Democrats regain House, Republicans maintain Senate

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Staff Reporter

The Democrats have regained the House of Representatives for the first time since the beginning of Barack Obama’s presidency in 2008. With many races at the moment still uncalled as of Wednesday morning, it’s projected that Democrats will gain a net of around 34 seats.

Through a House majority, Democrats now have the ability to probe deeper into the President’s finances, the allegation of collusion with Russia, and consider the possibility of impeachment.

During a victory speech, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said that she would restore “checks and balances” to the government, as supporters chanted “Speaker! Speaker!” in the crowd.

“Thanks to you we owned the ground,” said Pelosi. “Thanks to you, tomorrow will be a new day in America. Remember this feeling—for the power to win.”

Republicans held onto their majority in the Senate, flipping a few states along the way. Indiana, Missouri,

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On Friday November 2, the TMB Food Court held its Grand Opening for the new renovations completed over the summer.

The inside of the TMB opened two days before classes started, but the damage to the roof of the TMB caused by the F3 tornado on March 19 delayed their opening event.

The renovations to the TMB included a new layout for Freshens Food Studio and Chick-fil-A, a brand-new retail location in Mein Bowl and a redesign of both the indoor and outdoor seating area, the latter of which was just completed.

“Today was a great day and we had a great turnout,” said Tyler Brown, Marketing Coordinator for Sodexo.

There was a flurry of samples coming from all of the restaurants held in the food court as well as a Spin the Wheel game.

Freshens provided free smoothie samples, Chick-fil-A provided a variety of free chicken samples and Mein Bowl provided free sushi samples. The restaurants also provided the prizes for the Spin the Wheel game which included selfie sticks, phone wallets, balloons, and more.

JSU students weren’t the only people to show up to the event. Faculty, staff, community members, and even President Beehler made an appearance.

At around 11 a.m., Beehler made the opening of the TMB Food Court official by cutting the ceremonial red ribbon.

According to Brown, there will be vending machines coming soon to campus that will accept flex dollars, allowing JSU students to use their meal plans to purchase products.

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ELECTIONS from Page 1

Exit polls by CNN released prior to results delivered a rejection of President Trump’s performance in office. The poll indicated that 56 percent of voters in this midterm believe the country is on the wrong track, and 41 percent believe it’s on the right track. Republicans swept the state of Alabama Tuesday.

Many believe that the polarizing amendments to the Alabama Constitution placed on the ballot stoked conservative voting, prompting a statewide rejection of left-leaning policies and candidates. The two—which passed easily—being an amendment to the Ten Commandments on state property and one to “recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children.”

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JSU’s Criminal Justice Fraternity brings home wins from regional competition

Lauren Moore
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University’s professional Criminal Justice Fraternity, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, recently competed in the fraternity’s Region 5 competition held in Richmond, Kentucky, on October 25-27.

Though they were around 85 competitors, JSU’s chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon won across the board.

“We competed in a wide range of testing as well as in firearms, physical agility, and crime scene processing, and we won a total of 10 awards across the four categories,” said Kort-kort LaRue, president of Jacksonville State’s chapter of the fraternity.

“Honestly, we didn’t have any expectations going into competition,” said LaRue. “Every year of competition is so different based on what university is hosting.”

This year’s Region 5 conference, which hosted universities from states around the southeast, was hosted by Lander University’s chapter of the fraternity.

LaRue says success in the competition has raised awareness and pride of Lambda Alpha Epsilon around campus.

“Everyone was extremely excited with the outcome and I think bringing home so many awards really energized our chapter and boosted everyone’s pride in LAE.”

The Fraternity, which is open to seniors, junior, or minoring in Criminal Justice, states on its page on the JSU website that “The goal of the organization is to represent JSU and the Criminal Justice department in regional and national competitions as well as help the community.”

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The opioid crisis continues

Breanna Hill
News Editor

There has long been an issue with opioid abuse, but during the year of 2016 the rate of opioid overdoses began to skyrocket. In 2016 it was reported that approximately 59,000 people in the U.S. died from drug overdose, and that prescribed drugs is one of the main causes of deaths.

What even are opioids, though? Opioids are drugs formulated specifically to help relax your body and reduce the feeling of pain. They usually contain morphine, hydrocodone, or oxycodone to help with chronic pain. Opioids get in your system and bind to receptors in the brain and partly in the spinal cord, and manage to disrupt pain signals.

The opioid epidemic has blown up so quickly and so forcefully that states are beginning to receive waivers to allow Medicaid to pay for treatment for those suffering from opioid addiction. So far, seven states have received these waivers, and have begun to contribute to the process of lessening the number of opioid abuse.

The chilling and haunting statistics show that roughly 21-29 percent of patients that are prescribed opioids for chronic pain end up misusing them, and that 4-6 percent end up transitioning to heroin. The citizens of the U.S. have been in a frenzy, trying to figure out how to stop the situation from growing even more out of control than it already is, and most of the citizens have turned to the Department of Health and Human Services. The DHHS responded, noting that they have five main focus points:

1. Improving access to treatment and recovery services.
2. Promoting use of overdose-reversing drugs.
3. Strengthening our understanding of the crisis.
4. Providing support.
5. Advancing better practices.

We have to band together to help our loved ones, neighbors, colleagues, peers, and anybody else who may be suffering from opioid abuse. The amount of overdoses that loom throughout the U.S. is unimaginable. If you happen to know of anybody suffering from this tragic epidemic help them out. There are tons of rehabilitation centers around the United States, each willing to help out. Take a stand and help fight against opioid abuse.

Changing your major: Being unsure is okay

Breanna Hill
News Editor

When a young adult transitions into college it can be a bit overwhelming when trying to decide on a major. Going into college with an undecided major is always an option, but the educators many of us dealt with during our high school careers made it seem like being undecided was a choice we would end up regretting. What those educators failed to mention, or rather decided not to mention, is that 75 percent of college students end up changing their majors during some point in their college career.

Changing your major is a big decision and can alter your whole pathway, so being sure about the change is always smart. There are several things to consider when it comes to making such a big decision. When the thought of changing your major comes to mind, it’s best to think about it and get some insight to see if it’s really the best option for you. A good tip to always keep in mind is to do a bit of research—whether it be about the other career paths you’re interested in or about a broad department on campus. Along with researching the major departments and possible majors, a good idea is to get in contact with the head of the department you’re thinking about transitioning to—they’re always willing to sit down, talk to you and give you a bit of insight on the inner workings of the department as a whole.

Make sure before you change your major that you have all the information about the process as you can, and that you think it’s the best decision for you, because in the end going into school undecided about your major is okay. Changing your major is okay. Being unsure is okay.
It has been a week since the final show of _She Kills Monsters_, one of Jackson State University’s students has been nominated for her role to compete in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Her name is Chloe Barnes and she is a junior Drama major with a concentration in performance.

For the production of _She Kills Monsters_, Barnes feels it went really well.

“The director, cast, crew, designers, and everyone involved worked extremely hard to make this show happen and I am so proud of us all. We were able to accomplish this,” Barnes said.

Going into the show of _She Kills Monsters_, Barnes just wanted to put on the best performance she could and ended up exceeding expectations. Her nomination for the festival has brought light to her true talent.

When asked what this nomination means to her she says, “I am very honored by this nomination. I went into the production not only hoping people would love it, but that everyone would be touched by the story and truly get something out of it. The fact I received a nomination for my role is just the cherry on top.”

The story of _She Kills Monsters_ is one of female empowerment and equality. Barnes plays the younger sister of Agnes Evans, Tilly, who passes away in a car accident. She fights alongside her sister in a D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) game she created before she passed away. This is something she would like to pursue as a career.

**GAME REVIEW**

_XCOM 2: satisfaction in complexity_

Taylor Mitchell
A&E Editor

I have had some unique experiences with this one, I have to admit. _XCOM 2_ came out in 2016 and I, being a huge fan of _XCOM: Enemy Unknown_ before it, absolutely jumped on it. It had promised more difficulty and interesting mechanics that I was super hyped for, and I would like to say it fully delivered on that promise. Sadly this promise is what leads to this review being 2 years after the game release. I had started writing for _The Chanticleer_ by the time the game came out, but could never finish the darn thing. I actually lost two or three more difficulty campaigns right after release. While I liked the game, I admittedly got frustrated and gave up on it for a while, only playing a little here and there. That is until about a week ago, when I decided I was finally going to slay this beast, and I did. With that, let’s get on with it.

The story of _XCOM 2_ is actually rather interesting as it deals with a scenario I did. With that, let’s get on with it.

Players must spend time dealing with the aliens game ending plan. This layer is the meat and potatoes portion of the game, with the player taking control of specific squads of soldiers. This layer features the incredibly diverse and creative enemies. From snake people that grab you with their tongues to giant killer robots, you’re likely to find them here. The difficulty in this layer comes from preparedness and risk management which players have to balance. The second layer is about collecting resources and building up your base while also dealing with the aliens game ending plan. Players must spend time dealing with this plan, called the Avatar Project, as ignoring it will cause a game over. In fact, this is what caused mine. It adds an interesting challenge to the game as sometimes players may not be on their best legs but must still have react to a breakthrough. All of the moving parts in each layer and the interplay between the two are where most of the difficulty really comes in. There is so much interplay in it that it gives the game this very rewarding complexity. When you find a balance it just feels good because you are making all the pieces fit in a workable way. That is where most of the fun comes from in this one, finding a groove and bringing a plan to fruition just feels great. The game is just super rewarding when you start to do great and punishing when you’re not doing as good.

Also of note is just the wonderful customization options you have for your squaddies. This is a game where you can literally make your friends and send them to fight aliens, and that’s just plain awesome. Granted, watching them die horribly is less awesome, but still cool. During my final play through, I literally texted my friends how their characters were doing on any given mission. This added much more fun for me and much more confusion for my friends which is always great. All in all, I kinda love this game. It has caused me no end of frustration, but most of that was based on my own skill level, not the game. So I say pick it up if you’re wanting a challenge, but be prepared. Failure is totally an option.
Annual Blizzcon was a success, barring one stumble

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A&E Reporter

On November 2 to November 3, Blizzard Entertainment had their annual Blizzcon at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. This convention has become one of the most anticipated events for fans of Blizzard and their games. Every year, this is where they announce big reveals and what is coming to the games people know and love. This year, there was some pretty exciting news along with what could be one of the worst moments in Blizzcon’s history.

First, I would like to talk about the opening ceremony. When the opening ceremony began, there was a touching montage of huge and iconic moments from the various games Blizzard has created. When the reveals started, they began with a new hero for Heroes of the Storm. Orphea, daughter of the Raven Lord, is the new character whose home is the nexus itself. Which is a big deal, considering all of the other playable heroes are from the other various Blizzard games. They also showed some other content that would be added to the game, such as new skins and a new announcer.

Next, they talked about the upcoming content in World of Warcraft, under the title “Tides of Vengeance”. It will be set when the faction war between the Horde and Alliance come to a head. Also, more World of Warcraft Classic was announced. Classic will be released in the summer of 2019 and it will be playable for anyone with a World of Warcraft subscription. The World of Warcraft segment ended with a brand new cinematic, “Lost Honor”. The cinematic gives some more important story details for Battle for Azeroth.

For the game Overwatch, they showed a brand new animated short called “Reunion”. It follows the character Jesse McCree while he runs into a former associate. This associate just so happens to be Overwatch’s newest playable hero, Ashe. The short also teases another character who may become a playable hero in the future. Anyways, Blizzard also revealed Ashe’s abilities and her unique ultimate which summons her partner, Bob. This is not only the first ultimate that spawns an NPC, but he also functions as a hero. (He can count towards competing objectives, can be healed etc.)

One of the biggest reveals of Blizzcon this year is definitely Warcraft 3: Reforged. They announced it by showing a complete recreation of the original Warcraft 3 opening cinematic. The game is a complete re-master of the original game and will include both Warcraft 3: Reign of Chaos and the expansion: The Frozen Throne. Warcraft 3: Reforged will be released next year, but no solid release date was set.

For the game Hearthstone, a new expansion was revealed called “Ras-takhan’s Rumble” themed around the Zandalari trolls from World of Warcraft: Battle for Azeroth. Some of the new mechanics, cards, and characters used in the new expansion were also shown.

Then to finish things off, Diablo: Immortal was announced. It is a mobile game that takes place between Diablo 2 and Diablo 3. The reveal of Diablo: Immortal has had one of the most negative reactions that Blizzard has ever received. For fans of Diablo, I believe what they were wanting was at least a hint of the existence of the next installment in the series. Which would make it understandable for why people were so upset when they found out that they not only weren’t getting any information on that, but given the reveal of a mobile game. Most of the mobile reveals that Blizzard has shown have had negative reactions. Most of the playerbase for Blizzard are PC gamers. People were even reluctant when Diablo 3 was revealed to be on consoles. So the fact that this had a negative reaction was not a surprise. However, it has been worse than anyone could have imagined. I personally believe the main problem is the way it was presented and the reactions afterwards. However, I do believe that this Blizzcon was overwhelmingly good and exciting, despite this hiccup.
Trivia Answers: November 1st Edition!

1. What record-setting fee was Peter Jackson allegedly paid to direct 2005’s “King Kong”?
   Answer: 20 million

2. How many official movies are there in the “Star Wars” franchise?
   Answer: 6

3. Which blockbuster film is set in Pandora?
   Answer: Avatar

4. “Nothing on earth could come between them” was the tagline of which film?
   Answer: Titanic

5. What was the name of the Keanu Reeves’s character in “The Matrix Reloaded’’?
   Answer: Neo

Superhero Trivia:

1. What is another name for Superman?
   A. The Red Redeemer
   B. The Masked Avenger
   C. The Caped Crusader
   D. The Man of Steel

2. Besides Alan Scott and Hal Jordan, The Green Lantern has also used this name as a secret identity?
   A. Barry Allen
   B. Kyle Rayner
   C. John Dickering
   D. Britt Reid

3. In the movie Anchorman, Ron Burgundy says that what superhero was denied a bank loan?
   A. The Phantom
   B. The Flash
   C. The Punisher
   D. The Human Torch

4. This superhero’s supertools included bullet-proof bracelets and a magic lasso. Who is she?
   A. Wonder Woman
   B. Super Girl
   C. Catwoman
   D. Elastigirl

5. This superhero’s alter ego’s name was Lamont Cranston, his show started on radio and eventually branched into comics and other media, and a well-known catch phrase from the show was, “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?” Who is he?
   A. Diamond Don
   B. The Thing
   C. The Shadow
   D. The Devastator

Riddle of the week...

A man placed a $100 dollar bill on his desk and left for work. When he returned back the money was gone. He has three suspects: the cook, the maid and the electrician. The cook said he put the bill under a book on his desk to keep it safe. The man checked and it is no longer there. The maid said she moved the bill to the inside of the book between page 1 and 2 while she was cleaning. The electrician said he saw the bill sticking out of the book and he moved it between page 2 and 3 to keep it safe. Who stole the money?
November 8, 2018

Jax State travels to Tennessee Tech for pivotal midfield match

Claire Peterson and Maize Paulson were named All-OVC.

The conference chaos features 11 of the 12 teams still in the running for a spot in the All-OVC three, with each game carrying major implications on the line, the conference tournament is on the horizon, and several of these matchups will decide conference standings.

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**JSU BASKETBALL**

Gamecocks come into season with high expectations all around

Daniel Mayes

Editor-in-Chief

The Jacksonville State University Basketball squads roll toward the start of the season under what may be the highest collective expectations in the program’s Division I history.

After both the Men’s and Women’s teams equalled or surpassed the Division I wins record, with 23 and 19 victories respectively, in last season’s campaign in Jacksonville, there’s no wondering why optimists abound around Gamecock Basketball.

Both programs were chosen by the Ohio Valley Conference Coaches as third in their conference, with Ray Harper and the JSU Men coming just behind perennial OVC powers Belmont and Murray State, while Rick Pietri’s Gamecock Women program trails Belmont and UT Martin.

Harper’s squad faces a fair bit of roster turnover after last season’s record-setting campaign.

Senior leaders and cornerstone of the Harper-led renaissance of Gamecock basketball Malcolm Drumwright and Norbertas Giga have graduated and moved on to professional careers in Georgia and Lithuania respectively.

Also gone are fellow senior and Jacksonville native Des-Curry and underclassmen Tyrik Edwards, Amos Squires, Deon Wright and Mohamed Abuarisha.

The Gamecocks still return a strong core, bringing back pre-season All-OVC big men Jason Burnell and Kasha Wright and Mohamed Abuarisha.

The Gamecocks also miss Leah Strain, Morgan Towells, Ki-Ki Patterson and Jordan Norris.

However, Pietri and company welcome Freshmen Jasurell Willis, Yamia Johnson, Regan Dargan and Karleigh Sledge, along with Holmes Community College Transfer Brittany Webster, into the fold.

JSU Women’s Basketball opened their season with a 62-31 win over Florida A&M in Tuesday, while Harper and the new look Gamecocks travel to Samford Friday night to tipoff their campaign.

**JSU FOOTBALL**

Thrilling win lifts Gamecocks in both polls

JACKSONVILLE – Jackson-ville State’s heroict comeback to down UT Martin on Saturday lifted the Gamecocks on Monday, when the new polls were released.

After Zerrick Cooper’s 43-yard touchdown pass to Jamari Hester against UT Martin Saturday, the Gamecocks magic was on full display again.

The Gamecocks averaged 10 points per game in their first two games and only scored 17 points against the Skyhawks.

However, on Saturday against UT Martin, the Gamecocks scored 31 points on their way to a 21-14 win over UT Martin.

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**KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C.** – The Jacksonville State Men’s golf team carded a final-round 290 on Tuesday to claim a third-place finish at the East Bay Deli Classic at Kiawah Island.

The Gamecocks end second-round play with a 249-549 total and are third in the standings.

Senior Benedikt Thal moved up 2 spots into a tie for 16th. The JSU’s two German players tied for the Gamecocks’ low round of the day.

Senior Benedikt Thal moved one of JSU’s best rounds on Tuesday, carding a 1-under 71 that put the finishing touches on his 219 and helped him move six spots into a tie for 16th. The Ouching, Germany, native made a birdie at 18 in his final round after shooting 72 to open play on Sunday and 76 in Monday’s second round.

Kosigewinter, Germany, native Max Basler also shot a final-round 71 on Tuesday, using six birdies to card 21 spots up the leaderboard into a tie for 45th. The sopho-more’s 226 in the three-day event was just one off of his career-low.

Senior Mark Freund-Thurne also contributed to the Gamecocks’ three-day event. The open play on Sunday and 76 in Monday’s second round.

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