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Delta Zeta hosts Clay Classic

The JSU Delta Zeta sorority will host its first Clay Classic to benefit the Starkey Hearing Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Circle W Hunting Preserve in Heflin, Ala. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the skeet shoot begins at 9 a.m.

For every 100\$ raised, one person will receive hearing aids.

If you would like to participate as an individual or team, please call Ansley Walker at 256-201-1073 or awalker7@stu.jsu.edu.

Homecoming King and Queen

The Top 10 Homecoming King and Queen 2016 candidates were selected at the Homecoming Showcase on Oct. 12.

Online voting takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 12:01 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 27, at 8 p.m.

Notable Author to speak on campus

Donald Brown, author of "Mr. X and Mr. Y," and former reporter for the Birmingham News will speak at the Houston Cole Library on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.



Trustees name practice field for late Chairman

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees met on Monday, Oct. 17, 2016, on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library for its first meeting of the new fiscal year. This was the first Trustee meeting after the death of Chairman Jim Bennett on August 17.

During the public portion of the

meeting, the board voted to name the new Marching Southerners' practice field the Jim Bennett Marching Southerners Field in honor of the late Chairman. Bennett was a trumpet player for the Southerners before graduating from JSU in 1962.

Trustee member Ronnie Smith was elected the president pro tem. Smith has served on the board since 2004.

The board also passed a resolution creating the position of vice president

pro tem. Trustee Thomas Dedrick was selected for this position. Diedrick has served on the board since 2008.

The agenda for the meeting included a reimbursement resolution and a resolution to establish a Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement in the Department of Criminal Justice. Other items discussed included enrollment, scholarship restructuring, a new Master's degree in social work, a new

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"These Shining Lives" to hit stage and hearts of JSU



Above: Savannah Jones and Dakota Yarbrough rehearse a scene together. Jones and Yarbrough play married couple Catherine and Tom Donohue in the production.

Below L to R: Allison Lawley, Savannah Jones, Alexis Robinson and Ebony Antoine pose for publicity photos Tuesday night.

Photos courtesy of JSU Drama Department.

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

The year is 1922. The Radium Dial Company has just opened in Ottawa, Ill. The women who work there are paid eight cents for every watch they paint, and they're ecstatic about it. They don't know that the jobs they are so excited to have will be what kills them.

This is the setting of "These Shining Lives," the JSU Drama Department's first show of the 2016-2017 season. Written by Melanie Marnich and first produced in 2010, the show is based on the real-life story of Catherine Donohue and The Radium Girls of Chicago.

After working at Radium Dial Company for nine years, Catherine and her friends Charlotte Purcell, Pearl Payne and Frances O'Connell, and many other young women, contract terminal radium poisoning from the radioactive paint used on the company's watches. The radium poisoning lead to brittle bones, cancer and severe bleeding. Many victims had to have their jawbones removed, and others had limbs amputated.

"It's a very emotional show," said Alexis Robinson, a junior theatre performance major who plays Pearl, "very powerful. I'm a very emotional person, and I can't stop crying onstage."

"I like when you get to see people react to it," added freshman Allison Lawley. Lawley is a nursing major in her first production at JSU. "I love theatre because it shows actual human emotion, and it draws that out of people."

The play concludes with the rul-

ing of Catherine's court case, which ultimately led to the creation of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA).

Savannah Jones, a senior theatre performance major who plays Catherine, discussed the difficulties of playing a character who physically disintegrates on stage. Ebony Antoine, another fourth-year student and performance major, explained the challenge of adapting to her character.

"My character is the complete opposite of who I am personally," said Antoine, who plays Charlotte. "I'm super bubbly, and I love people, and Charlotte is just sassy and wants all the attention. "For somebody who isn't very talkative, when they take on that character who is really out there and very talkative and an overachiever, they have to pretty much drop who they are, and that's why they can be so outspoken on stage."

Auditions for "These Shining Lives" were held in

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Tuesday Talk features criminal justice career

Lauren Jackson
Staff Writer

Four successful JSU criminal justice alumni returned to Brewer Hall to speak with current students at the second Tuesday Talk of the semester. The alumni represented some of the fields of criminal justice, including crime scene investigation, probation, corrections and emergency management. In addition to offering students insight into the potential career paths that may be taken, the professionals

offered invaluable advice on resumes, interviews and gaining experience in the field.

Candice Prothro represented the career of a corrections officer. After earning a master's degree, Prothro worked for three years with the university housing department before accepting her current position.

Prothro related her current success to her dedication to school during her time in college. She encouraged contact with a trusted mentor and learning practical interview skills and tactics

while still in college. Prothro is also passionate on planning for life after graduation.

"It is important to have the financial means to make the move when you receive a job offer," she said.

Prothro encourages planning financially before graduation in order to not only be selected for a job, but to be able to accept the job.

Another area that is usually neglected during college is communica-

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partnership between JSU and Calhoun County 911 and an expanded athletic merchandise website.

The reimbursement resolution was proposed to the Finance and Administration Committee as a way to “preserve the university’s ability to reimburse itself for expenditures,” according to the report. This resolution was approved by the committee and adopted by the board.

A resolution to establish a Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement was proposed to the Academic Affairs Committee by the Department of Criminal Justice. According to the proposal, the center would evaluate and assess current crime problems, facilitate engagement between law enforcement and the community and train law enforcement in ethical and legal issues.

President John M. Beehler addressed the university’s improved enrollment during his presentation. Total enrollment for Fall 2016 is 8,514 students. This number is up from 8,063 last year. First-time freshman, first-time transfer students, graduate student enrollment, doctoral student enrollment and graduation rates are also up. The first year retention rate for students who enrolled in Fall 2015 is up to 78 percent, a 4 percent increase from the previous year.

The university restructured its scholarships to move to an individual need-based system. This system relies on a student’s high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores. Two pre-existing scholarships remain for first time freshman, the Elite Honors Scholarship and the Leadership Scholarship, and one transfer student scholarship, the President’s Scholarship. For more information on the new merit-based scholarship system and requirements, visit the Student Financial Services’ scholarship page on JSU’s website.

JSU has been approved to offer a Master’s of Social Work degree beginning Fall 2017. The program was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) in September. Dr. Maureen Newton, the Dean of the School Human Services and Social Sciences, says the program plans to accept between 20 and 25 students the first year.

From left: Ronnie Smith, newly elected President Pro Tem of the Board of Trustees; Thomas Diedrick, newly elected Vice Pro Tem, and the late Jim Bennett, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Photos from Jacksonville State University.



JSU and Calhoun County 911 have partnered to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement in case of emergencies on JSU’s campus. This effort includes giving individualized addresses to each building on campus to allow responders to locate buildings more easily. Implementation will begin Jan. 1, 2017.

JSU has expanded its athletic merchandise website to 94 items. The site includes a wider selection of apparel and accessories than the on-campus bookstore can carry. Dr. Ashok Roy, the Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs, expects revenue from sales to double as a result of the expansion and other negotiations with Barnes & Noble.

The JSU Board of Trustees meets quarterly. Its next meeting will be held on Jan. 15, 2017.

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August, and the cast has been rehearsing since September, often working late nights to make the show come together. Theatre, according to Alexis Robinson, is not a career path for the weak-hearted.

“We sculpt ideas. We make our art out of ideas and feelings, things you can’t see, and that’s why theater is such a unique art form,” Robinson said. “You can’t touch it. It just is. We manipulate the unseen. How do you take words on a page and turn it into something that can make somebody cry?”

“It forces you to be empathetic,” Jones added. “It forces you to take a look at both sides—every side—of every situation of every person. We tend to get so caught up in ourselves, and we’re so self-centered about, ‘Hey, me. I did this. I have a story. I-I-I-I-I’—all the time, and it’s nice every once in a while to go to the theater, to be in a show and to drop ‘I’ for a little bit and to experience what it’s like to not be ‘I’ all the time.”

The play also stars Dakaota Yarbrough as Tom Donohue, Aaron Williams as Mr. Reed/Company Doctor/Dr. Dalitsch, and Champ Bryant as Leonard Grossman/Radio Announcer.

The production is directed by JSU drama instructor Lesley Warren, and students and faculty from across the department are involved in every aspect of

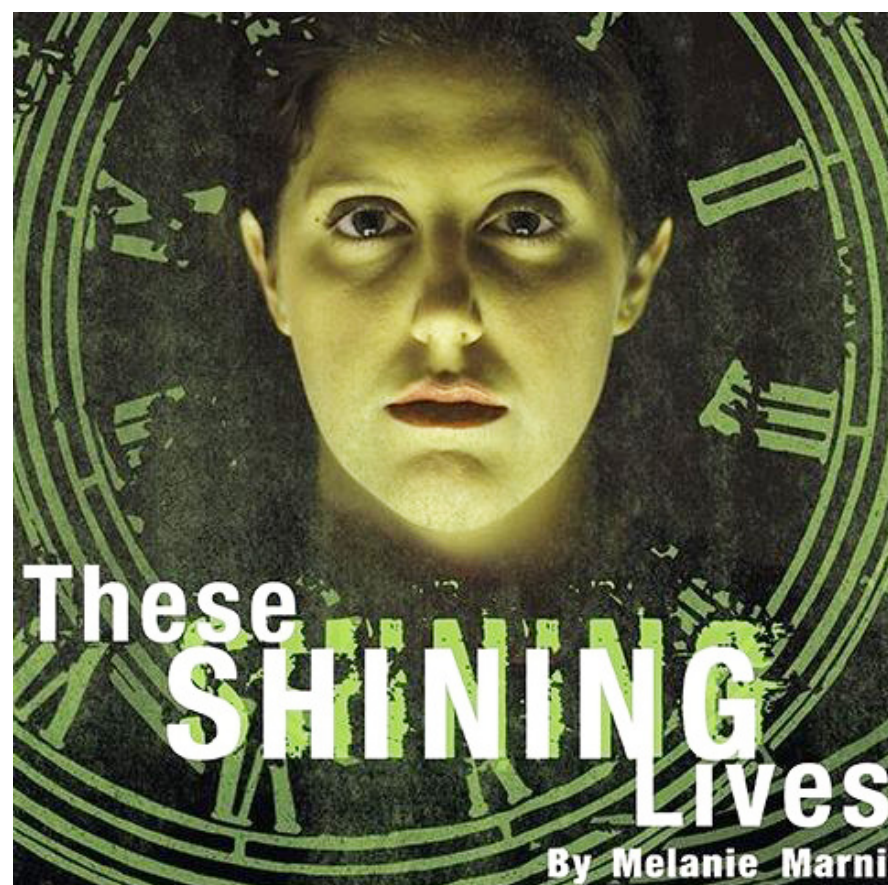
the show. Students Cheyenne Oliver and Jessika Holmes serve as the stage manager and assistant stage manager. JSU junior Meg McCrina designed the costumes. Adjunct professor Jason St. John designed the set. Department head Randy Blades serves as sound designer, and alumna Keera Mitchell returned to serve as the lighting designer. Cody Harrell, who has returned to JSU for his second degree, is the assistant technical director.

In addition to these students and faculty, countless other students work in the costume and scene shops to bring these designs to life, and many more work backstage or in the front of the house, selling tickets and serving as ushers.

“These Shining Lives” runs Oct. 27-30 in JSU’s Carlton Ward Theater. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at <http://www.jsu.edu/drama/boxoffice>.

For the complete story and additional pictures from behind the scenes of “These Shining Lives,” go to www.jsu.edu/chanticleer

Below: The promotional poster for “These Shining Lives” was designed by Brandon Vernon and features Savannah Jones as Catherine Donohue.



JSU Drama Department

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Lauren Jackson/Chanticleer

Jim Epik, Toni Driskill, Katie Stotts and Candice Prothro spoke at the Tuesday Talk held in Brewer Hall on October 18. All four are alumni of JSU’s criminal justice program and spoke to students interested in a career in criminal justice. Tuesday Talks are events sponsored by Academic Advisement that allow students the chance to hear from real-life professionals in their fields.

tion, according to Katie Stotts, a U.S. Probation Officer.

“Being able to communicate on different levels is essential,” Stotts said.

“You have to be able to relate to clients that sometimes have lower education levels, and judges with higher education levels.”

Toni Driskill, a crime investigator, also noted the importance of knowing proper grammar and spelling when entering a position in the criminal justice field. Much of what is seen on popular television shows depicting crime scene investigators does not show the paperwork that is also part of the job.

Driskill also highly recommended getting an internship while still in college. Driskill participated in an internship with the City of Gadsden prior to graduation and is currently employed there due to the experience that she gained from the opportunity.

The Tuesday Talk was also supported by criminal justice staff members Dr. Rick Davis and Dr. Dean Buttram, who attended the session and contributed to the conversation.

“By having the department heads here, it supports the students and the careers they are

hoping to begin,” said Michelle Green. Green works in Academic Advisement and wa

Jim Epik, another panelist, formerly worked with the federal government and encouraged students, saying, “If you want to do it, you can.”

Epik said that the criminal justice program helps prepare students for careers and that employers look for JSU graduates as potential employees.

Epik, like Driskill, is also passionate about gaining experience prior to graduating and told students of opportunities with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that he helped to create through his work. Through FEMA, students can earn credits and certificates that help them learn practical vocabulary and experience in the field that can set them apart when applying for jobs.

Attendance to the Tuesday Talks increased significantly from the last talk and offered students insight into their future careers.

“[The talk] helped to give clarity, make things easier, and to reduce stress,” said D’Anne Cooper, a senior criminal justice major.

The next Tuesday Talk will have professionals speaking on business and will take place on November 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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I think I did good

Check to make sure you're still registered for that class.

Where did they get 14k from? Did they count the people that walked past the stadium?

It just slipped my mind

Give me a description of a bunny

No, that's my bunny

Kid, there's nothing out there but adult stuff.

Campus crime report: 10/14 to 10/19

10/14/2016
Automobile Accident
TMB

Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Dixon Hall

10/15/2016
Medical Emergency
JSU Stadium

Medical emergency
Mason Hall

Medical Emergency
JSU Stadium

Medical Emergency
JSU Stadium

10/16/2016
Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle
College Apartments

10/17/2016
Theft of Property
JSU Campus

Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency
The Reserve Apartments

Medical Emergency
Crow Hall

Medical Emergency
Houston Cole Library
Parking Lot

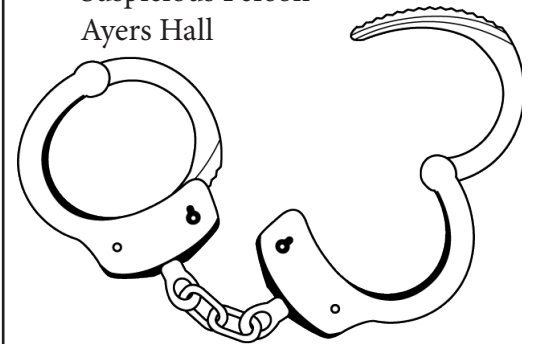
10/18/2016
Harassment
Curtiss Hall

Accident Report
Meehan Hall Parking Lot

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Meehan Hall Parking Lot

Information Report
Curtiss Hall

Suspicious Person
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7-day weather outlook

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy High: 87° Low: 53°	Partly Cloudy High: 69° Low: 43°	Sunny High: 69° Low: 42°	Sunny High: 77° Low: 46°	Sunny High: 80° Low: 47°	Mostly Sunny High: 79° Low: 51°	Mostly Sunny High: 78° Low: 54°

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Piano festival features Halloween pieces

Hannah Ashford
Staff Reporter

On October 6 in the Performance Center of Mason Hall, Dr. Wendy Freeland performed with the esteemed violinist Sue-mi Shin and cellist Dr. Richard Thomas. The three performed a Halloween themed concert.

Freeland is a piano teacher at Jacksonville State University. She teaches studio piano, class piano, music history and accompanying. She completed her Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in piano performance at the University of South Carolina. She has performed at several venues across the country, including the Alabama Music Teachers State Conference and the World Piano Conference in Novi Sad, Serbia. She also shares music at local churches and judges at piano competitions.

She has accomplished a lot throughout her time with JSU as well as other organizations.

Violinist Sue-mi Shin is a very accomplished musician, orchestral player and educator. She works with many orchestras and ensembles. She even helped found the ensemble SF Sonnet Ensemble, a conductorless string orchestra. Ms. Shin has performed for many concerts throughout California, New York, Connecticut and South Carolina. She has also performed overseas. She started playing piano and violin at a young age, and, since then, music has been a passion for her.

Dr. Richard Thomas is an Associate Professor of Music at Presbyterian College and is the director for the Presbyterian Orchestra in Clinton, S.C. He is a former member of several orchestras and symphonies. Thomas has also taught and performed overseas in several countries. He received his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of South Carolina.

The recital began with Dr. Freeland

playing a piece called "Ghost Ball" by Francis Poulenc, a waltz-like piece about a man who dreamed about his youth. Dancer Karin Mans came out during the piece and performed a ballet dance along with the work.

Thomas and Freeland performed a piece called "Tarantella" by David Popper. The piece was based off of the bite of a locally common type of wolf spider, named "tarantula," according to the performers. They said it was believed to be highly poisonous and to lead to a hysterical condition known as tarantism. The piece reflected this condition with frantic sounds and fast rhythms. As they were performing the piece, there was a fake spider on the floor. As the piece progressed, someone pulled the spider across the floor.

"I originally wanted to have spider in the rafters so it could come down as we played," Freeland said.

Freeland, Thomas and Shin came together for the last piece titled

"Trio in D major"--or the "Ghost Trio"--by Beethoven. The pieces gave off a very eerie tone throughout.

There are three more upcoming recitals for the Foothills Piano Festival. The next recital will be on February 2 in the Performance Center.



Photos By: Hannah Ashford/The Chanticleer

Dr. Wendy Freeland, Sue-me Shin, and Dr. Richard Thomas perform pieces during their Halloween themed recital on Sunday.

"Aurora" art exhibit promotes perspective

Taylor Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University had the honor of hosting an exhibition of an artwork by University of Alabama professor Jamey Grimes in Hammond Hall. This piece of art is a full room installation titled "Aurora".

The installation itself is a series of free floating structures made of unpainted corrugated plastic. These structures are arrayed around the room away from one another in such a way that they can be entered and therefore are viewable from both the inside and the outside. The piece also incorporates colored lights to shade and add extra color to the structures. The piece can give the idea of being underwater and resembles coral slightly.

"My idea behind the piece

is not one specific thing. Rather, I draw on a variety of experiences, mostly relating to patterns I've observed in Nature," Grimes said about his piece.

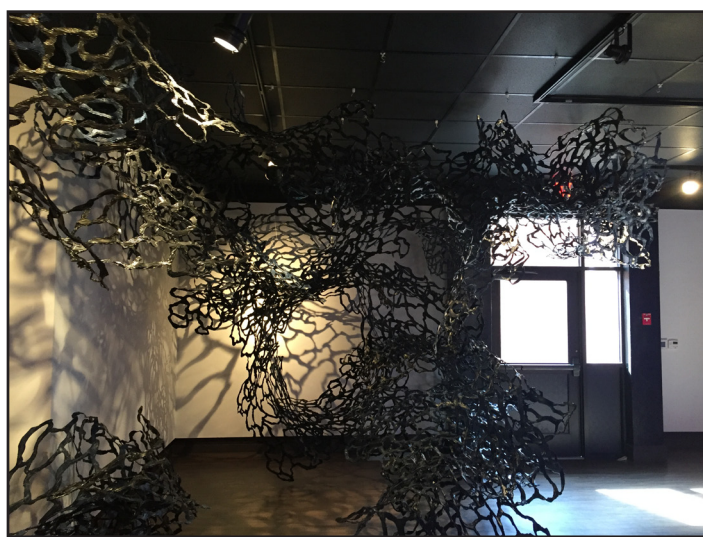
Grimes believes it's important for the viewer to experience the piece with no expectations of what audience responses will be.

His work deals with perspective.

"This particular work is very responsive to the space," Grimes said referencing how the piece changes the way it can be experienced based on the viewer's position in the room.

Grimes said his works are based on his own experiences with nature. The overarching intent of his work is to "remind one of their relationship and scale to the forces of nature."

The Art Department opens



Taylor Mitchell/The Chanticleer

This is a portion of the Aurora exhibit by Jamey Grimes in Hammond Hall. Today is the last day to see it.

its gallery every so often to outside artists in order to "give students more than their professors can offer," the JSU Art Department head, Seth Johnson said. The purpose is to expose students to new ideas and

forms that they may not see while studying at JSU. Johnson and Professor Bryce Lafferty pointed out that JSU doesn't actually have a sculpture program due to a lack of physical space. This means that art like this is not

something JSU can really give students on a regular basis without outside help.

Despite this, the Art Department is interested in how students can apply the ideas behind this piece to their own art. Lafferty mentions that students have been amazed that something like "Aurora" is even possible. The piece serves as a unique way for students and the community to be engaged in art in a three dimensional space. Exhibits like this one can allow student artists to apply the concepts of sculpture to their own more two dimensional works. The art exhibit opened on the Thursday, Oct. 6. Today is the last day to view the exhibit.

The JSU Art Department's Facebook page or their page on the JSU website includes a full schedule for the Gallery and other events.

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First Cocky Queens Drag Show a success

Alissa Camplin
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, Oct. 13, Leone Cole sparkled and shined as the queens came out to play. The Student Secular Alliance presented the first Cocky Queens Drag Show, and it was a successful event that raised awareness for LGBT homeless youth.

The night started with an engagement for two women. Tiffany came to the stage and invited her unsuspecting girlfriend, Jewels, to join her. Jewels was confused but came on stage. After confessing how much she loves her girlfriend, Tiffany got on one knee and asked Jewels to spend the rest of her life with her, and Jewels promptly said yes. Their last names were not identified.

There were eleven performances of eight queens throughout the night, and each one was packed full of energy and impeccable performance. Song selections included Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance," Beyonce's "Partition" and even Tina Turner's "Proud Mary."

The show's performers consisted of all age and experience levels, including some per-

forming in their first drag show to seasoned veterans.

The queens worked for tips, which went to the main cause of the night, PowerOn.

PowerOn takes donations of cash or technology and turns it into technology to put in the hands of homeless LGBT youth. According to PowerOn's website, over 40 percent of America's homeless youth identify as one of the following: lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. It equals over 650,000 youth, or the equivalent of the population of Baltimore.

PowerOn's Executive Director, Christopher Wood, was invited to the event.

"I'm so honored they chose our organization to donate tonight's proceeds to. That money will allow us to put technology on the streets to those who desperately need it," Wood said.

PowerOn is also involved with other projects like Straight But Not Narrow, human-IT, LGBT Tech and The Trevor Project.

Wood was kicked out of his own home at seventeen and became unsure of where to go.

"Every time I meet a



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Tiffany and Jewels getting engaged before the show.

kid that's gone through it, I lose it. It hurts so bad, and you can see the pain they go through. When you hand a solar charger to a kid on the street, they know what it is. It's their lifeline. It's amazing. That cell phone being on or off is the difference between life and death. Literally," Wood said onstage.

This event was thought of, organized and put together by Mackenzie Taylor. When asked about why he chose PowerOn, he disclosed that he had personal ties to the organization. Mackenzie was categorized as a homeless youth for six months after his father kicked him out of his home the day after his eighteenth birthday after learning Taylor was

gay.

"I cannot say that I know what it's like to wander the streets of Atlanta without a cell phone or a place to stay, but I've had a small taste of it," Taylor said. "It's no life to live. I knew the second that I heard about PowerOn that I wanted the proceeds to go to their work. It's an organization that gives LGBT kids a key to their future."

His second reason for organizing Cocky Queens was that he wanted to accept and celebrate the uniqueness of the LGBT community of Jacksonville.

"It was not only a chance to raise money for a good cause, but to wake up the sleeping, gay dragon of JSU," he



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Performer Angelface celebrates after she won a crown and sash for the most tips of the night in a single performance for \$253.

continued.

At the end of the night, the event raised \$2,200. That has the opportunity to put technology in the hands of over 40 homeless LGBT teens.

If anyone would like to donate to PowerOn, they accept unwanted technology like cell phones or laptops and

offers drop-off, ship or free pick up nationwide. They wipe all data and then fix or recycle it. After, it is put directly into a youth's hands free of charge. They also accept monetary donations. For more information, please go to their website at <http://www.poweron.lgbt/>.

Guest speaker emphasizes importance of music

Collins Maroa
Staff Reporter

The Fine Arts are an integral part of man's everyday social life but one sector where the arts have been undervalued is in the education sector, according to Rick Ghinelli, an education support manager for Conn-Selmer Inc.

This was the main reason that led Ghinelli, to visit Jacksonville State University and speak with students about the role and importance of music in education.

Ghinelli said legislations have been put in place to en-

sure that music is taught in every school district in the country.

However, the importance of music in education is not taken as seriously as other entities that may be included in the school curriculum, Ghinelli said in his lecture.

In 2015, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that governs public school curriculum was passed. It described many educational policies and the vitality of the Arts and ensured that it was mandatory in every public school setting, he said.

"There are kids who are student athletes, others are

scholars but we also know that there are students who are not good athletes and not good scholars. The Arts in this case reaches out to those students who are actually not being reached," Ghinelli said.

He also added that the inclusion of music and the arts in a learning environment led to transformation of the traditional class setting which can sometimes be sterile. This leads to a more interesting educational environment.

Ghinelli also spent some time advising those who planned to go into the music

education sector, including future music teachers, band directors, and more. He advised those students to understand the law on music and the arts in regards to education and also to educate the student counsellors on the subject.

Ghinelli stressed that there was a need for student advisers to understand the role of music and how to use it to the advantage of the students because there was a tendency to concentrate more on scheduling more than the advantages of certain subjects to a student's future. Ghinelli finished off

the presentation by talking about the importance of finances and funding in music and the arts.

He noted that most schools do face a problem of not having enough funds to cater for musical requirements, which could hinder a music program from being successful.

While giving ideas on how to raise funds Ghinelli also warned that the process should be taken very seriously as people have lost jobs due to mishandling of money that was to be used for music department activities.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Coq Au Vin with Nicki Arnold Swindle

Last Wednesday I did something that not very many nontraditional students have done.

Encouraged (okay coerced) by my eldest daughter to compete for JSU's Homecoming Queen, I got my hair done, put on some makeup, donned a red dress, and competed along with 25 other much younger women for a spot in the top ten and a chance to campaign to be elected by students as the 2016 Homecoming Queen.

The worst part about the experience was the fear that others would either laugh at me, think I was crazy, or say that I had no place doing this.

The best part about the event was meeting all the other contestants for king and queen. Without a doubt,

this has been one of the best (and most exhausting) experiences of my college career.

Nontraditional students rarely get the opportunity to meet so many people on campus in such a short time I am so grateful that my daughter gently nudged me to do this, and I am also very grateful for all of the kind words of support that I have gotten throughout this process.

Being on stage is not new to me, but I never thought I would be doing this. At the end of the evening, when all was done and the scores were tallied, I found myself with roses in my arms as one of the top ten contestants for Queen.

That was shocking to me--so shocking that

my biggest concern before then was whether or not I would make it to the station for my radio show. When they called me, I didn't even hear my name. In a moment reminiscent of Ferris Bueller, I had to have my name called more than once before I realized what had just happened.

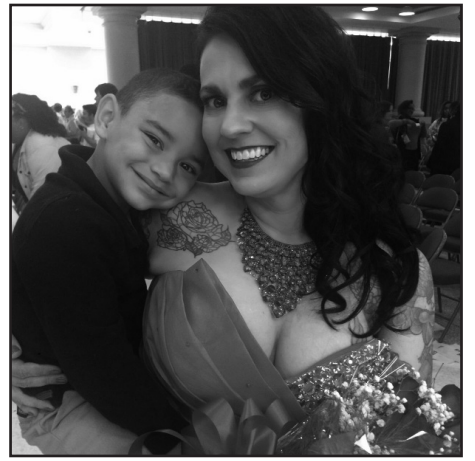
The advice I have to give other nontraditional students is to get involved. Find something on campus that you care about or that you have always wanted to do and do it. Try out for that play or team. Join a club. Vote for student government or homecoming court. Compete for Homecoming Queen or King.

Could a forty-year-old tattooed mother of six become Homecoming

Queen? Maybe. That seems more like a possibility now than it did ten days ago. However, the bigger question is what could I do and what could you do if we believed we could succeed or just did not care if we failed? The fear of failure or of not being good enough keeps us from too much, and it is time we stop being driven by fear.

Whether or not I get a crown out of this experience, I have already won since my goal was to raise awareness about nontraditional students.

I'm quite certain anyone who has been paying attention knows that something very different is happening at Jacksonville State University and that is its own reward.



Nicki Arnold Swindle and her youngest son, Hayden, at the homecoming event last Wednesday

This is the third of Nicki's "Coq Au Vin," a series of articles based on the perspective of a non-traditional college student.

Go "Backstage with Willy Shakespeare" at JSU

JSU Newswire

Are you on your guard when it comes to the Bard? Do you shiver in fear at the thought of "King Lear"? Do you wish for death when reading "Macbeth"?

Come calm "The Tempest", tame the "Shrew" and learn that your fear of Shakespeare is "Much Ado About Nothing" at "Backstage with Willy Shakespeare" presented by JSU Drama on Nov. 2-3.

Part Ted-Talk, part Inside the Actor's Studio, this free two-night workshop series will translate the works of William Shakespeare into down-to-earth language anyone can understand.

Come learn the cool secrets behind that mad genius Willy that your English teacher never told you!

Hosted by Michael Boynton, assistant professor of drama, the workshops are geared toward high school and college drama students, theater lovers, and anyone interested in learning more about William Shakespeare.

Boynton will direct JSU's production of "The Tempest" on Feb. 16-19 and decided to organize the Shakespeare workshops to provide the community a crash course in understanding and enjoying the world's most celebrated playwright.

"We'll focus on Shakespeare's plays not as dry literature but really exhilarating theatre," Boynton said. "I will share a few of the

secrets, tricks and techniques that professional actors and theatre artists use to make Shakespeare awesome. You'll get a sneak peek behind the scenes and see actors working on chunks of Shakespeare monologues and scenes the way they are supposed to be done: through play and live performance. So mark your calendar, drop on by, and see that all the world really is a stage!"

Boynton is an accomplished actor, director and a playwright. A Shakespeare specialist, he has participated in Shakespeare workshops with the Stratford Festival in Ontario, served as a guest artist instructor at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington DC, and is currently a guest artist and company member with the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company in Baltimore.

As a playwright, he has worked on Broadway as a creative assistant on a number of plays and musicals, most notably "Hairspray." He also has had numerous pieces – from musicals to screenplays – produced across the country.

"Backstage with Willy Shakespeare" will be held Nov. 2-3, 7-9 p.m., at R. Carlton Ward Theater at JSU's Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center. The workshops are free and open to the public. Come one night, both nights, or just drop in and out whenever you can!

Questions? Email Boynton at mboynton@jsu.edu.



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SPORTS

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

10/21
- Soccer
at Murray State*
Murray, Ky. 3 p.m.

- Volleyball
vs. Eastern Illinois*
"The Pete" 7 p.m.

10/22
- Rifle
at Murray State*
Murray, Ky.

- Football
at Eastern Kentucky*
Richmond, Ky. 2 p.m.

- Volleyball
vs. SIUE*
"The Pete" 2 p.m.

10/23
- Soccer
at Austin Peay*
Clarksville, Tenn. 1 p.m.

10/24
- Men's Golf
at Kennesaw State University Pinetree Invitational
Kennesaw, Ga.

10/27
- Soccer
vs. Belmont
Soccer Complex 7 p.m.

BOLD = Home Event
*** = OVC Event**

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OVC Volleyball Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
Austin Peay	7-1	16-7
Murray State	7-1	12-8
SIUE	6-2	13-6
Jacksonville State	5-3	17-11
Belmont	5-2	11-8
Morehead State	4-4	8-13
Tennessee State	3-5	12-12
Eastern Kentucky	3-5	8-12
SEMO	3-5	4-18
Tennessee Tech	2-6	6-15
UT Martin	2-6	6-17
Eastern Illinois	1-7	4-19

OVC Soccer Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
Murray State	5-0-2	6-4-3
SIUE	5-1-1	7-5-3
Eastern Kentucky	5-2-0	10-4-0
Tennessee Tech	4-1-2	8-5-3
Belmont	4-2-1	5-6-4
Austin Peay	3-2-2	8-6-2
Morehead State	2-5-1	5-10-2
SEMO	1-4-3	7-6-4
Jax State	2-5-0	5-10-1
Eastern Illinois	2-5-0	5-10-0
UT Martin	1-7-0	4-12-0

Gamecocks suffer pair of losses

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Reporter

The Gamecocks endured a tough weekend of losses against OVC opponents Austin Peay and Murray State.

It started on Friday with a loss against the Austin Peay Governors who swept the set with scores of 25-14, 25-15 and 25-23.

Saturday afternoon brought the opportunity for a rebound against Murray State.

However, the Gamecocks once again came up short this time by scores of 25-20, 25-17 and 25-22.

The losses were only the second and third OVC losses of the Gamecocks' season.

Their only other OVC loss came against Tennessee State early in the season.

Despite the losses, the Gamecocks still fought hard in both matches.

The Governors had the upper hand early in the first set of match one.

The Gamecocks had a few quick scoring runs led by Charis Ludtke and Allyson Zuhlke.

The Gobs jumped out to the lead and stayed ahead.

The story was much the same for set two.

The Gamecocks had a five-point scoring run led by two kills from Sadie Anderson.

It was the longest scoring run for the Gamecocks in set two.

The Governors jumped out ahead by six, then went on to score another four before the end of the set.

Set three was the Gamecocks' best of the day.

They opened with the first few points and traded points with the Governors.

Kaylee Frear and Zuhlke both had kills that propelled the Gamecocks ahead of APU, but three

more points from the Gobs was all it took for their win.

The Gamecocks still managed .267 overall with an impressive .424 in their third and best set.

Anderson led in kills with ten, while Hannah Kirk led in digs with 12.

Rachel Perucki continued her leading reign in assists with 19.

The Gamecocks moved on to Murray State on Saturday.

The Racers took the lead early, and held onto it with a six-point run.

The Gamecocks moved back in and came within one several times but never made it out ahead.

The Racers froze the Gamecocks at 20 and moved on for the win.

Set two was harder for the Gamecocks.

The Racers racked up several points early and, although the Gamecocks got three points at the end

of Murray State errors, they were able to win the second set.

The final set was the most evenly matched of the night.

The Gamecocks stayed within one or two points up until the very end of the set.

Murray State stretched their lead out to four.

Zuhlke had a kill and followed it up with a point off an attack error to move the Gamecocks to within two.

The Racers added a kill of their own to close the set and the match with a win.

Ludtke led the Gamecocks in kills with eight.

She was only a few steps in front of Mackenzie Rombach who had five kills and also led the team in blocks with five.

The Gamecocks come back home to Pete Mathews to face Eastern Illinois on Oct. 21.

Men 4th, women 6th at Berry Invitational

MOUNT BERRY, Ga.

The Jacksonville State cross country programs took home a pair of Top-10 team finishes at the Berry Invitational hosted by Berry College Saturday morning.

The men's 8K event matched the longest course for JSU's men since running in their own Foothills Invitation at the first of the month, while the women's 6K run was the longest for the Gamecock ladies this season, after competing in three-straight 5K meets.

The men's team posted a fourth-place overall finish in the 19-team field.

The University of the South took the team title in the 8K race with an average finish of 26:31.82.

Host Berry College came in second with

another sub-27 minute time, while JSU's 27:31.55 mark was good for fourth.

Mercer finished just behind the Gamecocks to round out the top five.

All seven of JSU's scored individual times were in the top half of the 189-man field.

Senior Stephen Payne ran the quickest 8K for the Gamecocks at 26:55.71 to place 14th.

Sophomore Kole Pettit was only three spots behind in 17th at 27:07.46.

Georgia native Corey Champion was third for JSU with a time of 27:35.45, followed by teammate Daniel Burton with a 27:47.03.

Not far off the men's mark, the women's team took home a sixth-place team finish with an average time of 25:10.83 in

the 6K race.

Florida A&M took the team title with a 22:52.45 time.

Senior Ju-ells McLeod ran her best race of the season placing 12th of the 177 competitors with a time of 23:47.28 to lead the Gamecocks.

Sophomore teammate Autumn Rich, of Gadsden, Ala., crossed the line in 16th at 24:01.09.

Freshman Emily Sorrell continued her solid campaign with a 24:39.33.

Aubree Cole and Briana Jackson finished back-to-back with times of 26 minutes and 42 and 43 seconds.

The Gamecocks now have a weekend off before taking part in the OVC Championships at the end of October.

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Morehead State holds off JSU comeback

MOREHEAD, Ky.

Jacksonville State's second half comeback fell short in a 2-1 loss at Morehead State on Thursday night in OVC soccer action at Jayne Stadium on the MSU campus.

The loss drops JSU to 5-10-1 overall and 2-5 in the league with just three matches left in the regular season.

The Eagles improved to 5-9-2 on the season and picked up their second consecutive OVC win to bump the league mark to 2-4-1.

The Gamecocks, trail-

ing 2-0 through the first 49 minutes, mounted their comeback seconds later with a scoring play from a pair of freshmen.

JSU's Emma Meadows set Danielle Monroe on a scoring run with Monroe completing the run with a shot in the back of the net.

It was the second goal of the season for Monroe, both coming in OVC play.

She led the Gamecocks with three shot attempts.

JSU, which finished with 13 total shots, had six in the second half and had opportunities

throughout the final 45 minutes to equalize and take the lead.

The Eagles thwarted many JSU chances in the final moments to preserve the win.

The Eagles' second goal in the 22nd minute by Cara Maher proved to be the game winner.

Maher, who scored the second goal, was included in the first goal as she tallied an assist on Ashley Ritchie's goal.

Jax state junior goalkeeper Caroline Robinson finished with four stops in the contest.

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Women's tennis competes in ITA Tourney

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.

The JSU women's tennis team completed its weekend at the ITA Regional Tournament in Tuscaloosa on Sunday.

Genevieve Ulanday and Diana Monsalve each recorded singles victories, while their doubles team also earned a win.

"They faced some of the top teams in the country this weekend," head coach Andres Amores said.

"Ulanday and Monsalve played great tennis this weekend, and Malin Buechner played some really tough matches."

Ulanday and Monsalve received first-round byes to open singles play before earning first-round wins in the singles consolation bracket.

They also picked up a doubles victory in the first round of the consolations.

"At a tournament like this, this is a great eye-opener for both our coaches and players," Amores said.

"It shows us what level we need to be at, and helps us realize what our next steps are as we continue to improve."

We want to compete at a high level, so we're going to come back and put in a lot of work.

We are looking forward to competing in some really fun tournaments over the next few weeks.

We are all very motivated after seeing we can compete with some of the best in the country."

The Gamecocks are scheduled to compete in the Big Easy Classic in New Orleans next weekend.

The two-day tournament begins Friday, Oct. 28 and concludes Saturday, Oct. 29.

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Records broken in win over Austin Peay

Daniel Mays
Staff Reporter

Despite a slow start, school records set by Josh Barge and Eli Jenkins helped the Gamecocks top the Austin Peay Governors 34-14 on Saturday.

Barge increased his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 44, tying the OVC record held by former Samford standout Jeff Moore.

With a rush of 14 yards on the very next play, Jenkins became the first player in JSU history to gain 10,000 career yards of total offense.

Eastern Illinois' Jimmy Goropolo and Murray State's Casey Brockman are the two other OVC players to reach 10,000 yards in their career.

The win over Austin Peay extended JSU's OVC win streak to 19 consecutive games and upped their record to 5-1, 2-0 in the OVC.

The loss for the Governors keeps them winless in their 2016 campaign.

Jenkins and senior running back Josh Clemons led the way for the Gamecock offense against the Govs.

Jenkins excelled on



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Eli Jenkins (LEFT) and Josh Barge (RIGHT) both broke JSU records Saturday. Jenkins became the first Gamecock, and third OVC athlete, to reach 10,000 career offensive yards. Barge tied Samford's Jeff Moore with 44 consecutive games with a reception.

the ground, picking up 117 yards and 2 touchdowns on 15 carries.

Passing, Jenkins completed 9 of his 20 attempts for 72 yards and a touchdown.

Josh Clemons shined against Austin Peay in the absence of usual starter Roc Thomas, who sat out against the Governors after suffering a concussion in the 40-21 win over Tennessee Tech on Oct. 8.

Clemons racked up a career-high 143 yards on 19 rushing attempts and carried the ball into JSU's end zone twice for 2 touchdowns, earning him the honor of Adidas OVC Offensive Player of the Week.

Jacksonville State put up the first points of the afternoon on their first offensive

drive. Jenkins' only passing touchdown came on a 11-yard strike to Demontrez Terry on fourth down, giving the Gamecocks a 7-0 lead with 8:05 left in the first quarter.

Austin Peay tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter after the Governors elected to go for it on fourth down and were rewarded with a 43-yard touchdown scamper from quarterback Timarious Mitchell.

Jenkins punched in a 4-yard rushing touchdown with just under six minutes remaining in the second quarter to give the Gamecocks a 14-7 lead, which would remain the score until halftime.

Jacksonville State sluggish play on of-

fense continued into the second half, but a Darius Jackson fumble recovery after a bad snap from Austin Peay gave the Gamecocks new life and the ball at the 1-yard line of the Governors.

Clemons punched in the first of his 2 touchdowns of the day on the first play of the drive to give JSU the 21-7 lead.

The Gamecocks never looked back.

Jenkins and Clemons each scored another touchdown to give the Gamecocks a 34-7 lead.

Austin Peay scored the final points of the afternoon with just 27 seconds remaining, as Mitchell hit receiver Jared Beard on a 22-yard touchdown strike to make the score 34-14 in favor of the Gamecocks.

With the win and former No. 1 North Dakota State's loss on Saturday, Jacksonville State moves up to No. 2 in both the STATS and FCS Coaches Polls for the first time this year.

Jacksonville State hits the road to Richmond, Ky. this week to take on the Eastern Kentucky Colonels on Saturday Oct. 22.

JSU will return to Burgess-Snow on Oct. 29 to face Eastern Illinois for Homecoming.

JSU rifle team top Morehead State

MOREHEAD, Ky. – In its first dual match of the season, the Jacksonville State rifle team was 31 points better than Morehead State on Sunday on the MSU campus.

JSU turned in an aggregate mark of 4643, while MSU finished with a 4612.

The Gamecocks tallied a 2292 in the smallbore portion of the match and added a 2351 in air rifle.

JSU had four of the top-five cumulative marks in smallbore, led by sophomore Mekenna Richardson.

The Rhodesdale, Md., native was one mark off the top spot with a 575.

MSU's Sarah Fink

was the smallbore medalist with a 576.

JSU sophomore David Sink and freshman Zach Schmidt added scores of 574 to share third place.

Sophomore Trace Haynes rounded out the top-five with a 573. In air rifle, senior Branson Muske was the top finisher with a final tally of 595.

He claimed the top spot by eight points over the next two competitors, including his teammate, sophomore Brantley Santrock. Santrock and MSU's Karly Potts turned in a 587.

Jax State freshman was fourth with a 586, followed by Haynes at 583.

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Men's tennis successful at ITA Rgional Tournament

AUBURN, Ala. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team wrapped up play at the ITA Regional Tournament at Auburn University on Sunday.

The Gamecocks picked up a handful of hard-fought victories at the three-day tournament.

Notable wins for JSU came over members from Southern Miss, Nicholls State, Samford, Tulane and Alabama.

"It was great for us to go to a tournament like this and compete with those teams and players," head coach Andres Amores said.

"It was a tough tournament, but we were able to hang in there with some great programs and talent.

It is a process, but we will continue to train and get better.

Paolo Cucalon, Jaryd Reese and Andres Gomez each earned wins in the first round of the main draw, advancing to round two.

The team of Pablo

Caffarena and Cucalon claimed victories in the first and second rounds of the doubles main draw to make a third-round appearance.

Their round-two win came over Alabama's Alexey Nesterov and Thibault Cancel.

Mathias Chaim and Reese also won their first-round doubles match to appear in the second round.

Felix Morck, Shao Chun Liu, Andres Gomez, Austin McCormic and Reese each picked up victories in the first round of the consolation singles bracket.

Morck and Gomez reached the third round of consolations with wins over in-state rivals Troy and Samford.

The Gamecocks continue their fall schedule next weekend with a trip to New Orleans for the Big Easy Classic.

The two-day tournament begins Friday, Oct. 28 and wraps up Oct. 29.

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STATS FCS Top 25

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| 1. Sam Houston State | 14. North Carolina A&T |
| 2. Jacksonville State | 15. Eastern Illinois |
| 3. Eastern Washington | 16. Villanova |
| 4. North Dakota State | T-17. Cal Poly |
| 5. The Citadel | T-17. Coastal Carolina |
| 6. Richmond | 19. North Dakota |
| 7. South Dakota State | 20. Central Arkansas |
| 8. James Madison | 21. Samford |
| 9. Charleston Southern | 22. Grambling State |
| 10. Montana | 23. Albany |
| 11. Chattanooga | 24. Stony Brook |
| 12. Western Illinois | 25. Tennessee State |
| 13. Youngstown State | |

FCS Coaches Poll Top 25

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