



inTHE NEWS

Campus Safety Week

March 13-16, 2017 is JSU's Campus Safety Week. On Thursday, March 16, students are invited to Pete Mathews Coliseum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to enjoy live music, games, free food and giveaways as part of Student Appreciation Day.

Silent Auction & Coffee Break

JSU's International House will be hosting a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Items up for auction will come from around the world. Bidding ends at 4 p.m., and coffee and refreshments will be served from 2-4 p.m. as part of the House's monthly Coffee Break.

Echsmith Concert

Indie pop band Echsmith will perform at JSU on Thursday, March 30! in the Pete Mathews Coliseum. JSU is providing FREE tickets for JSU students. You can claim yours at jsugamecocks.universitytickets.com. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7 p.m.!

Greek Life celebrates Greek Week 2017

Rana Taylor
Special to the Chanticleer

On Sunday, March 12, JSU's Greek gathered together in the TMB auditorium for the annual Greek Week Awards.

Greek Week is annual event that pits fraternities and sororities against each other in a week full of friendly competition.

This year, Interfraternity Council Fraternities (IFC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Sororities and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Fraternities and Sororities were split into teams for the duration of Greek Week. There were a total of five teams. The teams were divided as follows:

Team 1: Tau Delta Phi, Phi Mu, Kappa Alpha Psi and Kappa Alpha Order

Team 2: Kappa Sigma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Omega Psi Psi and Zeta Phi Beta

Team 3: Sigma Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta

Team 4: Delta Chi, Delta Zeta, Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Gamma Rho

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Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha received the Greek Woman of the Year (Jesslan Sharp, far left), President's Gold Cup, Outstanding Community Service, Highest GPA and Highest New Member GPA awards at the 2017 Greek Week Awards ceremony on Sunday, March 12.

Honors class collects donations for 2nd Chance

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

According to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, 1,988 rapes were reported by county and municipal agencies in Alabama in 2015—a 5 percent increase from 2014. In 79 percent of the rapes, the victim and offender knew or were re-

lated to each other. These are some of the statistics that the students in Dr. Teresa Reed's honors lecture class hope to bring to light through their Drive Out Sexual Assault supply drive for 2nd Chance, Inc. "I think this project is important because sexual violence is one of those things that's kept hush-hush," said James Thomp-

son, a senior psychology major in Reed's class. "Not really on purpose, but indirectly, because people don't talk about it. Or if they do, it's only with one or two people; it doesn't get out, so we forget it exists. But it does exist, and it's affecting people."

The inspiration for the project came from the fresh-

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Katie Cline/The Chanticleer

Students in Dr. Teresa Reed's service learning class pose with the boxes they made for their Drive Out Sexual Assault supply drive.

Charity concert raises money for Neverthirst

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

JSU raised over \$400 toward building a well in India—just by playing music.

On Thursday, March 9, the JSU Gives Water charity concert was held on the TMB lawn as part of Homecoming King Carson Bruce's philanthropy, Neverthirst. The lineup for the evening included the local bands The Frequently, The Great Escape, The Sunsets and Rapper DPB.

Bruce, a Marching Southerner and communication major, was crowned JSU's 2016 Homecoming King in October. As part of a new reform, all Homecoming candidates are required to have a philanthropic platform, and the winner must host one event to benefit that cause during his or her reign.

Bruce's philanthropy, Neverthirst, is an international Christian nonprofit that brings clean water to underprivileged areas in southern Asia and northern Africa. According to the organization's website, Neverthirst has provided clean water to over 415,000 people through 6,400 projects in five countries.

"Neverthirst does such a great job at communicating with the people of the villages and with the people who fundraise. I chose them because they are loyal and faithful to serve the world in such a tangible way," Bruce said. The importance of this well is to ultimately give the people in that region of India clean water. "It is important to the college students because it gives the opportunity to give something that is larger than themselves."

Bruce's goal while Homecoming King is for JSU to raise \$3,000 to build a well in India. After Thursday's concert, over \$1,400 has been raised.

"We are so vastly blessed in America; it is time to think less of our wants and more of the immediate needs of people who are less fortunate," said Bruce. "Just imagine if your family did not have enough clean water to drink, cook, or wash with. This project means so much to the region of people we will be helping in India."

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man summer reading book, "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" by Jon Krakauer. Reed's class chose to sponsor a supply drive for 2nd Chance, Inc., a local rape crisis center. Donated items will be given to sexual assault victims after they receive forensic exams.

The project hits close to home for Laci Gurganus, a freshman accounting major. She volunteered at child advocacy center the past two summers where she was exposed to case files and interviews with child survivors of physical and sexual assault.

"This was reading that I don't want to say I enjoyed, but I found it important and thought-provoking," Gurganus said. "I read that book in two sittings, and I couldn't put it down. And that was almost a year ago, so being able to do this project now has been a very fulfilling experience. I've been able to put all my thoughts and

feelings about how those sexual assault victims were treated into an actual, tangible project.

According to the National Sexual Assault Resource Center, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault, and 81 percent of women and 35 percent of men report significant short-term or long-term impacts such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

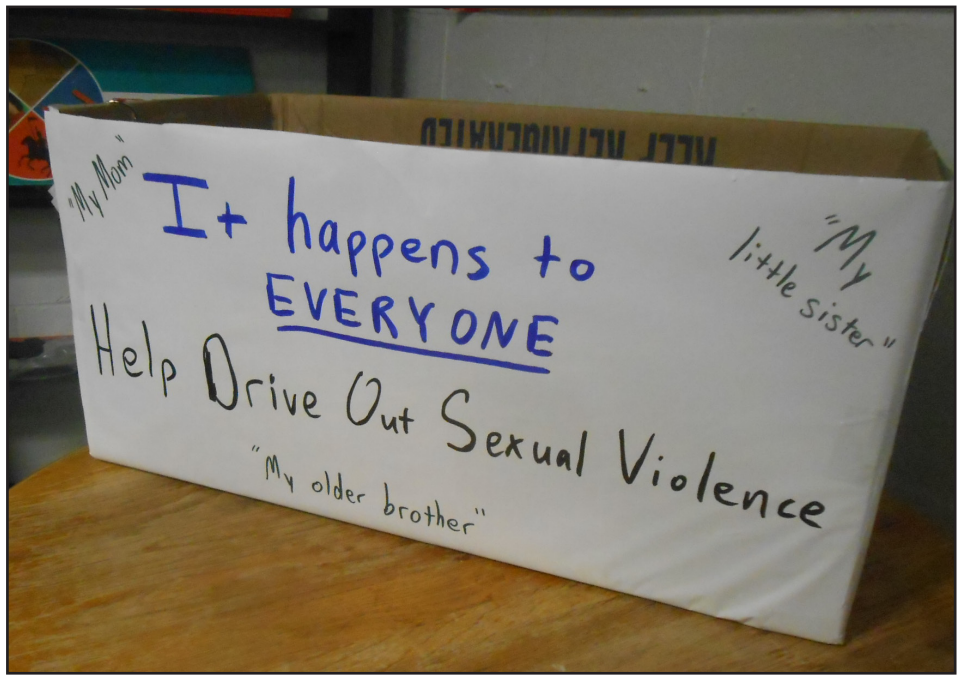
"These statistics are shocking and should evoke a call to action," the students said in a collaborative statement to The Chanticleer. "Our class decided to raise awareness about sexual assault on campus as a way reduce those numbers on our campus."

Drive Out Sexual Assault is set to begin on March 28 and will run until the week of final exams in April. Items for do-

nation include individually wrapped snack items, bottled water, menstrual pads, travel size toiletry items, toothbrushes, hair brushes or combs, packs of computer paper, two-pocket folders, paper towels, cleaning supplies, grocery store tote bags, yoga mats and restaurant gift cards.

Boxes will be placed in the TMB, Stone Center, Martin Hall, Bibb Graves, Ayers Hall, Mason Hall and the residence halls.

"We, along with 2nd Chance, Inc., believe that victims have already been through a humiliating and dehumanizing experience and that we should be sending them home with proper supplies and support rather than in a hospital gown," the student statement said.



Photos by Katie Cline/The Chanticleer

TOP: One of the donation boxes created by students from Dr. Teresa Reed's honors lecture class bears the message "It happens to everyone: my little sister, my little brother, my mom." ABOVE: The completed boxes wait in the Honors House basement until distribution after Spring

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Carson Bruce/Facebook

Ben Willingham, drummer for The Frequently, performs at the JSU Gives Water charity concert on Thursday, March 9.

Admission was not charged for the JSU Gives Water concert. All the money raised came from donations made by JSU students, faculty and staff and the Jacksonville community.

Bruce is also partnering with Chick-fil-A of Pell City, Ala. and Engage JSU to raise funds

through t-shirt and raffle sales. T-shirts are \$20 for short-sleeved shirts and \$25 for long-sleeved. Raffle tickets are for a portable Bluetooth speaker and Neverthirst shirt and are \$5per entry. The drawing will be held at Engage JSU's meeting on Monday, April 10 at 8 p.m.

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Team 5: Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The overall winner was determined by calculating the team's placing in each of the week's events: the kickball tournament, Greek Olympics, Penny Wars and Greek Sing.

The overall winner was Team 1 (Tau Delta Phi, Phi Mu, Kappa Alpha Psi and Kappa Alpha Order). The Team 2 (Kappa Sigma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Omega Psi Psi and Zeta Phi Beta) was the first runner up, and Team 3 (Sigma Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta) rounded out the top three at second runner up.

Along with the overall placing, Team 3 won Penny Wars; Team 1 won the Greek Olympics, and Team 2 won Greek Sing and the kickball tournament.

Together the Greek community at Jacksonville State University collected over \$600 and over 530 toys for the Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to the "fun" awards, the awards ceremony recognized JSU's Greek organizations for their academic and leadership

achievements.

In the campus Greek community, 10 chapters boasted at least 80% of their members with an overall minimum 3.0 GPA.

"[This past year was] a record breaking year in Greek academics with the all-Greek average a 3.1," said Josh Robinson, the Assistant Director of Student Life.

The other scholarship awards were as follows:

The IFC Highest Grade Point Average was awarded to Delta Chi.

The NPHC Highest Grade Point Average was awarded to Kappa Alpha Psi.

The NPC Highest Grade Point Average was awarded to Zeta Tau Alpha.

The IFC Highest New-Member Grade Point Average was awarded to Tau Delta Phi.

The NPHC Highest New-Member Grade Point Average was awarded to Delta Sigma Theta.

The NPC Highest New-Member Grade Point Average was awarded to Zeta Tau Alpha.

The IFC Most Improved Grade Point Average was

awarded to Tau Delta Phi.

The NPHC Most Improved Grade Point Average was awarded to Omega Psi Psi.

The NPC Most Improved Grade Point Average was awarded to Phi Mu.

The prestigious Greek Man and Woman of the Year awards were also given out to the students who best exemplified the scholastic, philanthropic, and leadership ideals of the JSU Greek community.

Kyle Burt, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, was named the 2016 Greek Man of the Year. Burt is a senior finance major.

Jesslan Sharp, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, was named the 2016 Greek Woman of the Year. Sharp is a senior political science major.

The Faculty Advisor of the Year title was awarded to Andrea Rains of Alpha Omicron Pi. Rains is an instructor in the Department of Kinesiology.

JSU has a tradition of having an active Greek community, and this year's Greek Week proves that yet again.

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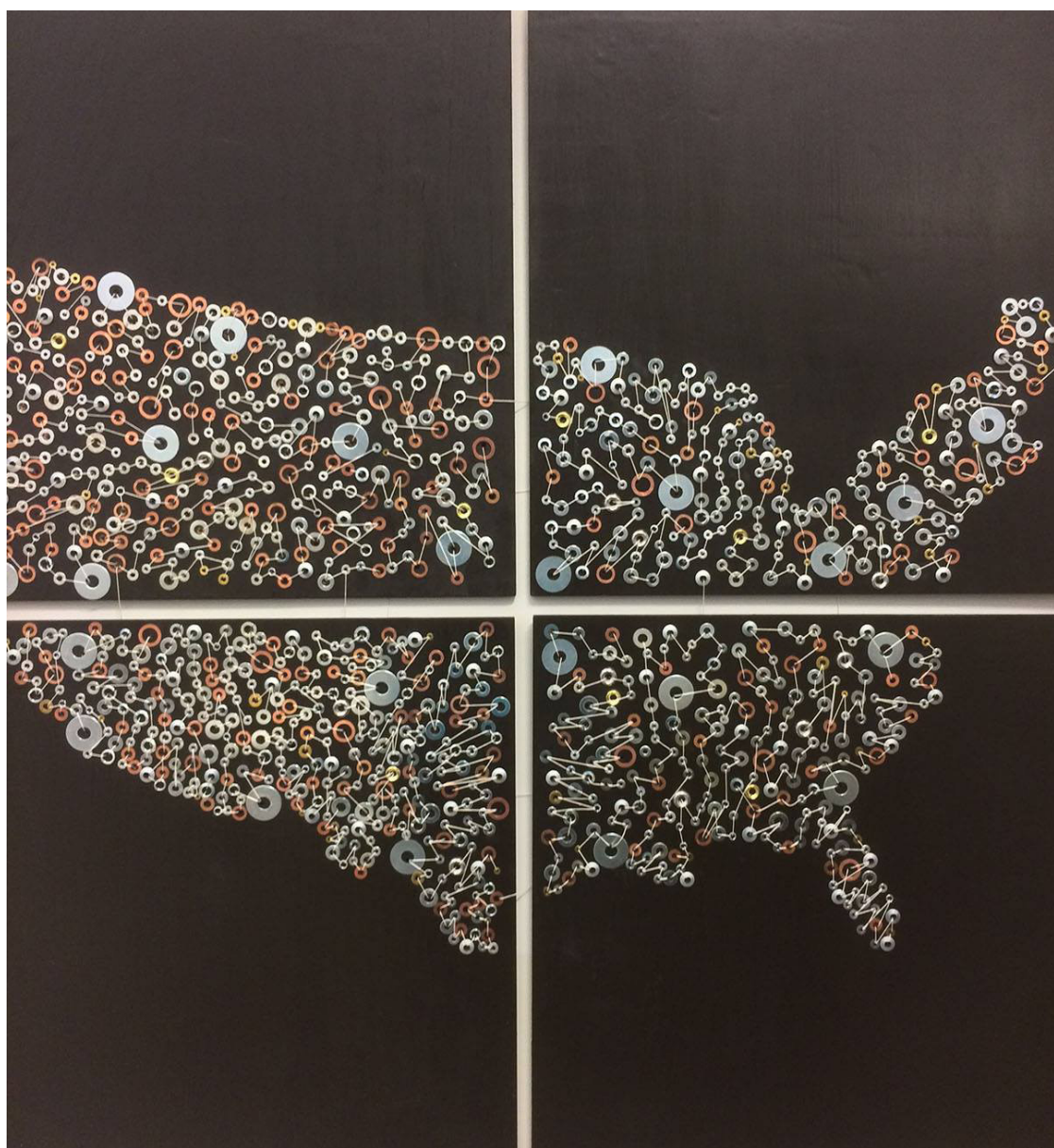
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For more about Greek Life at JSU, go to www.jsu.edu/studentlife/greek

STUDY BREAK



*“Unite”
by Charissa Flagg*



Charissa’s piece “Unite” won “Best in Show” at the 44th Annual Student Art Show. The piece is made with metal washers and wood and showcases the diversity, division and unity in America.

About the Artist; Charissa Flagg is earning her MFA in Visual Communication Design. She hopes to work with some aspect of design that benefits children and mental illness. She is working on a project for her thesis that deals with this. If you'd like to see more of Charissa's work please visit chari1175.wixsite.com/charissaflaggdesign.

Campus crime report: 3/9 to 3/15

3/9/17
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Colonial Arms Apartments

Information Report
Curtiss Hall
Automobile Accident
Trustee Circle

Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

Information report--disorderly conduct
Dixon Hall

Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Merrill Hall

Information Report
Salls Hall

03/14/17
Medical Emergency
Houston Cole Library Parking Lot

Duty Upon Stirring an Unattended Vehicle
Merrill Hall

Information Report - Trespass
Warning Issued
Meehan Hall

Automobile accident
TMB parking lot

03/10/17
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Colonial Arms Apartments

03/11/17
Information Report
Logan Hall

Information report-property damage
Trustee Circle

03/12/17

Automobile accident
Street Avenue

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CHICKEN SCRATCH



The funniest, realest, deepest, truest, best things you've said online this week St. Patrick's Day edition!

I don't have anything green, so dragged out the old Christmas tree.

“St. Patty’s Day is amateur hour.” - hardcore, death’s door alcoholics

I bet the Hulk is the most popular guy on St. Patrick’s Day.

They should turn all the traffic lights green for St. Patrick’s Day!

I’m not wearing green for St. Patrick’s Day. It’s for your protection. You pinch me; I’ll kill you!

I wish drinking green beer on St. Patrick’s Day wasn’t the closest I’ll come this year to eating a vegetable.

Oh so NOW you all wanna be gingers.

Be safe out there JSU. Never drink and drive! Happy St. Patrick’s Day from The Chanticleer

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Rebekah Hawkins/ The Chanticleer

Visitors stop by Hammond Hall to view student work on Thursday night.

JSU presents Student Art Show

Rebekah Hawkins
Associative Editor

The room was filled with anticipation as JSU art department director Seth Johnson announced the “Best in Show” at the Student Art Show last Thursday night.

Charissa Flagg won for her metal washers, wood and string piece that shaped America. The name of the piece was “Unite.” Flagg says her piece is symbolic of diversity and division within the United States.

“As I started finding these washers I realized there were about a zillion different types, and when I started placing the washers to make out the shape of the U.S., I realized that it was like America in its diversity. The washers began to symbolize the diversity of Americans,” Flagg said.

Among the washers were strings that connected them across the four quadrants that the piece was split into, representing division within the United States.

“In this new picture, the strings are attached to each quadrant to remind Americans that the only way to survive is to stand together

and work toward a common goal instead of against each other,” Flagg said.

Alongside Flagg there were others that won first place in their specific categories.

In photography the winner was Allison Wood who won for her photo, “Ave Maria Grotto.” Painting first place was given to Kate Dempsey for her piece “Cherokee Rock Village”, a piece that featured in The Chanticleer’s artist’s corner last issue.

Hannah Green won first place in graphic design for her piece called “The Quilts of Gee’s Bend”. Green said that it was the first time she’s won at the art show, although she has a piece currently hanging in the president’s house. Of her winning piece she said that, “We had to choose between three different books and stuff and make a mock editorial spread and I chose the Quilts of Gee’s Bend.”

Green also said that with graphic design she was able to show the seams in the quilts and paint textures, although mostly her piece was all digital.

Savannah Smith won first place in drawings for her piece entitled “Inked”. It featured ink on the pages of J.R.R. Tolkien’s book “The

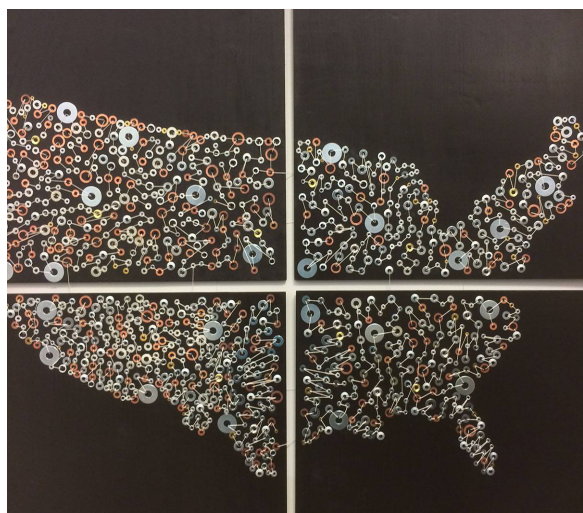
Hobbit”.

Kaylee Woodall won first place in design for her piece “The Traveling Horse, while Nathe Martin won for overall honorable mention.

The pieces that are featured in the show are chosen and not all students that enter get in. According to Katelyn Sims only one of your pieces may get in when multiples are sent in. That was the case for her piece, a wildflower watercolor painting that was one of a set of three, “I actually entered all three but they only allowed one.”

Morgan Worsham had entered the art show three times before, and she had two pieces in this show. The first “Innermost” was a digital photography collage. The other she entered was called “Trio” and was a group of delicate tin types with people in modern cosplay. “I wanted to put the modern with old medium to bring it into the now.”

The Student Art Show in its 44th year. The pieces featured in this year’s show will be up in Hammond Hall Gallery until March 31.



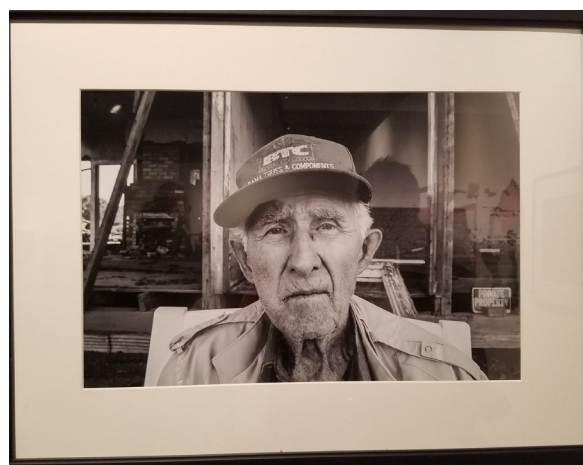
Rebekah Hawkins/ The Chanticleer

“Unite” by Charissa Flagg



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“Ave Maria Grotto” by Allison Wood



Rebekah Hawkins/ The Chanticleer

“Time” by Justin Turner



Rebekah Hawkins/ The Chanticleer

“Inked” by Savannah Smith



Rebekah Hawkins/ The Chanticleer

“Virginia Spring” by Katelyn Sims, pictured.



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Celebrities (L-R) Chrissy Teigen, John Legend, Kanye West, and Kim Kardashian pose under the famous "Yellow Sign," Waffle House.

Waffling about what to do after college? JSU offers career lecture for Waffle House

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Writer

"Waffle House? Really?" According to Inman Dubberly, the area Vice President, this is the usual response he receives from people as a recruiter for the company.

It is easy to overlook Waffle House as a business opportunity, despite its ubiquitous nature here in the south. There seems to be one in every city, but it's more than just a place to go to recover after a long night on the town!

On Monday, March 13, Jacksonville State University offered a career lecture entitled "Building a Career After College" that featured Waffle House.

Dubberly, along with Meyori Brown and Chris Brown, also managers with Waffle House, met in room 105 in Merrill Hall to give a follow up presentation to their career fair appearance.

The goal of this meeting was to better elaborate the opportunities provided by the company as well as give career advice to students close to graduation. They even prepared waffles which were available in the lobby free of charge.

The company will be 62 years old this Labor Day and has enjoyed strong financial growth since its founding in 1955. The Waffle House brand is incredibly strong. Even celebrities love eating there. Names like Chris Rock,

Justin Bieber, Kanye West, Kim Kardashian and more have been seen enjoying the old fashioned southern food.

What makes a management career for Waffle House so great? The company is privately owned and all managers are offered stock options meaning that the employees not only work for the company, but for themselves. Promotions always come from within the company, with all managers starting out as a single unit manager and working their way up based on their own performance. This means that there is a chance to move quickly through the ranks!

How much can you make as a manager at Waffle House? As a single unit manager, a person can make anywhere from \$45,000 to \$59,800 yearly. A district manager may oversee 2-3 units and makes between \$65,800 and \$96,700 per year. Division managers can make \$91,700-\$117,000 annually and cover only 6-9 units.

In addition to the great pay scale, managers are offered 3 weeks of vacation time each year and enjoy great benefits such as medical, dental and life insurance.

Waffle House offers internships to students who are close to graduation. The intern will go through the full interview process to ensure that they are a good fit for the company. Hourly opportunities are a great way to test the waters or just to make money during college.

If you are interested in a Waffle House career or wish to find out more, visit www.whcareers.com and send applications to Meyori Brown. For hourly opportunities, visit my.wafflehouse.com.

The manager at our own Waffle House, Sergio Grimaldo, is an alumnus of Jacksonville State and holds a degree in Accounting. He reviews all applications for the Jacksonville store.

"Three 10-year jobs do not equal one 30-year career," Dubberly said, moving along into the advice section of his presentation.

Staying with a company for a long time allows you to build your reputation within that company.

"People are known by the company they keep and companies are known by the people they keep," said Dubberly.

When investigating a potential career opportunity, it is always a good idea to get a feel for the type of people that company chooses to keep for long periods of time. Dubberly stressed the importance of finding a mentor to help guide you through your experiences and help give you advice to maintain a strong work presence.

"Finding a career is like finding a spouse," said Dubberly. Its important to make sure you and your company are a good fit.

The entire Waffle House team had one last thing to say to the students of Jacksonville State University... "GO GAMECOCKS!"

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OPINION & EDITORIAL



It's official! Spring break is next week. Normally I'd say "for just about everyone," but I can safely say that this is a needed break for every single person on this campus. For so many of you, it's your first official spring break away from home and you get to head to the beach with your friends and without parental supervision. For others, you may have other trips in mind, and for some, like me, you may be planning to just sleep for the majority of

spring break to try and recover from this blackhole that school has become.

But, as spring break approaches, and the murmur of plans buzzes through the halls from person to person, I can't help but look back on my five years here at JSU at think to the trips that I haven't taken. I'm thoroughly excited and ready for spring break and do plan for some beach time later in the week, but it's still just a mini vacation after I dedicate some more time to school-

work and sleep. And as I look back on my time at JSU, I realize that I was always that student who was a little too scared to be adventurous and spontaneous.

I grew up with my parents drilling into me that school always comes first, and I couldn't agree more, especially now that I'm older. I love that my parents instilled into me the thought of school coming first, but I also look back on my time in school kind of regretting not taking those midnight

trips to Birmingham with friends or somewhere else just to enjoy the fact that this was the time that I could. I look back with regrets that I didn't save my money from working and try to travel to places better than just Panama City Beach for spring break for two years.

I'm writing this in hopes that all of you who still have these years ahead of you will realize that this is the time to do

what you dream to do. Don't let your classes slip behind, school always comes first; but, stay on top of your classes enough to know that it's okay when to miss here and there. Make sure you still do well in school, but don't miss out on the opportunities ahead of you to experience life. Go on spontaneous trips with your friends, have a different spring break experience to a new place that you've al-

ways wanted to go to, and realize that college is about making these new experiences and memories that you will learn from and grow from. I've learned from the fact that I didn't do the spontaneous trips, and that's okay! I've learned a lot. I'm going to enjoy my small relaxing spring break and look ahead to my graduation and my future and I hope you will do the same.

This is the fifth article in Kristin's "Reflections" series.

Letter to the Editor

in response to "Speaker talks Trump and truth at Ayers Lecture"

Dear editor,

My question is why didn't Ms. Parker state why the media is so despised. According to the article I read she has no problems with what the papers/journalist are doing to earn that scorn, it's the uniforms fault for not knowing the difference between news and propaganda. What supporting evidence was she presenting or was this just a feelings based response. Something has been missing from journalism, and it's been missing for a while. It's called OBJECTIVE Journalism. Every channel, every paper has become so biased your better off watching MSNBC/Fox News side by

side. If they both say the same thing it's probably true. It's possible that the general public, people like me, my family and friends will start listening to or reading the national papers again when we fill the media isn't so focused on what we should think. We're not trained reporters but we are not stupid either. The speaker seems to me after reviewing her Twitter/Facebook post just to be pissed that HRC lost in November. Who knows, maybe the next generation of writers from JSU will be reporting to the rest of us deplorables telling us who will be the next president.

Bradley D. Sparks

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Spring Breakers?

Rebekah Hawkins

Associate Editor

Ah Spring Break. The time of the school year when supposedly all college students disappear from their campuses for a time of drunken debauchery preferably close in proximity to a beach of some kind. According to the Hollywood norms when college students go on Spring Break there's a lot of alcohol, wild parties, sex and general naughtiness. But is that really what all of us do?

Sure that may be Spring Break for some of us, and that's cool, but I don't think that's the most common thing among typical college kids.

Some of us will spend our Spring Breaks working those extra hours that we don't normally get to work during school weeks. We will watch the glint grow in our supervisor's eyes as he realizes that we're finally going to be on a flexible work schedule

even if just for a week. We'll mop the floors in the bathrooms because our co-worker decided that we should do it because we "never work anyway". We'll stock the shelves and roll our eyes when people our age come into the store looking for sunscreen and bottles of water to take with them on the way out of town. Ultimately we'll decide it isn't worth it to be jealous. They'll probably get alcohol poisoning and sunburn anyway, and they're not getting paid.

Then there are others of us who just don't want to go anywhere over Spring Break. Maybe we're going home to see our doting parents that we haven't seen in months. We'll spend the time escaping mom's questions about serious relationships and settling down and "what happened to that nice girl/guy from your English class". We'll laugh at dad's bad jokes and spend more time venting

to the dog about why we even bothered to leave the dorm when we have so much work to do than we will actually seeing our parents. Of course then mom or dad will make us that homecooked meal and we'll realize why we did go home.

Or maybe we're going somewhere besides a beach. Maybe we're going trekking up the mountains or camping outside next to rivers in the 20-below cold that your best friend Greg swore was going to be 60 degree temperatures. Maybe we're heading to a different country to expand our boundaries and discover new places. We'll duck in and out of local haunts and attempt to communicate with people using only the tiny translator that our grandmother gave us in sixth grade. We'll decide that it isn't so bad and that other cultures and places are cool and this is fun, especially compared to teeny, tiny Jacksonville.

Maybe we are going to the beach. It was a free trip with all your friends so yeah why not? Six-and-a-half hours turned into 12 because Diana had to stop to pee at every gas station along the way. Evenings spent ordering drinks that only have fancy names and aren't actually fancy at all, not to mention all the appetizers we need to keep it all down and attempt to be half as alcohol tolerant as we pretend to be. In the end it's all good. Diana turns out to be a good roommate and those drinks are actually pretty yummy, and everyone loves cheese fries.

Spring Break is different for us all. So whether you're working, or visiting home, or trying to navigate new places, or hanging at the beach or doing something completely different remember to try and enjoy it. It's only one week a year after all.

SPORTS



JSU Sportswire

Track and field claims team title in outdoor opener at Choccolocco Park

OXFORD – The opening meet of Jacksonville State’s 2017 outdoor track and field season was a chilly, and sometimes wet, day at Oxford’s Choccolocco Park as JSU hosted the Gamecock Quad.

The weather didn’t slow the Gamecocks as the Red and White took home the team title among the Red Division consisting of all Division I opponents.

JSU’s winning score of 190 topped Georgia State by just two points. Austin Peay placed third followed by Chattanooga.

Junior Samantha Patterson’s height of 10 feet 11.75 inches was strong enough for second just behind fellow Ohio Valley Conference member Austin Peay.

Sophomore Erica Edwards gave the Gamecocks another top-two spot in the high jump reaching 5 feet 3.75 inches.

Brittany Cook led the Red Division with a triple jump distance of 39 feet 9.75.

Her teammate Blake Perry placed second with 39 feet 1.25 inches.

Cook also finished runner-up in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet 8 inches just behind Georgia State’s Ashlan Rosier.

The Panthers also edged JSU in the discus throw as freshmen Sophie Merritt and Bryana Scott

placed second and third in the event.

However, Merritt bounced back to win the shot put with a toss of 46 feet 3.25 inches in an event the Gamecocks have dominated throughout the indoor season.

Courtney Bennett has been a large part of JSU’s shot put success, and had another strong throw of 44 feet for third place followed by Mary Cagle (39 feet 7 inches) in fourth for JSU.

Bennet joined Aquanita Branford with career-best tosses in the hammer throw. Noelia Caceres led Jax State with a third-place throw of 164 feet.

On the track, Emily Sorrell took the distance 1,500 meter event with a career-best time of 4:47.17, while senior Jewells McLeod was just two spots back in third.

Sorrell followed also claimed the 800 meter among Division I runners.

Gina Carnovale and Dayja Simon gave Jax State three of the top five in for the 800.

Freshman Aubree Cole placed second in the longer 5,00 meter race squeezing between a pair a runners from APSU.

Kayla Thompson brought home the top time in the quick 200 meter race, while Jasmine Parham placed second in the 400 meter race.

“I thought our day started off great,” JSU head coach Steve Ray said.

“But we tended to drop off like most everyone when the weather turned bad.

I think the facility is great and hopefully we’ll work out any remaining hitches before hosting the OVC Championships in May.

We also hope to have even more come out to our next home meet on April 1.”

JSU will be back in action next weekend in Atlanta, Ga., for the Emory Invitational.

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Men’s tennis tops the Mocs, 5-2

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State men’s tennis team improved to 7-5 on Friday with a 5-2 victory over Chattanooga at the JSU Tennis Courts.

The Gamecocks earned the doubles point and four individual wins during the seventh home contest of the season.

“It’s always nice to get a win at home,” head coach Andres Amore said.

“Chattanooga is a well-coached team and is always a tough opponent.

Our guys played very well today, and it’s always great to get back in the win column.”

Despite falling at the No. 1 doubles spot, the freshman team of Palo Cucalon and Guillermo Agost earned a 6-2 set victory at the No. 2 slot, while senior Mathias Chaim and sophomore Andres Gomez secured the doubles win with a 6-3 set in the rubber match.

JSU took four of six singles match, dropping the No. 1 and No. 3 positions.

Chaim and Agost each added singles victories to their doubles wins, while Pablo Caffarena and Felis Morck claimed the other two singles wins.

Jacksonville State hosts Eastern Illinois today, March 17, to open Ohio Valley Conference play.

The Gamecocks’ first league match of the year is tabbed to begin at 10 a.m. at the JSU Tennis Courts.

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Gamecock Side Bar

JSU’s game against Louisville can be seen on CBS. The game is scheduled to start at 1:45 p.m. central time

Upcoming Gamecock Action

3/17
- Track and Field at Emory Invite

- Beach Volleyball vs. Georgia State 9 a.m.
vs. Florida Atlantic at Stestson 1 p.m.
DeLand, Fla. 3 p.m.

- Men’s, Women’s Tennis vs. Eastern Illinois* 10 a.m.
Jacksonville

- Men’s Basketball vs. Louisville 1:45 p.m.
Indianapolis, Ind.

- Baseball vs. Eastern Illinois* 6 p.m.
Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.

3/18
- Women’s Tennis vs. SIUE* 10 a.m.
Jacksonville

- Beach Volleyball vs. New Mexico 11 a.m.
vs. Morehead State* 3 p.m.
Tavares, Fla.

- Softball vs. Kennesaw State 12 p.m.
vs. Kennesaw State 2 p.m.
Kennesaw, Ga.

- Baseball vs. Eastern Illinois* 1 p.m.
Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.

3/19
- Women’s Golf at MSU Spring Citrus Challenge, Sorrento, Fla.

- Men’s Golf at Cape Fear National Intercollegiate, Wilmington, N.C.

- Baseball vs. Eastern Illinois* 1 p.m.
Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.

3/21
- Beach Volleyball at Webber International Babson Park, Fla. 4 p.m.

3/22
- Beach Volleyball at Jacksonville Jacksonville, Fla. 12 p.m.

- Softball at Alabama A&M Huntsville, Ala. 2 p.m.

BOLD = Home Event * = OVC Event

OVC Baseball

School	OVC	O/R
Tennessee Tech	3-0	12-5
Morehead State	3-0	11-5
Austin Peay	3-0	9-6
SIUE	2-1	10-6
Belmont	2-1	7-8
Murray State	1-2	9-7
Eastern Kentucky	1-2	9-8
Eastern Illinois	0-0	1-14
Jacksonville State	0-3	8-7
SEMO	0-3	6-7
UT Martin	0-3	6-7

OVC Softball

School	OVC	O/R
Murray State	0-0	20-4
SIUE	0-0	19-4
Belmont	0-0	18-5
UT Martin	0-0	17-6
SEMO	0-0	14-5
Jacksonville State	0-0	15-7
Morehead State	0-0	12-6
Eastern Illinois	0-0	11-11
Austin Peay	0-0	8-11
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	9-14
Tennessee State	0-0	7-15
Tennessee Tech	0-0	7-15

Standings do not reflect games play on Wednesday of after

Injured women’s tennis falls to the Mercer University Bears

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State women’s tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision to Mercer Thursday afternoon at the JSU Tennis Courts.

Diana Monsalve earned the Gamecocks’ lone

point, picking up a victory in the No. 2 slot.

Injuries continue to plague the young Jacksonville State squad, automatically putting the Gamecocks down 0-1 in doubles sets and 0-2 in overall points with the

absence of two starters.

The freshman duo of Malin Buechner and Alba Conejero forced a playoff in the No. 2 doubles spot, while Buechner lost a narrow 6-3, 7-5 match in the No. 4 contest.

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Gamecocks fall in marathon match against Austin Peay

Grant Benefield
Staff Reporter

In the final game of their three-game series with conference opponent Austin Peay, the Gamecocks and Governors went 14 innings before Alex Robles hit a walk-off home run to give Austin Peay the 6-5 victory.

After losing games one and two to the Governors (9-6, 3-0) 8-4 and 4-0 respectively, the Gamecocks (7-7, 0-3) looked to escape Clarksville with a W, and things looked promising early on.

The Gamecocks held a 5-0 lead after six innings thanks to plenty of extra

base hits and a strong start by Joe McGuire.

McGuire pitched 3.1 innings, collecting three K’s and allowing just three hits and no runs.

Clayton Daniel would put the Gamecocks on the board in the third inning with a double down the third base line that scored Dalton Etheridge.

Daniel doubled again in the fifth inning, this time plating two runs. Daniel would finish the game 2-7 with two doubles and three RBIs.

Trent Simpson also doubled in the fifth, scoring Daniel.

Nic Gaddis gave the Gamecocks a 5-0 lead with

a solo home run in the top of the sixth.

The Governors chipped at the JSU lead with RBI singles from Kyle Wilson in the seventh and Dre Gleason in the eighth.

The Gamecocks went into the bottom of the ninth with a 5-2 lead, but the Governors, determined for the sweep, tied the Gamecocks to send the game into extra innings.

Brett Newberg led off the bottom of the ninth with a home run to cut the Gamecock lead to 2.

Down to their last out, Gleason knocked a two RBI double to tie the game at 5-5.

After four scoreless

innings, Alex Robles launched a walk-off home run in the bottom of the fourteenth to give the Gobs the 6-5 win, and the conference series sweep over the Gamecocks.

Josh Rye (3-0) earned the pitching win for the Governors, going 4.2 innings and allowing just three hits and no runs.

Grant Chandler (0-1) took the pitching loss for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks host Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Illinois this weekend at Choccolocco Park. The game Friday starts at 6 p.m., with a 1 p.m. start time on Saturday and Sunday.

It's set.

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

In their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance, the Jacksonville State men's basketball team will take on the Louisville Cardinals.

The OVC champion Gamecocks were named the 15-seed in the Midwest region and they will matchup with 2-seeded Louisville of the ACC in Indianapolis on Friday.

"Everyone's excited." JSU senior guard Greg Tucker said after the announcement.

"It's a great time to be a Gamecock." The team learned their tournament fate during a watch party at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Sunday.

Before the bracket was revealed, the team greeted fans in the lobby of the coliseum and signed 2017 OVC Championship commemorative posters.

The OVC Championship trophy was also available in the lobby for Gamecock fans to view and take pictures with.



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The team then moved onto the court, where a projector screen was set up for the watch party.

Approximately 1,000 fans gathered

in "The Pete" to cheer on Jax State as they watched the selection show, and CBS cameras were there to capture the team's reaction.

When Jacksonville State's seed was announced, the team, along with the crowd, stood up and cheered.

Although the NCAA Tournament is a new experience for Jacksonville State University and its players, the coaches know what to expect in the "big dance."

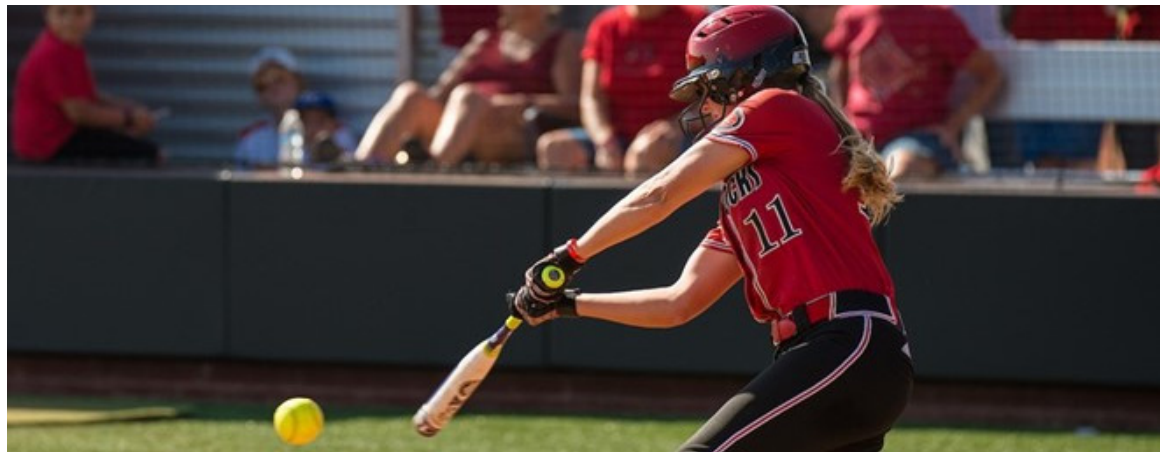
"Every member of the [JSU coaching] staff has been a part of an NCAA Tournament, so we know what the experience is going to be like," Coach Ray Harper said.

"We've just got to stay focused on what's important."

Louisville, who comes into the game against JSU with a record of 24-8, were seeded fourth in the ACC Tournament, but lost to eventual ACC champion Duke in the quarterfinals.

Friday's game between Gamecocks and Cardinals will tip at about 1:45 p.m. central time on Friday, March 17 inside Indianapolis' Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The matchup will be televised on CBS, with Jim Nantz, Grant Hill, Bill Raftery and Tracy Wolfson on the call.



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Gamecock softball rolls in Leon Smith Classic

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

JSU handled business this weekend at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala. going 3-1 against opponents.

After beginning their tournament with a 4-2 win against Missouri State on Friday, the Gamecocks went on to lose to Loyola-Chicago that same afternoon 2-4.

They bounced back the following day with a huge 8-0 victory against the Samford Bulldogs and brought their weekend record up to 2-1.

Respectable, but the Gamecocks weren't done.

Alabama A&M was on the slate for the Gamecocks on Sunday.

It took five innings for JSU to stomp AAMU 11-0 and give the Gamecocks a 14-7 record on the season.

Several Gamecocks scored on the day including Hayley Sims, Taylor Rogers and Emily Woodruff who all had two runs apiece.

Anna Chisolm led the day in runs with three after being at bat four times.

Cadi Oliver and Alexis Jim-

merson each contributed one run apiece.

Taylor West pitched four innings and struck out six before being traded out for Kirsten Titus in the final inning.

Early in the first inning the Gamecocks got their first two runs from Oliver and Chisolm who scored on a Stephanie Lewis error to the shortstop.

Lewis eventually went out at third base to turn the bottom of the first over to the Bulldogs of AAMU.

A no score gave JSU the opportunity to score three more runs in the top of the second.

Rogers scored first after a Chisolm single that sent Woodruff to third base.

Following Oliver's single to left field, Chisolm headed to third while Woodruff went home.

Chisolm scored her second run of the game after Lewis grounded out to third base.

At the end of the second the Gamecocks were steadily putting the game out of reach 5-0.

The top of third gave the Gamecocks two more runs.

Rogers got her first after Chisolm grounded out second.

Sims grabbed her first run

of the game right on Rogers' heels to put the Gamecocks up 7-0.

The Bulldogs desperately needed a run but would not get one.

They held the Gamecocks to their same 7-run lead in the fourth inning, but it was too little too late for AAMU.

Jimmerson grabbed her first and only run of the game early in the fifth inning with help from Rogers.

It was the first run of four in the Gamecocks' last inning at bat.

Woodruff doubled to left field giving Sims the opportunity to get her final run of the game and put the Gamecocks ahead by nine.

Woodruff scored her final of the game after an Amber Jones single to center.

Chisolm took the Gamecocks home with her third and final run of the game moments later.

The Gamecocks went ahead 11-0 and the bottom of the fifth was empty for the Bulldogs.

Jacksonville State will play a double header against Kennesaw State Friday, with the first game beginning at noon.

Muske in top 25 at NCAA smallbore championship

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Jacksonville State senior Brandon Muske wrapped up a decorative career on Friday in the 2017 NCAA Rifle Championships, competing as an individual in the smallbore section of the championship.

Muske, from Brenham, Texas, turned in a score of 579 to finish 24th overall among the 44 individuals.

Muske was joined at Ohio State, the host of the NCAA Championships, by sophomore David Sink.

Sink was 10 marks back of Muske with a 569.

With Muske and Sink competing at the NCAA Championship level, it marked the seventh consecutive year that JSU was either in the team competition or was represented by individuals.

Last year, Mekenna Richardson and Samantha Bullard earned appearances at the NCAA Championship.

Muske finishes a ca-

reer that saw him land on the Ohio Valley Conference's Air Rifle First Team three times in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

He was the OVC Air Rifle Most Valuable Player in 2015.

He also was named to the OVC Smallbore First Team in 2015.

Muske was placed on the OVC Smallbore Second Team in 2016 and 2017 and collected OVC Air Rifle Second Team status this season.

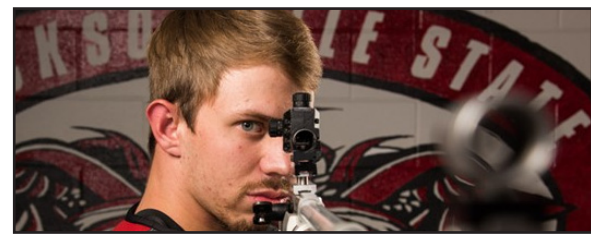
He helped Jax State to back-to-back OVC Championships in 2014 and 2015.

West Virginia finished atop the team standings after accumulating a 2336, two marks better than Texas Christian University.

OVC foe Murray State stands fourth after the smallbore competition after posting a 2326.

WVU's Morgan Phillips claimed medalist honors after shooting a 589.

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