Love is ON the Air
JSU students get engaged at WLJS

On September 26, The Al- abama and Friends concert was not the only wonderful event to happen at JSU. That night at JSU’s radio station, 91.9 WLJS, JSU student Breihan Dryden proposed to WLJS Program Director Bethany Hunt on air.

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Hunt says she did not sus- spect anything out of the ordi- nary in the moments leading up to the proposal. “I was not expecting it at all. No one who knew gave up to the proposal. They started their show normally as they would any other week, then brought Bethany onto the show about halfway through. Between each music segment they asked her about some of her favorite musicians, her favorite songs, musicians, etc. Then shortly after giving a few of her answers, he popped the question and she said yes.”

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Breihan and Bethany are both communications stu- dents who are also members of the communications fra- ternity Zeta Phi Eta. Dryden is a DJ on multiple shows, and can also be recognized an Arts & Entertainment Writer for The Chanticleer. Bethany, alongside having her own radio show, has been the program director for a year. They both host a show on Monday mornings called B&B’s Morning Pow- er Hour.

JSU Students Bethany Hunt and Breihan Dryden got engaged on the air at WLJS on September 26.

COMMUNITY
Alzheimer’s Walk held at JSU

The 2018 annual East Central Alabama Walk to End Al-zheimer’s was held Saturday morning on the campus of Jacksonville State University. Hundreds of people converged on Paul Carpenter village in support of family, friends and loved ones who have battled the disease. JSU’s own Kappa Sigma teamed up with the Alzheimer’s Association to put on the event, which featured free food, a DJ, and a costume contest.

According to the Alzheimer’s Association, the event typically raises over $30,000 for Alzheimer’s research.

“We have a lot of teams come every year, and usually they’re sponsoring someone in their family with Alzheimer’s, or someone they know that’s been affected.”

Participants could also fill out promise cards for the individuals that they were walking for. “They also have a promise card, which is where they will donate money and then put flowers out in the garden with their loved one’s names on them,” Millner said.

The event culminated in participants walking the Chief Ladiga Trail.

With 233 participants and 29 teams, the event raised $19,623.25 of it’s $22,000 goal, although donations will remain open through the end of the year. Four participants raised over $1,000 each. Groups in attendance included Gadsden Regional Medical Center(who raised $2,392), Diversicare ($1,470) and Coosa Valley Health & Rehab ($1,190). To donate to the East Central Alabama Walk fund, go to act.alz.org and search by zip code 36265.

Other walks coming up in the area include Rome, Georgia on October 20th, Auburn on October 28th and Birmingham on September 30th.

According to the Alzheimer’s Association website, the walk is held in more than 600 communities each year. It is the nation’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for the dis- ease. More than 5 million Americans live with Alzheimer’s, and someone develops it every 65 seconds.

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Mallory Hagan Seeks to Unseat 15-Year Incumbent Congressman Mike Rogers

Scott Young
Staff Reporter

Eight months ago, Mallory Hagan, Miss America 2013, announced her run for Alabama’s 3rd Congressional District as a Democrat. A graduate of Opelika High School, Hagan spent most of her childhood in Opelika and studied biomedical science at Auburn University before moving to Brooklyn in 2008. Prior to her run for Congress, she was an evening news anchor for WLTZ-TV in Columbus, Georgia.

Hagan is running on a platform of campaign finance reform, allowing students to refinance student loans, expanding Medicaid in Alabama, conserving the environment and universal background checks for gun sales. In hopes of emulating the victory of Sen. Doug Jones, Hagan plans to visit Jackson College Republicans, Congressman Mike Rogers’ district.

“Now, I think young people are more energized and more capable than ever,” said Hagan, when asked if Roger’s comments dis- suade young voters to get involved politically. “The Parkland students have proven time and time again that age does not hinder you from sharing your voice and being a part of a process that creates change.”

If re-elected, Rogers will have been elected to eight consecutive terms to the House of Representatives, having served since 2003. The election for this race, Governor, the state legislature, and many other statewide offices is on November 6. The deadline for voter registration is October 22.

Congressman Mike Rogers’ office has agreed to an interview as well, which will be released at a later date.

CAMPUS

Delta Zeta hosts Hounds for Hearing Dog Pageant

Baylee Morris
Sports Editor

The Delta Zeta sorority at Jacksonville State held their first annual Hounds for Hearing Dog Pageant on Wednesday. They held this event in partnership with Lauren Reaves, Miss JSU.

The event raised money for Delta Zeta’s national philanthropy Starkey Hearing Foundation, as well as Lauren Reaves’ and Miss America’s national platform, the Children’s Research Hospital.

The event showcased 15 dogs in a dog pageant. The pageant consisted of a first look at the dogs, a beauty walk and then some dogs could chose to be a part of a talent competition. The dogs were then awarded first, second, and third place. On Monday a People’s Choice Award competition was held in the Theron Montgomery Building as a coin wars, whichever dog had the most money won the award.

Monica Chambliss, the Vice President of Philanthropy for Delta Zeta, says she thinks this philanthropy event has been one of the best the Delta Zeta has had in a long time. She also expresses that more people showed up than what she expected.

The dog show was originally supposed to take place the week after spring break in March, but due to the March 19th tornado disaster, it was rescheduled for this fall. After the thought of rescheduling many of the sisters thought the event would never take place, but Wednesday evening the event was held at the Jacksonville Community Center.

There were many Greek life organizations represented at the pageant in some form, and there were also members from professional fraternities in attendance as well. From games, to raffle tickets for coolers, to the dog pageant this event was fully packed. The sisters are looking forward to doing this event again in the future seeing how much of a success this year was.

Register to Vote in the TMB!

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be accepting applications for voter registration on October 17 in the TMB Lobby from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

- Citizen of the U.S.
- Must not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or must have had your civil rights restored
- Resident of Calhoun County AL
- Must be at least 18 years old on or before election day

For more information or to register online, go to alabamavotes.org

Our Full Interview with Mallory Hagan JSU.edu/chanticleer

When asked what was going through his head before the proposal, Dryden said he was mostly worried that she would hit him for proposing on air. Afterwards when asked about his thoughts, he said: “I am very literally the happiest and luckiest man on the planet.”

It was a tender and beautiful moment. The expression she made when he asked her was priceless and you could immediately tell how happy they both were. Having the opportunity to be there to witness two of my friends take a big step in their relationship was an honor. To both of you, I hope there are many more moments like this in the future.

Find It Online
JSU hosts Wellness Challenge

Breanna Hill
News Editor

On October 1st the University Recreation Organization started another wellness challenge for the students here at Jacksonville State called the Hydration Challenge. The challenge consists of drinking at least 64 ounces of water a day for twenty days. Do you need some motivation in order to stand up to the challenge? Check this out.

The first 100 people to accomplish this goal will win a FREE University Recreation water bottle, and will even be entered for a chance to win one of the grand prizes. The challenge will only last until October 28, so there’s still time to sign up. Signing up is simple. All you have to do is go to https://jsu.2act.co/#/login and enter your user information.

University Recreation even encourages you to send in photos of you showing off your hydration process, and who knows, they might even put you up on their social media accounts!

Throughout the year the University Recreation Organization holds different wellness challenges, and encourages everybody to join in. “The goal of the wellness challenges is to encourage everyone to make small changes in their life that can make a big impact on wellness” says Maia Canning—a member of the University Recreation.

Make sure to check out the University Recreation website, and put yourself to the test. Challenge your friends. We could all drink a bit more water, so why not do it in order to possibly get a free water bottle or a grand prize?

Tips to Better Your Money Management

Breanna Hill
News Editor

College students know better than anybody about the struggle of money management. Young adults are often confused on how to separate their wants from their needs, and that issue alone can determine the severity of their money management situation. Luckily, there are a few tips and tricks to help everyone establish a well-thought out plan on how to manage your money efficiently.

One of the number one rules to follow in order to manage your money wisely is to create and stand by your budget. This is key when it comes to your money management plan. Having a budget will ensure that you save a portion of your money every month. Set up categories for your budget. Such as a certain amount will be set aside for eating out, and a certain amount for coffee runs, things like that.

Another money-saving tip is to put a portion of your paycheck away in savings, and don’t touch it! Savings builds up slowly but surely. Putting away $20 or more each time you get paid will be a lifesaver in the future if you’re ever in a bind.

Last, but certainly not least, another tip to always follow is to make sure you get your needs taken care of before you even think about your wants. This is one of the biggest issues facing young adults when it comes to money. They’ll try and get the desired items first, and by the time they get to the necessities, the money for the month is gone.

Try following these three tips in order to manage your money a bit better. The outcome will be not only refreshing but beneficial as well.

Contribute to The Chanticleer!

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There is a ton of this movie that feels like wasted potential. This movie features about 4 or 5 symbiotes, but the movie only uses two of them. WHY? This movie has very few good jokes and it uses most of them in the trailers. It has symbiotes jump from person to person and even into animals, but it doesn’t do anything interesting with that idea. The action scenes are hard to follow and confusing, mainly because the symbiotes are close to the same color, or. It references spider-man lore, but they don’t connect to anything or push the plot. The main human villain is charismatic, but somehow isn’t memorable at all. The movie even fails to do much visually interesting with the symbiotes.

I did enjoy this movie at the end of the day, but I enjoyed this as a so bad it’s good movie. It’s flaws become a strength and it becomes much funnier and much more enjoyable that way. It did manage to entertain me despite its many, many flaws. It does have a few fun ideas, but they’re buried under borrowed or confused ones. Go into it with low expectation and you might just enjoy the film.
FILM REVIEW
Solo: worth a watch for theater boycotters

Daniel Mayes
Editor-and-Chief

First of all, I’ll give a little disclaimer.

I’m a huge Star Wars fan, and I’ve loved all the new movies with Disney at the helm (including The Last Jedi).

So, if you want to dismiss my opinion now based on that knowledge and go about your day, then I wouldn’t blame you.

Still here? Cool.

Solo: A Star Wars Story is a dang good Star Wars movie.

I came into the movie with minimal expectations. With questions about a change in directors to Ron Howard halfway through production, the necessity of a backstory for one of the most iconic characters in all of the history of storytelling and said iconic character being played by someone who is (gasp) not the great Harrison Ford, I, along with most people of the Star Wars persuasion, were cautiously skeptical going into the film.

Solo delivers with a fast-paced, fun adventure that isn’t held back by those numerous limitations.

Alden Ehrenreich, the young actor who was heaped with the expectations of an increasingly hostile fanbase, brings an admirable performance as the younger, more naïve Solo. No, he isn’t Harrison Ford, nor is he fan-favorite Ford impersonator Anthony Ingruber, but Ehrenreich brings a Solo that is, for me at least, a believable younger version of the classical Ford performance. Ehrenreich’s misguided confidence, swagger and hubris is there, along with a more optimistic, aspirational side, building a definitely plausible image of young Han.

The man who knows Han Solo probably better than any save George Lucas, Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi writer Lawrence Kasdan, returns to weave a fun “heist movie” story along with son Jon Kasdan. The tale of Solo is a relatively low-stakes (when you consider the usual “save the galaxy” motivations in the saga) adventure that is a remarkably fun backstory for one of the character of Solo and one of his most famous previously-unexplored escapades, The Kessel Run.

Introductions of Han to Chewbacca and Lando Calrissian, who is wonderfully acted by Donald Glover, give the tale a grounded base in nostalgic familiarity, while new characters Qi’Ra (Emilia Clarke), Tobias Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and L3-37 (Phoebe Waller-Bridge) bring surprising new context for the shaping of Han. The film makes enough references to the classic trilogy to reward long-term fans, but shows enough restraint to avoid ham-fisted heavy-handed fan-service. A cameo of a certain classic character is sure to bring joy to fans of the Star Wars animated adventures Clone Wars and Rebels. (It certainly did for this one. The music of Solo is great (it’s a Star Wars film, it’s going to be great). The legendary John Williams makes a cameo long enough to compose a remarkably hummable new theme for the titular character, and composer John Powell weaves Williams’ work in with his own to create a score that fits in with the traditional Star Wars aural aura while making some new, percussion-heavy departures that lend themselves to the action-packed film. (Sidenote, if you’re a Star Wars fan, go listen to “Reminiscence Therapy” from the Solo soundtrack. It’s admittedly a nostalgia fest, but it’s beautiful and I love it.)

Of all the post-Disney Star Wars films, Solo does the best job of recreating the look of the original trilogy. Most of Solo takes place in dirty, grimy, mud-filled, lived-in climates, giving the movie a visceral continuity with the events of the classic films that will occur just years later. Cinematographer Bradford Young does some beautiful things with this film, combining more natural lighting with the darker color pallet to create a dark film that gets brighter as Han’s future does.

After an uninspiring performance at the box office, Solo: A Star Wars Story released on Blu-Ray and digital in late September.

If you consider yourself a Star Wars fan, and you didn’t catch Solo in theater because of some hesitation or prejudice (be it The Last Jedi related or otherwise), do yourself a favor and watch this movie. You might be pleasantly surprised.
Word Scramble! Celebrity Edition:

- DABR TITP
- UIJLA BTORERS
- TAEK UNOHSD
- DAMA DSRLENA
- EJMSA NFORAC
- NENA YWAHTHAA
- HNOJNY PDEP
- MEAM TENOS
- NBE FLEAKCF
- TATM ONDAM
- NENJFRE WCEERANL
- RASNDA LLUOCKB

A Few Sick Punz...

- What do you call an everyday potato? A commentator...
- How do you put a baby alien to sleep? You rocket.
- What do you call an own that does magic tricks? A hoodini.

Did YOU know?

- Dogs have been banned from Antarctica since April of 1994 because they fear that the dogs would spread diseases to seals.
- If you made $1 every second, it would take you 2,921 years to have more money than Bill Gates (over 92.1 billion dollars).
- In September 2007, a guy named Kevin Shelley broke 46 wooden toilet seats with his head in one minute to create a world record.
- Although Australia is home to the largest number of venomous snakes in the world, it averages one fatal snake bite per year.

Riddle of the day:

A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, “If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me $50, but if I cannot, I will pay you $50.” The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agrees, thinking no matter what the carny writes he’ll just say he weighs more or less. In the end the boy ended up paying the man $50. How did the man win the bet?
Gamecocks move up one spot in Coaches Poll, hold still in stats

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*(at Eastern State (Sun)
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*(at Murray Trust Park)
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(Homecoming)
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Nov. 3 *UT Martin 1 p.m.
Nov. 10 *at Tennessee State 2 p.m.
Nov. 17 *at Kenesaw State (Sun
Trust Park) TBA

Gamecocks become #1 defense in the country.

JACKSONVILLE - After a dominant win at Eastern Ken- tucky on Saturday, the Jack- sonville State football team moved up top seventh in the AFCA Coaches Poll and re- mained eighth in the STATS FCS Top 25 on Monday. The Gamecocks (4-1, 3-0 Ohio Valley Conference) made a statement in their first road game of the season, roll- ing past EKU 56-7. The game saw JSU limit what was the No. 5 ranked rushing attack in the Nation to just 20 yards on 28 carries. It's the fourth-straight week that JSU has been in the Top 10 and the 10th time in the past 66 weeks the Gamecocks have had a win. They've been in the polls for 66 weeks in a row, the third-longest ac- tive streak in the nation right now behind North Dakota State (112) and South Dakota State (84).

JSU's win over the Colo- nels extends the longest ac- tive conference win streak in all of Division 1 football to 35 games. The longest streak in JSU and OVC history is just six away from a 39-straight confer- ence wins by Duquesne of the Metro Atlantic Conference from 1996-2006. The Gamecocks are the lone Ohio Valley Conference team in both polls, while Ten- nessee State is receiving votes in the STATS Poll.

Defending champion North Dakota State sits atop both polls, while Kennesaw State, Eastern Washington, Wyoming and South Dakota State round out the top five of the Coach- es Poll. South Dakota State, Kennesaw State, Eastern Washington and Elon make up the rest of the top five in the STATS Poll.

The Gamecocks will return home on Saturday, when they host Eastern Illinois at 3 p.m. CT at Bragg-Snow Field. The game will be carried live on the JSU Radio Network and will also be broadcast on ESPNU as the OVC Game of the Week. For tickets, visit www.jsugamecocksports.com/tickets or call (256) 782- 4949. Advance tickets online are just $10, while all in- person tickets and tickets pur- chased on game day are $15.

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JAX STATE FALLS TO UT Martin but looking to bounce back Friday against EIU

The Gamecocks looked to have survived the first half onslaught by UTM with a mo- mentum shift in the final minutes of the opening half. Sophomore Chloe Doherty
gerred her third goal of the season and her first against an OVC foe after winning a 1-1-1 situation in the 42nd minute to cut the UTM lead in half at 2-1. “I thought we played well in big parts of the game and we have individual mental errors that are costing us and we have to work those out. We have to get to a point where we are not putting in a great 75 min- utes, but we are putting together a great 90 minutes,” said head coach Neil Macdon- ald.

UTM thwarted Jax State’s momentum in the closing minutes of the first half with two quick goals in the 65th and 66th minutes of the game. Dane Kaldardou connected on a goal from the left side that ricocheted off JSU goal keeper Morgan Lerch. The Skyhawks capped off the scoring with a penalty kick by Kamryn Chappell.

“I think UT Martin is a very quality club and the best team I have seen in the OVC in the last few years,” added Macdonald.

The Skyhawks finished with a 17-9 ad- vantage in total shots and had eight cor-

erkiq situations. Redshirt freshman Abigail Marnese, who had the assist on Doherty’s scoring play, had JSU in shots with three off the bench. Martinez now leads the club in assists with three on the season. Senior Madison Garnetts added two shots. Lerch finished with seven stops on the afternoon.

“I think at one point we were down to 15 players and it was pure exhaustion since we cannot make any substitutions and we were running on empty. That is a big issue we are having, but the girls have to pick themselves up and we have to get back and work hard this week because we have four games left.”

JSU returns to action next weekend with a trip to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Gamecocks will begin the weekend in Richmond, Kentucky on Friday, October 12 against Eastern Kentucky before mov- ing on to Morehead, Kentucky on Saturday to face Morehead State. Match time for the EKU contest is set for 3 p.m.

JSU Sportswire

Jackson State State falls to OVC leader UT Martin

JACKSONVILLE – UT Martin proved why it is the front runner in the Ohio Val- ley Conference with a 4-1 win over Jack- sonville State at the JSU Soccer Field. The Skyhawks, riding momentum from a key home win over defending OVC Champion, Murray State on Friday night, remained atop the league standings at 5-0-1 with the win and moved to 10-2-1 over- all. Jax State's record dropped to 3-9-2 on the year and 1-5 after the midway point of the OVC slate.

Jax State's momentum in the final minutes of the first half carried over into the second half with the Gamecocks securing the equalizer in the 58th minute on a goal from the left side that ricocheted off JSU goalkeeper Morgan Lerch. The Skyhawks struck early in the first half with a goal from the left side that ricocheted off JSU goalkeeper Morgan Lerch. The Skyhawks capped off the scoring with a penalty kick by Kamryn Chappell.

“I think UT Martin is a very quality club and the best team I have seen in the OVC in the last few years,” added Macdonald.

The Skyhawks finished with a 17-9 ad- vantage in total shots and had eight cor-
MACON, Ga. – Jacksonville State's Alba Conejero and Harriet Hamilton highlighted a weekend at the Mercer Gridiron Classic for both the men's and women's tennis teams. The women's duo reached the finals of the Doubles Flight A Draw at the Leroys Paddy Tennis Center.

Conejero and Hamilton received a bye in the round of 32 and topped Florida Southern's Magda Stepek and Lorena Riesarda 6-2 in the round of 32. The two then eliminated Mercer's Celine Schepers and Marie Mottet 7-6 in the quarterfinals before downing East Tennessee's Raquel Amaro and Laylo Bakardedova 6-4 in the semifinals. The JSU duo came up just short of a championship with a 6-1 loss to ETSU doubles team Yi Chi Mu and Alejandra Morales.

"Alba and Harriet had a great tournament," head coach Andres Amores said. "They played some very tough competition today. This was a good test for our team and great preparation for the spring."

Elena Tendero and Cristina Moll Alles advanced to the quarterfinals of the Doubles Flight A Draw but were eliminated by eventual-champions Ma and Morales. Malin Buechner and Shauna Casey were semifinalists in the Doubles Flight B Draw. Buechner and Tendero each reached the quarterfinals of the Singles Flight A Draw, and Moll Alles was a quarterfinalist in the Singles Flight B Draw.

On the men's side, Sergio Lizarraza and Sergio Vallejo reached the round of 16 in the Men's Doubles Flight A Draw. Guillermo Agost was a quarterfinalist in the Men's Single Flight A Draw.

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