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Mad Hatter secures spot on the square

Lyndsey Bonner
Staff Writer

In the next few weeks, students will no longer be able to snag a cupcake from the Mad Hatter Cupcake Shop on Coffee Street—they can pop in to their new and improved location on the square, instead.

Everyone in Jacksonville (and surrounding towns, too) knows that when a craving for an extraordinary cupcake kicks in, Mad Hatter's is the place to go. Currently located just off of the square with their signature "hat-sign," it's the place with all the cupcakes that are not only gorgeous to look at and delicious to eat—but are each cleverly themed, too. With names like, "Buddy the Elf," "Sharp Dressed Man," and yes, even "Maple Bacon," Mad Hatter Cupcakes offers one of the most unique dessert experiences on this side of the state.

Over the past few weeks, the company has been gearing up for their next big renovation—a change in scenery.

Owner Carol Watts explains why they are leaving

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Megan Wise/*The Chanticleer*

Andrew Record, an aspiring finance major, is a part time employee of the one-of-a-kind cupcake shop that is taking Jacksonville by storm.

It's our money, and we want it now!

Department Spotlight: Financial Aid & Scholarships

Katelyn Schneider
Staff Writer

The job never stops in room 107, Bibb Graves, otherwise known as the Financial Aid Office. Work begins at 8 a.m. and lasts until 4:30 p.m. or at least that is what the sign says. However, the employees of the Financial Aid Office often come early and stay late because they have to in order to get everything done.

What does the Student Financial Services department do exactly? They help us get everything in order for JSU students to go to college, but what all does that entail?

When asked, Assistant Director of Financial Aid Stephanie Miller said, "The better question is what do we not do?"

Some of their toughest work begins with first-time students because they are starting from scratch. The parents and students are lost and it is the job of the financial aid employees to work out a path for that potential student.

That means discussing what grants, loans and scholarships may or may not be available to that student.

It is their job and they do their absolute best to find the aid that the student needs.

The employees of the Financial Aid Office also have stacks of forms that need to be processed towering on their desks. That does not include the electronic forms that students can fill out online.

Miller said that on one occasion the office had about 3,000 e-forms that needed to be processed in one day.

The abundance of these forms is due to the fact that about 80% of the student body here at JSU receives some sort of financial aid.

For more information about applying for scholarships, go to www.jsu.edu/finaid

In addition to processing forms everyday, they deal with students and parents calling, emailing and visiting with more questions. These questions and visits are welcomed by Student Financial Services.

Not only do they work on campus, but they also visit high schools to reach out to potential students. The office holds FAFSA filing days to help upcoming students and their parents.

They have to work under terms provided by the university, but they also have federal regulations to abide by.

These regulations may change from year to year so sometimes the Financial Aid Office must adjust the way things are done. This may seem like an annoyance to students, but it is done in order for JSU to keep its funding.

The Student Financial Services does all the work that is required of them, but also continues to add features to improve our system.

For example, the electronic forms students can now use is a relatively new addition. JSU also has a feature that sets itself apart from other schools.

"We have an open-door policy. Any student or parent can come in and talk to anyone in this office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is no appointment needed," said Director Vickie Adams.

JSU also offers a wide variety of scholarships. In fact, Assistant Director of Scholarships and Veteran Affairs Martin Weldon already has a desk stacked high with completed applications.

Much of what the Scholarship and

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JSU Board of Trustees

Respiratory Therapy degree in the works

Adam Higgins
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University's Board of Trustees began the new year with multiple items on the agenda during their first meeting held on January 26.

The meeting opened with SGA President Brett Johnson presenting the results of a student survey that found that overall students desire a higher quality of academic advisement.

Johnson explained that the students feel academic advisement should be a more involved year-round process rather than only at certain times during the semester. Johnson clarified that advisement as a whole is not unsatisfactory, but according to students, "in some areas it is more personal than others."

The report surveyed between 300-400 students and addressed topics such as their top reasons for attending JSU, top methods for keeping students enrolled and top ways to increase recruitment.

Results demonstrated that students feel that more involved academic advisement, and additional course offerings would keep more students continually enrolling.

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Veteran's Affairs Office does is similar to that of the Financial Aid Office. In fact, the Scholarship and Veteran's Affairs Office is just another division of it.

The Student Financial Services is divided between the Financial Aid Office, which handles loans and grants, and the Scholarship Office, which handles scholarships and VA benefits.

The workers of the Scholarship Office process scholarship and VA applications. If a student receives either, it becomes the job of this office to manage and credit that student's account with the money awarded.

Not only does JSU have a website with about 200 different scholarship opportunities, but our school also accepts outside offers.

In fact, Weldon encourages students not to limit themselves to JSU resources. When it comes to school offered scholarships, it is very important to know that the application deadline is March 1 of every year.

"You can't get selected if you don't apply," said Weldon.

Ultimately, the Student Financial Services Office relies on the students just as much as the students rely on them. Without them, students would be lost. Despite popular belief that the Financial Aid Office is a scary place, the workers are kind and welcoming.

"Our primary focus is the students and we love to see them succeed," said Adams.

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Students that participated in the survey indicated proximity and affordability as their main reasons for attendance, and suggested both more online degrees and cheaper online tuition would increase recruitment.

The Board honored JSU head football coach John Grass as the American Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of 2014. Grass said that he was proud of his players' achievement on the field, but that he was more proud of their academic achievements.

The Board also honored JSU head soccer coach Neil McDonald as 2014 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the year.

The Board adopted a proposal for a B.S. degree in Respiratory Therapy for the College of Nursing and a Doctorate Degree in Nursing.

"The board approved notices of intent to submit proposals for those degree programs to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. The proposed new programs are currently scheduled to be implemented in Fall of 2016, if approved," Johnson said.

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their location on Coffee Street to the square, located between That Shop and the dance studio in the building that was formerly Joe Beer.

"I have always wanted to have a bigger space… the old building is nice but it's small and kind of a cramped space for eating in and this building provides more space for just that. It is a sudden move, and I am not very big on change, but I think this is going to be great for our business!"

Mad Hatter offers a wide selection of twelve unique flavors, with a different menu every day, ensuring customers that the tiny treats are baked fresh each and every day.

Another thing that this new building might bring to the business is the opportunity of hosting birthday parties and other events hopefully at some point in the future.

The goal for the opening of the new Mad Hatters is set for the first week of February; however, Watts assures us that they will definitely be settled into the new location before Valentine's Day—their biggest holiday for deliveries and dine-ins alike.

"We hope it will be a seamless transition from the old location to the new location. We don't want our customers to have an operating day where we don't sell our cupcakes," regarded Watts.

Micah McNair, an employee at Mad Hatter, was nothing but positive about the store's grand re-opening, which could happen as soon as next week.

"Let's do it! People seem excited," McNair said.

"All we gotta do is get the word out before Valentine's Day."

Andrew Record, a JSU student majoring in finance, has been working part-time at Mad Hatter's for about two years, and he loves every minute of it.

When asked what makes Mad Hatter such an enjoyable play to work, Record said, "the fun environment. Its a really fun place to work, and the people are great. I'm really excited for the move."

If this move is successful and Mad Hatter's business continues to grow, Watts hopes to someday open up a food truck to be able to sell cupcakes in the Anniston and Oxford areas. Don't worry—the much-needed cupcake pit stop isn't leaving Jacksonville anytime soon. The Mad Hatter Cupcake Shop can be found on Facebook, where photos of the menu items are posted on a daily basis.



Lyndsey Bonner/*The Chanticleer*

Located on the square in the building that was formally Joe Beer, Mad Hatter is giving their new location its own personal touch.



Lyndsey Bonner/*The Chanticleer*

Located on Coffee Street for a past few years, this will be the Mad Hatter Cupcake Shop's first move.



Lyndsey Bonner/*The Chanticleer*

With signature checkered floors and hot pink accents, Mad Hatter's is one of the most unique in town.

Alabama gears up to shed pounds with Scale Back Alabama 2015

Ashley Colvin
Staff Writer

Running shoes are being laced up across the state as Alabamians take a step toward fighting the obesity challenge around them with the program, Scale Back Alabama. According to the webpage the program was created to lighten the mood of a daily exercise routine and make things a little more fun.

To qualify for the program participants must team up with two other participants. All must be 18 or older, live of work in the state, and complete online registration or go to an official weigh in site. Anyone who loses 10 pounds is automatically eligible for prizes. Weigh-ins officially ended on January 23 however everyone is still encouraged to utilize the tools available to educate oneself on health and wellness.

Gina Marbrey, M.S. and department head of health and physical education and recreation proudly said, "JSU wellness center has served as a weigh in site for 7 of the 8 years that scale back Alabama has existed." JSU students are encouraged to get involved in this 10 week program. The wellness center as well as students majoring in exercise science will be offering 30 minute fitness session. The fitness sessions will be held at various buildings across campus (exact buildings have not been confirmed yet), every Wednesday from 12:15-12:45.

February 11, March 11, and April 8th JSU will preview the new get healthy JSU initiative. Over one million pounds have been shed by Alabama's over the past 8 years.

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Check out this week's edition online at www.jsu.edu/chanticleer!

Watch out, Juilliard, Mason's coming

Matthew Hill
Staff Writer

You may have taken a nice stroll through the beautiful, immaculate campus of Jacksonville State University and came across one of the top attractions on campus, Mason Hall.

The facade of the building offers a tranquil-like ambience for anyone who visits this prestigious academic institution.

If you have never taken a small detour into Mason, then you are missing out on a life-changing experience.

Open to anyone who needs to practice, day or night, this building contains state-of-the-art technology and updated instruments.

Most of the practice rooms contain their own piano. A musician using one of these pianos is quite similar to a gambler playing poker — he never knows what kind of result he'll receive.

Some of the frequent piano players who visit Mason love practicing on the pianos' missing keys. The missing keys are not a problem, it just presents a special challenge.

Jarrett Irish, a star jazz saxophone player, says, "Tuning to these pianos actually helps train my ear to hear my tuning note in varying degrees. I'll hit a middle C and instead receive a B-flat an octave down. You just never know."

Some of the frequent inhabitants of Mason Hall attest that the building makes its own music. Falling ceiling tiles create a special ornamentation unmatched by any sound produced from another instrument or voice.

If one listens closely, you can hear a ceiling tile provide the necessary crescendo to create the tension and beauty of a particular phrase in a musical selection.

Duets and trios with other instruments are a thing of the past — Mason Hall is providing an innovative alternative into the future.

One of Mason Hall's most prominent features are the one-hundred percent sound-proof practice rooms located throughout the building.

According to jazz musician, Jessica Creel, the sound-proof practice rooms provide a comfortable and stress-free zone for practicing. "I love glancing up from a piece of music I'm working on to find a group of critics telling me I sound like Kenny G in his prime," said Jessica, "Sometimes the practice rooms make me feel like I'm in an entertainment box."

Unbeknownst to the student population, Mason features its own animal habitat composed of bats in the building's performance center.

The unveiling of this special attraction took place last March when world-class jazz musicians performed at Mason Hall. During a concert, the bats began to fly above the musicians as if they were in a special rehearsed dance.

Jarrett Irish explained the bats have a rather charming personality, "I really miss having the bats around. I would frequently visit the performance center to feed the creatures after a long practice session. A calming sensation would come over me when the bats would swoop right above my head."

Mason Hall is the leading figure for music buildings. To the eye of a non-music student, Mason may seem like just another ordinary academic building, but to frequent visitors, Mason is much more than that.

Need Advice?

The Chanticleer staff is happy to help!

Email chantynewstips@gmail.com with your problems and look in the paper next week for our newest "Dear Chanty" section!

NOTE: All entries will remain anonymous, and Chanty will respond to all inquiries.

Campus crime report

01/15/2015
Arrest- Possession of a Controlled Substance
Eagle Point II Apartments

01/21/2015
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Penn House Apartments

01/21/2015
Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Daugette Hall

01/22/2015
Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Campus Inn Apartments

01/22/2015
Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle
Brewer Hall Parking Lot

01/22/2015
Arrest- Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
Logan Hall

01/23/2015
Arrest- Attempt to Commit a Crime
Eagle Point II Apartments

01/23/2015
Information Report- Dispute
Mason Hall

01/23/2015
Information Report- Property Damage
Campus Inn Apartments

01/23/2015
Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency
Eagle Bald Road

01/26/2015
Automobile Accident
Ramona Wood Parking Lot

Chicken Scratch

Sometimes I wish I could just disappear into thin air, then I remember most people refer to that as being kidnapped.

Sitting down in a quiet class after you've walked up a never ending flight of stairs and you're trying to control your breathing, but it just isn't working. *heavier breathing*

Does anyone know why the ramps behind the library are so maze-like?

I was casually studying in the library and then a guy shot a taser at the ceiling.

Power Rangers: blow up dead grass in awesome costumes while punching things that talk.

My computer just crashed while I was a couple hours into doing my essay. Now I have to write those two sentences all over again.

Yes Netflix, I'm still watching my show. No need to ask every four hours.

Been up since 5 a.m. studying. The struggle.

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Low: 34°	Low: 26°	Low: 38°	Low: 38°	Low: 26°	Low: 33°	Low: 36°

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chowing down at Chow's Seafood & Asian Bistro

Megan Wise
Staff Writer

Ever get out of class craving fried rice or egg rolls? Look no further than just past the Square in Jacksonville down the road from Jacksonville State University. Across the street from Jack's lies Chow's Seafood and Asian Bistro.

While the outside is a bit skeptical to a new customer, the atmosphere of the inside definitely sets your mood to 'chow down'. The staff was very friendly and attentive to their customers which definitely contributed to the relaxed feel of the place.

The food itself may appear simple, but will make up for it in flavor. The crab rangoons in particular were rather wonderful. All the food we ordered was quickly served and beautifully presented. As far as meals go, I was told the sweet and sour chicken was quite popular, and it did meet its reputation.



Alex McFry/Chanticleer

The menu's range is impressive, containing everything from items General Tso's chicken to pad thai to fried green tomatoes. Needless to say, there is almost certainly something on the menu to satisfy everyone in your group's palette. As an added plus, they also feature a lunch menu, offer carry out, and are open seven days a week.

Overall, it is a pretty cool hole-in-the-wall for all those out there who have a love for Asian cuisine. Although the outside is questionable, the service and food definitely outshine it to where it's not even noticeable upon leaving. The set-up of the tables and booths on the inside are quaint and are well suited for small groups and couples looking to either munch on spring rolls between classes or take their time enjoying the pupu platter.

If anything else, pick up a to-go menu and be sure to check out their specials for a worth-while excuse to treat yourself. I, for one, definitely know I will be returning.

Calhoun County Civic Chorale begins spring season

The Calhoun County Civic Choral will begin its spring season on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Performance Center of Mason Hall on the Jacksonville State University campus.

The Chorale is under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, the JSU director of choral activities, and is accompanied by Vicki Brock.

The Calhoun County Civic Chorale is one of five choral ensembles sponsored by the JSU David L. Walters Department of Music.

The Chorale singers are members of the community and JSU students and faculty.

Chorale members are singers who have voices that can blend well with others, are able to learn their individual vocal part from written music, and enjoy singing classical choral masterworks.

New members are always welcome. The Chorale will meet every Monday night up until their final performance.

This concert will be dedicated to the late James Roberts, long time organist of FUMC and former Chorale member.

The concert will be free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Dr. Corbin at (256) 782-5544

~JSU Newswire



American Horror Story: Freak Show takes a bow

Alex McFry
Associate Editor

Last week, yet another season of *American Horror Story* came to a close, leaving audiences everywhere in a state of conflict about how the writers chose to end this season of the newest hit-craze for Netflix bingers everywhere. Beware, all you *AHS* fans out there that don't have cable—there will be spoilers.

American Horror Story: Freak Show was perhaps the most hyped season to date, leaving a million different possibilities for humor, horror, and amazement—all elements of the previous three seasons. Creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk kept the theme of this season a secret as long as they possibly could, attempting to build up anticipation with fans of the show.

This season started by introducing Bette and Dot, the conjoined twins played by Sarah Paulson, what some would think to be an on-screen impossibility for just one actress. Somehow, Murphy and Falchuk managed to make their idea realistically come alive.

Other characters included actors and actresses with physical abnormalities playing the parts that they portrayed in real life. All of these aspects make for shiny elements to newcomers that are just now getting on the bandwagon, but they quickly become old hat.

While it kept my attention for the first four or five episodes I watched, the concepts quickly became routine, even as all of the characters' backstories began to unfold. Speaking of backstories, let's take just a minute to compare season four to season two—Jessica Lange plays the misunderstood, "mother monster" character with a tragic history that nobody seems to understand, Evan Peters plays the rebel child who no one listens to until the very end, and Sarah Paulson is the savior.

I understand typecasting, and realize that every actor and actress has their own strengths and weaknesses, but my question for the writers is this: how many times can we watch Jessica Lange drink away her sorrows?

Perhaps it was my dislike of season two's setup that made me cynical about season four, but that brings me to yet another point. In the series, we have been led to believe that each season is a different universe in itself. Different characters, different stories, different elements each October when FX airs the premiere, right? Well, this season, Pepper, the lovable pinhead, returned to the silver screen, and we found out that it's not all that simple.

With an entire episode dedicated to the backstory and epilogue of Elsa Mars' beloved "pet," Pepper, characters find out that Elsa is present, even in the asylum. But wait—Pepper stayed the same. How is Elsa Mars identical to Sister Jude? Are they twins? If that's the plan, Murphy and Falchuck, please just go ahead and spare us yet another bad horror cliché.

To me, part of the appeal of *American Horror Story* was that there was a "reset button" every season. Nothing was ever the same in the plots, even though the characters were reoccurring. Will I stop watching? No. Am I disappointed? Very.

Regardless of the portals between worlds, it is certain that the finale of Freak Show was a rush job, putting a bullet in all of our hearts as Amazon Eve fought for the freaks until the very end. (And I won't say I didn't enjoy watching Dandy drown…)

I'm very curious to see what directions Murphy and Falchuk are going next. Let the speculations of next season begin!



FX/Facebook

Pros and cons of binge watching

Today, binge-watching has become a natural way — and perhaps soon will be the most prevalent way — for us to watch TV shows. Being able to say that you binge-watched something over the weekend is an acceptable accomplishment we share with friends and on social media as something to be proud of.

But is binge-watching the best way to watch TV or are there negatives to the phenomenon? Here are some of the pros and cons of binge-watching.

Pro: You can watch whatever show you want, on your own time, when it's convenient for you.

Remember the days when you had to wait a whole week and then be glued to the TV at 7:59 p.m. so you could watch your show?

Well, binge-watching lets you watch whatever series you want, whether it's on the air or off, at whatever hour you decide is convenient. You never have to worry about missing an episode because you're watching them back-to-back and can easily cue up the next one.

Con: Because binge-watching is happening on your own time at your own speed, you can't really talk about specific episodes with other people.

People used to gather around the water cooler and talk about last night's episode of whatever show they watched. But when you binge-watch a series, you're not in the same place as everyone else, meaning those talks would now contain spoilers.

Pro: With binge-watching, you never have to suffer through a cliffhanger or hiatus but can immediately play the next episode where the season resumes.

Being able to binge-watch means you get a much bigger and faster payoff when it comes to the plot and characters in the TV show. You're also more likely to pick up on more themes, Easter eggs, and clues to get to understand the big picture much sooner.

Additionally, episodes where it doesn't seem as if all that much has happened actually become integral pieces to the overall series' puzzle and are that much better when seen directly after or before other episodes, instead of as a weekly stand-alone episode.

Con: Watching episodes back-to-back eliminates much of the suspense associated with cliffhangers and blurs the episode's coherence.

Episodes were made to stand alone by themselves and give the viewer what to anticipate in the next week's episode and by binge-watching, you're getting rid of that episodic integrity and tension.

Pro: Binge-watching gives us the most gratification and satisfaction and the fastest.

"Experts say TV binging is a lot like other pleasure activities like eating or drinking or sex," NBC's Kate Snow said on TODAY. "As you devour the next episode of your favorite show, your mind releases dopamine, the neurotransmitter that causes the feeling of pleasure … while the forebrain provides checks and balances to guard against overindulgence."

According to studies today, around 80 percent of U.S. adults with Internet access watch TV through subscription services like Netflix or Hulu or other streaming on-demand sources, and 62 percent watch numerous episodes back-to-back.

Con: Binge-watching often doesn't create as deep a connection to the show as a longer devotion to the series will because you don't invest as much time in the show.

Because you're finishing a series much faster and then are completely done with it, you don't engage in a long-term relationship with the show, but rather a fast, very intense liaison before moving onto your next conquest.

When you invest in a show, week after week, year after year, you form a much deeper connection to the characters and series as you eagerly await each new episode to catch up with the characters you love before saying goodbye for another week or the summer.

Binge-watching forges a more shallow connection in which you "hang out" with the characters for a brief time, all the time, before never seeing them again.

Of course, knowing that there are cons to binge-watching isn't going to stop me from doing it, and I've happily binge-watched numerous TV shows, including "Veronica Mars," "Scrubs" and "Parks and Recreation."

And to those of you like me, I say happy binging!

~Elena Goodwin (Uwire)



JSU Center Stage/JSU

Center Stage owns the stage

The JSU Center Stage Winterguard team reigned victorious in its first competition of the season this past weekend held at Flowery Branch High School in Flowery Branch Georgia. The team scored a 66.86, which is one of the highest first competition scores the team has received.

Their next competition will be held on February 21 at Villa Rica High School in Villa Rica Georgia. In March, the team will travel to Pensacola, Fla. and Atlanta, Ga. to compete in two Winterguard international regionals. The team is under the direction of Rodney Bailey, and is assisted by Peter Inglett, Shannon Smith, and Melody Lopez.

~JSU Newswire

Upcoming events on and around campus

January 28, 2015
Sleep out for the Homeless will be held on the Quad beginning at 5 p.m.
February 14, 2015
The annual JSU Trombone Festival will be held all day in the Mason Hall Performance center.
February 19, 2015
JSU Drama will begin performances for A Year with Frog and Toad. Ticket purchase required.
February 27,2105
The Marching Ballerinas will have an interest meeting in Mason Hall Performance Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Gay marriage rulings in Alabama

Brett Johnson
Political Columnist



Ten years ago the Alabama Legislature, led by Democrats, proposed a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Nine years ago, Alabama voters approved that amendment by an overwhelming majority.

Last week, a Bush-appointed federal judge in Mobile ruled against the state citing its ban on the recognition of gay marriage.

On Monday, the same judge ruled in another case that Alabama's law violates the rights of those wishing to marry.

As you can imagine, this has caused heated debate among state leaders, politicos and really anyone with an opinion on the issue.

Early proponents of the rulings were under the impression that gay couples could receive marriage licenses as early as Monday.

"Not so fast," said the Alabama Probate Judges Association. Al Agricola, an attorney for the association, said the ruling only applies to parties named in the case. Therefore, probate judges must "issue marriage licenses in accordance with Alabama law."

Alabama's Republican Attorney General Luther Strange has been fighting to appeal the rulings. In fact, the judge has agreed to 'stay', or place on hold, the ruling for two weeks; but she isn't willing to wait forever.

"As long as a stay is in place, same-sex couples and their families remain in a state of limbo with respect to adoption, child care and custody, medical decisions, employment and health benefits, future tax implications, inheritance and many other rights associated with marriage," wrote U.S. District Judge Callie Granade.

Alabama's Republican Speaker of the House, currently facing 23 felony charges of corruption, also chimed in through a prepared statement. "It is outrageous when a single unelected and unaccountable federal judge can overturn the will of millions of Alabamians who stand firm in support of the Sanctity of Marriage Act," said the Speaker.

On the other side, Alabama's only openly gay lawmaker Patricia Todd, D-Birmingham, supported the ruling saying she did not expect it so soon. After seeing heated opposition from other state lawmakers, Rep. Todd stated that she is prepared to 'out' her colleagues who are having extramarital affairs and who are making degrading statements about same-sex couples in light of the rulings.

The issue is a divisive one, with many different people from many different backgrounds, cultures and experiences viewing it in differing ways.

But, one thing is certain, as much as this is a human issue affecting real lives and real families; it is also a serious states' rights issue. Less than a decade ago, it was deliberated and agreed upon by both parties and by voters.

Now, a federal judge with the stroke of a pen has overturned the will of the people in the name of equality under the law.

Federalism is defined as "the distribution of power between a central authority and the constituent units." By that definition, it seems this issue is one that will be decided in the central authority's courts, not the constituent unit's legislature.

How to keep students from packing

Chris Morgan
Staff Writer

When people think of JSU they think "suitcase school." This simply means that most of the people come for the week of classes and then when the weekend comes most people just go home.

But what if there were some simple changes that could be made to make this campus more alive on the weekends?

I have asked a good amount of people why they think this is and most of the people that I asked gave me the same answer, "There is nothing to do on the weekends." This is a very vague answer that I would like to shed some light on.

I think the number one thing that goes along with this phrase is that JSU practically closes down on the weekends.

If you want people to stay then things need to be open for students to do. The Caf and WoW have reduced hours of operation and the TMB, Diner and the coliseum pool completely close. On top of that, Stephenson reduces it hours on weekends as well.

For example the caf's hours during the week is 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., but on the weekend that is reduced to 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and then it reopens from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Those hours offer a really limited amount of time that you can eat.

WoW is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., but I think everyone gets tired of eating the same thing all the time.

Not everyone has the funds to go off campus and eat all weekend, so they are confined to these limited hours of operation.

Another reason I think Jacksonville is deserted on the weekends is little or no intramural are played on the weekends.

The weekend would be a great time to play intramural sports seeing as we all have classes during the week. Attendance to intramural would even go up, maybe not by a large amount, but more than just the people playing the game.

With this being said, I can understand why the students that work at these places would want to close things down a little early. But that reason is that people want to leave! Why would we not want to create a place where we all want to stay and have a good time?

I also understand that not everyone is going to stay. From what I have seen most people that go here live around the area of Jacksonville so they want to go home and spend time with family.

This is geared more toward the people that live farther away than most. If things are open and are encourage participation, people that live in the area will actually want to stay.

I find this campus to be much more enjoyable when I walk to the caf or the TMB and I actually see other people walking around as well, rather than feeling like I am wandering on the Oregon Trail.

Jacksonville itself is pretty small with not much to do and there is not really much we can do about that right now. What we can do is make this campus and our college experience as fun and enjoyable as we possibly can.

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Microsoft announces details of Windows 10

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On January 20, Microsoft held its Windows 10 event. During its three hour keynote, Microsoft revealed plans for the latest version of the Windows operating system in addition to new hardware.

Terry Myerson, Microsoft's Executive Vice President of Operating systems said, "First and foremost, Windows 10 will provide a seamless transition for our Windows 7 and Windows 8 customers, including the familiar Windows desktop and start menu."

For any Windows 7 or Windows 8.1 user that upgrades within the first year, Windows 10 will be a free upgrade. The Windows 10 upgrade will include Cortana, a voice assistant similar to Siri from the iPhone.

Cortana is capable of giving you information about websites you visit, reading messages aloud, or getting directions. The interaction works similarly to what users may be accustomed to from mobile devices.

The Windows 10 update will also be available on Windows phones and tablets. This version of the mobile operating system will behave more similarly to its PC counterpart. Microsoft is focusing on making universal apps, which will run on all Windows 10 devices.

Joe Belfiore, Corporate Vice President of Windows said, "We have a family of universal apps, including office, that are going to make people productive with these devices and in all cases the user experience is tuned so you get benefits from things like continuum where your device will adapt to how you use it".

Windows 10 aims to offer more of a service than previous versions of Windows. Universal apps could help Microsoft's ecosystem become more beneficial for students. Currently, Windows phones and tablets have fewer apps available than iOS and Android devices.

Microsoft's latest gaming console, Xbox One, will not receive a full Windows 10 update but may receive some universal apps in addition to new features.

For gamers, Microsoft is working to more closely integrate Xbox and Windows with the newest operating system.

Windows 10 will allow Xbox One owners to stream games to a Windows 10 PC or tablet.

There will be compatibility for cross-device multiplayer between Windows 10 users and Xbox One players.

There will also be an Xbox app for Windows 10 devices that allows players to chat and see what friends are playing.

In addition to the new software offerings, Microsoft announced a new virtual reality headset called HoloLens and the Surface Hub for businesses. Instead of using an input device such as a mouse or keyboard, HoloLens allows you to use gestures to interact with holograms that appear in the real world.

The HoloLens is aimed to aid both pleasure and productivity, covering a wide variety of potential uses.

The Surface Hub, on the other hand is aimed to be primarily a business device. It is an 84-inch, 4K all-in-one PC running Windows 10.

The Surface Hub supports stylus inputs and can be used as a whiteboard, or it can be used for video calls and presentations.

Windows 10 does not yet have a definitive release date, but has been confirmed for some time this year.

Members of the Windows Insider Program can already download the Windows 10 Technical Preview.

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2015 Sports GPA's

Sport	GPA
Women's Tennis	3.652
Men's Cross Country	3.528
Volleyball	3.470
Women's Golf	3.419
Soccer	3.229
Women Cross Country	3.213
Women's Basketball	3.159
Men's Tennis	3.107
Baseball	3.063
Indoor Track & Field	3.050
Outdoor Track & Field	3.050
Rifle	3.049
Football	3.045
Men's Golf	2.975
Men's Basketball	2.478
TOTAL	**3.110**

Upcoming Action

1/29
-Men Tennis @ South Alabama
11:06 a.m.

-Men Basketball @ Belmont
7:00 p.m.

1/30
-Women Tennis @ South Alabama
1:00 p.m.

-Track & Field @ Indiana Relays
3:00 p.m.

1/31
-Rifle vs. Columbus State

-Track & Field @ Indiana Relays
9:00 a.m.

-Women Basketball @ Tennessee State
5:30 p.m.

-Men Basketball @ Tennessee State
7:30 p.m.

2/1
-Softball fan day
2:00 p.m.

2/2-2/3
-Men's Golf @ Seabest Invitational

2/4
-Men Basketball @ Memphis
7:00 p.m.

2/6
-Softball season opener

2/13
- Baseball season opener

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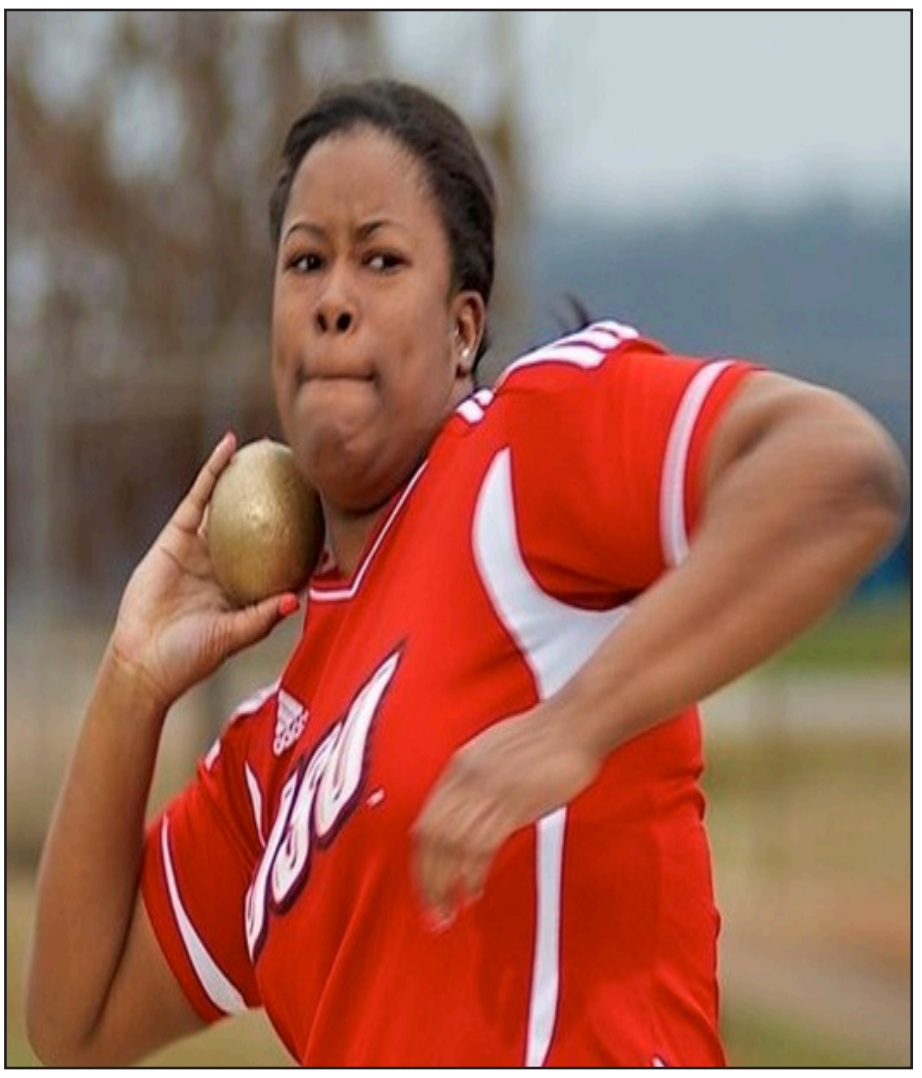
-NFL Super Bowl on Feb. 1 @ 5:30 p.m. on NBC. Patriots vs. Seahawks

JSU's Moss sets shot put record and takes top spot in OVC

BIRMINGHAM – On the same date last year, Jacksonville State's Danielle Moss established a new program record in the shot put, on Saturday at the Birmingham Crossplex, Moss shattered that mark as one of many Gamecock highlights at UAB's Green and Gold Invite.

Moss, from Conley Georgia, turned in a toss of 43'10" last season at the Indiana University-hosted Gladstein Invitational to set the new indoor record in the event. On Saturday, she added nearly four more feet to the record with a throw of 47-03.75. Moss posted a bronze finish in the event. Her throw ranks as the best in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. Southeast Missouri's Kayla Gutierrez had the previous top mark in the league at 46-08.25, which was set last weekend.

Jax State also had a solid day on the track, led by senior Whitely Towns. Towns, from Boaz, Alabama, turned in a career best in the mile and then returned to the track to set a new season standard in the 800 meter run. Towns covered the mile in 5:18.15 to finish fourth in the event. In the 800 meter competition, the senior crossed the finish line in 2:20.07 and a top-five placement.



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Danielle Moss of JSU set a new shot put record.

Sophomore dual competitor Jasmine Parham had a pair of high marks in the 400 meter run and in the high jump. The Dallas, Georgia-native clocked a time of 59.54 in the 400 meter run to claim sixth. Parham posted a career-best in the high jump after a leap of 5-02.50.

Junior Ja'Nisha Davis was among the finalists in the 60 meter dash after a time of 7.73 in the finals. In the pole vault, JSU's freshmen trio of Samantha Patterson, Laura Sewell and Kelsey Walling had their best outings of the season in the pole vault.

JSU returns to action in Bloomington, Indiana to take part in the 2015 edition of the Gladstein Invitational on Jan. 30-31.

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Gamecock Baseball starts preseason drills

JACKSONVLLE – The road to the program's fifth Ohio Valley Conference Championship began on Friday as the Jacksonville State baseball team held its first official practice for the upcoming 2015 season.

The 2015 season will mark head coach Jim Case's 14th season at Jax State and he has led the Gamecocks into the OVC Tournament for all 10 years since joining the league in 2004 and has claimed won the league crown in four of those seasons, including last season's memorable run to the title. The Gamecocks finished the 2014 season 36-27 and 18-12 in the OVC, which was tied for second in the league. JSU participated in the NCAA Oxford Regional in Oxford, Mississippi and dropped a pair of games to Ole Miss and Georgia Tech. The Rebels were one of the final eight teams that advanced to the College World Series in Omaha.

The Gamecocks will have to replace many key position spots and plug in holes on the mound this season. Case, who went past the 400-career wins mark last season, will have 16 returning players and 13 new faces in the first base dugout at Rudy Abbott Field. Offensively, junior Paschal Petrongolo is Jax State's top returning hitter. Petrongolo, primarily a designated hitter last season, posted a .328 batting average and drove in a team-best 54 runs and turned in 19 doubles. He will be flanked by senior Ryan Sebra and junior Tyler Gamble in the line up. Sebra finished his junior campaign just under the .300 mark at the dish and tallied 34 RBI. Gamble, the Gamecocks' primary first baseman last season, turned in a .286 batting average and a slugging percentage of .460. Gamble had 11 doubles and five home runs as a sophomore.

On the mound, five members of the JSU pitching staff will look to continue the momentum that the Gamecock hurlers gained at the end of the season. When Jax State fell in to the losers bracket after an opening round loss to Eastern Illinois in the OVC Tournament, it was the pitching staff that carried the Red and White to the championship. The entire pitching staff was named the tournament's most valuable player after allowing just 15 runs over 63.0 innings to post a 2,14 earned run average, while posting a 6-1 record with four saves.

Senior Travis Stout will headline the JSU pitching staff in 2015. Stout, who enters 2015 ranked second all time in the OVC in career saves with 32 through his first three seasons as a Gamecock. The Smyrna, Georgia-native was credited with 15 saves in 2014, which ranks second on the program's saves in a season list. He owns the mark with 17 saves during the 2013 campaign. Senior Zachary Fowler is JSU's top-returning starting pitcher after 17 starts in his first season on campus. The Daphne, Alabama righthander led the staff with 60 strikeouts in 88.2 innings pitched.



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The JSU Baseball team huddles up.

JSU went the junior college route to fill three spots on the roster. Colton Campbell, from Rainsville, Alabama, spent last season at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville and will bolster the pitching staff. Paul Angel, who prepped at Oak Mountain High School in the Birmingham area, was a National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 All-Conference performer at Meridian Community College in Meridian, Mississippi. Angel will add depth to the Jax State outfield. Elliott McCummings joins the program after two seasons at Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia. McCummings will also see time in one of the outfield spots. The West Deptford, New Jersey-product was an NJCAA Second Team All-American as a freshman.

The Gamecocks will open the 66th season of their storied baseball history with a three-game series against Youngstown State at Rudy Abbott Field on February 13-15. Season tickets are now available by calling the JSU Athletic Ticket Office at 256-782-8499 or online at JSUGamecockSports.com.

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JSU Men's Tennis earns first win of 2015



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Dylan Gee of the JSU Men's Tennis team hits the tennis ball as the men would finish with their first win of the season.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team finished the opening weekend of the season with its first win of the season on Sunday over Alcorn State.

The Gamecocks blanked the Braves of ASU, 4-0, on the campus of Southern Mississippi. The Jax State women dropped a 7-0 decision to the University of New Orleans.

In the men's match, JSU got off to a great start with the doubles point. The No. 2 duo of Jaryd Reese and Dylan Gee turned in their second win of the year after ousting ASU's team of Nischay Rawal and Vasudu Vijayaraman, 7-6 (8). Felipe Wenzel and Felipe Diaz downed Garry Amor and Kilian Salgado of ASU, 7-5.

JSU carried the momentum in to singles action as it picked up three quick points to clinch the match and were leading in six of the seven matches before the other matches were halted due to JSU clinching the overall match. Gee notched his first singles win with a quick work of Rawal, 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3. Wenzel and Diaz, a pair of seniors on the squad, carded wins to secure the match. Wenzel downed Salgado, 6-4, 6-0 at No. 5, while Diaz won in straight sets over Amor, 7-5, 6-2 at No. 6.

On the women's side, it was a tough day for the Red and White versus UNO, but two of the singles matches went down to the wire in a third set. After UNO claimed the doubles point by winning at No. 2 and 3, JSU looked to regroup in singles.

In singles, Jax State freshman Genevie Ulanday won the first set, 6-3, over UNO's Anja Luethi, but Luethi bounced back to win the next two sets, 6-1, 10-5. Another JSU newcomer saw herself in a three-set battle at No. 5. Diana Mirceta fell to Yasmine Rashad, 6-1 in the opening set, but recovered to claim the second set, 6-1, to force a third and deciding set. Rashad posted a 6-0 win in the third set to take the match.

Both squads return to action next week against the Jaguars of South Alabama. The JSU men will test USA on Thursday, Jan. 29. The women's tilt with USA is set for Friday, Jan. 30.

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Men's Basketball fall to Eagles in last seconds

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After a hard fought run to tie an otherwise Morehead State led game, JSU dropped the final points and came out with a 66-63 loss.

The Gamecocks struggled all night to keep up with the Eagles who were dominant in scoring for most of the night.

The first half saw them make 9 of 12 three-point shots and be 10 of 19 for field goals.

While the Gamecocks were only 2 of 8 on three-point attempts and 7 of 20 for field goals, they still managed to stay within a reasonable distance as the first half ended.

Morehead State came out with the first shots and took the early lead on the Gamecocks. It would be nearly five minutes in before JSU would score their first points of the night to attempt to stop an already advancing Morehead State lead.

JSU made it within one before the Eagles started to make their climb toward their half-high lead of 12. It was on Corban Collins' good three-pointer that MSU made it out to 32 with JSU behind them at 20.

In the final two minutes of the half, the game seemed to go back and forth before JSU finally got within five with the help of a free throw by Darion Rackley. However, it took only four seconds more for MSU's Collins to hit yet another three-pointer to close the half with Morehead State up by eight.

The second half saw JSU open relatively strong against the Eagles. The Gamecocks were able to stay within seven until around the 15 minute-mark when MSU pushed their lead out to eight. However, Avery Moore came out and hit JSU's only good three-pointer of the second half and brought MSU's lead back down to five.

The score would stay within the confines of MSU's eight point lead until 3:12 when a layup by Rackley brought JSU the closest they had been to MSU all evening, within two.

Morehead State managed to push their lead back up to four before a steal and layup by Malcolm Drumwright gave JSU the tie they had been playing so hard for.

With 20 seconds remaining MSU had the lead by one and, after a free throw to push the lead back out to two, they gave the ball back to the Gamecocks.

Drumwright's free throw broke the lead down to one with 11 seconds left. However, it would also be on Drumwright's foul that MSU would be handed the ball for two free-throws that would ultimately end the game.

On a last second attempt at a tie, JaQuail Townser would try a three-point shot that would fall empty and close the game with the score 66-63, Morehead State.

The Gamecocks were 18 of 46 for field goals in the second half and 24 of 28 for free throws in the game. Rackley had the team high 16 points with D.J. Felder behind with 14 of his own.

The Gamecocks move to 9-13 overall and will play Belmont on Jan. 29.

JSU Women hold on to defeat Morehead State 72-64

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The Jacksonville State Women's Basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak with their 72-64 win over Morehead State Saturday afternoon at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The win also broke an eight game losing skid to the Lady Eagles. Jacksonville State improved their record to 13-7 overall, 4-4 in conference play. The Lady Eagles fell to 8-12 overall, 4-3 in the OVC.

The Lady Eagles started the day off with a 5-0 run before Briana Benson hit a three to put Jacksonville State on the board at the 18:36 mark of the first half.

Both teams swapped baskets before the Lady Gamecocks took the lead. They would never trail the rest of the way. Jacksonville State ended the half on a 4-0 run where they went into the locker room with a 36-25 advantage.

The Lady Gamecocks opened the second half with a basket by Tyler Phelion to increase their lead to 38-25. From that point on, both teams shared baskets. Jacksonville State experienced their largest lead of the afternoon with 16:54 left in the game after Benson knocked down a three-pointer to push the lead to 16 points, 47-31.

Jacksonville State finished shooting 44.6 percent from the field and 33.3 percent from beyond the arc.

Benson led all scorers with 17 points. Destany McLin had a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The Gamecocks travel to TSU at the end of the month.



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Briana Benson scored 17 to lead the JSU Women to a victory at home.

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