

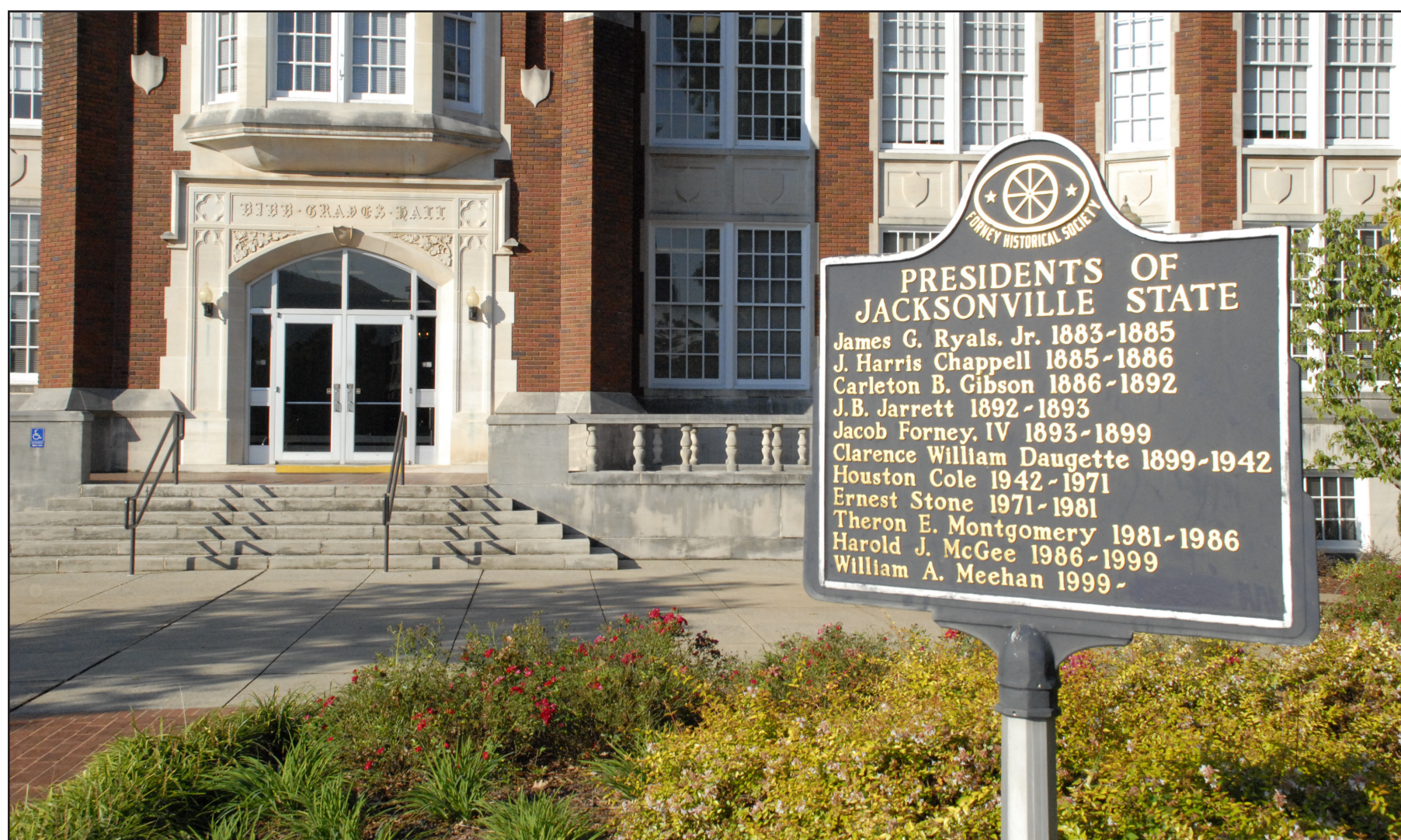


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Thursday, October 2, 2014

# JSU begins search for next president

The university announces members of the search and screening committee



Marie McBurnett/The Chanticleer

**Cassidy Smith**  
*Staff Writer*

According to a university press release, JSU's Board of Trustees is beginning the process of choosing the 12th JSU President.

Board Chair and Alabama Secretary of State Jim Bennett identified 12 individuals chosen to be part of the presidential search and screening committee.

These members have various backgrounds and histories with JSU. Members include Allyson Barker, Vice President of JSU Administrative & Business Affairs; Greg Brown, President of the JSU Foundation; JSU Trustees Clarence Daugeette III, Thomas W. Dedrick Sr., Randall Earlie Jones, and Gale Saxon Main; Bill Fielding, Dean of JSU College of Commerce & Business Administration; Brett Johnson, SGA President; Julia Segars, Regional Vice President of Alabama Power

Company and former JSU Foundation President; Melanie Wallace, JSU Faculty Senate President; and Edgar Welden, a Birmingham businessman.

"Having a student voice at the table is extremely important, for the students and for the future of JSU. My focus will be on what impact the new administration will have on those that I represent," said Johnson, the only student to be part of the committee.

The committee members, headed by JSU Trustee Ronnie Smith, are tasked with choosing and narrowing down candidates for the position.

The Board will select a national search firm to aid the selection committee in weeding out potential candidates on a national level.

According to Bennett, most of the committee's work and meetings will occur between January and March 2015. The committee's goal is to submit a list of recommended can-

didates to the board in March 2015. Campus interviews and selection will follow.

The winning candidate is scheduled to be announced at the Board's April 20, 2015 meeting.

Current President William A. Meehan announced in July 2014 that he would be retiring effective July 2015. He is the third longest serving president at the university.

"Filling the shoes of President Meehan will be no easy task, and finding a successor who is as attentive to the needs of the student body will be even more difficult," said Johnson.

JSU, under the Meehan administration, became a doctoral granting university, graduated the largest classes in JSU history, had higher admissions standards, increased scholarships and snagged 58 conference championships in sports.

## Department of History and Foreign Language to sponsor October Latin film festival

**Vallean Jackson**  
*Staff Writer*

The month of October will not only be for the preparation of Halloween and homecoming, but the month of culture as well. Dr. Alexandra Martinez, a professor of the Department of History and Foreign Languages will bring some exclusive footage to Jacksonville that originates from Latin America. The festival is a part of the

Spanish Film Club's, "Celebrating the New Wave of Ibero American Cinema."

What goes better with popcorn than a good film, and thanks to Martinez, it will be a month of films starting Thursday, October 2. Martinez is introducing the culture of the people of Latin America and Central America to Northeast Alabama.

Each week, the film festival will feature new releases from Latin American direc-

tors. These releases are not on DVD for the public to purchase from stores and are not released in theaters. The JSU community has the luxury of being the first to view these films.

"I do not have a favorite movie that is being showed because this will be my first time seeing them as well, besides the trailers to them," said Martinez.

The overall concept of this film festival came from Mar-

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tinez herself. "It is a great way to learn about another culture and what is meaningful to Latin Americans in their countries," she stated when asked about what brought the idea along.

She also hopes that students leave with "the interest in Latin American culture and language, and realize that even though we are in different countries we have a lot of similarities."

She is very passionate about this film festival and the impact it will have on students. Starting today, a new Latin American film will be featured every Thursday at the same time until the end of October.

Admission is free and the films will be shown in Wallace Hall starting at 5 p.m. each Thursday. The room has a wide screen which has the perfect atmosphere that will give off a movie theater feeling.

Before the start of each film, Martinez will give a brief description of the film and its background.

The film festival is headed by Martinez and sponsored by the Department of History and Foreign Languages, a grant from the Spanish Ministry on Education and Culture, and Pragda, a company that distributes Latin and Spanish films.

Posters are located in Stone Center with a brief description of each film that will be shown.

This film festival will last the whole month of October because "films have to be digested to have a greater impact than when they are shown back-to-back," said Martinez.

These films are not just for entertainment, but a learning experience as well. Whether it is only for one Thursday or the whole month, the department encourages students to take part in this unique event.

It is designed to be a way to explore another culture as well as see the diversity from what seems like another world.

# ZETA helps JSU "go pink" in October

**Marie McBurnett**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

October is known to many as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and one group of girls at JSU is continuing a tradition that has been a part of campus for 22 years.

According to an organization press release, Zeta Tau Alpha participates in a campaign that lasts the whole month of October to raise money for breast cancer education and awareness, its national philanthropy.

The Zetas encourage Gamecock fans to wear pink at the October 4 game against UT Martin for their "Shake it for a Cure Pink Out" game.

The Zetas will hand out pink pompoms and will accept donations for their cause.

There will also be a balloon release ceremony for several breast cancer survivors before the game. Anyone who would like to participate in this event can contact Holly Scott at hscott2@jsu.edu.

ZTA members will be sell-

ing pink bows to the community for the next few weeks. On October 19, the Zetas will walk down Pelham road and hang over 600 of the pink bows to promote awareness for their philanthropy. Anyone wishing to purchase a bow can do so by contacting Emilee Cabaniss at ecabaniss@jsu.edu.

Zetas will be collecting Pink Yoplait lids for Save Lids to Save Lives program and proceeds will go to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. There are deposit boxes located around campus.



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**Check out this week's edition online at [www.jsu.edu/chanticleer](http://www.jsu.edu/chanticleer)!**



# JSU Receives \$3.175 Million "First in the World" Grant

Jacksonville State University is the only institution in Alabama and one of only 24 in the nation that will receive a U.S. Department of Education "First in the World" (FITW) Grant to support the university's ongoing efforts to transform the campus into a technologically advanced, learning-centered institution.

JSU was notified Tuesday that it would receive \$3.175 million of the \$75 million set aside by the Obama administration to support postsecondary institutions' efforts to develop and evaluate new approaches to expand college access and improve student learning while reducing costs.

Jacksonville State University will use its grant to help fund the university's Quality Enhancement Plan, Fast Forward, the goals of which are to increase students' critical thinking skills and confidence using technology to analyze and solve problems, increase teachers' confidence in the use of technology, and to promote new teaching methodologies through professional development and faculty mentoring. Much of Fast Forward was developed during strategic planning

for the university's Collaborative Regional Education (CORE) model in 2012, according to Dr. Alicia Simmons, JSU's vice president for planning, research and collaboration. In December 2013, CORE received a \$11.67 million Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) grant, which brings technology to high-need rural classrooms with the goal of improving college and work readiness among 8th-12th grade students. "I am so pleased that the CORE Higher Ed model has been funded," said Dr. Simmons. "Collaborative Regional Education (CORE) is a true PK-20 initiative and now all aspects of the initiative have been funded by the U.S. Department of Education... This grant will support transforming JSU classrooms and supporting increased learning among JSU students. It's an exciting time to be at JSU and to be a CORE partner!"

Dr. Rebecca Turner, JSU's provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, added, "The First in the World Grant provides JSU with needed resources to continue our efforts to transform our learning en-

vironment, which includes using new methods of instruction and the use of technology to enhance learning. This grant will assist us in providing professional development for faculty who will use technology in the classroom to facilitate learning. With additional access to technology, student learning can take place anywhere, anytime. The First in the World Grant will enable us to accomplish technology enhanced learning at JSU."

JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan congratulated Dr. Simmons and other university staff responsible for the successful grant application.

"This is great news! Our planning and research staff and our principal investigators are doing an excellent job. Since December of 2013 they have brought in \$18 million of grants in three awards. This will truly help our vision for the future," he said.

To learn more about JSU's Quality Enhancement Plan, Fast Forward, please visit <http://www.jsu.edu/qep/>.

~JSU Newswire



## GO! GAMECOCK ORIENTATION

Interested in becoming a Gamecock Orientation Leader? Applications are available now in the Office of Student Life, TMB room 402. Students applying must have at least 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and must have attended one complete academic year at JSU. Turn in your applications to the Office of Student Life along with two letters of recommendation from JSU full-time faculty or staff. Applications and recommendations are due by October 10, 2014.

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## Campus crime report

09/24/2014  
Automobile Accident  
Brewer Hall Parking Lot

09/24/2014  
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle  
Brewer Hall Parking Lot

09/24/2014  
Criminal Mischief  
Houston Cole Library  
Parking Lot

09/25/2014  
Harassment  
Ayers Hall

09/25/2014  
Medical Emergency  
Stephenson Hall

09/26/2014  
Threat Assesment  
Bibb Graves

09/26/2014  
Information Report  
Merrill Hall

09/26/2014  
Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency  
Waffle House

09/27/2014  
Information Report  
Paul Carpenter Village

09/27/2014  
Medical Emergency  
JSU Tennis Courts

09/30/2014  
Criminal Mischief  
Penn House Apartments

09/30/2014  
Information Report  
Theron Montgomery Building

## Chicken Scratch



For anyone who is having a bad day: I walked into the wrong class today. It's October.

Ayers Hall ground floor bathroom users: Do not be alarmed. Me rolling around in powdered soap is not craziness, it is realizing my life long dream: Become a powdered donut.

Thanks for the police sirens in your song that made my heart skip a beat as I cruise down 431 going 90.

I'm glad that your big loves you, but if you hit me because you have window paint on your front windshield and can't see, we're gonna have problems.

How can the Taliban send videos from a cave but we can't get reliable WiFi?








Me registering for classes: "I'm gonna get all of my classes out of the way in the morning!" Me now: \*sleeps until noon\*

\*Patrick's voice\* We should take Stone Center and push it somewhere else!

I wish "You may cross Pelham Street," could be my ringtone.

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## 7-day weather outlook

 TODAY	 FRIDAY	 SATURDAY	 SUNDAY	 MONDAY	 TUESDAY	 WEDNESDAY
Sunny High: 86° Low: 68°	Thunderstorm High: 79° Low: 48°	Sunny High: 67° Low: 39°	Sunny High: 73° Low: 50°	Chance of Thunderstorm High: 76° Low: 53°	Sunny High: 79° Low: 53°	Sunny High: 82° Low: 56°



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Anime Weekend Atlanta: A visitor's account

Megan Wise  
Staff Writer

This past weekend amongst the bustle of Atlanta, Georgia, you would have found the streets being swarmed with what appeared to be a circus.

People of every shape and size in costumes ranging from simple to elaborate could be seen walking the streets surrounding the Waverly Hotel and Cobb Galleria as the 20th Annual Anime Weekend Atlanta, commonly known as AWA.

Most people have heard of Dragon Con, AWA's big-sister convention, which took place earlier this past month, but for those unfamiliar with the convention circuit, Anime Weekend Atlanta is the second biggest convention Georgia has to offer, being placed within the top ten cons in North America.

Conventions are where fans of all genres come together to meet industry guests, buy top of the line merchandise, attend concerts, compete in costume competitions, and mingle with fellow con goers in a range of events and interests.

Walking the halls of the convention floors, be prepared to see anything from Darth Vader of the Star Wars franchise arm-wrestling with Goku of Dragon Ball Z to Captain America doing Gangnam Style amongst the crowds.

For someone who is unfamiliar with AWA, it has plenty to offer such as a variety of events, including: video rooms, dealer's room,



Ashley Nicole Krauss/Facebook

FROM LEFT: Jessi Campbell as Merida from *Brave*, Tina Shaw as Snow White from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, Alicea Kaiss as Alice from *Alice in Wonderland*, Rachel Wise as Hermione Granger from the Harry Potter series, Marissa Tomak as Kiki from *Kiki's Delivery Service*, Megan Wise as Megara and Alex McFry as Hades, both characters from Disney's critically acclaimed *Hercules*.

costume contest, panels, workshops, an artist alley, fan run photo shoots, and a formal ball.

The biggest crowd gatherers are the panels where big name guests such as voice actors for major shows have a chance to talk to fans and answer questions, and the formal ball where con-goers dress to the nine's in black tie attire and dance the night away to the songs of a live string quartet.

Cosplay, or dressing up, is encouraged. Aside from the cosplayers, there are plenty of photographers, artists, performers, and fans who find themselves at home in the halls

of the Cobb Convention Center every year.

For this con attendee, AWA is a fantastic experience for all those whom I've been able to introduce it to. This being my sixth year in attendance, this weekend held a lot of opportunities that only happen once a year.

Having spent weeks making costumes, ordering wigs, and putting together props, cosplaying has easily become a big part of the annual con experience. Photo shoots lead fans to dress as their favorite characters as well as competitions for those in search of cash prizes.

First timer and member of Jacksonville State University's Fan Club, Mary Lackey, had a lot to say about her first time at Anime Weekend Atlanta. "This was my first time at AWA and to tell the truth, I was a little nervous about the crowds. It wasn't a problem, however, because my worries were washed away by all of the cosplayers! The costumes were breathtaking and really did my nerd heart proud to see all the dedication put into them. I also loved the Dealer's [merchandise] Room! Talk about heaven!"

Alex McFry, sophomore at JSU, returned to attend Anime Weekend Atlanta a second time around after experiencing the convention for the first time for himself last year.

When asked about what he expected before his first trip he had stated, "I'm a bit afraid of the whole 'Trek-kie' stereotype, but I'm looking forward to seeing all of the people dressed up and the variety there." Now he has quickly found himself joining the masses annually.

If you want to give something different a try, look up local conventions held near you.

Conventions can range in theme whether they be anime, video game, or sci-fi oriented, but all range of fan genres are encouraged and appreciated.

The atmospheres are friendly and the sights are something far more than you have ever expected to see. As many con-goers advise, "don't knock it 'til you've tried it!"

## Jacksonville State University Announces 2014 Homecoming Schedule

Jacksonville State University welcomes alumni, students, families and friends to the "Gem of the Hills" for Homecoming, October 30 - November 2, 2014. T

he Gamecocks will play the Austin Peay Governors in the homecoming game on November 1.

Guests attending Homecoming are invited to bring their tailgate parties to the green space in front of Kenamer Hall and make a daylong visit to campus.

Also important to the homecoming experience this year—the annual homecoming parade at 11 a.m. and the Gamecock Walk, which will begin at 12:45 p.m. near the west end of Stadium Tower.

Plan to greet the team and show your support as they make their way from Stadium Tower past Dillon Field and into the Field House.

Kickoff for the game will be 3 p.m. Presentation of the homecoming court, recognition of the Alumni

of the Year and performances by the Marching Southerners and Ballerinas will highlight the halftime show.

Tickets to the game will be available at the Stadium 1 ½ hours before kickoff and can also be bought in advance at the campus bookstore and the Jacksonville Bookstore on Mountain Street.

Fans can also avoid the lines at the ticket booths by purchasing in advance on [www.jsugamecocksports.com](http://www.jsugamecocksports.com) and printing their tickets at

home.

The online, print at home general admission ticket price is \$10; tickets purchased on campus are \$15 for general admission.

Don't forget to stop by the bookstore while on campus and purchase a commemorative homecoming t-shirt.

We look forward to having you at JSU!

~JSU Newswire

### Homecoming Schedule

#### Thursday, October 30

6 p.m.  
Calhoun County Alumni Wine Tasting  
8 p.m.  
Homecoming Pep Rally, JSU Stadium

#### Friday, October 31

Noon  
Class of 1964 50th Year Class Reunion, 11th floor, Houston Cole Library  
5 p.m.  
Sixties Group Alumni Dinner, McClellan Medical Mall Business Center  
6 p.m.  
ROTC Annual Alumni Banquet, 11th floor, Houston Cole Library  
1985 National Championship Basketball Team 30-Year Reunion, 12th floor, Houston Cole Library

#### Saturday, November 1

8:30 a.m.  
'55 Football Team Reunion Breakfast, Alumni House  
9 a.m.  
Alumni House Open to All Alumni, Family and Friends, Family Day Activities on Campus

9:30 a.m. President's Open House  
11 a.m. Parade  
11 a.m. Hispanic Health Fair  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Departmental Open Houses  
CCBA- Merrill Building, Communications-Self Hall, Art Department- Gladys Carlisle Building, JSU Parent Association for Undecided Students and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars -TMB Front Lawn  
Noon-1 p.m.  
Alumni Association Meeting, TMB Auditorium (Open to all alumni)  
12:30 p.m.  
Ocean Street Concert, Dillon Field  
3 p.m.  
JSU vs. Austin Peay kickoff  
Halftime  
Alumni of the Year, Homecoming Court Recognition, Southerners Perform

#### Sunday, November 2

2 p.m.  
UN Day Tea, International House

For more information, visit [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu) and to order tickets go to [www.jsugamecocksports.com](http://www.jsugamecocksports.com)



Steve Latham/JSU



# The Color Run: A party you should not miss

Victoria Robertson  
UWire

Nicknamed the “happiest 5K on the planet,” The Color Run is making its way through the United States and sparking interest in college students particularly.

According to the website, The Color Run was initially meant to “promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together,” and it has more than achieved this mission.

that students can involve their roommates, friends, etc. in order to help not only spread the word, but also make sure that a good time is had by all.

As if that wasn’t enough to peak the interest of college students, the race ends in a party that is referred to as the “Finish Festival.”

The Finish Festival is described by the website:

“The fun continues after Color Runners complete the race with an unforgettable Finish Festi-

\$40 per person registering as a team (which involves a minimum of four members).

But hey, all fun comes at some sort of cost, right?

While this may seem a bit pricey, this price includes a shirt, bag, tattoo, bag of color (to throw), race bib, sweatband and whatever else the sponsors have to offer on top of the opportunity to get out, be active and have fun.

Plus, you can’t really put a price on being happy and healthy, right?

So why college students? College goes by almost within the blink of an eye. Time passes so quickly, and sometimes eating healthy and exercising come second to school and partying.

So what if you could combine health and parties?

The Color Run provides college students with a lowered rate for the more people they involve, a fun and unique way to exercise and promote healthiness and an after-party well worth their time.

Really, it’s a win-win situation, and more college students should take advantage of it.

The Color Run has a strong media presence, covered by publications such as National Geographic, Sports Illustrated, O (The Oprah Magazine), Seventeen, Cosmopolitan and Forbes and TV presences such as ESPN and CNN, just to name a few.

And it deserves this coverage.

While The Color Run has grown largely due to fun, it is important to remember the positive message it is spreading to the world:

“While our 5K event is all about having fun, we also focus on promoting a healthy lifestyle. More than half of our participants are first-time 5K runners and the event is making headway on the national focus of improving health and wellness.”

With such a positive message to spread, all college students should take part in the run next time it’s in the area, and to spread the word across campus to help continue the growth of the organization.

In the words of the organization, “we hope that The Color Run 5K event will be able to act as a catalyst for our participants to live an active, healthy lifestyle.”

Amen to that.



The Color Run

The Color Run will be going to Augusta, GA on October 4th and Mobile, AL on October 11th.

The website claims that The Color Run is now “the single largest event series in the United States,” which means it has more than tripled in growth since its initial founding in March of 2011.

So why has this race grown so much in such a short amount of time?

The fun factor.

The Color Run is an untimed race in which participants are encouraged to get outside and be active in a fun and innovative way rather than to improve their mile times or compete with other members of the community.

Everyone participating in the race is expected to wear white, and to make sure that they aren’t too attached to their clothes, because throughout the race, they will be doused from head to toe in paint.

Many college students take part in this race in groups, as there is a special group rate so

val. This larger than life party is equipped with music, dancing and massive color throws, which create millions of vivid color combinations.”

The Color Run is currently undergoing its 2014 Kaleidoscope Tour, which is rolling through college campuses and big cities across the country.

Of course, while it may all be fun and games, if you’re one of those people that need to work for a cause, The Color Run has you covered. They are willing to work with local charities in the cities they visit, and have donated \$3 million to charity since their founding.

If you would like to learn more about The Color Run’s work with charities, visit their website at thecolorrun.com.

The only downside to this race? Costs.

The Color Run is a for-profit organization, so it costs about \$45 for an individual to run and

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## Upcoming events on and around campus

October 2, 2014

Latin American Film Festival will begin at 5 p.m. in Wallace Hall. No admission fee.

October 3, 2014

Junior Recital by Chris Serrano on the piano will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free admission.

October 4, 2014

Fall Preview Day will begin at 9 a.m. with the tailgate beginning at 12 p.m.

October 6, 2014

Movie Night sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta will begin at 6:20 p.m. in room 101 of Merrill Building. Admission is \$1

October 9, 2014

Latin American Film Festival will be showing a second movie beginning at 5 p.m. in Wallace Hall. No admission fee.

October 14, 2014

The Octuba Fest concert series will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free concert

October 15, 2014

The Homecoming Pageant will begin at 7 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

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Spanish Film Club/JSU

## Spanish Film Club screening Mexican film today

Thursday, October 2 at 5 p.m.

WHO IS DAYANI CRISTAL? (¿Quién es Dayani Cristal?)

Marc Silver / Mexico, USA / 85 min / 2014 / English and Spanish with English subtitles

Deep in the sun-blistered Sonora desert beneath a cicada tree, Arizona border police discover a decomposing male body. Lifting a tattered T-shirt they expose a tattoo that reads “Dayani Cristal.” Who is this person? What brought him here? How did he die? And who—or what—is Dayani Cristal?

Following a team of dedicated forensic anthropologists from the Pima County Morgue in Arizona, director Marc Silver seeks to answer these questions and give this anonymous man an identity.

As the forensic investigation unfolds, Mexican actor and activist Gael Garcia Bernal retraces this man’s steps along the migrant trail in Central America.

In an effort to understand what it must have felt like to make this final journey, he embeds himself among migrant travelers on their own mission to cross the border.

He experiences first-hand the dangers they face and learns of their motivations, hopes and fears.

As we travel north, these voices from the other side of the border wall give us a rare insight into the human stories, which are so often ignored in the immigration debate.

Winner of the Sundance 2013 Cinematography award and nominated in the World Documentary Competition, Who Is Dayani Cristal? shows how one life becomes testimony to the tragic results of the U.S. war on immigration.



# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Dangers of a one-party system

**Brett Johnson**  
Staff Writer

A lot of people like to complain about the two-party system: does it allow for gridlock, can it be divisive, is it inefficient? What about a one-party system?

In Alabama, that's what we have. For the past four years, more than two-thirds (and in some cases 100 percent) of all State Government has been under the control of one political party.

In the Alabama Legislature, this two-thirds majority is politically defined as being a Supermajority. A Supermajority legislature is allowed to cut-off, or prohibit completely, debate at any time on the House and Senate floors.

In fact, the current Supermajority has filed for cloture (to cut-off debate) more times in the past four years than the Alabama legislature has done so in the combined 136 years prior. That's a lot of debate lost, and a lot of voices silenced.

Each State Representative represents approximately 45,000 Alabamians. Each State Senator represents approximately 130,000 Alabamians. Each time a cloture petition is filed, hundreds of thousands of Alabamians are literally denied a voice in state government.

This type of a government is dangerous for Alabama and for the millions of Alabamians supposedly represented by this type of government. It leaves no room for discussion, no room for question, and no room for compromise.

Luckily, in four weeks Alabama voters will have an opportunity to make their voices heard for certain through casting their ballots in the statewide general election. The difference will be made in the con-

tested races for Alabama House of Representatives and State Senate.

In the Alabama House, if five more Democrats are elected, the Supermajority will be reduced back to a simple majority—opening up room for debate, discussion, and compromise. In the Alabama Senate, it will take four more Democrats to create a political discussion

in the state's highest chamber. Regardless of where you stand politically, Republican or Democrat, we can all agree that a one-party system is bad for government and bad for Alabama. Without a healthy exchange of ideas, democracy does not work to its fullest potential and, as a result, cannot be successful.

In order to return that sense of democracy and healthy debate back to our state government, voters must dismiss the idea that only members of one party represent their values and interests. This is where the idea of "voting for the man, not the party" can and will be effective in Alabama's next election.

I encourage voters to take the time to seriously consider what their vote will mean for the future of Alabama and for the interest of a healthy state government. In this year's election, your vote can literally give a voice to hundreds of thousands of currently silenced Alabamians.

What will you do to encourage a healthy political discussion and exchange of ideas in our state's government?

*Brett Johnson is a senior double-majoring in political science and public relations. His column is published weekly.*



## Small town USA, then & now

**Alex McFry**  
Associate Editor

Flash back almost two decades ago. Imagine: Jacksonville, Alabama of yesteryear. With all the talk of a prospective business district on Mountain Street, I can't help but image how things in this little town used to be.

For starters, Super Wal-Mart was nothing but a myth. The small strip center that we now know as Baja, Dollar Tree, and Sears was the only Wal-Mart this small town ever knew. Winn Dixie was where you found yourself to buy groceries because it wasn't optional and the modern-day monopoly-esque business. Hard to imagine a world where you can't just jump in the car and go to Wal-Mart for one thing and come out with six others that you didn't even know you needed, right?

Before Netflix glued the rear-ends of so many to their couches, the Blockbuster across from Pizza Hut and the Movie Gallery that was the Verizon store were the hubs for all things entertainment.

What is now another branch of the Jack's franchise was the original Taco Bell where college students went for their not-so-Mexican Mexican food fix. The abandoned building across the street has seen a Long John Silvers/A&W as well as Casa Fiesta, neither of which proved to be able to hold the attention of those in the town. What I wouldn't give most days for an old-fashioned root beer float...

These are just a few of the numerous changes that this town has undergone in the past twenty years. Recently, a survey has been circling the JSU Website, Facebook, and other forms of so-

cial media asking students about their thoughts on the proposal of a business district on Mountain Street.

"What businesses would you like to see in a Jacksonville Special Business District?"

Among the various options were forms of entertainment like a bowling alley or skating rink. Restaurants included Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks, and more. It's exciting to think that soon there might be more for college students to do in this town besides Frat Row.

Other questions prompted students to tell the SGA what events they would like to see in this new district. Art shows, concerts, and more were options for this question.

Jacksonville is catering now more than ever to the students that make up such a large percentage of the population. Drive through Jacksonville on any given day in the summer once all the students have moved out and you will see how heavily some establishments rely on students of Jacksonville State.

With all the talk of expansion, I couldn't help but think of how much things in this little Alabama town have already changed. Now, imagine how much things will change in the next ten years if all goes as planned. Will we remember things one way when we drive back through the streets surrounding our alma matter? Will Jacksonville give surrounding cities a run for their money? Check out the survey online by searching for "JSU Mountain Street survey," and make sure your voice is heard!

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## New iPhones bend under pressure: all eyes on Apple

**Sawyer McKay**  
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Apple's much anticipated iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus models released on September 19th to generally positive press from prominent tech and entertainment news sources such as IGN and CNET. 10 million were sold in the first weekend alone. Among the lauded new features are larger screens, faster processors, augmented camera features, and improved call quality. However, there seems to be one feature not listed in the phones' spec sheet—a bendable bezel.

A source on Geek.com claims that some users have reported warping of the casing after keeping their phone in a pants pocket for an extended amount of time, and he experienced this problem himself to a lesser extent. The casings are made of aluminum; this design choice is meant to keep the larger phones lightweight, but it seems that it could have possibly been to the detriment of their structural rigidity.

Apple released a statement on the issue on Thursday, claiming that it had only been contacted by nine customers in the first six days of sales. It's plausible that more cases just haven't been reported yet, but at least this doesn't seem to be a widespread problem as of now.



Lewis Hilsenteger/Unbox Therapy

So, are the bent phones covered under the manufacturer's warranty? A reporter from The Next Web, another tech-focused media company, chatted with an Apple support representative to find out. According to the rep, it's totally up to the discernment of the specific employee that examines the phone in the store. Company policy states that "The iPhone warranty covers failures caused solely by manufacturing defects," and "Catastrophic damage caused by abuse and interoperability caused by installation of unauthorized software is not serviceable." If it is determined that the warping is caused by a manufacturing defect and that having the

phone in a pocket for extended periods isn't considered abuse, then the phone should be under warranty and qualify for replacement or other support. The rep also told the reporter that Apple is currently investigating the problem.

In other Apple news, iOS update 8.0.1 rolled out on the 24th as the first update to iOS 8. It was intended to fix a number of bugs associated with iOS 8, but seems to have caused nearly as many problems as it solved. Some Twitter users have reported that the update has caused the Touch ID feature to become unresponsive, as well as poor cellular signal reception. Apple has since pulled back 8.0.1, and update 8.0.2 is now available for download to fix any problems caused by the first update.

Like all new aspects of technology, there will be bugs to work out and problems to fix within the first few months of its release. Will you be joining team iPhone or upgrading your own phone, or are you waiting for Apple to sort things out?

Have any questions, comments, or suggestions? Get in touch by email at [smckaychanticleer@gmail.com](mailto:smckaychanticleer@gmail.com) or on Twitter @ChantychTech

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# SPORTS

## Gamecocks Side Bar

### FCS 2014 Top 25 (The Sports Network)

1. North Dakota State
2. Eastern Washington
3. Coastal Carolina
4. New Hampshire
5. McNeese State
6. Villanova
7. Montana
8. Jacksonville State
9. South Dakota State
10. UNI
11. Southeastern Louisiana
12. William & Mary
13. Montana State
14. Chattanooga
15. Southern Illinois
16. Fordham
17. Bethune-Cookman
18. Youngstown State
19. Eastern Kentucky
20. Richmond
21. Tennessee State
22. Illinois State
23. Albany
24. Delaware
25. Indiana State

### 2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State L 7-45  
 9/6 @ Chattanooga W 26-23  
 9/13 Open  
 9/20 v West Alabama W 45-34  
 9/27 @ Murray State\* W 52-28  
 10/4 vs UT Martin \*  
 10/11 @ Tennessee State \*  
 10/18 Open  
 10/25 vs Tennessee Tech \*  
 11/1 vs Austin Peay \*\*  
 11/8 @ Eastern Kentucky \*  
 11/15 vs Eastern Illinois \*  
 11/22 @ Southeast Missouri \*  
 \*OVC game/ \*\* Homecoming

### Upcoming action

- 10/2  
 -Softball vs Gadsden State  
 4:00
- 10/3  
 -Soccer @ Morehead State  
 5:00
- 10/3-10/5  
 -Women's and Men's Tennis vs  
 Chattanooga Invitational
- 10/4  
 -Rifle @ Memphis
- Cross Country vs JSU Foot-  
 hills Invitational  
 9:15 a.m.
- Volleyball @ UT Martin  
 2:00 p.m.
- Football vs UT Martin  
 3:00 p.m.
- 10/5  
 -Rifle vs Ole Miss Invitational
- Soccer @ Eastern Kentucky  
 12:00 p.m.
- 10/7  
 -Volleyball vs Alabama A&M  
 7:00 p.m.



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Nicole Merget and Emily Rutherford celebrate as the Gamecocks win two OVC games in the weekend action.

## Volleyball off to strong start in OVC

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
*Staff Writer*

After nothing but away tournaments to start their season, the JSU volleyball team finally came home and delivered a pair of victories against their first two OVC opponents.

The first match was on Friday night against the Cougars of SIU Edwardsville. The Gamecocks were forced into five sets after they dropped the first. The following two sets belonged to JSU before they again dropped the fourth and finally won out in the final. JSU had a chance to seal their victory before being pushed into another set but SIUE took advantage of JSU's mistakes to force another set.

JSU led in attack percentage with .206 over SIUE's .198. In three out of the five sets, JSU had over .200 attack percentage, and in set three they had .317. Nicole Merget led the night in kills with 20. Allyson Zuhlke was behind her with 14, Brianne Glidewell had 11 and Emily Ruth-

erford contributed 10. On defense, five Gamecocks were in the double digits for digs including Rutherford with 18, Glidewell and Samantha Bohne with 17, Hannah Kirk with 15 and Jennifer Hart with 14. Hart also contributed 53 assists on the night, which was a game high.

The Cougars were led on offense by Kristen Torre who had 29 kills and led on defense by Chelsea Colclasure who had 26 digs.

The finals for the first match were 21-25, 25-21, 25-20, 24-26 and 15-13 in JSU favor.

Saturday afternoon marked the second of the OVC match-ups. JSU walked away with yet another victory after they survived in five sets for the second time in two days. This time it was against Eastern Illinois. It was the same story for the Gamecocks as they lost in set one, won the following two, dropped the fourth and finally pulled the victory out in the fifth.

It was almost a loss for the team as they powered back from an

early deficit to take the lead only to have EIU claim it right back at 13-12. When it seemed that the Panthers would claim the win, JSU scored the final three points and brought the score to its final.

The Gamecocks cruised to a .282 attack percentage and they hit over .300 in three out of five sets. There were three Gamecocks who had kills in the doubles, including Merget who had the lead in kills for the second time in as many days with 21. Bohne led on defense with 17 digs while four others had digs in the doubles. Hart had 59 assists, just behind EIU's Marah Bradbury who had 63.

The finals for the game against EIU were 25-27, 25-22, 30-28, 23-25 and 15-13 in favor of the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks improve to 8-8 on the season and will go into their next game undefeated in conference play against Tennessee Tech. The game will be Tuesday at Pete Matthews Coliseum before the team returns on the road to face UT Martin.

## Gamecocks Soccer splits OVC games

**Wesley Schultz**  
*Staff Writer*

The Jacksonville State soccer team started Ohio Valley Conference play last weekend. The Gamecocks won their first conference matchup at home against UT Martin on Friday, and on Sunday, the Gamecocks went on the road to face Murray State where they loss.

The game against UT Martin went into overtime where senior Jackie Rush scored a goal to lift the Gamecocks to a 2-1 victory. The win gave Jacksonville State its first conference win since the 2012 season and it gave head coach Neil Macdonald his first conference win in his second year as head coach.

The road game against Murray State did not go in Jacksonville State's favor. The game had a low scoring first half, as neither the Gamecocks nor the Racers seemed to be able to get a goal. The score was 0-0 at the 44 minute mark when the Racers scored to make it 1-0 before the half. The goal ignited the offense of the Racers as they went on to take eight more shots than they did in the first half.

In the second half, Murray State out shot the Gamecocks 11 to 4. It was also in the second half



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Jackie Rush kicks the game-winner in the first OVC game against UT Martin.

when the Racers scored two more goals to expand their lead to 3-0. The Gamecocks' offense looked stifled as they were shut out.

Both goals in the second half came from corner kicks for the Racers. The Racers' Taylor Stephens had two goals, which was a game high. For JSU, Rush had three shots on the day and junior Kelsey Bright had the second most at two shots.

After the loss, the Gamecocks' record sits at 5-6. They are currently

1-1 in the conference after their first weekend of conference play.

JSU continues in OVC action this weekend with two away games. The Gamecocks will take trips to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky. The Morehead State Eagles will be the first opponent on Friday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. Then on Sunday, the Gamecocks will face Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 5 at 12 p.m. To see the live stats from the games, go to <http://www.jsugamecocksports.com>.



# Jenkins leads the Gamecocks to victory in conference opener

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The No. 8 ranked Jacksonville State Gamecocks (3-1, 1-0 OVC) won 52-28 in their OVC conference opener at Murray State (1-3, 0-1 OVC) on Sept. 27th. The Gamecocks win avenges last year's heartbreaking 35-34 overtime loss at home. In a press conference before the Murray State game, head coach John Grass remarked:

"I think if we had a game circled on the calendar, this one is definitely the one. Our guys remember last year and it was a devastating loss for our football team. I would be shocked and disappointed if our football team is not ready to play."

Well, there was no reason for Coach Grass to be shocked or disappointed as the Gamecocks showed up ready to play to come through with the win.

Running back DaMarcus James made his presence known with 148 yards, and three rushing touchdowns. James now has 40 rushing touchdowns in his JSU career to tie Boyce Callan for second on JSU's career rushing touchdown list. Jacksonville State quarterback Eli Jenkins also scored three rushing touchdowns and was the most impressive offensive player. Jenkins set new career highs in rushing and passing yards. Jenkins picked up first downs when needed, and ran all

over the Racers in general with 149 yards. Jenkins also had a passing touchdown and has been named the OVC Player of the Week for his outstanding performance.

The first half was fast-paced with the Murray State Racers striking first to put up seven points within the first two minutes of the game. The Gamecocks were quick to respond, scoring a touchdown on their next possession.

Overall, the entire first half was an offensive shoot-out.

JSU gained momentum and control when JD Williams made a pivotal 90-yard kick return to the Murray State 6-yard line. The return resulted in a James touchdown run just moments before halftime, giving the Gamecocks a 35-28 lead.

The Gamecocks dominated in the second half, putting up 17 unanswered points. Jacksonville State gained control in the 4th



Steve Gross/JSU

Eli Jenkins is named OVC offensive player of the week as JSU defeat Murray State 52-28.

quarter as Jenkins tacked on his third rushing touchdown with a sweet 15-yard run. The Jenkins run put the game even further away as the final score ended 52-28.

Coach Grass stuck to a very methodical and effective running game with the Gamecock offense, which helped rack in a staggering 628 total yards. Adjustments made to the Gamecock defense brought the Racers upbeat offensive game

to a much slower pace, resulting in a second half shut-out. Better defensive plays were made by the Gamecocks in the second half, allowing Murray State only 71-yards total in the second half, as opposed to the whopping 289-yards allowed in the first half alone.

JSU will now return home to host UT Martin at Burgess-Snow Field on Saturday at 3 pm. The game will be broadcasted on ESPN 3.



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Melania Bajo Geijo had her best round of the tournament with a two-over par 74.

## JSU Golf finishes fourth

**GLENCOE, Ala.** – The Jacksonville State women's golf team continued its improvement in the final round of the Chris Banister Golf Classic on Tuesday after turning in its best round of the three-day event to claim fourth place in the Gamecocks' home event.

JSU posted a 15-over par 303 at the RTJ Silver Lakes Golf Course and a final tally of 930 for the 54-hole event. JSU registered rounds of 316 and 311 in the previous two days.

The Gamecocks placed three individuals in the top-10 on the individual leaderboard, paced by senior Maya Parsons, who carded a two-over round of 74 on Tuesday to finish sixth overall. The

Whitby, Ontario, Canada-native finished 10-over par for the event. Junior Melania Bajo Geijo matched Parsons' scorecard with a two-over par 74, which was her best round of the tournament. With her final round mark, the Neuquen, Argentina vaulted herself seven spots on the leaderboard from 17th to 10th.

Sophomore Angie Varona shot a four-over par round of 76 to finish in a tie for seventh. After recording the best round of the day for JSU in the opening round on Sunday, Varona bounced back on Tuesday after scoring a 77 on Monday. Freshman Natalia Azcue rounded out the team score with a 79 on Tuesday.

In-state rival Troy claimed the team title after going wire-

to-wire over the three days. The Trojans capped off the tournament with the round of the tournament, a 4-over par mark of 288. Troy tabulated a final mark of 900 and cruise to a 16-shot lead. Troy's Fatima Fern Cano turned in a level par day to claim medalist honors by one stroke over her teammate Langley Vannoy.

Ohio Valley Conference foe Morehead State, playing in the 11-team field for the first time, claimed second place with a three-round total of 916.

The Gamecocks return to action on Oct. 20 when they compete in the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raider Classic in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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## JSU beats TTU 3-1

**JACKSONVILLE** – The Jacksonville State volleyball team completed the sweep of its opening homestand by defeating Tennessee Tech 3-1 (25-17, 25-19, 20-25, 27-25) to improve to a 3-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Gamecocks (9-8, 3-0 OVC) took the opening two sets from the Golden Eagles (7-12, 2-1 OVC) before dropping the third. It looked as if the match may be heading to a fifth set before the Gamecocks rallied from down 24-22 to claim the fourth and hand TTU its first conference loss.

Senior Nicole Merget was dominant for the Gamecocks offensively with a .500 attack percentage which led to 13 kills, which was second most on the team. Allyson Zuhlke, a freshman from Tomball, Texas, led the way with 15 kills, followed by junior Emily Rutherford with 10 of her own.

Junior Samantha Bohne led defensively with 20 digs. Freshman Jennifer Hart was second with 13 digs and she also dished a team-high 40 assists.

In the opening set the Gamecocks used a combined .429 hitting percentage to power past the Golden Eagles 25-17.

Zuhlke recorded seven of her 15 total kills in the opening set to push the Gamecocks to an early lead in the match.

In the second, Tech took an early 3-0 lead but the Gamecocks soon found their game and responded

to come back and take a sound 18-13 lead en route to a 25-19 set victory. Merget's .714 hitting percentage in the second set was her best of any set and led to five kills.

Leading the match 2-0, the Gamecocks weren't able to complete the sweep as TTU took the set 25-20.

In the match, the Golden Eagles were led offensively by Kellie Williams with 18 kills and defensively by libero Courtney Smith, who tallied 23 digs.

The fourth set was back-and-forth with 11 total ties. Jacksonville State came back from down 24-22 late, facing set point and then advanced to a 27-25 win to claim the match.

JSU will aim for its fourth-straight win to open Ohio Valley Conference play when it travels to Martin, Tenn., this weekend to face UT Martin in a 2 p.m. match on Saturday.

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