought that if they did that in such great vol-

umes, they'd be dead

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too," Chandler said.

He called UPD and they arrived very quickly. Attempts to reach UPD Chief Shawn Giddy were successful, but he directed questions to Lockette. JFD officials, who were on the scene Monday,

Chandler said, "if it was a prank, it was a prank in very poor taste,"

could not be reached for

comment.

and "I can't help but think the person who did it needs help."

UPD is in the middle of an investigation and is trying to determine if they will press criminal charges.

They are asking any students or faculty who know anything about the incident, to contact them.

Self Hall houses the communication department, the campus radio, campus newspaper, and educational technology department.

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binding of Isaac matches with the sacrifice of Jephthah's daughter, and how the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is similar to an incident involving the murder of a concubine toward the conclusion of the Book of Judges.

"I am trying to figure out why Genesis contains instances of divine mercy, but Judges seemingly does not. It's rather murky in that book. There is possibly more to the text than what is presented, however," Thompson said.

Each student presented a lecture lasting approximately 10 minutes each. The session on Tuesday focused on English, biology, geography and computer

science. The afternoon session consisted of lectures by students speaking on English, computer science, and social work.

Wednesday morning's session began with presentations by english students who were looking at the Bible as literature. The session continued with presentations on political science, computer science and social work. One student developed his own video game.

Since 1995, the symposium has allowed students to present their research and projects to the student body. Faculty members guided and mentored students in the development of their presentations.

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to heal anyone with breast cancer, if he had to choose a superpower.

Youngblood kneeled down and proposed to his girlfriend Dallas Irwin, who is a member of ZTA, as he finished singing Thomas Rhett's "Die A Happy Man".

Philip Hensley and his ZTA girlfriend, Makai Andrews, performed together as she spit the beats and he rapped about how the two met. Niko Teofilo showed off his scooter tricks for the audience, zooming around in a superman shirt and jumping over his friend Joseph Winslett.



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Campus crime report: 02/08 to 02/16

02/08/2016 Criminal Mischief Brewer Hall Parking Lot

02/10/2016 Violation of Student Code of Conduct 10th Avenue

02/10/2016 Automobile Accident Merrill Hall Parking Lot

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Witness a crime?

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02/12/2016 Information Report JSU Campus

02/16/2016 Violation of Student Code of Conduct Crow Hall



Just found my Gameboy. Now if I find a charger, there will be no more adulting for me today.

That moment when your contact comes out in class and it's like putting a potato chip back, in your eye.

Unpopular opinion: yellow Starbursts are my favorite.

Nobody in this class knows I have a McChicken in my pocket.

Adulthood is just eating a taco where the toppings keep falling out and then death.

USB sounds like a backup plan in case the USA fails.

What if phobias are made from how you died in a past life.

My roommate joining a fraternity was the best thing that has happened to me here at JSU. Oh how I love some Me time!

Marriage, parenthood, career, etc. all comes with a price. Don't let people fool you with their fake smiles. We are never happy 24/7. Don't envy anyone else's life; learn to enjoy your own life instead.

Dear Chanty,

I am in my second semester here at JSU. When I first came here, a couple of my friends from high school did as well. We were all really close back in high school, but now, I am really starting to hate being around them at all. I have grown up a lot in the short time that I have been here. They just seem stuck in high school still. I am trying to get involved on campus and strengthen my resume. All they do is play video games and hangout. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but I really want to break away from them and form a new identity for myself. I don't want to be who I was in high school because that really wasn't me. I don't know how to make my old friends understand. What should I do?

Sincerely,

If you really want to break away from your old friends, you have a number of ways to do it nicely. First, you can involve yourself in more school activities so that you are too busy to really spend much time with them. But you do need to talk to them about your feelings. Be honest. Don't say you don't want to be friends anymore because that can seem mean. What you should do is tell your friends that you are making changes and getting serious about school. Explain to them that because of these changes, you won't have as much time to hangout with them. From there, just stay busy, but still be nice to them. Over time, you will inevitably grow

Yours truly,

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Guest artists hit the stage at Pelham's

Katelyn Schneider Arts & Entertainment **Editor**

On their rise to gaining career success, they stopped in Jacksonville's small college town. Jacksonville was their third stop out of four Alabama performances. A different stage in a different town for four back-toback nights is tough, but it is a step closer for these two artists getting what they've always wanted: to write, sing, and perform country

music. Sam Grayson and Ray Fulcher performed an acoustic set at Pelham's in Jacksonville on Friday, February 12 at 10:00 p.m.. These two men are up and coming country artists. Their names may not headline major tours yet, but they have worked with the well known names in country music. Ray Fulcher co-wrote four out of six songs of Luke Combs' new EP "This One's For You."

Grayson and Fulcher agreed to do an interview before their show. The interview was done live on JSU's radio station, WLJS 91.9.

The interview was conducted by two of the co-hosts of the show "Cocky Counmyself.

Chanticleer chief editor, Marie McBurnett also participated in the interview process. The questions varied from if they prefer Coke over Pepsi to things that have impacted and influenced their love for country music and their desire to work in this field.

Music is their job, but it's what they love to do. It has a much deeper meaning

One of the songs that is the most special to Sam Grayson is one of the first ones he wrote, "Whiskey Love Song." He said "I was 15 years old, and my dad actually helped me write like half of the song probably, so I think that's one of my most favorite songs because of the fact that we wrote it together."

Fulcher said "The whole reason I got into music is because of how it made me feel. Because I saw how it impacted others, and that's kinda what made me want to start writing." Both of these men repeatedly expressed that music is incredibly important to them.

George Strait, a country music icon, has had an influence on Fulcher's music.

try," Renee Lyons and Fulcher started the concert singing a cover of a George Strait song known as "Check Yes or No." From there, Sam Grayson sang a cover to "Barefoot Bluejean Night" by Jake Owen.

That's how most of the show went. Grayson and Fulcher took turns singing. To begin with, they sang covers for a while, but afterwards, they each sang some of their original pieces. They even mixed it up and rapped a little with their drummer, Tyson Thaxton.

The men started their Alabama performances in Troy on February 10. The next day they moved to Tuscaloosa and then to Jacksonville. They ended their performances on Saturday in Auburn,

The performance at Pelham's was a fun experience for country music fans. Renee Lyons had a great time conducting an interview with the guys and loved their show.

"I really enjoyed the show! I'm a huge fan of anyone who can captivate a crowd without the crowd knowing them, and they successfully accomplished that! I think these two have a bright future ahead of them!"



Zach Baer/Special to The Chanticleer

ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Katelyn Schneider, Ray Fulcher, Renee Lyons, Sam Grayson, and Marie McBurnett pose for a picture after the interview. BELOW, FROM LEFT: Sam Grayson, Tyson Thaxton, and Ray Fulcher perform Friday night at Pelham's.



Katelyn Schneider/The Chanticleer

Alexander technique relaxes students

Matt Hill

On February 13, Dr. Barbara Hudson, music department chair of Snead State Community College and certified Alexander technique teacher, gave a workshop in the Alexander technique: a system of self-care that prevents the damages of stress.

The Alexander technique has been used to relieve people with various health issues, including migraines and breathing difficulties. The technique's main goal is state of "perfect balance."

Though the technique is primarily targeted towards musicians and actors, the overall benefits can be used by anyone.

The workshop is part of the 2015-2016 Foothills Piano Festival, a free festival spanning over the fall and spring semesters. Usually the events for the festival are piano recitals, but Dr. Wendy Freeland, JSU music professor of piano, wanted a change.

Freeland said, "The piano festival has been going on since 2007. I wanted wasn't just performances where people could only sit and listen, so I thought the Alexander technique would be perfect for all the musicians here."

The day started off at 10 a.m. in the performance center of Mason Hall. Hudson's presentation was accompanied with a PowerPoint to show specific locations of common areas that stress affects. During the powerpoint presentation, Hudson began allowing volunteers to come in front of the forty-person crowd to per-

Hudson massaged specific points on the neck and shoulders, and told the volunteer to relax and imagine their head directly on top of the spine.

One of those volunteers was JSU junior and clarinet player, Shelby Hudgins. Hudson said, "I feel like my shoulders are really more open than before. I also feel a difference in my breathing."

Another volunteer was JSU percussionist, Latrice Green. Green raced to the front of the crowd when

to relax the individual to a a change of events, so it form the actual technique Hudson asked for another volunteer. Though Green is a percussionist and does not rely on her breathing to play her instruments, Green claimed to feel less tension in the upper-back, which can only help her relax during performanc-

> Hudson continued performing the techniques on willing individuals during the latter portion of the workshop and using pictures and a mock skeleton to teach the attendees about the technique.

Contact Barbara Hudson for more information.



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The Southerners announce 2016 show

Brett Thornburg Staff Reporter

At midnight on Valentine's Day, February 14, the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners announced their new 2016 production for their 60th anniversary. The show will be entitled Heroes: Lost and Fallen. "We had been thinking about doing a patriotic type show because of [the Southerners] going to Hawaii and Pearl Harbor," says Dr. Ken Bodiford, Director of Bands at Jacksonville State.

The upcoming show seeks to highlight and pay homage to the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor while simultaneously honoring the Southerner's fallen heroes, the recently passed Dr. John T. Finely and Dr. David L. Walters, both former directors of the Marching Southerners.

"The show has been about a year in progress. We try to stay a year ahead with our show planning," Bodiford says. The show will begin with selections from David Arnold's Independence Day, setting the stage for the production. Following will be the always anticipated Ballerina feature, which will consist of John William's Swing, Swing, Swing from the film 1941.

The third selection will be, according to Bodiford, "a moment that people will never forget." The ballad, which will feature Hans Zimmer's Honor, will recreate the emotions of the families of those who have gone off to war. Finally, the 2016 production will conclude with Heroes Finale, a combination of original themes mixed with Americana styled classics, followed

with a final push of Battle Hymn of Republic.

The Marching Southerners never cease to amaze with the production value of their shows, and they plan to continue their top notch performances for their upcoming program. The ballad plans to incorporate select members of the Southerners' Color Guard, along with extras, and even children as "actors" and featured performers. The ballad plans to incorporate select members of the Southerners' Color Guard, along with extras, and even children as "actors" and featured perform-

Along with that, Bodiford plans to unveil banners, both of which will include the Southerners' past directors, Dr. Finley and Dr. Walters. Bodiford also plans to use styles from the 1940s as inspiration for the Marching Ballerinas and Southerners' Color Guard uniforms.

"The Ballerina tune will be more than just a dance tune, it's going to be a whole production," Bodiford states, as he plans to use up to six drum sets along with free moving pods instead of marching drill for the brass and woodwinds to add to the 1940s swing style.

The reception of the upcoming show was very positively received, especially with current Southerners.

"I think it's going to be a great show and will be a great honor to Dr. Finley and Dr. Walters," says Jesslyn McCullough, a flautist for the Marching Southerners. "The Southerners are great at giving an emotional show, and this is really going pull on people's heart strings," McCullough continues.

Matthew Barrett, a 20J for the Southerners also gives his thoughts on the upcoming production. "I'm really excited about the ideas behind it. I understand with the passing of Dr. Walters, I feel like this show is going to have more weight behind it, and I'm going to put more of my emotion into it," says Barrett.

For many of the Southerners, the most anticipated moment of the new production will be the crowd's reaction, notably with exhibitions for the Contest of Champions and Bands of America competitions.

Every year, the Marching Southerners leave audiences speechless giving everyone who watches a performance they will never forget. With the ideas that Dr. Bodiford has planned for the Southerners, Heroes: Lost and Fallen will be a performance that spectators will be talking about for years to come.

nnual art show at JSU impresses judge

Ray Martinez Staff Reporter

On Thursday, February 11, the JSU Department of Art hosted the 43rd annual Juried Student Show in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. The Juried Student Show showcased some of the best artistic talent that can be found in JSU. Forty-six students submitted their work for judging, the best of which were narrowed down and put on display in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, which was recently renovated during the summer of 2015.

Mary Dunn judged the submitted work. Before the awards were presented, Mary Dunn described the process that she undertook in deciding which works were displayed and what she was looking for in winning pieces. Technical proficiency and excitement were two things that were important for Dunn, but also quirkiness and a sense of humor. She

went on to say that the ies Safe to Shore a cejudging sometimes got difficult when her own biases and personal tastes were brought up, but she did her best to remain objective throughout the entire process. The pieces that went on to win an award met the criteria that she was looking for, which included being conceptual, showing intent, executing that intention, and portraying an idea, while also being well-crafted.

Five pieces went on to win an award; there were four Honorable Mentions and one Best in Show. The four pieces that won Honorable Mention were Black Lives Matter an ink piece by Nashara McEachern; Human Skin Under 100x Magnification a film camera piece using silver darkroom process by Rebekah Britton; Mingo Wine Bottle a digital output piece by Annabelle Barrow; and Though The Truth May Vary, This Ship Will Carry our Bodramic piece by Allison Wood. Best in Show was awarded to a piece made of pigments from nature titled Memorial to Alabama's Former State Parks by Alexandra Williams.

In an interview after the awards ceremony, Mary Dunn talked about the quality of the work she encountered while judging the show. She said the good work from all of the students made the decision difficult. This is her first time as a juror in a student show and she kept in mind that the decisions she made would impact the students involved so she remained as objective as she could throughout all of the decision making. When asked about the Department of Art at JSU, Mary Dunn said that she believed JSU has a great program and great students. She is glad that the program is growing. "The quality of students is getting better, which is exciting," she said.



PHOTOS BY: Ray Martinez/ The Chanticleer

Photo Above:

Though the Truth May Vary, This Ship Will Carry our Bodies Safe to Shore is a ceramic piece created by Allison Wood. It was on display at the show and won Honorable Mention.

Photo Left: Memorial to Alabama's Former State Parks is a piece by Alexandra Williams. This piece she created won Best in Show. Creator, Alexandra Williams is pictured

with her framed piece.





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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Supreme Court vacancy intensifies presidential race

Kevin Spann

Political Columnist

With the New Hampshire primary now behind us and the presidential race beginning to take shape, history has thrown the nation a curve ball in the form of an opening on the Supreme Court.

Following the primary voting in New Hampshire, the Republican field was narrowed down and conventional wisdom challenged. With the exit of two candidates once thought to be serious contenders, Sen. Rand Paul and Gov. Chris Christie, the Republican field seems destined to narrow to a three-way race.

As for the Democrats, Sen. Sander's was the favorite to win the state, due to its proximity to his

However, his victory by over 50,000 votes may have proven that Clinton, who is still the frontrunner in nationwide polling, is in for a grueling race.

With the future of both parties up in the air due to the vast differences of their candidates, this weekend's vacancy on the Supreme Court has further intensified the election.

On Feb. 13, Justice Antonin Scalia passed away while vacationing in Texas, reportedly due to natural causes.

Scalia's departure has left the

court now tied between liberals and conservatives, with Justice Anthony Kennedy's swing vote becoming even more influential.

The Court's opening has greatly increased intensity among candidates because the odds of President Obama appointing Scalia's successor seem dim.

Within less than 24 hours of Scalia's death, leading Republicans announced their commitment to blocking Senate confirmation of anyone the president puts forward.

Republicans have argued that a precedent has been set for presidents to not appoint Supreme Court Justices in their final year of office. However, President Reagan appointed a Justice in his final year though the contentious process began about half a year

While Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham has sought to broker a deal to put forward a nominee palatable to conservatives, his chances in the current political environment seem

As such, it appears likely that voters will have a say in not just the next president, but Scalia's successor as well.

No matter who the next President is, he or she will have considerable trouble appointing a successor if partisanship and gridlock remain at the degree they are now.

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Social media users abandon their privacy

Eric Taunton Staff Reporter

In the age of social media obsession, it seems that many users are willingly giving up their personal privacy in order to participate.

Millions of people today are on social media. If you want to find someone, all you have to do is search that person's name on Facebook and you will probably find that person.

Additionally, some people don't have a problem letting everyone know every little thing that they're doing.

Posting exactly what time they got out of bed that morning, how much money is in their checking account, or that they're going through a bad break up has become the new norm for many social media users.

It seems as though a lot of people choose to ignore the fact that this kind of behavior is not only dangerous, but also a little foolish. By doing this, people voluntarily give up their privacy.

And not only that, but they also give people the opportunity to give their opinion on every single thing they do.

Do people really need to know that it hurts when someone they know goes to the bathroom? Or that they're having a hard time with their finances?

If someone said that there is good that comes from social media, they would be absolutely right. It gives people the opportunity to stay in touch with friends and family, providing a little bit of knowledge of how they are doing.

Social media also gives people the opportunity to learn information, such as what time an event starts, or what kind of attire they are expected to wear for a work party.

However, posting serious information on the internet, or posting too frequently, depending on what it is, can be a problem.

It has been proven that some government agencies actually use social media to gain knowledge about certain people.

The Associated Press (AP) reported in 2011 that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) used social media to gain insight on how people felt about certain issues.

The AP reported that they went as far as looking at people's tweets, Facebook messages, and more. One would imagine that this was relatively easy considering that a lot of people spill their guts, so to speak, on the internet.

This begs the question, is anything really private anymore? It used to be that only the people close to someone knew their birthday, but now everyone knows, whether they are Facebook friends or not.

People also know who is related to who, what their hobbies are, and what their political and religious views are.

Whether or not this is right or wrong is up for debate; there is no right answer.

There are risks with being on social media, as with anything in life. These risks being harassment, stalking, and other things. Social media is a good thing, but it can be made a bad thing as well.

Governor makes appointment, re-appointment to trustees

Adam Higgins Associate Editoi

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the Alabama Senate confirmed Gov. Robert

Bentley's appointment of Greg Brown and reappointment of Randall Jones to the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees.

Brown, who is CEO and chairman of the Board of Directors for BR Williams Trucking, Inc. in Oxford, AL., will represent Congressional District 3, according to a JSU news release from Feb. 11.

Brown, a JSU alumnus, graduated with a B.S. in mathematics and accounting in 1979.

In 1989, he earned a juris doctorate from the Birmingham School of Law.

Jones, an agent at Nationwide Insurance-Randy Jones & Associates, Inc. in Albertville, AL., has served on



JSU

Gov. Robert Bentley appointed Greg Brown to the JSU Board of Trustees. Brown will represent Congressional District 3.

the board since 2008.

He is a 1976 graduate of JSU and has been re-appointed for a 6-year term, according to the JSU news release.

Survey says millenials feel presidential candidates ignore them

that the current presidential candidates are not talking about the issues that matter most to them, according to a new survey of millennials by GenFKD, a non-partisan organiza-

Millennials account for 36 percent of eligible voters, the largest demographic in the 2016 election, according to ThinkProgress.

Despite their voting power, 86 percent of millennials, those 18 to 34 years old, say this year's presidential candidates are not addressing them or the issue that they care about the most.

Survey results indicated what millennials see as the dominant issues. 19 percent of millennials see jobs and economic growth as their top priority; 14 percent chose climate change as their dominant issue, while 11 percent chose healthcare, and 10 percent chose student debt.

"It is very disappointing that the presidential candidates are ignoring a vital demographic group and the issues that matter most to millennials," said Justin Dent, president and co-founder of GenFKD.

"With an uncertain economy and

NEW YORK – A large majority international instability, millennials of recent college graduates believe are more engaged than ever in the upcoming election, yet they are left out of the discussion," Dent said.

> GenFKD polled 752 millennials through Survey Monkey to determine which issues most concern them and if they felt their concerns were being adequately acknowledged in the national debate. "Millennials are clearly concerned about the economy they will inherit, and the opportunities available to them," said Christopher Koopman of the Mercatus Institute at George Mason University.

> "Unfortunately, political candidates have a strong incentive to support special interests over the causes that matter most to young people. There is a danger in doing that because millennials are concerned, active, and engaged," Koopman said.

> "Until now, there have been less than a handful of millennial issues addressed in hours and hours of debates and interviews," said Dent, a student at the University of Maryland.

> "We're worried about jobs and graduating into a nation of the underemployed," he said. **-UWIRE**

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- vs. Missouri 12:15 p.m.
- vs. Nebraska at Omaha 2:30 p.m.
- -Baseball vs. Valparaiso 3 p.m.

2/20

- -Rifle NCAA Qualifying
- -Women's Tennis at Chattanooga 12 p.m.
- -Softball vs. College of Charleston 12:15 p.m. vs. Georgia 4:45 p.m.
- -Baseball vs. Valparaiso 1 p.m.
- -Women's Basketball at Tennessee State 5:30 p.m.
- -Men's Basketball at Tennessee State 7:30 p.m.

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- -Softball
- vs. Elon 9 a.m.
- vs. Florida 11:15 a.m.
- -Baseball vs. Valparaiso 1 p.m.

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-Women's Golf at Amelia Island Collegiate

2/23

- -Women's Golf at Amelia Island Collegiate
- -Baseball at UAB 4 p.m.

2/25

-Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Kentucky 7 p.m.

OVC Basketball Standing Men's Standings School OVC Overall

East

Tennessee Tech	10-3	18-8
Belmont	10-3	18-9
Tennessee State	9-3	18-7
Morehead State	8-5	15-11
Eastern Kent	5-8	14-14
Jacksonville Stat	4-9	8-20

West

 Murray State
 8-5
 14-12

 UT Martin
 7-5
 15-12

 Eastern Illinois
 7-6
 11-15

 Austin Peay
 5-8
 12-16

 SEMO
 2-11
 5-21

 SIUE
 2-11
 5-20

Women's Standings

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School	OVC Overall
UT Martin	11-2 18-8
Belmont	10-3 18-8
SIUE	9-3 14-11
Eastern Kentucky	7-5 13-10
SEMO	7-6 14-12
Murray State	6-7 10-14
Austin Peay	6-7 8-18
Jacksonville Stat	e 5-8 10-15
Tennessee State	5-8 10-16
Tennessee Tech	5-8 9-17
Morehead State	3-9 9-17
Eastern Illinois	2-10 3-21



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Men's Basketball fall in a close game to TTU

Timothy Cash *Sports Editor*

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks (8-20, 4-9 Ohio Valley Conference) lost in the final seconds to Tennessee Tech (18-8, 10-3 OVC), allowing the Golden Eagles to remain perfect at home.

With seven seconds left in the contest, a three-pointer by Greg Tucker tied the game at 70. A few seconds later, a foul was called on Delfincko Bogan, and TTU was sent to the line. The Golden Eagles' Torrance Rowe managed to make the two-critical free throws with one-second left to allow Tech's home-court winning streak to continue, and drop JSU 72-70.

Jax State started off to a slow start on Saturday. By the time the first half reached the halfway mark, the Gamecocks were down 19-9. JSU started to wake up after that point, and brought the Golden Eagles' lead down to one point, 25-24, with 5:59 left in the half.

Tennessee Tech tried to extend their lead on the Gamecocks several times, but Jax State was able to keep the contest close. When the teams returned to the locker rooms for half-

time, Jacksonville State was only down by two, 32-30.

Jax State was able to tie the game up at the start of the second half. Tennessee Tech's Anthony Morse committed a foul that sent Tucker to the line. He was able to knock both attempts down and set the score at 32 for both teams.

The Golden eagles did not allow the Gamecocks to keep the tie for long, and almost immediately retook the lead. JSU never allowed TTU more than a four-point advantage, and was once again able to tie the game, this time at 38.

After Tech's Rowe was able to sink a free throw, Tucker was able to give Jax State the lead for the first time in the game. Ahead 40-39, the Gamecocks were able to stretch the lead to six, 47-41, off of a jumper by JaQuail Townser in the paint.

Fearing that they were about to forfeit their thirteenth home win, and their perfect home record, Tennessee Tech held JSU scoreless for 2:45. Working their way back up, TTU's Hakeem Rogers regained the lead for the Golden Eagles on a three-pointer. Tech showed Jax State why

they are the top team in the OVC, bringing their lead out to 11 points twice.

The Gamecocks were able to find rhythm, and fought back against Tennessee Tech. Tech's 65-54 point lead over Jacksonville State was soon chipped away until the Gamecocks managed to tie the game at 70 with sevenseconds left.

Tucker led JSU with a total of 32 points. He went 6-13 in field goals, 3-5 in three-point field goals and was perfect with all 11 of his free throws. Bogan went 4-7 in field goals, 3-6 in threes and caught three defensive rebounds. Townser went 4-8 in field goals, 1-4 in threes and made both of his two free throws. He also managed to grab six defensive rebounds. Jared Hamilton led the team in total rebounds.

Hamilton managed to get four offensive and defensive rebounds during the contest. Redshirt freshman Ed Jones grabbed six defensive and one offensive rebound.

JSU will travel to Nashville to face the Tigers of Tennessee State on Saturday Feb. 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Golden Eagles break losing streak to JSU's Women's Basketball team

COOKEVILLE, Tenn.

Jacksonville State's five-game winning streak against Tennessee Tech came to a halt as the Golden Eagles edged JSU in overtime, 51-49, on Saturday evening at the Eblen Center.

With three games remaining in the regular season and postseason implications on the line, JSU falls to 10-15 overall and 5-8 in Ohio Valley Conference play. TTU improved to 9-17 and matches Jax State in the league standings at 5-8. JSU and TTU split the season series after JSU claimed the contest in Jacksonville last Saturday.

It wasn't an offensive showing for either team, especially in the opening 20 minutes as the two squads combined for just nine baskets on 55 total field goals. TTU led 7-6 after the first 10 minutes and took a 16-14 lead in to the halftime break.

JSU's offensive showed signs of life in the third quarter with 17 points in the session, highlighted by junior Briana Benson's five points, including a three pointer at the quarter buzzer to give Jax State a 31-24 lead heading in to the final quarter. JSU pushed its lead out to as many as 10 points in the final quarter as it led 38-28 with 8:09 left in the game after Benson drilled one of her three treys. The Jonesboro, Georgia guard inched closer to the program's all-time career three pointers-made list with 153 career treys. She needs four to tie former Gamecock Shneka Whaley's mark of 157. Benson's 12th attempt from behind the arc came up short as JSU went for the win with the final shot of overtime. Benson led JSU with 17 points in 29 minutes of action.

Tech began to chip away at the 10-point deficit and put together a 10-0 scoring run over a five-minute span as Alliyah Smith knotted the contest at 38-all with 3:14 left in regulation. JSU took its last lead of regulation with a Gretchen Morrison jumper with 2:12 left to play. TTU's Lindsey Jennings gave her squad a 42-40 after a pair of free throws with just under a minute left on the clock.

JSU matched TTU with a

pair of free throws by Ben-

son, the OVC's top free throw shooter.

JSU held a pair of leads in the extra session after a three pointer by Benson and a lay up by Destiny James, but after a jumper by Samaria Howard and a pair of free throws by Mariah Dean, Tech led 50-47 with 21 seconds left. Morrison's attempt on JSU's next trip down the floor rimmed off.

Sophomore Tyler Phelion had a career night on the backboards with a career best 16 rebounds. The Mobile, Alabama-post player had 10 of her 16 rebounds by halftime. Phelion collected her fourth double-double of the season and fifth of her career with 12 points. Morrison pitched in seven points, while Courtney Strain added six points in the first half.

The Howard and Dean combo was Tech's offense as the two combined for 35 points. Howard, one of the top scorers in the OVC, tallied a game-high 25 points, while Dean finished with 10 points. Jennings turned in eight points.

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Records set at the Samford Invitational

BIRMINGHAM

- The Jacksonville State track and field team tuned up for the upcoming 2016 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday in the Samford Invitational at the Birmingham Crossplex.

Jax State followed up a solid outing last weekend in Carbondale, Illinois with another career day for a few of the Gamecocks.

Leading the way for JSU in the sprints once again was sophomore Kayla Thompson.

Thompson turned in a personal best in the 200 meter dash on Saturday in a crowded field of over 80 competitors.

Thompson crossed the finish line in 24.57 to collect another top-10 finish in the event.

Freshman Lauren Moorer also tallied a personal best in the 400 meter event with a mark of 58.99.

Moorer placed 29th among 82 athletes in the event.

The Gamecocks field athletes continue to impress head coach Steve Ray as he had three of his athletes finish in the top 10 in two different field events

Junior Ashley Williams finished eighth in the long jump after she had a leap of 18' 1.5", which is an indoor best for the Auburn, Alabama native.

Sophomore Samantha Patterson cleared 10' 11.75" in the pole vault competition and took eighth place on Saturday.

Sophomore Laura Sewell finished in the top-10 and just behind Patterson after turning in a leap of 10' 6".

The 2016 OVC Indoor Championships will be contested on Feb. 26-27 in Nashville, Tennessee and hosted by Tennessee State.

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Sophomores Samantha Patterson and Laura Swell both had top-10 finishes in pole vaulting





JSU finishes the Savannah State Tournament with a 2-2

Drexel drops the JSU Softball team

Rebekah Hawkins Staff Reporter

The JSU softball team came close to winning their final game against Drexel in the Savannah State Lady Tiger Invitational, but they came up short 10-9.

It seemed to be a runaway for the Gamecocks since they were up 9-2 entering into the fifth inning. In a miraculous turnaround, the Dragons of Drexel managed four runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to pull off the victory against the Gamecocks.

With 14 total hits on the day, the Gamecocks made it look easy for the first little while. They started in the first inning with two runs. Ella Denes took the first run home after a hit by Taylor Sloan, and moments later she took their second run with help from a single by Caitlyn Sapp. The Dragons managed a run of their own in the bottom of the first. The inning closed with the Gamecocks ahead 2-1.

The second inning was scoreless for both teams but the top of the third saw two more runs by the Gamecocks. The first came off the feet of Sloan after a single by Emily Church, the second from Cadi



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Junior Taylor Sloan scored four runs in Sunday's loss to Drexel

Oliver. The Dragons were scoreless in the bottom of the third, keeping the Gamecocks ahead 4-2.

The Gamecocks took another two runs at the top of the fourth inning. One came from Denes, who was helped by a single from Whitney Gillespie; the other once again from Sloan. Drexel went into the bottom of the fourth down by five runs, but cut it to four after JSU walked a batter and allowed Drexel's Baeley Reed

The fifth inning began with the Gamecocks leading 6-2. They jumped up another three

runs quickly. Two came off Taylor Sloan's triple that sent Denes and Anna Snider home. The third came when Sloan went home herself.

The Gamecocks seemed to have a handle on the game until the bottom of the fifth. The Dragons scored four runs to close the gap between the two teams to just three runs. The score entering the sixth was still JSU's 9-6.

JSU froze in the top of the sixth and went scoreless, while Drexel managed to score another four runs to put them in the lead 10-9. The top of the seventh gave JSU one final chance. However, they could not quite put anything together and Drexel took the narrow victory by one.

Despite the loss, the Gamecocks had an amazing day. Taylor Sloan was 5-for-5 and had four runs. Ella Denes was behind her with a 3-for-5 day and three runs. Pitcher Taylor West had four strikeouts and Casey Akenberger had two.

The Gamecocks move to 3-3 on the season. They head to Lake Buena Vista, Fla. to play in the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic. The grueling slate includes three Southeastern Conference teams, beginning on Feb. 19 with Missouri.

Hamilton gets third honor

BRENTWOOD,

Tenn. – Jacksonville State freshman Jared Hamilton has been named Co-Freshman of the Week for the Ohio Valley Conference, the league office announced on Monday.

It's the Charlotte, N.C., native's third OVC freshman honor of the season, after earning the title following the opening week of the season in mid-November, then again following the first weekend of conference play in January.

Hamilton led the shorthanded Gamecock (8-20, 4-9 OVC) on the road last week to league leaders Belmont and Tennessee Tech, who both own 10-3 conference records.

Despite injuries down the stretch, JSU has continued to battle against the best teams.

At Belmont, JSU trailed by 19 with 10:49 to play before Hamilton and company went on a 19-2 run over a four-minute span to make it a twopoint contest late.

The Bruins shot 70-percent from threepoint range in the second half to hold on for the win.

Hamilton with 13 points shooting 5-of-8 from the floor and grabbing five boards to go along with a couple of assists.

On the road at Tennessee Tech on Saturday, Hamilton flirted with a double-double collecting nine points and eight rebounds.

He played all but one minute as the Gamecocks pushed the Golden Eagles to the brink threatening to hand TTU its first home loss of the sea-

Junior Greg Tucker's three with seven seconds to go tied the game after JSU Rallied from an 11-point deficit in the final six minutes.

TTU made two free throws with a second left to win.

lineup With the stretched thin, Hamilton's now played all but nine minutes in the Gamecocks' last three games.

JSU will make its final road trip of the regular season to Nashville, to face Tennessee State, on Saturday.

TSU's Armani Chaney shares this week's honor with Hamilton as the OVC's other Co-Freshman of the Week recipient.

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JSU's Tennis teams split the ASU Invite

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

- The Jacksonville State men's and women's tennis teams gained a split on the final day of the Alabama State Invitational as the JSU women topped the Hornets, while ASU claimed a win over the Gamecock men on Sunday.

JSU posted a 5-2 win in the women's contest, while ASU's men won by the same mark in the men's match.

The win by the women's club was the second of the season and they improved to 2-6 on the season.

On the men's side, JSU dropped to 3-7 overall.

In the women's match, JSU recorded the first point of the match by winning the doubles point. Jax State's

Claudia Marsala and Diana Mirceta completed a perfect 3-0 weekend in doubles with a 6-4 win over ASU's Gabriela Lackova and Nicole Tekelova.

The point was clinched at No. 3 doubles as Sadey St. Amant and Courtney Conley turned back Patricia Regel and Irina Cvijovic, 6-4.

Mirceta completed the weekend with the matchclinching point at No. 4 singles.

The Hamilton, Canada native won in straight sets over Cvijovic – 6-4, 6-4.

JSU was able to get to the match-clinching point after wins posted by St. Amant, Conley and Genevie Ulan-

St. Amant collected her second singles win of the





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Juniors Diana Mirceta (LEFT) and Claudia Marsala (RIGHT) were a perfect 3-0 in the doubles competition.

weekend after downing 6-4, 6-3. ASU's Tekelova – 6-4, 6-2. Conley turned back Matabe Akoachere -6-2, 6-2 at No. 6. Ulanday won at No. 2 over Brankica Orlovic –

The men's match started the way the women's contest began with the Gamecocks taking the first point of the match with the doubles point.

Jaryd Reese and Austin McCormick were first off the court after quick-working ASU's Ronald Mataba and Adam Coyne, 6-1.

The Gamecocks clinched the point at No. 1 doubles as Vinicio Hadlich and Andres Gomez edged Jarred Thompson and Patrik Cvik, 7-5.

ASU regrouped in singles to win five of the six matches to claim the win.

JSU's Gomez closed out the day with a win at No. 5 over Thompson -7-5, 6-0.

Gomez went won both of his matches in doubles and singles on the weekend.

Both squads return to action on February 18 against Mercer in Macon, Georgia.

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