

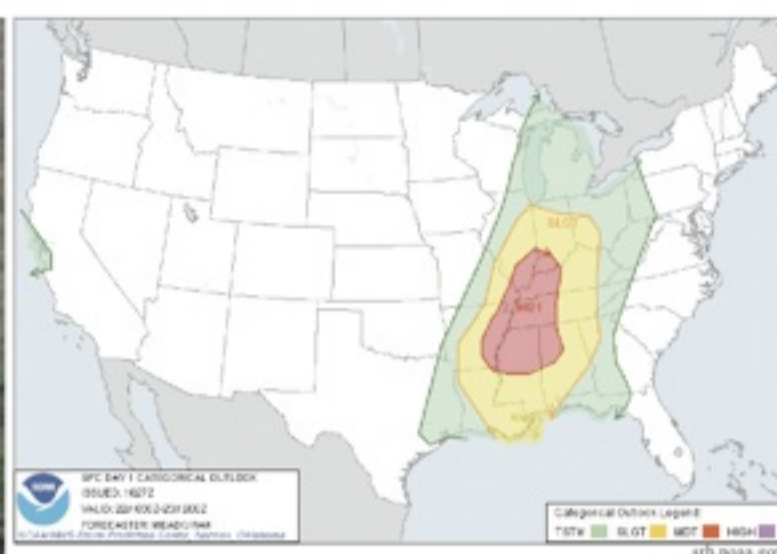


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ABOVE: Day 1 Severe Weather Outlook Issued Jan 22 at 10:00 am by the SRH and NOAA.

LEFT: Jefferson County road crews clear Tyler Loop Road in the Paradise Valley area of Clay Chalkville after the area was hit by tornadoes early January 23, 2012.

Students and faculty assist with storm clean up

ROTC, JSU Senators, JSU Ambassadors, Delta Zeta Sorority and staff from the Admissions office at JSU teamed up to visit the hard-hit areas of Odenville, South Birmingham, Center Point, Clay and Trussville in order to assist with relief efforts.

KARA COLEMAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In the wee hours of Monday, January 23, many Alabamians awakened to the sounds of emergency sirens and NOAA weather radios. For some, those sirens meant they would lose their homes, directly in the path of a tornado.

A team of students and faculty from JSU visited the hard-hit areas of Odenville, South Birmingham, Center Point, Clay and Trussville to assist with relief efforts. Groups represented from the school included ROTC, JSU Senators, JSU Ambassadors, Delta Zeta sorority and staff from the Admissions office.

The group gathered tools and supplies from a base at the Trussville-area Northpark Baptist Church, where a team from God's Pit Crew in Danville, Virginia, and the Salvation Army were set up. Then they headed out into the community to clean debris, cover houses with tarps, and distribute food and water.

"As we started working and the day started getting hotter, we realized that we didn't save any water

for ourselves," said Admissions staff member Shelley Kaler. "We joked to each other about it and the mother [of a family we were helping] heard us and said, 'Let me get you some water. I can go to the store if you want.' I almost cried. She, the victim, wanted to help us!"

The team also made a stop in the devastated community of Paradise Valley, where they sorted rubble into piles of insulation, metal and garbage. According to Delta Zeta member Holly McCormick, they also distributed "Blessings Buckets" donated by God's Pit Crew. "The five-gallon buckets included essential items such as water bottles, canned foods, grooming items, flashlights and a Bible," McCormick explains.

Another Delta Zeta member, Krystyn Gatewood, was struck by one family in particular. While everyone sorted through rubble from the house, the wife was concerned with finding two nightstands. The nightstands had contained photos and memorabilia

from the couple's children, who had died in previous years. "They weren't too worried about the house," Gatewood recalls. "They just wanted their pictures and items back that related to the memories they had of their children."

For JSU alumni and new Admissions Counselor Kayla McCay, the disaster hit close to home. "I grew up about twenty minutes from where the storm actually hit, so it felt good to be able to go and help people that lived close by," said McCay. "It was really good to come together as a JSU family and help make a difference in someone else's life."

JSU ROTC member Will Benefield probably summed up the feelings of all the volunteers. "This was an amazing experience for me to get out and get hands-on in helping the community to recover. I thoroughly enjoyed helping to clean up the homes and lives for those that were affected by the storms."

Get free help filing for Financial Aid at College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals will volunteer at College Goal Sunday event sites around the state of Alabama during February and March to assist college-bound students and their families in opening the door to financial aid.

The free program is designed to assist Alabama students seeking undergraduate admission to a college or technical school in 2012 in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, loans and scholarships at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide.

Now in its 23rd year overall and its second in Alabama, College Goal Sunday has helped thousands of students and families complete the FAFSA properly and on time, opening the door to financial aid for college.

What students should bring:

To make filing the FAFSA easier, volunteers walk through the form line-by-line and answer families' individual questions. All sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and some have income tax filing assistance for parents needing to complete that before filling out the FAFSA. A complete list of sites is listed below and is also available at www.collegegoalalabama.org.

Event site information is also available at www.facebook.com/bamacollegegoal.

Students should attend College Goal Sunday event sites with their parent(s) or guardian(s) and bring their parents' IRS Pin Number, completed 2011 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2011 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should bring their income information. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own IRS Pin Number, completed 2011 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2011 income and benefits information.

Students and parents need to apply for their U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) at www.pin.ed.gov before coming to the event.

Attendees may win prizes:

Students attending College Goal Sunday will qualify for a chance to win exciting prizes. To enter the drawing, students must attend a College Goal Sunday event site and submit a completed evaluation form. Please note that although the name of the event is College Goal Sunday, some sites are being hosted on Saturdays in February.

-From JSU Newswire



WALK: Students strut down the runway at the B.L.U.E. Print Fashion show, last Thursday.

Emily Glaser/
THE CHANTICLEER

B.L.U.E. Print is in fashion

Different stores from Quintard Mall in Oxford provided clothes for the B.L.U.E. Print Fashion Show hosted by Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity.

EMILY GLASER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity entertained a large crowd last Thursday with their B.L.U.E. Print Fashion Show. Dilard's, American Eagle Outfitters and Goody's Family Clothing, all located in Oxford's Quintard Mall, provided the show's clothing.

Models were members from various campus organizations such as the Greek community and The Marching Southerners. Two members of Alpha Kappa Psi emceed the event and the show was split into four different segments.

The first segment was

"What to wear going to class." The first male model sported white trousers and a yellow button-up shirt. The trending theme was neon colors. A bright green sweater, hot pink pants and radiant yellow trousers all made their way down the catwalk and were 'going to class' appropriate.

At the end of the segment, the emcees tipped the audience about what not to wear to class. "Sweatpants are not professional," the emcees announced, which was met with guilty laughter from the auditorium.

The next segment focused on "Business Casual." A female model strutted down the catwalk in dark wash denim trousers and a red floral print top. Red accent colors linked each model for the trending theme, and another helpful hint from the emcees: don't wear jeans and cowboy boots when dressing the part of business casual.

"Campus Involvement" dominated the third segment. Models represented their fraternity, sorority or organization by wearing jackets, jerseys or screen printed t-shirts.

The concluding section focused on "Business Professional." The models mainly wore suits with double-breasted suit coats in dark colors, such as charcoal gray and black. Female models wore knee length, A-line dresses with double-breasted suit coats, as well. All coats had slight shoulder pads.

The national, professional business fraternity's goal is "to foster scientific research in the field of commerce, accounts and finance," according to their website.

CAMPUS & LOCAL

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CAMPUS CRIME

Monday, January 30

- Welfare Check, The Grove Apartments

Tuesday, January 31

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Jacksonville Police Department
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Forney Avenue
- Arrest for Possession of Marijuana, Bibb Graves Parking Lot
- Medical Emergency, Merrill Hall
- Suspicious Vehicle, Stone Center Parking Lot
- Information Report, Patterson Hall

Wednesday, February 1

- Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, Goodlet Avenue
- Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Stadium Tower Parking Lot
- Fraudulent Use of a Debit Card, Texas via Internet
- Arrest for Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Stephenson Hall Parking Lot
- Suspicious Persons at Houston Cole Library

Thursday, February 2

- Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Crow Hall Parking Lot

Friday, February 3

- Structure Fire, Criminal Trespass, Criminal Mischief, Forney Hall
- Theft of Property, Stephenson Hall
- Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Ayers Hall
- Information Report, Colonial Arms

Saturday, February 4

- Medical Emergency, Houston Cole Library

Sunday, February 5

- Medical Emergency, Rendering False Alarm & Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Curtiss Hall

BRIEFS

The Jacksonville State University College of Arts and Sciences will present its annual Symposium on February 15-16 in the Houston Cole Library. The Symposium will take place on Wednesday Feb 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday Feb 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Awards Ceremony at 5 p.m. Awards will be given in Biology, MCIS, Physical and Earth Sciences, English and Art.

The Houston Cole Library has recently subscribed to more than 45 new electronic databases from ProQuest, EBSCOhost, Gale Cengage, and RefUSA. These new resources, along with the 100+ databases to which the Library already subscribes, offers access to over 28,000 electronic books and almost 112,000 electronic journals — from any computer. All you need is your JSU student ID number and last name.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will soon hit campus and 760 other colleges and universities in the US and Canada. Questions will include, "How much reading and writing is required?" "How often do students interact with other students from different backgrounds and cultures?" "How good is academic advising?" Look for more information displayed around campus.

In his soon-to-be-released book, *The Rise and Decline of the Redneck Riviera*, Dr. Harvey Jackson III, Eminent Scholar in History at Jacksonville State University, writes fondly of the Florida-Alabama Gulf Coast. Dr. Jackson will share some of the results of his more-than-sixteen-years' worth of research into the area at Academe on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 3:15 p.m. in 1103 A and B of Houston Cole Library.

CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 10

Single, Saved, and Satisfied
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Sponsored by: L.E.A.D.
Contact: Shay Slaughter, shamrleslaughter@gmail.com

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

Pageant
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium
When: 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3
Sponsored by: Alpha Phi Alpha
Contact: Calvin Nelms, jsu9105n@jsu.edu



Wednesday, Feb. 15

Step-Show
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5
Sponsored by: Alpha Phi Alpha
Contact: Calvin Nelms @ jsu9105@jsu.edu

Active Minds Meeting
Where: Anders Roundhouse
When: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Contact: Linda Shelton, amurphy1@jsu.edu
Tips on stress management/confidence buildup

Soul Food Night in the Cafe
Where: Jack Hopper Dining Hall
When: 4:30-7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: SGA

Thursday, Feb. 16

Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels
Where: TMB Auditorium
When: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: SGA
Contact: Debbie Taylor, dbtaylor@jsu.edu

Jonathan Larson's RENT
When: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Stone Center
Admission is charged
Sponsored by: JSU Drama Department
Contact: Randal Blades, rblades@jsu.edu
or (256)782-8429



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Hannah Lauren Cooper is a senior majoring in art with concentration in photography. "Grandmother" was taken on Thanksgiving Day in Albany, Miss.

OPINION

CASUAL CONVERSATION. TRENDY TOPICS

Give bacon this Valentine's Day

SARA PETTIT
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is days away and the scent of roses is in the air. People around the world are rushing to prepare a special something for their expectant significant other.

This year's celebration is supposed to bring in a record-breaking amount for retailers. The National Retail Federation is expecting consumers to spend approximately \$17.6 billion on merchandise, with the average person expected to spend about \$126.08.

Of course life is different for a college student, and one must search for thrifter gift ideas for that special someone. Pinterest, the jackpot for all things crafty, offers a large variety of ideas for those looking to do something special but cost-efficient. Ideas range from making a bouquet of bacon roses (a different twist on breakfast in bed) to jewelry ideas, baked goods, drinks and cards. Possibilities are never-ending on this oh-so-helpful site.

But Valentine's Day wouldn't be complete without a romantic dinner. Believe it or not, there are several options in the Jacksonville area. If you're looking for a place with good atmosphere, think about Classic on Noble or perhaps lunch at Cheaha State Park, where you can soak up some scenery. If you're looking for a less expensive option, consider a picnic on the quad.

Valentine's Day has also been called "Single's Awareness Day" for obvious reasons. Singles across the world either spend these dreaded 24 hours avoiding all things romantic or celebrate their freedom. Sophomore Taylor Talley has a different idea. "I'm taking Valentine applications," she says. "All I want is to see "The Vow" and the All-Star at Waffle House."

No matter how you decide to spend your day, be sure to keep in mind the true meaning of the holiday. Valentine's Day is meant to show those that are important to you just how important they are. So make someone's day. Give a gift, share a hug or say those quintessential three little words.



ABOVE: Paint Sampler Valentine Wreath instructions at PopularMechanics.com

BELOW: First Kiss Cupcakes at MyRecipes.com



TOP: Bacon bouquet tutorial at Squidoo.com

BOTTOM: "Seven Tips for a Happy, Solo Valentine's Day" at LifeGoesStrong.com

From all of us at
The Chanticleer,
Happy Valentine's Day!

Better than a caveman

MATTHEW TYSON
STAFF COLUMNIST

I was recently having an after-work beer with a friend and he told me this story,

"I've been kind of down lately, but this morning I woke up and thought about how great I actually have it. I wake up in a nice warm bed. I have a roof over my head. I can go in my kitchen and eat a hot meal. Imagine how much better we have it now than a caveman did a thousand years ago."

With the political, social, and economical is-



suess of today, it's easy for us to forget how fortunate we really are. Regardless of our internal struggles, many of us as Americans have access to rights, freedoms and lifestyles that aren't available in many other parts of the world. However, I feel that my friend's realization about the caveman reaches past government institutions and politics and into something much deeper. His story made me ask myself, "When was the last time I was thankful for going to sleep in a warm, clean bed instead of a cold pile of dirt?"

Politics isn't just something I write about. I'm involved with it every day. I truly enjoy watching the news, researching issues and discussing the current happenings in today's government. But the world is a rough place nowadays. There is enough pessimism and selfishness to make someone lose their will to live. I believe that every once in a while we have to just take a break from it and be thankful that we have something as simple as a soft couch to sit on.

Today, for a moment, forget about politics and just be happy that you aren't a caveman.



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My &@#\$\$@ post was
@&\$@%\$ censored?!?
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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Reality strikes back with new shows, people

SIERRA TILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

If you would have told me a year ago that I would be front and center in front of the TV ready to watch shows like The History Channel's "Big Shrimpin'," "Swamp People," or Discovery Channel's "Ragin' Cajuns," I would have not believed you in a million years. However, lately the Cajun sensations have been taking over America's televisions. Reality television finally has something to offer everyone.

Whether you are looking for drama, fights or people overcoming struggles, you will get it all here. Down in the swamp lives a particularly interesting group of people called the Cajuns. They are their own type of people—hard-working, persistent and strong. With times the way they are, it's nice to see good people coming up in the world and surviving. But what is it with this phenomenon of men at sea that is so attractive? They are always ready to get dirty, and risk their lives just to put dinner on the table for their families.

Louisiana has a rich culture that makes for great entertainment. Also, reality shows filmed in Louisiana

take advantage of the state's TV and film tax credit program. Yes, tax credit! More and more this trend is popping up—states like North Carolina, Georgia,



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New York and Alaska also partake in this bill. This tax credit brings in jobs, money and advertisement

to local areas. The state of Louisiana alone has generated almost \$3 billion since the program was introduced in 2002, and there are currently a dozen Louisiana-based reality shows.

The sincerity in the storytelling is a key factor in these shows, and one of the main reasons for the success of "Swamp People." There is no glitz or glamour with these people. It is refreshing. In a time where America as a whole is struggling, it is nice to see some of the ninety-nine percent come out on top. People like Blimp, from the show "Ragin' Cajuns," who owns old broken equipment but still follows his gut to get to all the "white gold" (shrimp). On the other hand, there are also the young'uns that put all their money into their boats and still come from a trip with little to nothing.

Whatever your reason for being hooked to these people and their stories, you can know for sure that you will always be entertained.

Baja serves cultural experience

LAKESHIA BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jorge Sanchez is like all business men. He loves a big crowd. "[Baja California Grill] has a variety of people come in everyday and this makes it fun to work, keep the system running efficiently, and keep the workers up on their game," said Sanchez.

Sanchez is the assistant manager of Baja, which has been in operation in the Jacksonville area since Spring 2011.

Immediately the restaurant became a hit with the public for its delicious Mexican selections and drink specials. However, Baja tries to entertain its customers by holding Karaoke night and having live mariachis.

The restaurant is spacious, which allows customers to flow freely within the restaurant. They embrace the rich culture that fills the restaurant, thanks in part to the oceanic-themed painted walls and the paintings that hang on them.

While the restaurant displays a great environment, the staff members enhance the dining experience with their courteous de-

meanor and attentive manners. Sanchez applauds his team.

"I like the fun times I have here with the other staff members," said Sanchez. "...and just the everyday hustle and bustle of working in a place with so much life."

It's the kind of attitude a restaurant needs, especially when dealing with the dinner rush, which presents challenges to all restaurants alike.

"Dinner rushes are a little harder being that our meals are larger," said Sanchez. "But we still get them out in a timely matter and fresh. We work hard to keep our services up and our customers satisfied."

Customers are indeed satisfied and for Sanchez it is that sense of accomplishment that makes him fortunate to help in the restaurant's success. "Every customer is ideal," said Sanchez. "...and keeps things fresh." Grab your friends, family and whomever else you want and go down to California Baja Grill and experience the best time of your lives.



Allison Davis/ THE CHANTICLEER

Question of the week

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Ethan Webb - "I am planning a romantic surprise for my girlfriend, Jill, so I can't give any details."

Claire Livingston - "On Valentine's Day, my best friends and I are getting dressed up and treating ourselves to dinner and a movie."

Ethan Johnson - "I plan on spending time with my girlfriend by going to eat dinner and then hang out and watch a movie together."

Carmen Jones - "For Valentine's Day, I'm buying myself a tub of chocolate ice cream and watching 'The Notebook.' Alone."

Grammy Awards promise a royal battle

COURTNEY RAY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER



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It's that time of year again! The 54th Annual Grammy Awards are only a few days away, and this year's ceremony promises to be a battle royale of today's music superstars. A total of 78 awards will be presented at this year's Grammys. And, for the first time in seven years, the Awards will have an official host, LL Cool J.

Heavy hitters this year include Kanye West, Foo Fighters, Adele, Bruno Mars, Lil Wayne, Skrillex and Radiohead, who were each nominated five or more times. A few of these big contenders will duke it out for the coveted Album of the Year award. The albums nominated are "21" by Adele, "Wasting Light" by Foo Fighters, "Born This Way" by Lady Gaga, "Doo-Wops and Hoologans" by Bruno Mars, and "Loud" by Rihanna. The nominees for Best New Artist, another popular category, include Nicki Minaj, Bon Iver, The Band Perry, J. Cole and Skrillex. There are numerous artists up for other, various categories. Some of them include Mumford and

Sons, Katy Perry, Wiz Khalifa, The Decemberists, Coldplay, Chris Tomlin, Kings of Leon, Taylor Swift, Cee Lo Green, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jason Aldean, Wilco, R. Kelly, My Morning Jacket and Death Cab for Cutie. For a full list of nominees and categories, visit www.grammy.com.

Not only does the competition inspire fierceness, but the performances do, as well. Set to take the stage are musical powerhouses such as Paul McCartney, Rihanna, Coldplay, Adele, Katy Perry, Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band, Jason Aldean and Kelly Clarkson, Nicki Minaj, Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars. Stars like Gwyneth Paltrow, Drake, Ringo Starr, Fergie and Jack Black will present the nominees and awards.

So, who will you be pulling for? Be sure to tune in to CBS on Sunday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. to see if your favorites take the cake. You won't want to miss it.

SPORTS

Gamecock Rifle wins sixth OVC Title

MARTIN, Tenn. – Jacksonville State claimed its sixth Ohio Valley Conference Rifle Championship on Sunday at the 2012 OVC Rifle Championships held on the UT Martin campus.

JSU, who held the top spot after the smallbore competition, clinched the title with a 2328 in the air rifle portion of the championship. With its 2303 mark in smallbore, Jax State tallied a 2328 to win the OVC Air Rifle crown. The Gamecocks posted an aggregate score of 4631, which was 42 points better than second place Murray State. JSU held an 18-point advantage over the Racers after smallbore and finished 24 points ahead of MSU in air rifle.

With the overall league title, the rifle team brought home JSU's 48th OVC Championship since joining the league in 2003-04.

Senior Andrea Dardas won

the individual air rifle title after carding a 589. Sophomore Sam Muegge, who won top smallbore honors on Saturday, continued to put impressive numbers up in air rifle as he finished with a 583. He shared second place with JSU's Monica Fyfe, who also registered a 583. Freshmen Cole Tucker and Brent Brooks rounded out the individual scores with a 573 and 570 respectively.

"It is an amazing feeling to win the OVC this year since it is my final year," said Dardas. "Now I get to wear a ring on each hand."

The Gamecocks dominated the All-OVC First Team in both smallbore and air rifle. Dardas and Muegge were named to both squads, while Dan McCall earned a spot on the smallbore squad. Fyfe was tabbed to the air rifle first team as well. Jordan Fraser was a Second Team Smallbore honoree. McCall was one of three individuals to be awarded

the league's top newcomer.

Jax State Head Coach Ron Frost was voted the 2012 Coach of the Year by his peers. It marks his fourth time to win the honor.

"I am so proud of this team for coming together to win the league under different circumstances with paper targets," said head coach Ron Frost. "That was the focus of our training – practicing with paper targets and I think it showed with the scores we had. It feels good to bring home another OVC Championship home to Jacksonville."

The UTM Mixed team finished third, followed by Morehead State and the Skyhawk women's team.

The Gamecocks will now prepare for NCAA Sectionals on Feb. 16-18 in Fairbanks, Ak. The NCAA Championships will be held at Ohio State University on March 9-10.

-Sportswire



2011 OVC Freshman of the Year Sam Muegge.

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Mugge Wins Individual Crown with a 585 posting

MARTIN, Tenn. – Sophomore Sam Muegge, who was the league's Freshman of the Year in 2011, claimed the individual smallbore title after posting a 585.

It marks the second-straight year in which a JSU individual has won the smallbore event as Andrea Dardas staked claim to the top smallbore shooter a year ago.

A JSU shooter has won the smallbore title seven

times since 2005.

Dardas and freshman Dan McCall tallied a score of 574 to finish in a tie for fourth. Jordan Fraser boosted the JSU score with a 570. Monica Fyfe rounded out the team score with 560.

UT Martin's mixed squad stands in third place, followed by Morehead State and the Skyhawk women's team.

-Sportswire

Golden Eagles find revenge against Jacksonville State

DANIEL PORTER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Playing in their final home game for the next two weeks, the Gamecocks took on Tennessee Tech at Pete Mathews this past Saturday.

The last time between both teams was in favor of the Gamecocks, who squeaked out a win in the last seconds.

It was a fierce battle early going back and forth point for point.

Tennessee Tech pulled out to a 15-8 lead, but with eight minutes to go in the half the Gamecocks were back within three, 21-18.

Brian Williams hit a three to keep JSU close but at halftime it was 37-29 in favor of Tech.

Early in the first half the Gamecocks had shutdown Kevin Murphy who leads the OVC with 21 point average for game and dropped 50 points in a game just last week for the first 50 point game in the OVC in two decades.

However, towards the end of the half Murphy started finding his game.

Only minutes into the second half the Golden Eagles turned their eight lead into 14.

JSU's attempt to close

the gap was unsuccessful as Tech responded with points of their own to keep the lead around ten points.

Brian Williams would hit two threes and pull the game to six points before Tennessee Tech went on to claim a 68-76 win over the Gamecocks.

The loss for JSU snapped a three game OVC win streak that had helped the Gamecocks climb into the race to make the OVC Tournament.

The win for Tech makes them 8-4 in the OVC and fighting for the number two spot behind Murray State.

Tarvin Gaines led the team with 19 points followed by Brain Williams who finished with 18 after his late threes.

Nick Cook pulled in 8 rebounds, and the Gamecocks together shot 84% from the charity strip.

However, from the field Jacksonville State shot only 46% compared to Tennessee Tech's 59%.

The Gamecocks' next home game is Feb. 18 against Presbyterian in the Bracketbusters matchup.

JSU has four remaining OVC games that will determine if they make the OVC Tournament or not.



The JSU rifle team program celebrates its sixth OVC championship defeating Murray State.

Sportswire

Lady Gamecocks no match for Lady Golden Eagles, fall 62-50

SIERRA TILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Tennessee Tech Lady Golden Eagles toppled the Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks 62-50 in women's basketball action Saturday afternoon at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks record to 4-20 on the season while Tennessee Tech improved to 11-14.

Jacksonville State took an early 2-0 lead in the game on a Brittany Manning-made jumper one minute into the game, but Rachel Glidden gave Tennessee Tech the lead at the 17:36 mark in the first half.

Hot first half three-point shooting led the Golden Eagles to a 36-26 lead at the break.

Glidden scored the first nine points for Tech by hitting a set of three pointers within a 1:30 timespan.

As a team, Tennessee Tech made seven of their 13 attempts from behind the arc in the first



half. The Golden Eagles began the second half with a seven point run and were poised to blow the game open.

The Gamecocks were able to regain their composure and countered with a seven point run of their own and bring the lead to within 10 points with 13:02 left in the game.

That was as close as Jacksonville State would get in the second half.

The Gamecocks were led by Danielle Vaughn's double-double. The junior center posted 13 rebounds to go along with her 11 points in the game and dished out

three assists to lead the team. Senior forward Brittany Manning paced Jacksonville State with 13 points and a game-high three blocked shots.

Tennessee Tech posted four players in double figure scoring. Jala Harris and Molly Heady each scored 15 points in the game.

Heady led the Golden Eagles with seven rebounds. Glidden tallied 14 points in the game including the first nine her team scored and hit four of her six three-point attempts. Tacarra Hayes had 13 points.

The Lady Gamecocks and coach Annette Watts have just two home games remaining this season.

The Southeast Missouri Redhawks travel to Jacksonville on Feb. 23 and the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks meet the Gamecocks at Pete Mathews on Feb. 25.

Men's & Women's Tennis picked fourth in OVC Preseason Poll

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State men's and women's tennis teams were predicted to finish fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012 as the league announced its annual preseason prognostications on Friday.

The OVC also released the league's

top 10 players as voted on by the coaches. JSU had a representative from each squad. On the women's side, sophomore Raisa Guasti was tabbed third on the list after a stellar freshman season. Axel Sundberg, a junior on the men's team was ranked sixth in the OVC.

Jax State's women received one first-place vote.

The JSU women are the defending OVC regular season and tournament champions after posting a 7-1 OVC mark last year and sweeping through the conference tournament.

Veteran head coach Steve Bailey's squad earned a berth into the NCAA Tournament after claiming the program's second regular season crown and the first tournament championship. Bailey returns five members from last year's team that finished the season at 13-11 after falling to Georgia Tech in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Atlanta, Ga. last May.

The Gamecock men are coming off a 10-13 overall mark in 2011 and 4-3 in league matches. Jax State earned a spot in the 2011 OVC Tournament last year in Martin, Tenn.

Guasti was an All-OVC selection in 2011 after posting a 12-9 mark in the regular season in singles play along with seven wins as a freshman in the OVC. Guasti, a native of Vitoria, Brazil,

was equally impressive in her doubles matches as she teamed up with Raphaela Lima this season as the pairing went 7-1 in the OVC and 13-7 overall.

Sundberg also earned conference post season accolades last year as he registered eight wins in singles matches along with an 11-9 mark in doubles with Nenad Marcec.

On the men's side, Eastern Kentucky was selected the favorite to capture the league title, while UT Martin was picked on the women's side.

Austin Peay was voted second in both polls, followed by Tennessee Tech on the men's side and EKU in the women's team selections.

The JSU men opened the season with a pair of losses to Conference USA foes – Tulane and Southern Mississippi on the final weekend of January.

The men return to action on Thursday, Feb. 9 as they host in-state rival North Alabama for the home opener. Match time is set for 1:30 p.m.

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Baseball/Softball Preview



Rudy Abbott Highway was renamed to Jana McGinnis Lane this past weekend.

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Softball fan day makes history

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History was made at University Field Sunday as Jacksonville State held its 11th annual Softball Fan Day.

There was only standing room as the Gamecocks welcomed a crowd of over 1,000



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Softball team greets the crowd.

for the Super Bowl Sunday tradition.

"It's become a tradition," said Jana McGinnis, head coach of the Gamecocks, "Everybody knows that Super Bowl Sunday is fan day. That's one thing that helps them to remember when it's going to be."

McGinnis was unaware of the honor she was about to receive.

Coach Mark Wisener began the event by introducing McGinnis with her entire family.

President Bill Meehan, Athletic Director Warren Koegel, County Commissioners J.D. Hess and JSU Hall of famer Rudy Abbott announced that Rudy Abbott Highway was being renamed Jana McGinnis Lane. Abbot's name had been on that street for over 40 years.

"It's a real honor. I've been blessed," said McGinnis. "For Coach Abbott to give his street up for me that means a lot to me and I appreciate Coach Abbott."

McGinnis spoke in high regard of Abbott and his

tremendous help when she was younger coach.

"I call him one of the legends," said McGinnis. "When I was a player here, him, Bill Jones, Coach (Bill) Burgess, they were the three that I really looked up to and respected."

After the street rededication, Athletic Director Warren Koegel revealed his plans to renovate University Field.

He plans to tear down the center section of seating, build a new section with a press box and eventually build a deck in the outfield.

Sunday was the first time fans got to see the renovations University Field underwent last offseason.

The stadium entrance and visiting dugout are bricked in. All of the restrooms are redone and some of the fencing is lowered to improve visibility.

JSU's pep band, Hard Corps, made its first appearance at University Field on Sunday.

"I've seen a pep band at softball games, regional tournaments and super-regional tournaments, but I have never seen a pep band at the College World Series," said Coach Wisener.

Wisener then pointed to the softball team. "This team is going to take that team to the College World Series," said Wisener as he moved his

pointed finger from the softball team to the Hard Corps.

After Wisener introduced the players and coaching staff, they took to the field to help with the festivities.

The fans were given a chance to interact with the players all afternoon.

Some of the festivities included an obstacle, raffle tickets and a footrace with Cocky for kids around the bases.

The Home Run Derby was won by Shelby Holley, a freshman from Pisgah, who hammered 15 home runs.

Fan day was very family-oriented, an atmosphere not often seen at other universities.

"We didn't actually have a fan day at Virginia Tech. We just played ball and hope that whoever came, came," said Kristin Graham, a senior from Warner Robbins, GA. Graham transferred from Virginia Tech.

"The crowd here is so much more supportive," Graham continued. "It's just like a big family here."

Experiencing her final fan day was Kaycee Crow, a senior from Ringold, GA.

"Fan day was so much fun and it was bittersweet because it was my last one but I loved it and I think everybody enjoyed it," said Crow.

The Gamecocks open up the season Friday at the South Alabama Mardi Gras Invitational in Mobile against Lipscomb at 10:00 a.m.



Cocky and McGinnis watch the children participate.

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JSU picked second in OVC

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – The Gamecocks are picked to finish second in the 2012 OVC pre-season poll, which was released on Tuesday.

Jax State, which is the winningest team in the Ohio Valley Conference since joining the league in 2004, received 73 total points in a vote of the 10 head coaches to finish in a close second behind preseason favorite Austin Peay's total of 79.

Tennessee Tech (63) is third, followed by Southeast Missouri (52), SIUE (48), Eastern Kentucky (45), Eastern Illinois (34), UT Martin (25), Murray State (21) and Morehead State (10).

Jacksonville State, which has advanced to the championship round of the OVC Tournament seven of the eight years competing in the league, won 36 games last year to reach the 30-win plateau for the ninth-straight season which is the longest such stretch in school history.

This year marks the first of the OVC playing three-game Conference series over three days

(Friday, Saturday, Sunday) as opposed to playing a doubleheader on Saturday and a single game on Sunday.

The season will culminate with the 2012 OVC Championship which will be held for the third year in a row at Pringles Park in Jackson, Tenn. Pringles Park is the home of the Jackson Generals, the Double-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners.

The tournament runs May 23-27. Five of the Gamecocks returning players were named to the Preseason All-OVC team, including senior closer Todd Hornsby, who was named Preseason OVC Pitcher of the Year.

The five preseason All-OVC picks is the most of any other school in the conference.

Jacksonville State opens the 2012 season Feb. 17-19 with a three-game series at Northwestern State and will play its home-opener on February 22 against Samford at Rudy Abbott Field.

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Porter OVC Preview: Jax State number one

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The 2012 baseball season begins in just a few days and the Austin Peay State Governors will look to defend their OVC title win from last year.

With Jacksonville State returning a loaded team and SIUE finally eligible, it looks like it will be an exciting year in the OVC.

Taking a look at what this year has in store means breaking down the ten teams in the conference.

Jacksonville State

2011 Record: 36-23 (14-9) – 3rd in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 1st

Impact player: Ben Waldrip – The 6'6" senior first baseman hit 10 HRs and 46 RBIs last season.

Note: Gamecocks return five pitchers including Todd Hornsby who set the OVC record for saves in a season (15) last year.

The preseason number two team in the OVC returns a conference high five preseason All-OVC players.

The Gamecocks hope to hit the 30 win mark again which would be the 10th year in a row adding to the school record.

SIUE

2011 record: 24-28 (15-4) – weren't eligible for OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 2nd

Impact Player: Zach Hawkins – Third baseman led his team with a .345 batting avg. last season

Note: The Cougars had a good season last year but since the school was transitioning they weren't eligible for OVC ranking. SIUE returns all position players and half the pitching staff.

They will certainly be a threat in the OVC.

Tennessee Tech

2011 record: 25-29 (12-12) – 4th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 3rd

Impact Player: Zach Stephens – As a freshman last season he hit .310 with 10 HRs and 49 RBIs.

Note: The Golden Eagles have a lot of young talent that started working together last season which will make Tech a contender for the next few seasons.

Austin Peay State

2011 Record: 34-24 (17-6) – 1st in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 4th

Impact Player: Greg Bachman – The 5'9" senior hit seven HRs and 18 doubles last season with 45 RBIs, earned 2nd team All-OVC

Note: Another team that may have their best year is the preseason favorite Governors of Austin Peay State.

Last season's OVC Champions do return all but one position player, but lose some of their best pitchers which can really affect a team if they aren't replaced.

Southeast Missouri State

2011 record: 34-22 (14-8) – 2nd in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 5th

Impact Player: Shae Simmons – The most experienced pitcher returning, appeared in 23 games last season.

Note: The Redhawks will certainly have a say in who takes home the 2012 OVC title.

They are always competitive

and were last year's runner-up in the OVC.

However, the Redhawks lost a lot of players and bring in an astounding 21 new players to this season's squad which could see the Redhawks slightly limited.

Eastern Kentucky

2011 record: 21-36 (11-13) – 5th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 6th

Impact Player: Bryan Solomon – Named OVC Freshman of the Year last year.

He batted .310 with nine HRs and 40 RBIs last season.

Note: Returning pitcher Matt Harris who went 2-0 with a save and a 0.59 ERA against OVC competition in 2011 really stands out for The Colonels.

They have a lot of talent in some positions, but it will depend if they can fill in the gaps between those talented players that will determine how successful of a campaign it will be.

Eastern Illinois

2011 record: 18-33 (9-12) – 7th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 7th

Impact Player: Ben Thomas – Left fielder clearly led his team with 11 HRs, 37 RBIs, and scored 27 runs.

Note: The Panthers return four of their starting pitchers and hope that experience will lead to a better season than last year.

Tennessee-Martin

2011 record: 20-36 (10-13) – 6th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 8th

Impact Player: Matt Young – Outfielder with great speed is great on defense and was seven of seven in base stealing last season.

Note: Along with Murray State, the Skyhawks finished towards last place and hope to make some gains this year. They have to do that with a revamped infield since they lost most of their infield from last season. This could prove to be an obstacle.

Murray State

2011 record: 19-32 (9-13) – 9th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 9th

Impact Player: Brandon Elliott – last season led his team in most offensive stats.

Note: Hitting was definitely a problem last year for the Racers and will have to improve if the Racers are going to escape from the back of the pack. No players had more than four HRs for the Racers last season.

Morehead State

2011 record: 10-39 (6-16) – 8th in OVC

2012 Final Standing "Porter" Prediction: 10th

Impact Player: Andrew Deeds – Senior from Louisville, Ky. had 17 doubles, seven triples, and a team leading 49 RBIs last season.

Note: The Morehead State Eagles only won ten games last season and only return half of their starters from last season.

For this slowly improving team in a rebuilding year, that's not a bad thing.

The Gamecocks open their season February 17 in a three game series against Northwestern State in Natchitoches, LA.

Their first home game will be on February 22 against Samford.