JSU goes trick-or-treating

SGA holds annual Harvest Fest

JP Wood
Staff Reporter

The quad was packed Monday night for the Jack- sonville State University Student Government As- sociation’s annual Harvest Festival.

Booths from campus or- ganizations lined the side- walks with games and candy for the Jacksonville community as well as JSU students and faculty. The event, much like welcome week’s Spirit on Mountain Street, is an opportunity for outreach from the Univer- sity—namely, the SGA—to the city.

“We just love to do this with our community and give our students the chance to interact with them more” said SGA president Kasey Gam- ble of the Harvest Fest.

Each organization is giv- en the opportunity to set up at the event. They are en- couraged to incorporate a game or activity, and candy for the students of Jackson- ville.

“We have about 20 orga- nizations here, which is su- per awesome,” said Gam- ble.

The Jacksonville Community gathered for the SGA’s annual Harvest Festival Monday night.

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New play a ‘Monster’ success for JSU Drama

Sydney Spencer
Staff Reporter

Since last Friday, Jacksonville State University has hosted four showings of She Kills Monsters, a play by Qui Nguyen and directed by Dr. Mi- chael Boynton. This new contemporary and cutting-edge play helps set the bar at an even higher level for JSU’s top-notch Drama Department.

With many oppor- tunities to go see it, the reviews for the show have been out- standingly positive. This play has become popular around JSU’s campus because it is relatable for young high school and col- lege students fac- ing the challenges of growing up.

The play is a wacky comedy about two sisters that takes place in the 1990’s. The younger sister is a gaming nerd, while the older is an Eng- lish teacher in her mid-twenties. Unfortu- nately, the younger sister passes away from a car accident and leaves the older sister guilty because she feels as if she did not truly know her. The older sister decides to play the younger’s Dungeons and Dragons cam- paign. While playing the game, the older sister and the younger sister are alongside each other defeating monsters and meet- ing other creatures, allowing the two to learn more about each other along the way.

With all the action going on, the main purpose of the play is to be an empowering message for women. Female actors had a lot of involvement with the play from the main actresses to the fighting scenes. Some of them had to hit the gym and learn how to fight with real swords. During production, the main situation they were concerned about was the most technical difficulties.

According to Dr. Boynton, “two days leading up to show- time things were fall- ing apart, but came together when the lights came on.”

There was nothing but positive critique and feedback after shows. After the Sat- urday show, there was a great talkback where special guests from Birmingham from the (MCAC) Magic City Acceptance Center, who enjoyed the show as well.

The Magic City Acceptance Center is a drop-in center for see MONSTERS page 2
November 1, 2018

NATION

Florida man arrested in pipe bomb mail case

Scott Young
Staff Reporter

Attorney General Jeff Ses-
sions announced in a press
conference that Cesar Sayoc,
as a man suspected of mailing
pipe bombs to several outspo-
ken Democratic figures, has
been charged with five federal
crimes and is facing up to 58
years in prison. None of the
tube bombs exploded, but FBI
Director Christopher Wray
stated that the bombs were “not
hoax devices.”

Over the past week, more
than a dozen suspicious pack-
ages have been sent through
the United States Postal Service
to a media outlet, a Hollywood
actor, and at least seven high
ranking current and former po-
tical leadership in the Democra-
tic Party,” said Sessions in his
press conference. “This is an
terribly unacceptable. Political
violence or the threat of violence
is antithetical to our vigorous
system of self-government.”

Among those that were
mailed pipe bombs include for-
er, President Barack Obama,
former Vice President Joe
Biden, former Secretary of State
Hillary Clinton, Con-
gressman Alan Grayson, Bill
millionaire George Soros, for-
ter Attorney General Eric
Holder, former CIA Director
John Brennan, actor Robert
De Niro, Senator Cory Booker,
and former Director of Nation-
al Intelligence James Clapper.

Sayoc has been arrested nu-
merous times in the past in re-
tation to a bomb threat in 2003,
a grand larceny and other mi-
demeanor charges. Prior to his
arrest, social media posts indi-
cated that he was under a large
amount of emotional distress,
with tweets containing conspir-
y theories and threats toward
President Trump.

In a tweet written one week
before his arrest, he sent a
threatening tweet toward for-
er, Vice President Joe Biden
saying, “Hug your loved son.
Niece, wife family real close
every time you walk out your
home.” In the tweet was a pho-
to of Biden’s home with his
family.

Another tweet alleged that
Parkland High School student
David Hogg, famous for his in-
volvement in the March for
Our Lives protests, never at-
tended Parkland High School
and absolutely did not have a
George Soros ac-
count.

Sayoc’s van was seized by
law enforcement and found to
be plastered in pro-Trump
stickers. His key is known to an
ardent supporter of President
Trump of emotional distress.

The Jack Hopper Dining Halls
also participated in the event,
hosting a night of carnival style
activities and music on the
quad.

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"OV-See ya Later"

It’s time for Conference Realignment

JP Wood
Sports Writer

For the past few years now, the discussion about Jacksonville State moving up to the FBS level has grown a little louder. The general idea is that JSU would move to the Sun Belt, bringing back the old Troy rivalry, starting new ones with schools like South Alabama and Georgia Southern, and profit off the increased revenue and recruiting bump of competing in an FBS conference. With the success of recent FCS transplants Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the Sunbelt, this discussion is likely to gain even more steam.

There is a discussion to be had about JSU aligning themselves with a new conference; however, the Sun Belt is not the answer. Not yet, at least.

Instead, look to the Southern Conference. The Southern Conference currently houses Wolford, The Citadel, Mercer, UNC-Greensboro, East Tennessee State, Furman, West Carolina, Virginia Military Institute, and traditional JSU rivals Samford and UT Chattanooga. Geographically, the SoCon makes so much more sense than the Ohio Valley currently does. In the OVC, road matches in any sport are essentially impossible to attend for most students. The remainder of the conference schools are all located much closer to each other than to Jacksonville. Our closest OVC neighbors are Tennessee State, a three-and-a-half hour drive from JSU’s campus. Farthest away is Eastern Illinois, which is an eight-and-a-half hour drive.

The SoCon offers far more competitive conferences in the FCS. In other sports, teams would benefit from shorter road trips, as well as road game opportunities for students and fans alike. Sustained success in the conference could eventually lead to a jump to the Sun Belt or Conference USA, but that is all dependent on JSU’s performance in the SoCon.

All in all, JSU has grown stagnant in the OVC. It’s time for a change of scenery. Four straight conference football titles with zero national titles show we have nothing left to prove in this conference; but that we have everything left to prove on the national stage.
DRAMA REVIEW

She Kills Monsters Kills

Taylor Mitchell
A&E Editor

This past weekend JSU’s Drama Department opened its 2018-2019 season with their production of *She Kills Monsters* by Qui Nguyen. The play is an interesting one about a woman named Agnes Evan who lives and always has lived in the small town of Athens, Ohio. Agnes’ family, including her younger sister Tilly, have recently died in a car accident, leaving Agnes alone and with the realization she never really got to know her sister. Agnes discovers a binder containing a Dungeons and Dragons campaign her sister had written, she decides to play through it in hopes of finally get to know her sister. Along the way, Agnes not only gets to know the world and characters her sister and her friends made, but also who her sister was as a person.

Since this was the first time I have seen the *She Kills Monsters* in any form I feel compelled to talk first about how wonderfully it is written. The writing, in equal parts, had me snorting with laughter and my friend sitting next to me in tears. It is a very personal story, but with that in mind it never takes itself all that seriously. Many characters possess a snarkiness to them that always keeps them grounded and never overly dramatic. It also seems to truly its subject matter. As a Dungeons and Dragons player myself, (oh no looks like that secret out) this play felt like a love letter to the game I love. The set up for the twist at the end is especially brilliant as it had me second guessing my own understanding of the game. Most people probably didn’t even notice it, which makes it a wonderful bit of foreshadowing. The script also just has wonderful amounts of heart that, when put together with the humor, weaves together a story that hits exactly like it should.

The way JSU Drama brings it all together is both ambitious and complicated. The show required a large amount of specialized pieces to work. There was puppetry, projection, and sword fighting; all of which were wonderfully done and you can just feel all the work that went into them. The acting was also amazing. Chloe Barnes and Allison Lawley are magnificent as the leads Tilly and Agnes. They bring both wonderful comedic timing as well as really showing just what loss can do to people. Lawley does a very good job at portraying just how lost Agnes is and how confused she is About what she is doing and feeling. Barnes is wonderful as the sometimes bratty and sarcastic, but also incredible insecure Tilly. The supporting cast is also altogether wonderful. I specifically enjoyed Tiffany Jenkins as Lilith/Lily and Christian Watts as Chuck. They both brought fun and energy to their parts that was incredible enjoyable. All and all the play was fantastic. If you got to see it I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did, and if you didn’t I sincerely hope you make it to another show. If JSU Drama can bring the same quality to their other shows as they have this one, we are in for a very good season.

GAMING NEWS

Red Dead Breaks Records

Peter Glagowski
Destructoid

Rockstar Games has a knack for breaking all kinds of records with its titles. Both Grand Theft Auto IV and V set records in their day and now the recently released Red Dead Redemption 2 is following suit. While not eclipsing the same three-day sales record as GTA V (which launched on a Tuesday), RDR 2 has become the biggest opening weekend ever in all of entertainment. The game managed to sell around $725 million worldwide, which is insanely impressive.

Put another way, Red Dead Redemption 2 is the biggest entertainment launch of 2018 (and will likely continue that steam into the holiday). It was also the most pre-ordered full game in the history of the PlayStation Network, now holds the biggest day one sales record on PSN and also claimed the biggest three-day full game sales stat on PSN.

This is even before considering that Red Dead Online will be coming next month. Who knows how well RDR 2 will clean up during Christmas when everyone has more time to play it? I guess the eight years between re-releases hyped people up a bit.

From left to right: Kevin Jannot as Orcus, Chloe Barnes as Tilly Evans, Anika Corsi as Kaliope, Allison Lawley as Agnes Evans, and Jessika Holmes as Vera’s Beholder

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A good old fashioned robbery is one of the many activities players can enjoy in Red Dead Redemption II

Courtesy of JSU Drama

Courtesy of Game Informer Magazine

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On October 26, 2018 Netflix released the newest season of *Castlevania*. The first season, even if it was only 4 episodes, proved to be a huge success visually along with its creative storytelling. Since it is the season of spooks, I’m going to give you my unbiased opinion as a whole and give my opinion on whether or not the second season lived up to the grandstand the show had placed. Oh, and for all of you that will make what I’ll avoid any major spoilers.

If you are unfamiliar with *Castlevania*, the show is actually an adaptation of the video game series. The games were popular due to the grit and violence along with their seemingly impossible difficulty. The show specifically loosely follows the story of *Castlevania III: Dracula’s Curse*. The creators of the show definitely took some creative liberties by adding or changing characters. When I first saw that this show was being created I was excited, but concerned. I wasn’t sure how they planned going about telling stories based on the game but still be unique and groundbreaking. However, they did it and they did an amazing job.

When Dracula is brought up, people think of the stereotype that originated from Bela Lugosi’s Dracula. It has gone beyond that though. The more Dracula has been portrayed, the further away from the history and myth it goes. In some cases, even his power as a vampire has been greatly changed. This show does a very good job in showing how powerful Dracula is. But wait, there’s more… this show also does a really good job in making the viewer actually feel for him. In the beginning of the show, Dracula has secluded himself from everything but is seen by a woman who wants to learn more about advanced medicine and science to help people in need. She actually becomes his wife and seems to give him some hope that humanity isn’t all bad. This changes when his wife is burned at the stake after being accused of witchcraft. She had sent him away so he could travel and try to give him more hope in all of humanity in general. When he returns, he finds out she’s dead. The way the show portrays his emotional breakdown and how driven he is to revenge makes him so believable. He gave humanity one year to try to absolve for what they did to him. Now if they, they ignored it… and Dracula doesn’t take that too kindly. This is where the purge of humanity begins. In the second season, we get to see more of Dracula as this war goes on. He doesn’t come off as a purely evil character, but more of a broken man. At one point, it is shown how nihilistic he has become. He doesn’t care about the brutal methods he changes or even feeding. He just wants the end result.

I know that’s a lot about one particular character, but having that much character development is great. Especially when it is a character they follow. As the viewer, you know he is the big villain, but he really doesn’t feel like it. That is a prime example of why I think the writing for this show is so well done. In season 2, it develops almost every key character in the story by giving the viewer backstory or just showing more of their personality and mindset. The fact it does all of this in a show that is only 12 episodes in total is impressive. It makes all of the characters identifiable and it challenges the viewer when they attempt to pick what side or character they follow.

Another really cool part of this show is the visuals. On top of just being visually stunning in general, the action sequences are probably some of the best I’ve seen. In the second season there are fights where, if you look closely, certain details stop at certain points in motion. However, it does not feel unnatural. What causes this is that the sequences were animated by holding the initial movements longer than the follow through motions. In doing so the actions and fights are super easy to follow and it looks amazing. It also emphasizes the initial motion so that the viewer sees exactly what the character is doing. For example, the main protagonist in the show is Trevor Belmont. He primarily uses a whip as a weapon. When he does the different actions to move the whip where he wants them to go it is obvious that he is the one in control of it. He is actually that skilled in using those kinds of weapons. If that wasn’t emphasized it could be taken as if he was just really lucky and it just so happens to work in his favor. Along with the stunning visuals and action sequences, the show is also brutal. It shows plenty of gore and death. I understand that if that isn’t your cup of tea, but this show would not be near as impactful without it. To realize the world from the games into the show, it would have to be dark and the gore would have to be involved. Dracula isn’t going to be merciful or humane when issuing a full on war against humanity. The show doesn’t overuse gore though, it makes sense in the places where it is. With all of that said, there will definitely be some moments that will make you cringe. With all that said, I love the way the show looks and feels and the character designs are top notch. When the first season came out, I wasn’t even disappointed there was only 4 episodes. I was so impressed by how much they did in so little.

So after all of that I still need to answer the question: Did season 2 live up to the first season’s standards? Heck yes it did. It did that and so much more. I could go on and on forever about this show. It is definitely close to the top of my favorite Netflix shows and I would recommend it to anyone. So if you are wanting to watch a spooky show or just trying to find a dark anime to watch, it is definitely worth your time. After seeing all of this show I will give you some advice: Do not mess with Dracula, even on his bad days.
Movie Trivia:

1. What record-setting fee was Peter Jackson allegedly paid to direct 2005’s “King Kong”?
   A. $20 million
   B. $12 million
   C. $4 million
   D. $8 million

2. How many official movies are there in the “Star Wars” franchise?
   A. 12
   B. 3
   C. 9
   D. 6

3. Which blockbuster film is set in Pandora?
   A. The Dark Knight
   B. Alice in Wonderland
   C. Avatar
   D. Titanic

4. “Nothing on earth could come between them” was the tagline of which film?
   A. Titanic
   B. Finding Nemo
   C. Shrek 2
   D. Avatar

5. What was the name of the Keanu Reeves’s character in “The Matrix Reloaded”?
   A. Link
   B. Trinity
   C. Neo
   D. Morpheus

Did YOU know?

In 2006, an Australian man tried to sell New Zealand on eBay. The price rose to $3,000 before eBay shut it down.

Google’s founders were willing to sell to Excite for under $1 million in 1999—but Excite turned them down.

Reed Hastings was inspired to start Netflix after racking up a $40 late fee on a VHS copy of Apollo 13.

When three-letter airport codes became standard, airports that had been using two letters simply added an X.

Nutella was invented during WWII, when an Italian pastry maker mixed hazelnuts into chocolate to extend his chocolate ration.

Riddle of the day...

You have three boxes. One has only red marbles, one has only blue marbles and the third has an equal number of red and blue marbles. The labels on the boxes have intentionally been switched so that each box is now marked incorrectly.

Your job is to relabel the boxes correctly. Of course you could just look in the boxes to find out which labels match, but can you do it without looking into each box? Reach into any one of the boxes and select one marble. Can you now correctly label all three boxes? If not, select a second marble from any box. What is the fewest number of marbles you need to inspect in order to correctly label each box?
Baseball caps off fall slate with sweep of Shelton State

**JSU BASEBALL**

November 1, 2018

JACKSONVILLE — Freshman BrooK Brannon delivered the game-winning home run in the opening contest and drove in the go-ahead run in the nightcap to lead Jacksonville State past Shelton State Community Col lege on Thursday afternoon in a Fall friendly at Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium.

The Gamecocks downed the Bucs 2-0 on Brannon’s two-run home run to left field in the home half of the fifth inning. Brannon, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, delivered the tying and go-ahead runs on an infield single in the fourth inning of the game in a 5-2 decision.

Brannon, who joined the JSU pro gram after a solid prep career at Tusca loo Academy, was one of the highlights noticed by head coach Jim Case.

“He (Brook Brannon) did some really good things today with the home run in the first game and we just need him to continue to get bet ter as we look to ward the season,” said Case. “Case saw some other bright spots from his club, who was facing one of the top junior col lege programs in the state of Alabama and in the region.”

“I am very appreciative of Shelton State for coming over to play this game. I think it is great to play outside competition because it give you a sense of where you stand as a program and it highlights things that we are doing well and points out things that we need to continue to work on before February,” added Case. “JSU went with another freshman to mount the mound to start the opening game as Isaiah Magwood tossed the first two innings. The Ha redz Green, Alabama product, who led the Trojans of Hazel Green High School to the Class 6A Ala bama State Championship, worked a clean two innings, retiring the Bucs in order in both frames. Jax State used new comers Alex Lon don, from Tusca loo, Alabama and Michael Gilliland a native of Boaz, Alaba mab in relief.

Junior Andrew Naismith turned in a double down the first base side in the fifth to kick start the scoring in the frame before Brannon re corded the home run. Junior Chase Robinson also had a double in the inning. Gilliland, a left handed pitcher, continued on the mound before issu ing an SSCC run in the first inning. JSSU equalized in the first with an RBI single by sophomore Cole Frederick. The Bucs would take the lead again in the third on an sacrifice fly.

After back-to-back walks by redshirt sophomore Grant Akins and senior Nic Gaddis, coupled with a stolen base by Akins and a balk on the SSCC pitcher, Brannon beat out a two-out infield hit, scoring both Atkins and Gaddis.

JSU State used red shirt freshman Trey Fortner and Nai giss in relief.

The Gamecocks will now finish out the Fall workouts for the remainder of October before looking ahead to the start of the 2019 campaign in the new Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium. Opening Day is set for Friday, February 15 against in-state ri val North Alabama.

**JSU Sportswire**

Cross Country finishes 2018 season at OVC Championships

**JSU CROSS COUNTRY**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – The Jacksonville State men’s and women’s cross country teams wrapped up the 2018 season on Saturday at the OVC Championship hosted by Southeast Mis souri.

The championship saw Eastern Kentucky take the team titles on both the men’s and women’s side as the Colonels continued their dominance in the event. It marked the seventh-straight year the EKU women’s team claimed the title, and the 13th consecutive champion ship for the nationally-ranked EKU men’s squad.

JSU came home 11th in both races. Junior Corey Champion paced the Gamecock men with a time of 28:03.5 for the 8K championship course, while sophomore Chewm I NEREO led the women with a 5K time of 18:35.2.

JSU’s women had a total time of 1:40.47 among the five scor ers. Behind Nerco, Jasmin Ortega posted a 20:02.0 mark, ahead of Emily Sorrell, Autumn Rich and Briar Poytress. The men’s team averaged 29-minute runs, with sophomore Riley Stone following Champion with a time of 28:34.4. Stone was followed by Tony White, Seth Emmenegger and Jer emiah Burns who scored for JSU.

**JSU Sportswire**
**JSU FOOTBALL**

Jacksonville State (6-2, 5-1) moved into a three-way tie atop the OVC standings with a win over Murray State on Saturday, snapping a four-game conference losing streak.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter and never looked back, extending their win streak to three games.

The Gamecocks were led by senior quarterback Zion Webb early in the third quarter when the Racers recovered a fumble at the Gamecock 48. Murray State quarterback Drew Anderson scrambled 17 yards for a touchdown to make it a one-score game.

Junior receiver Josh Pearson became the FCS leader with three more touchdown catches as he continues to rewrite the Jacksonville State single-season record. Pearson scored on passes of four, nine and 25 yards from Zerrick Cooper and now has 15 with three regular-season games remaining.

It was Pearson’s second three-touchdown effort of the season and fifth with multiple TD passes.

Cooper overcame the early pick-six and threw for 259 yards against the Racers; Murray State quarterback Drew Anderson threw for 311 yards and two touchdowns.

JSU will face SEMO and Tennessee State and Murray State before facing Tennessee A&amp;M-Morrison in the season finale on November 17th.

**JSU VOLLEYBALL**

Junior Zach Schmidt concluded the trip with an 1157, while Behrends capped off the JSU scoring lead to 35-15 early in the fourth set. Webb finished off the scoring with a 4-yard TD in the fourth quarter for his sixth rushing touchdown. He led the Gamecocks in rushing with 74 yards.

Jacksonville was 12-for-17 (71%) on third-down conversions against the Racers; Murray State, meanwhile, was 0-for-11 on third downs.

Linhbacker Zack Woodard had an interception in the fourth quarter for the Gamecocks, his team-best third of the season.

JSU plays its final regular-season game at Burgess-Stowe Field when UT Martin (1-7, 0-3 OVC) visits. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. and the game will be televised on ESPN+.

**Rifle Concludes Trip to Alaska**

In the first match with the Nanooks, the Gamecocks were led by senior MicKenna Richardson. She turned in a 588 in air rifle and a 569 in smallbore for a total of 1157. Senior Hunter Behrends followed with a team-best 578 in smallbore and added a 575 in air rifle. Senior Reid Sink rounded out the top-10 individuals with a 578 in air rifle and a 575 in smallbore.

The Gamecocks also registered 10 blocks as a team, with Gray Libs with 12 and Ashley Clingan with 11. The Gamecocks also registered 10 blocks as a team, with Gray Libs with 12 and Ashley Clingan with 11.

Three Gamecocks collected double digit digs, Dani Steele with 14, Lex- ie Libs with 12 and Ashley Clingan with 11. The Gamecocks also registered 10 blocks as a team, with Kaylee Frazier leading the way at seven.

Only two weekends remain in the season, and Jacksonville State currently holds a tie for fifth-place in OVC standings, along with Tennessee State and SEMO. JSU will face TSU and Tennessee State and Murray State before facing Tennessee A&amp;M-Morrison in the season finale on November 17th.