DANIEL MAYER

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees held its winter quarterly meeting on Monday, January 23 at 1 p.m. in the Houston Cole Library.

The major item on the agenda for Monday’s meeting was the proposal for the new campus recreation center, and the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution to authorize the university to move forward with the development of the 100,000-square-foot, $39 million center.

The Board authorized the university to begin the planning phase for a new rec center in July 2016, and plans for the proposed new facility were submitted for the board’s consideration on Monday.

The facility has a target completion date of January 2019 and will be financed by a $190 mandatory student fee that will take effect when the new rec center opens.

The university believes that the facility will help recruit new students, improve the overall look of campus and increase students’ desire to live on campus and stay over the weekends.

President John M. Beehler said that the new rec center will certainly be a “great thing for our students [and] a great thing for recruit- ing students, but it’s also go- ing to be great for faculty and staff,” and that he anticipates that the project will be “something that brings the university together.”

Approximately 450 stu- dents will be able to use the rec center at a given time and up to 200 positions for student workers will be available in the new facility.

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Spring ECE Registration Now Open

Spring 2017 ECE registration is now open. Students can register online through their MyJSU account. Registration will be open through Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Accepted Students Day

Accepted Students Day 2017 will be Friday, Jan. 27. High school seniors who have been accepted to JSU will be invited to campus to tour selected departments and see the university.

Double Reed Day

Ms. Eryn Olt of the David L. Walters Depart- ment of Music invites all stu- dents and facul- ty to attend Double Reed Day 2017. This all-day event will be held in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Admission is free to all.

UNITED WAY BOOK DRIVE

The American Democracy’s book drive is still under way! Bring book donations to Academic Ser- vices in Martin Hall Room 107 by Friday, Jan. 28.

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The Board also approved the Jacksonville State University 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

The plan outlines goals the university hopes to reach within the next five years and includes key initiatives like increasing enrollment and enhancing branding, marketing, and university infrastructure.

The Board of Trustees approved proposals for two new degrees as well, including a Bachelor of Science in forensic investigations, which had previously been a concentration in the criminal justice major, and a Master of Science in occupational therapy. The respective departments must now begin the process of providing paperwork to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) in order to get state approval for the degrees.

Another resolution approved by the board was to recognize Dr. Earl Wade, the longtime Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who retired earlier this month, and to recommend that the Honors House be named in his honor.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa during the last weekend in April.

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The scene immediately following the Aurora Shooting on July 20, 2012. James Holmes wore full body armor into the theater where he killed 12 people and injured 70. The Aurora Police Department visited JSU to discuss how their team handled an active shooter situation.

Facts about the Aurora Shooting:

- Veronica Moser-Sullivan, age 6, was the youngest fatality.
- The shooter, James Holmes, was pursuing a doctoral degree in neuroscience until June 2012, when he withdrew from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.
- Police found Holmes’ apartment booby-trapped with homemade explosives.
- Holmes originally pleaded “not guilty by reason of insanity,” but agreed to plead guilty to avoid the death penalty.

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Byers said that he hopes to continue “to write pro-actively, supporting anyone who wishes to place their hammering fingers to the keyboard anvils, becoming a polished wordsmith in the process.”

After the lecture, a question and answer session ensued, followed by a reception and book and poster signing in Stone Center’s Writing Clinic. “Beowulf: The Midgard Epic” is out now from Stitched Smile Publications, LLC and can be purchased for $15 through Amazon.
Artwork by Megan Wise

2017 is the Year of the Rooster in the Chinese Zodiac, but JSU is making it the #YearoftheChanticleer! Use the hashtag to help us see all the great things you do in 2017!

Volunteers needed for Mimosa yearbook!

The Mimosa is looking for student volunteers! Be part of 120 years of history! Contact Kate Fleming (Mimosa Editor) at jsumimosa@outlook.com if interested!

Campus crime report: 1/12 to 1/18

01/19/2017
Automobile accident
Houston Cole Library parking lot

01/20/2017
Violation of the Student Code of Conduct
Jax Apartments
Unlawful breaking & entering of a vehicle
Martin Hall parking lot

01/22/2017
Unlawful breaking & entering of a vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

01/23/2017
Information report--welfare check
Martin Hall

01/24/2017
Unlawful breaking & entering of a vehicle
Crow Hall parking lot
Automobile accident
Stone Center parking lot
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Unlawful breaking & entering of a vehicle
Fitzpatrick Hall parking lot

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#unpopular opinion: he is your president; that was your march; this is your circus; those are your monkeys

You know you’re southern (and overweight) when your mom asks if you want bacon grease in the gravy for your biscuits and gravy.

Welcome to JSU, where they’re quick to take your money but run around like chickens with their heads cut off when you confront them on why the h*** your refund check is taking forever to process.

Had a conversation with my waitress at Waffle House about her three pet rats...

I didn’t know some of y’all were Falcons fans until a week or two ago.

I think this is why everyone is so fearful of Donald Trump...because we look at him and are faced with the image of our own true reality. He is currently the embodiment of American values. And while you don’t directly subscribe to his morals, you promote them indirectly in your everyday actions.
President Trump takes the White House

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Writer

Friday, Jan. 20, 2017 saw the peaceful transition of power from former President Barrack Obama to the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump.

The Inauguration Day schedule began at 11:30 a.m. EST. with the swearing-in ceremony. The ceremony included opening remarks from Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, invocations performed by Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodriguez and Pastor Paula White-Cain and remarks from the Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

Associate Justice Clarence Thomas administered the Vice-Presidential oath to Vice President Mike Pence, followed by the Presidential oath which was administered by Chief Justice John Roberts.

President Trump then delivered his Inaugural Address followed by the benedictions delivered by Rabbi Marvin Hier, Rev. Franklin Graham and Bishop Wayne T. Jackson.

The ceremony closed with Jackie Evancho performing the National Anthem.

Trump began his address with a call for unity. “We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people. Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come,” said Trump.

The new President said that this ceremony was unlike others in history. “Today’s ceremony, however, has very special meaning. Because today, we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another -- but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People,” said Trump.

In his speech, President Trump claims he will end the “American carnage” that many believe to be poisoning the United States. He promised to fight for the American people and to put America first in all the decisions he makes in office.

“America will start winning again, winning like never before,” he declared.

President Trump also promised to “buy American and hire Americans” vowing to build the country up by keeping a nationalist approach to all that he does.

Following the address, the President and Vice President stood with their wives as they reviewed the American Armed Forces as squads of soldiers from every branch marched past.

The two families then led the inaugural parade from the Capitol down historic Pennsylvania Avenue.

Even Alabama had its own representation in the parade. Talladega College, the oldest historically black college in Alabama, was invited to have their marching band perform alongside other bands and military personnel in the historic event.

The night ended in a series of inaugural balls attended by both President Trump and Vice President Pence.

The Liberty Ball and the Freedom Ball were held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and were open to the public. Tickets went at $50 per person.

A Salute to Our Armed Services Ball was held at the National Building Museum and were free to attend, but by invitation only.

All three began at 7 p.m.

During the swearing-in ceremony, however, more than 200 people were arrested on felony rioting charges, according to CBS News.

The windows of a Starbucks, a McDonald’s, a Wells Fargo, and a Bank of America were all smashed open. A car was set on fire, and windows were broken out of a parked limousine.

Police resorted to using pepper spray and “sting balls” to control the rioters who were interspersed among peaceful protesters.

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Esports: teaching gamers to ‘Fear the Beak’

Taylor Mitchell
Staff Writer

JSU has recently broken into a new type of sport: esports. Esports are a rather new invention. They are events where video gamers compete for prizes. Professionally, esports have grown to attract large crowds, corporate sponsorships and large monetary prizes.

From the popular League Championship Series and DOTA 2 Championships to small Smash Bros. tournaments, esports have been cropping up. A rather new type of sport: esports. Esports has been becoming popular in colleges, with companies like Blizzard sponsoring events like World of Warcraft dungeon races.

With the trend growing it was only a matter of time before it made its way to Alabama.

JSU Esports is one of these college organizations that have been cropping up. JSU esports is the brainchild of Trey Hilburn. “I kind of forced this into existence,” Hilburn said. He decided that while JSU had videogame clubs on campus, none of them fit what he wanted to accomplish. To Hilburn, none of these had the competitive edge he was looking for.

Hilburn decided to start an organization for other people who may have the same interest. Thus JSU Esports was born during the Fall 2016 semester. JSU Esports currently has around 25 mem “League of Legends” (LoL), “Overwatch” and “Counter Strike: Global Offensive” (CSGO). These teams compete in the Collegiate Star League, an online league used for competition in multiple different games.

According to Hilburn, they did fairly well in the last split, and he thinks that as they continue growing, they will become. “Learning to work together is one of the hardest things for any team when first starting out,” Hilburn said. The more the team plays together the better it will become.

Hilburn is also very optimistic about adding more games to their list for competition but stressed that he would need inter- est from members before any such expansion could take place. His vision for JSU Esports is to eventually have actual facilities devoted to the organization. This would bring JSU up to par with universities like the University of California, Irvine. Hilburn said that the point would only come after the group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group a builds a group.

JSU has also been in talks with the Electronic Gaming Federation (EGF), a new organization that wants to become the definitive organization for col legiate esports. EGF plans to set up a regional tournament that Hilburn said JSU already has a spot in. This may take some time due to complications on EGF’s side. Either way, it is clear that JSU Esports has a bright future ahead of it.

Esports welcomes new sorority

Alissa Campfin
As & Entertainment

Jacksonville will soon present the Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Alpha Omega, a national Christian sorority based off of the motto, “One in Christ Through Unity of Purpose.”

The process to begin a chapter started nearly a year ago for seven charter members: President, Katelyn McGraw; Vice President, Kendall Gullidge, Treasurer, Erin Whithead; Secretary, Makayla Isley; and other members Kayla Melvin, Abby Truxall, and Katie Grace Terry. According to the SAO website, starting a new chapter typically takes one semester, although this has not been the case for the Beta Delta chapter.

The founding members were set to be initiated in the November of 2016, but busy schedules pushed that date until January of 2017.

Member Abby Truxall views this setback as a blessing in a hindrance, though, and says that God had a reason for the delay. “...We are even more grateful for the delay. It showed us how to slow down, but still has a strong spiritual growth, and still has a strong base of sisterhood. The sisters want to make it easier for Christian girls to find a place that “fit in” on campus. Truxall is most excited to get to know potential new members and to follow God’s will for the sorority, although she said that she believes it will become more real when the charter members accept their Alpha class.

If interested, the sisters of SAO would love to have any woman with the desire to be a part of a Christian sisterhood to join them for their recruitment events.

They begin next week with the following schedule:

January 31: Cookies and Coffee
February 3: Ice Cream Social
February 6: Engage JSU Table Tennis
February 7: Java Jolt
February 9: Chapel Night

All and any updated information will be posted on the SAO social media page, “Sigma Alpha Omega at JSU,” which can be found at https://www.facebook.com/sigmaalphaomegausu.

The seven founding members of Sigma Alpha Omega pose for a photo. (Top L-R) Kendall Gullidge, Katelyn McGraw, (Bottom L-R) Abby Truxall, Katie Grace Terry, Erin Whithead, Kayla Melvin, and Makayla Isley.
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“Spring 2017 ECE registration open

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

Registration for the Spring 2017 English Competency Exam (ECE) is now open. The ECE will be given Monday, Feb. 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 3-4:30 p.m.

The ECE is a graduation requirement for all students and must be successfully completed one semester prior to a student’s graduation. It is free to register, and registration is done through your MyJSU account. (Go to “Registration” and select “Spring ECE 2017” as your term.)

So, what do you need to know? Having just taken (and passed!) the exam last semester, I’ll let you in on a few of the tips I was given—the good ones, obviously.

• NO LATE REGISTRATION. If you need the ECE this semester, register NOW.
• If you’re nervous, go to a workshop. Workshops will be Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. in SC 125
• You’ll need a BlueBook, (don’t wait to pick one up right before the exam) and a photo ID
• Know which room you’re in. It’s awkward if you have to walk the halls reading each roster.
  • Bring multiple pens.
  • It’s okay to scratch words out.
• It’s not so much WHAT you write as whether or not you write it WELL, so don’t stress over your prompt.
• Go to the bathroom before the exam starts, because they WON’T let you back in.
• Aim for a C-level freshman paper.

This is the first article in Kristen’s “Reflections” series.

Reflections of a soon-to-be graduate

by Kristen Roberts

“The future is scary but you can’t just run back to the past because it’s familiar. Yes, it’s tempting, but it’s a mistake.”

My name is Kristen and I am a graduating senior this semester. I am terrified. Yes, you read that correctly. I. Am. Terrified. Not in a general ‘I feel like something bad is going to happen’ kind of way, but more in a ‘I have no idea WHAT is going to happen’ kind of way. For someone like me who has made it through college by planning her butt off, not knowing what is going to happen is pretty scary. However, as I look back on my five long years here at Jacksonville State University, there’s a lot to be thankful for and a lot that I’ve learned. Throughout this semester the faithful readers of this newspaper will be seeing a lot from me as I look back on my time here at JSU and, hopefully, I can leave you all with a little wisdom when I go.

I came to JSU in the fall of 2012 with some rather large dreams and with a focus in psychology. After spending my entire freshman year devoting my hours to my general requirements and strict psychology classes and spending the whole spring semester with a pigeon in the Behavior Analysis Lab that absolutely hated my guts, I realized that as much as I loved psychology, I didn’t want to spend my life working in it. So then, I was faced with the life altering decision of picking a new major. I finished out the semester and spent the majority of the summer researching what on earth I could possibly do with the rest of my life. I know most of you have been in those same shoes, and for a 19-year-old, that’s a really big decision once the first option (that seemed perfect) gets nixed. So, I started with what I knew I was good at and with what I enjoyed: people. I researched what kind of jobs and majors concerned people and I came up with communications.

(Now let me tell you, trying to change your major over the summer is not smart. Trying to figure out what classes you have to take by yourself with absolutely no help from an advisor is not smart. Do not do what I did. If you must change your major, just don’t do it alone. Always seek help.)

But, surprisingly, it worked out. I changed my class schedule by myself and showed up to my first communications class that fall and was dreadfully confused. I decided to focus on Public Relations and four (we’ll say short—HA!) years later, graduation approaches! I know the future can be scary, especially when plans don’t initially work out, but if you persevere and can figure things out, it’ll be okay. The light at the end of the tunnel is not a train coming at you, I promise.

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Gamecocks picked to repeat as OVC softball champions

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State softball team in action last season in Ohio Valley Conference history, the Jack- sons have swept all five games in the regular-season schedule to win the championship.

The league office re- leased the preseason poll on Thursday, when the Gamecocks received seven first-place votes, which was the highest total in the league.

The conference’s head coaches and sports information directors voted the Gamecocks atop the poll, just ahead of SIUE (205 votes) and Tennessee Tech (159 votes). The Jacksonville State won the Ohio Valley Championship last season and they’re in the OVC’s top three again this year.

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Beach volleyball gears up for its second season

JACKSONVILLE – A cool, January afternoon saw the Jacksonville State beach volleyball team begin its preseason for the NCAA’s 2017 season.

JSU will begin its second season of beach volleyball, the newest varsity championship approved by the NCAA last year, at home when the Gamecocks hosted a shortened 13-double match during its season opener.

The Gamecocks are playing in their first-ever single-season match, and one of only two Division I schools from the state of Alabama along with UAB.

NCAA beach volleyball is played with 10 players from each school competing in five best-of-three matches between two teams.

Individual games are played to 21, with the tiebreaker third game played to 15.

Each match victory between pairs counts as one point, with three points required to win the overall dual.

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