The Nelson White Coat Ceremony

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Donations needed for JSU food pantry

The shelves of the Division of Student Affairs’ food pantry sit nearly empty. Drop off locations for canned goods and toiletries are the housing office, student health center, the Dean of Students office and the Houston Cole Library.

“Unfortunately, a lot of the food we received had to be thrown out because it was expired,” Gamble said. “Just taking my heart. We could really use food right now.”

The food pantry takes canned goods and other packaged food items. In addition to food, the food pantry also stocks toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner and lotion. There are four food and donation drop off locations around campus: the housing office (Bibb Graves Room 103), the student health center, the dean of student’s office (TMB Room 402) and the library.

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There are many other passionate community members to consider how much it could help if everyone contributed. “A little bit goes a long way,” said Gamble. “Even if a student can only bring one item, can you imagine the difference it would make if everyone on campus helped out?”

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Where are they now?

Karen and Kelly Gregg talk work, retirement and JSU

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“While they have plenty of toiletries, they could definitely, definitely use more food,” according to Gamble.

Most students are completely oblivious to the situations of their classmates, never truly knowing what their home lives are like outside of the classroom. The food pantry is a great way to assist those who are in a tight spot financially.

For those who need food or toiletries the food pantry is located in the basement of Sparkman Hall. It is open on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 1-5 p.m. Come by and take what you need.

Karen and Kelly Gregg enjoy a getaway to Walt Disney World in May 2016, shortly before the couple retired from JSU after 25 years of service.

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Karen, meanwhile, also earned a bachelor’s degree from Kansas State University—hers in business. She worked in a local bank and part-
It's just time for a new chapter, a new beginning. It's the time to pursue other opportunities.

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“A new chapter begins,” Kelly agreed. “Eighteen to 21-year-olds are really an amazing group.”

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While they may be “officially” retired, friends of the Greggs can still find them on campus at drama productions, band concerts, graduation ceremonies and other big events. “JSU has been really, really good for both of us,” Karen smiled.

As this chapter closes, JSU wishes the Greggs a long, happy and fun-filled retirement!

Kelly and Karen Gregg pose with a Maoi statue in Germany during their trip in April 2017. The Greggs spent three weeks in Germany in the spring and even celebrated Easter there, something they never would have been able to do with full-time jobs.

Believe You Can Achieve: former Chanticleer editor writes book

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

Marvel Robinson remembers the exact date and time that he graduated from Jacksonville State University.

“Friday, December 18, 2015 at 7 p.m. I’ll miss helping the students,” Karen said. “I really did like helping them. I’ve watched some of them grow up from the time they were kids.”

“T’ll miss meeting the new students,” Kelly agreed. “Eighteen to 21-year-olds are really an amazing group.”

Robinson says this book is only the beginning and that he has more ideas that he intends to write about in the future. “My advice to students would be this: Stay focused. Do what you’re supposed to do. Don’t keep putting things off for later because it will catch up to you. Ask questions when you need help, but also do your own research and educate yourself. Remember your goals and keep them in mind. If possible, make sure you have something set up for after graduation. You can achieve it if you believe it.”

Robinson’s book “Go For It!” can be purchased on Amazon. The link can be found on the “Go For It!” Facebook page.

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Returning cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin logged even more time in space: 673 days over five missions. NASA astronaut Jack Fischer returned after 136 days aloft. Days 136 and 288 were equal to six previous trips to the International Space Station: Bresnik, a Russian and an Italian, and two Americans and a Russian following their launch last November.

Earth to Peggy, Come in Peggy?

Associated Press

NBC News

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Whitson was the last one carried back in the U.S.

U.S. orders closure of three Russian diplomatic facilities

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Writer

The U.S. has ordered the closure of three Russian diplomatic facilities in retaliation for being forced to downsize its own diplomatic presence in Russia by 60%.

The American order, issued on Thursday, August 31, 2017, called for the closure of Russia’s oldest consulate general in San Francisco, a chancery annex in Washington D.C. and a consulate annex in New York City by the following Saturday.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry that he “expressed regrets over the escalation of tensions in bilateral relations, which were not initiated by us.” Russia ordered the decrease in U.S. diplomats on Sunday, July 30, days after Congress approved sanctions to punish the Kremlin for election tampering, the annexation of Crimea and Russia’s continued military presence in the Ukraine.

“We waited for quite a long time, that perhaps something will change for the better. We held out hope that the situation would somehow change. But, judging by everything, if it changes, it will not be soon,” said Russian President Vladimir Putin on Rossiya 1 Television, a state-run television channel.

The Kremlin claims its expulsion of U.S. diplomats was to seek “parity” in the number of diplomats working in either country. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders stated that the White House wishes to “halt the downward spiral” of relations between the countries.

“We’re going to look for opportunities to do that, but we’re also going to make sure that we make decisions that are best for our country,” Sanders said.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has stated that relations between the two countries could be at their worst since the Cold War. Maria Zakharova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry, suggested on Sunday that President Donald J. Trump may not serve a full four-year term.

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I once asked my friend what his favorite fruit was. I can't remember exactly what he said, so I'll have to PEARaphrase.

-Daniel Mayes

Day 2 of eating healthy. Still look the same. Absolutely appalled.

Showed up to school 30 minutes early and I'm STILL late because I couldn't find a single parking space.

I love it when I'm supposed to give a presentation and the person in front of me takes the whole class to do theirs. Thank you random classmate.

I've used "lol" enough to know that no one is ever actually "loling".

The professor assigns a 20-page paper and four tests. Me: I will do this now and get it out of the way. Netflix: Watch me!!

Me: Well I guess this can wait. Due date: Haha, missed me again.

One of my favorite things about college is that when you open a pack of gum people know better than to ask for any.
A conversation with Bill Burr

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

He’s been called “a cynic who never paid heed to political correctness” by the Montreal Gazette and “one of the funniest, most distinctive voices in the country for years” by the New York Times. Some might call him a celebrity, but he just says he’s “more notoriety than celebrity.”

Whatever he’s called, or calls himself, comedian Bill Burr has made a name for himself. The 49-year-old from Canton, Mass. relies on his black comedy and often very honest humor, and although he may seem brash he says that people know what they’re getting from him.

Burr is set to perform at the Alabama Theater on Sept. 9 and says that he’s been through the state several times to do shows, and that it’s actually one of his favorite places to go.

“Everyone always trashes Alabama. Like you go to Georgia and everyone there thinks they’re some kind of scholar,” Burr said. “I’ve just got this thing. Living in New York, everyone thought people from New Jersey were a bunch of animals. You guys are all the same freaking people. Plus it’s a beautiful state, houses are cheap. College football is crazy out there, the whole Auburn, Alabama thing. I have a great time.”

He says that he can’t come to Alabama and not take in a game, so he’s making a trip to Tuscaloosa to see Alabama’s match-up with Fresno State before his show Saturday night.

“Now that I’ve seen Alabama though, I’ve got to get to Auburn. Because I want to see the War Eagle and all that,” He said. “One of my goals is to go to the Alabama and Auburn game.”

Burr’s comedy draws from current events, his opinions and what he calls “messing up in my personal life”. He says that something entertaining could happen like someone falling down stairs and he can make a note that says, “stairs” in a notebook, then later go back and recall the story. He says it’s much like remembering a funny story in everyday life.

His comedy is a prominent staple on Netflix, currently Burr has three of his five comedy specials on the streaming site including one that released this year.

“They stream it, it’s out there. It’s totally uncensored, which goes with my style.” He is also the co-creator of the Netflix animated comedy “F is for Family”, which is loosely based on his childhood in the seventies. He says that he’s setting up a college campus comedy tour next year to promote the show.

“People really seem to like it.”

Burr says that he took his inspiration from comedians like George Carlin and Richard Pryor when he was younger. He thought there was no way he could do comedy and, although he always wanted to try, it seemed unavailable to him. But he was determined to have no regrets, and now he has performed comedy shows around the world and has a successful Netflix show.

Tickets are still available for Burr’s September 9 performance at the Alabama Theatre. His Netflix show “F is for Family” has been renewed for a third season and will premiere sometime next year.
‘These are the things I stole’: In defense of DACA

Cristian Contreras

A lot of people are wondering why I’m reposting old pictures. Here’s why: Below are pictures of things I’ve stolen. These are things I stole from fellow Americans.

I stole a diploma to a 4 year institution. I committed a crime by cheating the system. Instead of taking out the normal loans, I paid my way through. Cash. Well, sometimes a plastic card, but mainly cash. How dare I? How dare I work endlessly to make ends meet and get an education? I shouldn’t have done it. It could’ve been another American student in my spot. It should’ve been, I mean after all, not everyone gets to go to college. It’s not like you don’t just meet some score requirements, apply for aid, get some sort of help, and attend. And for those who don’t get help, it’s not like you can’t just sacrifice a few things and work your way through. It can’t be that easy.

I stole an American woman - a teammate. I know it’s frowned upon. I shouldn’t have. I know better. I know racism doesn’t exist. I know the ugly looks I get from people when we are out together are because they just want her for better. Why wouldn’t they? I have nothing to offer. I know they don’t mean bad by it. I know people have stopped talking to her just so she realizes it’s for her own good. She’ll come around though. Maybe? I mean, she’s better, right? She wants to be with a foreigner? I know it’s because I’m lazy and live off the government. I don’t blame them.

I own a house and two vehicles. I stole those. I know I should give it up to the people that don’t have a home. Especially the ones who made bad decisions. They deserve this, not me. After all, they were born within the jurisdictions of the Land of the Free. They are more entitled. I’m a nobody. They just slipped up, but I’m a thief and I don’t pay my mortgage or my car notes. I don’t deserve to have a credit score. I didn’t work for it, after all.

I shouldn’t have a job. They should give it to someone else. Someone who deserves it. All these unemployed people are the ones who should have it. Especially the ones who couldn’t help the fact that they came up in aステード household, great parents, and all the support they needed and threw it away. They truly deserve it. Not me. I just came and took their job. I filled the application out, I passed the background check, I passed the drug test? Why? I should’ve known better than to invent something that wasn’t mine to take.

I stole the American Pride. I have it. I have it deep in my soul and heart. I shouldn’t have it. They don’t want me here. Not because I’m a bad worker, because I’m mean, because they just want me out of the way, not me. After all, I stole a diploma to a four year institution. I'm a nobody. They're right. I'm not going anywhere. Especially the ones who were born outside of the lines and was brought here when I was 3 months old. 3. I made that decision on my own to come at 3 MONTHS old. That’s why they don’t want me here. That’s why they give me looks when I speak Spanish. They’re right. I shouldn’t be here. I’m not welcome here. But guess what? I’m not going anywhere. Because America is my home. I love the United States of America. And I’ve always been taught to turn the cheek and kill them with kindness. Take away DACA (the program that allowed me to become the thief that I am and steal everything listed below) if you’d like, but I’m going nowhere soon. I would die for this country and everything it has done for me. So for all those in favor of removing me and 800,000 more like me who didn’t have a choice...kiss my success. Because at the end of the day, I’ll be that thief. And until someone comes and steals it back over my dead body, it’ll stay that way. God Bless the USA y Viva México, cabrones! For those who have offended me delete my “cupcakes”.

***EDIT*** I didn’t post this to throw a pity party or to pay myself on the back. There are hundreds out there like me and that’s what I’m getting at. Hundreds of kids took advantage of DACA and bettered themselves. I just want people to see it from OUR point of view.

Editor’s Note:

“How to (not) Lose a Guy in 10 Games Part II” was slated to appear in this week’s edition. However, in light of current events, we felt that Cristian’s story was more important. Part II will run in the September 14th edition of The Chanticleer.

Thank you for your understanding!
The Jacksonville State football team stayed put in the Coaches Poll and climbed one spot in the STATS FCS Top 25 on Monday, moving into the Top five in both.

The Gamecocks (1-0) used a convincing 27-13 win over Chattanooga on Aug. 26 to move up one spot into fifth in the STATS FCS Top 25, while the coaches voted them No. 5 for the second-straight week.

The top-five ranking puts the Gamecocks in the Top 10 for the 40th-straight week, a streak that dates back to the finals of the 2013 season.

JSU and North Dakota State are the only teams to be in the Top 10 in each of the first six weeks of that span and both finished second in the overall poll.

The Bison are No. 2 in both polls, right behind defending national champion James Madison at No. 1. Sam Houston State and South Dakota State are No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, in both polls.

Tennessee State makes its debut in the 2017 polls, joining JSU as the only two Ohio Valley Conference programs in the Top 25.

TSU is 23rd in the STATS Poll and 24th in the Coaches Poll.

The Gamecocks will put their No. 5 ranking on the line Saturday morning, when they take on Georgia Tech in Atlanta at 11:30 a.m.

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The two-day tournament is slated to feature Alabama State, West Alabama and the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

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Jacksonville State wraps up its fall schedule with a couple of IFT Futures competition.

The first is scheduled for Oct. 27 – 21 in Birmingham, Ala., while the final tournament is set for Nov. 3 – 6 in niceville, Fla.

The women’s team wraps up its fall campaign with a trip to New Orleans for the Big Easy Classic on Oct. 28, hosted by the University of New Orleans.

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