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JSU remodels biology classroom with REAL grant
Brittany Robertson
Staff Writer

Over the summer, Jacksonville State University’s Martin Hall received an extensive make-over that has everyone talking.

Dr. Chris Monkord of the Biology department applied for the REAL Classroom Design Initiative this past summer in hopes of receiving funds to benefit the department. The grant helped to outfit classroom 250 with new paint, new carpet, new desks and updated technology. This grant came from the Faculty Commons Department and has gone to benefit the School of Science.

“They came in and prepped the walls, painted, put new lights in,” Monkord said. “There was not any structural damage, but it still took several months to complete said the remodel. All of the old infrastructure was taken out—they took all the old desks out and everything. We really just started with a blank slate. With new desks and technology, the biology classroom is able to incorporate elements of interactivity that is not seen in any

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Thursday Talk spotlights health sciences
Nick Adrian
Staff Writer

The JSU Department of Academic Advising held their monthly Thursday Talk on September 19 on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library. Their subject of interest this month was health sciences and what to expect from a career in that field. The meeting’s speakers were made up of five JSU alumni who have gone on to specialize in various branches of health science. The talk allowed students interested in the field to get a better understanding as to what they should expect after their years of schooling and what it is like in the medical world.

The panelists representing JSU’s past were seated in front of the students at a large table. Dr. Brenn Abernathy, D.V.M., graduated in 2002 with a BS in Biology and now works as a veterinarian at Amston Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Stephen Brackett, MD, who also graduated in 2002 with a BS in Biology, is now a veterinarian at Anniston Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Brent Abernathy, D.V.M., graduated in 2002 with a BS in Biology and is a physician's assistant at NorthEast Orthopedic Sports Clinic & Physical Therapy.

Each panelist talked about his or her schooling experience, from starting at JSU for their undergraduate studies to continuing their education at such universities as UAB or South Alabama. They continued to discuss not only what their jobs were, but what an average day

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Opioid Awareness Meeting
JSU and Bradford Health Services invite students, faculty and the community to an Opioid Awareness Town Hall on September 28 at 6 p.m. on the 11th floor of the library.

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Associate Editor

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Other academic building

same colored back
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Breaking pilafas and a table flipping match game were among things guests enjoyed at JSU’s 50th anniversary gala.

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STUDY BREAK

Campus Crossword
Week 3

JSU People

Across
4. You can find him at his house near Bibb-Graves
5. You can find him at Burgess-Snow field on Saturdays
7. You can find her over Family and Consumer Science
8. You can find her over the Biology department

Down
1. You can find him leading the Comm students at Self
2. You can find him leading the art students
3. You can find him in the finance department
6. You can find her at the Office of the Provost

Look for the solution to this puzzle plus a new puzzle next week!
Editor's Hint: These people are all department heads/important people.

JSU Football Opponents

Across
1. Flames
2. Colonels
3. Tigers
4. The Ramblin Wreck
10. Skyhawks
11. The Governors

Down
1. Redhawks
2. Golden Eagles
3. Panthers
4. Racers
8. The Moccasins

Last week's solution!

Corny Puns from the collection of:
Staff Writer Daniel Mayes

My friend Lee after learning his wife is pregnant: Am I going to have a kid? What does that make me? A Parent Lee

What would a produce deliveryman use when his truck got a flat tire? A Spare I guess.

The huge ice wall that I have to scale to work melted! I love climb-it-change!

I wanted to figure out whether I had a fire Christmas, so I used a Lit-mas test.

Anakin Skywalker's least favorite font is Comic Sands.
For over 20 years Alabama Damascus has crafted some of the world’s finest and toughest knife and steel blanks in the world. Today, Alabama Damascus remains the top commercial producer of Damascus layered steel in the United States, and competes globally with other such producers like Pakistan, China, and India, but those who know the true knifes, know Alabama Damascus steel to be some of the best.

Even Hitler, in WWII, SLL in love with the beauty and potential of Damascus steel, and had five blacksmiths that could only make enough for his top generals. The first record of folded steel comes from 200 AD, where laminated metal combined the properties of multiple metals, into a pattern that resembled a cloth, for which the city was named. Fast forward a few thousand years, opened in the 1970s, an old cotton mill, Edwards steel became the first and only commercial level producer of Damascus steel in the world. Edwards steel became famous for its durability, quality, and flexibility. And fact one of the properties that draws so many people to Damascustoday, and even today, is that quality of flexibility. Damascus carbon steel’s molecular makeup allows it much more bend before fracturing than most alloys and steels, especially over the qualities of stainless. This steel is made using power hammers, giant pneumatic machines, some of which weigh over 50 tons, that have a striking force of more than 3000 lbs. Some of these colossal machines are nearing 100 years old, and are still being used today. Some of the machine dates, in the shop, are estimated between 1918 with the oldest, to some of the more recent being dated back to 1920. Edwards steel closed for many years, then in 1985 it reopened as Alabama Damascus, and has since remained the top producer title of Damascus steel in the country, and is in Jacksonville, Alabama.

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Women and minorities steal the show: the Emmys in a nutshell

Alissa Camplin

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Sunday night’s Emmys featured historic wins and one shocking appearance from a former White House staffer. The 69th Prime-time Emmy Awards, hosted by Stephen Colbert, took place at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

There were quite a few surprises, starting with the appearance of Sean Spicer, Atlanta, Big Little Lies, and The Handmaid’s Tale. Despite the fact that they produced some big wins, showing that diversity and great roles for women work and resonate. The night celebrated minorities and women.

A notably no-table moment of the night was how Lena Waithe, a queer-identified African American woman, nabbed the win for Best Writing for a Comedy Series, along with comedian Aziz Ansari, for their Netflix series Master of None—becoming the first black woman to win in the comedy directing category.

The audience was celebrated minorities and women. At the end of the evening, Big Little Lies winners Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman used the stage to press other Hollywood heavyweights to create more roles for women during their acceptance speeches. "Bring women to the front of their own stories and make them the hero of their own stories," Witherspoon urged.

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Emmy host, Stephen Colbert, began the award show with a politically charged and humorous opening number. It was accompanied by Chance the Rapper, along with the cast members of This Is Us, Stranger Things, Veep, Black-ish, The Americans and more.

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Randall Fair

Special to The Chanticleer

I was a student at Jacksonville State in the early eighties. While at JSU, I wrote for “The Chanticleer,” joined Sigma Nu Fraternity, appeared in three plays, and bartended at The Red Rooster Pub. Despite all this activity, it was a lonely time for a young person trying to come to terms with his identity as a gay man. Because people assumed I was straight, they often aired their worst prejudices about gay people through vulgar jokes and hateful statements. Luckily for me, I found pockets of support even in those dark times.

When my fraternity brothers found out that I was gay, they were supportive. Though the previous year, they refused to let someone else join when they discovered that he was gay. I also found support from teachers at the school. When one of my friends went screaming to Officer Lovett, the sponsor of “The Chanticleer,” to tell her that he was gay, her simple reply was, “I kind of thought you were.”

Dr. Steve Whitton offered support through the diversity of assignments offered in his class. It was in one of his courses that I read “Boys in the Band” for the first time. My first trip to a gay bar was part of a field trip organized by some of the sociology professors.

Throughout my friends’ group depart-
ment, I was lucky enough to meet Steve Hightower, a.k.a. Brother Towen. As Stephanie, Steve was probably one of the most famous drag queens in all of Ala-

bama and was also a staple of the Pointer pride. I gradu-
ally became an entire group of gay friends who we had no other in what was of-

ten a very hostile environ-

ment.

Recently, I have seen positive changes for LGBT peo-
ple with regards to the climate at JSU. I noticed that sex-
ual orientation and sexual identity are no longer criminalized in the school’s non-discrimination policy. I saw with amaze-
mement the lights of the school library rise in rainbow colors in honor of Gay Pride Month. I read that the JSU Democrats joined in celebrating Gay Pride through a statement of support. I discovered the for-
tification of a LGBTQ alumni association and the creation of JSU Students for Equality.

With all of these positive changes, I was even more dis-
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Gamecocks sweep Alabama A&M to remain undefeated in ‘The Pete’

The Jacksonville State volleyball team defeated the Alabama A&M Bulldogs for the second time this season on Tuesday night to remain undefeated at home inside Pete Mathews Coliseum.

In an outstanding night for the Gamecocks (13-5), senior Charis Ludtke tied her career high with five service aces against the Bulldogs.

Another senior shined as Jennifer Hart finished a dig shy from a double-double with nine digs and 24 assists.

Fellowman Madison Coozer also had a great night against AAMU with seven kills, while junior Mackenzie Rombach led the team with 10 kills on a .300 hitting clip.

Defensively, senior Hannah Kick posted 12 digs and Rombach recorded five blocks as the Gamecocks held their visitors to an .011 attack percentage for the night.

JSU started strong with the first two sets, winning the first set 25-14, and the second set 25-18.

Jax State maintained a strong lead throughout the first game, holding off a late AAMU rally in the second set as the Bulldogs tried to keep the pace.

The Gamecocks finished strong in the third set, pulling away with a 25-10 victory to secure their third straight home sweep.

Following the match, JSU head coach Terry Gamble stated that this was, “the best game we’ve played” and that he “couldn’t be happier.” Gamble also stated that their biggest strength as a team is their work ethic; a message that appears evident on the court, and creates high expectations for the rest of the season.

The Gamecocks return to action on Thursday with a visit to Tennessee Tech to begin the first of four straight road matches to begin Ohio Valley Conference play.

JSU will conclude the opening weekend of conference action at Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

Live stats will be available for both matches along with both matches being streamed on the OVC Digital Network.

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Gamecocks release 2017 baseball schedule

Playling 11 of the first 16 games and 29 total home dates at the newly-constructed Rudy Abbott Field, including a visit by Southeastern Conference for Alabama highlight Jacksonville State’s 2018 baseball schedule, released by head coach Jim Case on Friday.

The anticipation surrounding the program is high with the debut of the $7.5 million stadium, which is on target for completion for opening day of the 2018 campaign.

The Gamecocks open the new stadium on February 16, as they open a three-game series with Southern Illinois.

A weekend series with first-ever opponent Radford on Feb 23 through the 25, and opening the Ohio Valley Conference schedule with Austin Peay (March 9-11) round out the weekend series in the first four weekends of the season.

The Crimson Tide and Gamecocks will face off in Jacksonville on April 3, and JSU will return the trip to Tuscaloosa on May 8.

The Gamecocks will travel to Miami, Fla. to face Florida International on March 2 through the 4, for their first road weekend series of the season.

JSU’s first home mid-week contest will be on March 6, hosting neighboring Kennessaw State.

The Gamecocks will play home-and-home mid-week series with in-state foes Samford, UAB, Troy and Alabama State.

After opening the weekend at home, JSU will have its first road test of the season on February 20, in Birmingham against Samford.

JSU will take on UAB on Feb 27, prior to its trip to the Sunshine State.

JSU and Troy will renew their long standing rivalry between the two schools coming to Rudy Abbott Field on April 4.

The Gamecocks will host Samford on March 13, while playing at home against Alabama State on April 17 and UAB on May 15.

Along with opening the OVC slate with APSU, the Gamecocks will host OVC foes Murray State on March 29 through the 31, Southeast Missouri on April 13 through the 15, Eastern Kentucky on April 27 through the 29 and UT Martin on May 11 through the 13.

JSU will step out of conference on March 23 through the 25, hosting the Dolphins of Jacksonville University.

For the second year in row, the annual OVC Baseball Championship will be hosted by Choccolocco Park in Oxford on May 22 through the 27.

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Tennessee Tech gives JSU first home loss

Daniel Mayes
Staff Sports Reporter

The Jacksonville State Soccer team suffered their first home defeat of the season on Sunday, falling to the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles 1-0.

In a match in which the two teams played each other remarkably close, as the two squads finished with nearly identical stats, a Tennessee Tech goal in the second half proved to be the difference.

Tennessee Tech outshot JSU just 10-9 on the afternoon, and the Gamecocks and Golden Eagles both registered four shots on goal and 12 fouls apiece.

The stat that proved to be the difference in the contest was saves, as Gamecock goaltender Caroline Robinson was able to keep out only three of the Golden Eagles’ four shots, while TTU’s Kari Naerdemann stopped all four of Jacksonville State’s.

The lone goal of the match came in the 52nd minute, as Kendall Powell of Tennessee Tech headed in the ball over the outstretched hands of Robinson.

Midfielder Tina Marolt was credited with the assist on the goal for the Golden Eagles as she found Powell on a serve near midfield.

Both of JSU’s games will be played on Field 1. Admission to the tournament is $5 for the entire day.

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Gamecocks announce schedule for the Tera Ross Memorial Softball Tourney

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The Jacksonville State softball team will host the 11th annual Tera Ross Memorial Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala.

The Gamecocks will play two games in the one-day tournament, taking on Coastal Alabama at 10 a.m., before playing Southern Union at 11:45 a.m.

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