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# Future SGA prepares for upcoming year

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The upcoming Student Government Association President, Tyler Brown, prepares for the upcoming school year. The SGA is a very important part of the student life here at Jacksonville State University. The SGA is the governing body of JSU, and it has been serving the students of this institution since 1946.

Tyler Brown is currently the Vice President of SGA. However, he has been elected for president. He will sign his contract on the April 20. Once the contract has been signed, he will take over the full presidential responsibilities. Until then, the acting President of SGA is still Brett Johnson. Brown already has some ideas for next year. Some ideas include things like moving the student section

and adding more charging stations throughout campus. Ultimately, Brown said, "I want to work on finding ways to reach new people." Brown will not meet with his executive officers until April 20. On this day, they will begin planning other events, activities, and changes in more detail. Until then, everything is just an idea. Regardless, Brown is very excited about his upcoming role as president.

"I am very honored to represent JSU," said Brown. The job comes with many duties. The president is expected to be at events and also must attend frequent meetings. "It is a fun job, but it is a hard job. Also, it's a very diverse role," said Brown. As of now, Johnson and Brown are at the head of the SGA, but

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Participants in JSU Nursing's RREACH program are presented with the Presidential Service Learning Award at the Second Annual Service Showcase on March 30.

## JSU Hosts Second Annual Service Showcase

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On Tuesday, March 31, student organizations from across campus met on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole library for JSU's Second Annual Service Showcase. Sponsored by the University Service Committee, the Service Showcase is an opportunity for campus organizations to present their completed service projects for the academic year.

This year JSU's Social Work Club, Geography Club, football team and nursing program were represented at the showcase. The Geography Club received the Presidential Community Service Award for outstanding achievements in community service, and the nursing program walked away with the Presidential Service Learning Award. The Geography Club joined with

Cheaha State Park to build a foot trail to the highest point in Alabama. From September to January, members used hand tools to carve a half-mile long Leave No Trace environmental stewardship trail.

"This is a trail that encourages people to look deeper, to think twice," explained Mandy Pearson, an alumna of JSU and current Master's student who is employed by Cheaha. "[It emphasizes things like] don't throw your trash anywhere you want to. If you make a fire, put it out."

The trail, which was not expected to open until Fall 2016, will open this fall thanks to the hard work of the Geography Club.

"It's important that a community be able to enjoy its environment to the fullest," said Barbara Edwards, a senior Geography major and Geography Club member, "and spending

the time trail-building over the last semester has made me much more ready to graduate and continue to build up the connections between the people and the environment."

The nursing program spent this year partnering with WordAlive church to bring free medical care to people in the Estaboga area.

Josefina Munoz was one of JSU's students to participate. "[Besides medical care] we also went in just basically listened to them, listened to their stories. We were there also for emotional support. It's not just us [being] nurses; we were there on their level."

"They've never had medical assistance," added Kaitlyn Donaldson, another nursing student, "and they were so open with us so we could get the information we needed to help them."

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## Department Spotlight: Political Science

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With the franticness and warm weather that welcomes students and teachers the first week back from spring break, the Political Science Department here at Jacksonville State University is hopping right back into swing of things.

Here on campus, Brewer Hall houses some of the most active disciplines offered at the university. "It's much more than just law school," said Paul Hathaway, who teaches political administration and political psychology. "government is involved in everything that we do."

What exactly is political science you might ask? Whether you are an attorney, an immigration officer or a publisher, political science has a lot to offer students.

Introducing students to government from the foundation, professors such as Hathaway and Dr. Jeremiah Russell, who teaches political philosophy, try to instill in their classes why we have government and how it theoretically should be.

At JSU, the department currently offers an undergraduate Bachelors of Arts and a Masters of Public Administration, which has attained national accreditation from the NASPAA, or Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.

Under the umbrella of the Political Science Department, there are three major concentrations for students: political philosophy, American politics, and global studies.

In order to assist students financially, the department also offers two undergraduate scholarships, the Browder Scholarship and the Buttram Scholarship.

There are plenty of ways for students to get involved on campus through political science.

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there are a lot of members. Technically, every student of this university is considered to be a member of this organization. This includes students that are dual-enrolled. As long as an individual has a student ID, they are considered a member.

However, the organization is divided into four branches. Within these branches, specific members are elected for positions. For example, the executive branch consists of six members. As of now, the members are Brett Johnson, Tyler Brown, Courtney Curtis, Andrew York, Kalyn Cabral and Ariel Tolson.

The other three branches are the legislative, judicial and activities branch. The legislative branch is also referred to as the Student Senate, and it consists of 35 members. The judicial branch, or the Student Judiciary Council, consists of eight justices. Each of the four branches serves a different function. For example, the Student Judiciary Council decides on issues such as whether or not an individual with a parking ticket is to be found guilty or not.

Together, the branches serve to better JSU. The advisor of SGA, Debbie Taylor, said, "We are the voice for the students. We are the liaison between the students and the administration."

The SGA is very open to hearing the concerns of students. They listen to the concerns, but also take opinions and ideas that are offered. This open contact is made possible by the executive branch's daily office hours. There are also weekly meetings in the SGA office that are held at various times.

If a student is interested in becoming more involved with SGA, they should consider joining. It opens the doors for many opportunities. The beginning requirements a student must meet are that they must have at least 12 hours and a 2.5 GPA. It is a rewarding experience.

"Even though we plan activities, our main goal is to cultivate leadership in our students," said advisor, Debbie Taylor.

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Whether your interests lie in Honors Societies, such as Pi Sigma Alpha, clubs such as The Tocqueville Society or the Model Arab League, or political party groups like the College Democrats and College Republicans, there is definitely a student organization in the political science department for you.

Involvement in political science isn't just limited to our campus either. The department offers several ways for students to see and experience the world, whether it be through internships to Washington D.C. or study abroad programs, such as the one they took this past May to Rome, Italy.

If any students are interested in learning more about the Political Science Department here at JSU, be sure to check out the Antigone Lecture Series that is hosted here on campus this tonight at 5 p.m. in Merrill Hall in Room 101.

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This is the first year that the nursing program has visited Seven Springs Ministries, but it is something the program hopes to continue to do for many semesters to come, including summer sessions if possible. Students visited the church on a clinical rotation, with a different group of students going each week and picking up where the previous group left off.

Nurses treated a variety of conditions, including high blood pressure, substance abuse and diabetes care.

Even the football team found a way to give back. By partnering with WordAlive church and Project 58, members of the JSU football team helped pack 100,000 meals to be sent to underprivileged families in Honduras. The full video can be found on YouTube under the title "Jacksonville State Football Helps Fight Hunger With Project 58."

JSU's Social Work Club had a busy year as well. The club participated in 11 service events, totaling 56 hours of volun-

teerism. Members participated in a coat drive where they collected 105 coats, a food drive where they collected over 650 pounds of food, and the Boys & Girls Club's Angel Tree where they sponsored 27 children.

"When you hear 'project,' you think that you have to [do it], like it's for a grade," Khyana Dean, a member of the Social Work Club, said of service projects, "but it's kind of our job and our duty to bring awareness to a lot of different things."

**Soaring high: JSU's SOAR helps overcome abuse**

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JSU's organization Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships serves as a support system for fellow JSU students whom have suffered from abuse.

It is no surprise that individuals whom have been victimized in abusive environments often times do not want to disclose their experiences. Yet, national organization SOAR strives to make a difference in providing a network of support, yielded by fellow JSU counselors and students alike.

Various activities held by the support group include a meeting scheduled every third Tuesday of the month at the Houston Cole Library. There, attendees are greeted with snacks and drinks, and are encouraged to share their experience of abuse or simply voice their support as to why more people should get involved with the organization.

Among those meetings included a special occurrence on March 17, when a fellow JSU student shared with guests of her past experience with domestic abuse caused by a former boyfriend. The student praised a close friend for providing comfort and strength to motivate her departure from the turbulent relationship; and further encouraged fellow SOAR members to be weary of whom you fully trust and love.

Not only have meetings left an impression on those new to the foundation, but words of advice conveyed by



former JSU circulation supervisor and long-time SOAR proponent Pam Key have also served an influence.

Key, a strong anti-domestic abuse advocate, shared her note of JSU being in the "forefront" of consoling victims of sexual violence. During her time at JSU, Key served as a special guest speaker for the university's first Relationship Violence Week program back in September of 1999.

Key's motivation in raising abuse awareness derives from a very dark event that forever impacted her life. In 1994, Pam Key witnessed the aftermath of the killing of her daughter Brandy and eighteen month-old granddaughter Nicole; both of whom were shot to death by Key's son-in-law Scotty, who committed suicide shortly after the killings.

"[Prior to the killing,] on a Thursday night, Brandy told me that Scotty had called ninety-two times; [this was before] caller I.D. was prevalent," recalls Key, "So the next morning, on my lunch break, I decided to call home; and when we finally connected, Brandy informed me that Scotty was on the line with her and that

he was holding a gun."

Key quickly called the police. Upon her travel to the scene, Pam Key informed daughter Brandy that a phone call to the police was made; however, Brandy informed her mother the notification would serve as a trigger for Scotty to shoot and kill her.

At 10:15 a.m. that same day, Key, alongside police forces, surrounded her daughter's home, and quickly conducted measurable efforts to safely reel Brandy and eighteen month-old Nicole out of the household. Following failed plans, three gunshots were heard.

Key was notified by fellow police officers at the scene that the gunshots could have been a result from backyard hunting; however, Key clarified to police that such activity seemed likely impossible.

As minutes passed with immense silence, police quickly entered the home of Brandy and Scotty; and were greeted by the grotesque sight of three lifeless bodies.

"Police said they found Nicole's body crumpled on the floor; where she was shot all along her right side. The funeral director said that we could

hold an open-casket, but we had to lay her on her right side," remembered Key.

Agony, grief and depression would soon hold a toll on Pam Key's life. Yet, the loss of her daughter and granddaughter was not by grief, but rather hope.

Several years following the event, Key became a strong advocate of the anti-domestic abuse program Second Chance and worked alongside various foundations, especially SOAR, which frequently worked to minimize abusive relationships.

Since then, according to JSU counseling staff member Linda Shelton, Key's commitment has earned her guest features on various talk programs, including The Oprah Winfrey Show, in efforts to outline the misconceptions and solutions surrounding abusive environments.

Key's noble contributions in raising abuse awareness is a constant reminder for SOAR members that people who have survived abuse can indeed make a difference.

Sharing stories that detail the turbulence and resolution of abuse are a heavy encouraging factor for the foundation.

SOAR aims to provide relief and comfort and seeks to make a difference in stopping abusive relationships, in hopes of establishing a happy life for those who have endured neglect and abuse. For interest in being part of the foundation, visit Jacksonville State University's Counseling Services offices.

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# STUDY BREAK



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## Campus crime report: 03/17 to 03/31

03/17/2015

Information Report -  
Property Dispute  
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03/23/2015

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University Field

03/29/2015

Burglary  
Campus Inn Apartments

03/30/2015

Automobile Accident  
Houston Cole Library  
Parking Lot

03/30/2015

Duty to Give Information  
Trustee Circle

03/31/2015

Duty Upon Striking an  
Unattended Vehicle  
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## Dear Chanty,

Being here at a college and progressing towards the end of my senior year with one more semester to go, the more I stay on campus in these dormitory apartments I have a hard time feeling comfortable when I go back home for breaks or holidays. I really want to move out when I graduate from college and get my own place.

I truly feel more comfortable taking care of myself opposed to being under the rule of my mother. We are constantly arguing and bickering when I have to leave for school, mostly about the fact that I am barely at home. It is not like I am out partying every day or running away on vacation—I'm at school pursuing my education and working toward my future and my career.

I do not think it is fair to be pressured to be home more when I am trying to better myself as well as my future. How do I fix this issue?

Sincerely,  
Ready to Move Out

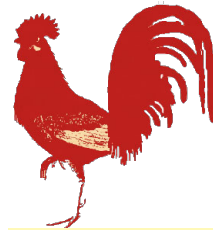
## Move Out,

Taking on the responsibility to want to do better for yourself takes sacrifice. As you transition into the adult life, it is likely that you are going to start wanting to branch out on your own, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, it is best to have a plan and money saved before just jumping out there on your own, and you should listen to your mother in this aspect. Maybe it is just anxiety from her missing her child.

Unfortunately, there is no way to give her the fulfillment she needs—be patient. Do not feel discouraged. Continue doing well in school and working towards your dreams, start saving now, and try to find ways to let your mother know that you still love her and have not forgotten about her.

Yours truly,  
Chanty

## Chicken Scratch



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I need to study for my test, but I also need to sleep. Said every college student ever.

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It's not the apocalypse until the Internet is gone.

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Gonna call my parents. "Hey, Mom! I got a 55 on that test I took. Just kidding. My score wasn't even that high."

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High: 81°  
Low: 46°



SATURDAY

Partly cloudy  
High: 65°  
Low: 38°



SUNDAY

Clear  
High: 71°  
Low: 50°



MONDAY

Chance of rain  
High: 74°  
Low: 58°



TUESDAY

Overcast  
High: 81°  
Low: 64°



WEDNESDAY

Chance of  
thunderstorms  
High: 79°  
Low: 63°



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Getting lost in 'A Realm Reborn'

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

Recently, *Final Fantasy XIV: A Realm Reborn* began offering a free 14-day trial. I began playing and found a replacement for most of the other games in my life.

*Final Fantasy XIV: A Realm Reborn* is the second patch for the original *Final Fantasy XIV*, which had so many bugs that eventually Square Enix scrapped everything except the concept.

The story behind the scrap? A pri-

mal dragon named Bahamut escapes from his prison and causes catastrophic damage. A pretty cool beginning to *A Realm Reborn* if you ask me.

The story board for *A Realm Reborn* has your character fighting against an invasion from an empire North of Eorzea, which is the name of the world your character inhabits.

When first creating a character in *A Realm Reborn*, you must pick a class (I chose Arcanist) but as you level up the character, the ability to switch classes and unlock additional classes becomes available. Eventually,

a character can unlock jobs and increase effectiveness in dealing with the world of Eorzea.

Game-play is very similar to *World of Warcraft* or other MMORPGs, with several hotbars you can cycle through using different key combinations.

Of course, different abilities come with each class and job. Each class has to be leveled individually, so even if you have high level Arcanist, for example, the same character with the class of Gladiator would start at the first level. This



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was a bit difficult to get used to at first, and the players who have had accounts since the beginning of *Final Fantasy XIV* have a giant advantage over new players.

Major items in the MMORPG right now include dungeons and something called The Hunt, which is a weekly event. A monster will spawn that is wanted and a large number of players work together to bring it down. Fates, another aspect of the game, are randomly generated battles that reward experience and money if successfully completed.

The first release of *Final Fantasy XIV* was highly anticipated but let every subscriber down because of how difficult it was to play. Square Enix lost untold amounts of money and many long time lovers of the *Final Fantasy* series. The release of *A Realm Reborn* was also highly anticipated but lived up to the hype of the news stories. Many of the *Final*

Fantasy lovers got back on the bandwagon and Square Enix has released major updates to the game every three months because of the revenue coming in from the subscribers.

Recently, it was revealed that a new version would be available in late June. Entitled Heavensward, it comes with an all-new area to explore and flying mounts. Additionally, there will be new classes and a new character to choose from.

Personally, I'm looking forward to the new patch and the additional content it will add to *A Realm Reborn*. It appears a person doesn't need Heavensward for *A Realm Reborn* to work and make sense. If interested in purchasing Heavensward though, a subscriber must have *A Realm Reborn* and have all of the story missions completed. This gamer is working hard on completing the story missions before June.



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Pictured are the difference in interface between the original (Top) and *A Realm Reborn* of *Final Fantasy XIV*.

## James Corden a hit hosting 'The Late Late show'

On March 23, James Corden began his late-night hosting gig of "The Late Late Show" on CBS, taking over the franchise from Scottish Craig Ferguson, who hosted from 2005 to 2014.

While he may be a relatively fresh face to most American viewers, Corden's got some impressive credentials. He starred on the British television comedies, plus, Corden's been on Broadway twice, and even won a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play for "One Man, Two Guvnors" in 2012.

In the last two years, Corden's also been in the movies "Begin Again," "One Chance," which he starred in, and the Oscar-nominated "Into the Woods."

As the host of "The Late Late Show," James Corden is earnest, British, and charming, and at 36, he's the youngest of the late-night talk show hosts now on TV.

In terms of how he compares to other hosts of late-night talk shows, the relatability and "aw shucks" at-

titude that Jimmy Fallon's become known for, Corden's got in spades. Additionally, he's got the straight-shooting, somewhat prying questioning style of Jimmy Kimmel, the storytelling abilities of Seth Meyers, and a wit and quickness comparable to David Letterman.

He's different however, in that he's not known for stand-up comedy, and his monologue reflects that as he doesn't try to make a bunch of jokes to kick off his show but instead focuses more on one topic and throws in a few jokes on the subject. He knows his strengths, which include singing, dancing, and just being all-around chummy and cherubic, and plays those up, rather than trying to be something he's not.

For his first show, Corden certainly brought the star power as his guests were Mila Kunis and Tom Hanks. As part of the episode, he also aired a pre-recording and celebrity-packed segment, called "James Corden's Golden Tick-

et," which was a play on "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory."

The bit included Jay Leno, Meryl Streep, Simon Cowell, Lena Dunham, Eddie Redmayne, Chelsea Handler, Allison Janney, Shia LaBeouf and more.

Besides that, Corden and Tom Hanks did a live re-creation of every Tom Hanks movie in 7 minutes, with a green screen, quick costume changes, and lots of energy, which garnered over 9.3 million views on YouTube in less than three days.

His other guests for his first couple episodes included Oscar winner Patricia Arquette and Corden's "Into the Woods" co-star Chris Pine and then "Get Hard" funnymen and co-stars Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart.

Another segment he pre-recorded, "Mariah Carey Carpool Karaoke" in which Corden and Mariah Carey joke around and sing in his car while he drives to work, amassed over 2 million hits in about a day. In the bit, Corden shows off

his singing skills and just in general has a great time and indulges in some belly laughs with Carey.

Corden's also bringing something new to America in his interviewing style. Similar to how British talk show host Graham Norton will converse with guests on his show, Corden has both guests for the night come out together and then he comes and sits by them, rather than setting himself down behind a desk.

He then goes on to interview the both of them, with questions aimed at each guest individually, but the presence and contributions of the other guest make the whole experience more relaxed, collaborative and enjoyable.

Overall, Corden's boyishness, giddiness, and sincerity make him likable and watchable, which will serve him well as he enters the late-night landscape, and has me eagerly anticipating more great shows with him as host.

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# Let's Play Cops vs. Robbers! Battlefield: Hardline Review

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When you hear about the next first person shooter game coming out you probably say to yourself, "Oh great, another Call of Duty set against the Russians with all new jet packs. Give me something new already!"

The wait is finally over with *Battlefield: Hardline*.

Seasoned Battlefield players will still see the familiar realistic and hardcore game-play in this addition to the series, however it isn't against the Russians or Chinese military.

This time, gamers play cops against robbers in the streets of Los Angeles and Miami.

The single-player campaign is definitely different from all the rest of the Battlefield campaigns, but still doesn't really meet the match for a good story, such as *Call of Duty's* campaign.

Gamers play as Nick Mendoza in the single player mode and find out from the start of the game that this is a different first person shooter.

The game is like a television series, where players get a very corny



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and overdramatic introduction to the characters and what they will see in the 'episode' of Hardline.

I found it kind of hilarious that after I quit the single-player campaign to go to multiplayer, it left off with, "On another episode of Hardline..." and showed me what was coming up next.

So although the campaign was a bit of a bummer near the end, the multiplayer did entertain me and is still making me play at least four hours a day in gaming.

The multiplayer is very much the same with some subtle changes, which makes this game definitely separate from the rest of the games.

You still have the ability to customize everything, from barrels of weapons to hand grips and even sights. I like to use a sniper with a 'hunter' scope, or an assault rifle with enhanced scopes and some sort of grip.

Every multiplayer match starts off as if a news channel is broadcasting the events that are about to take place in the match.

Gamers have a choice to fight as either cops or robbers in either the Keys of Florida or a bank in Los Angeles, each with its own geographical situations that alter the match tremendously.

Each game mode has been changed slightly. There is still an occasional team death match and even some capture the flag, but Hardline has several different game modes to play in.

For example, one game mode is called Heist, in which gamers, whether a cop or a robber, steal loot from a bank or office and take it to an extraction point, or protect the loot from getting to the extraction point.

There is a game mode where gamers have to rescue a hostage in a certain amount of time and lives.

It's literally a different first person shooter than ever imagined.

*Battlefield: Hardline* is definitely a great game and is far better than any firstpersonshooterIhaveeverplayed.

If I were to recommend any new game to anyone, it would be this one.

The game is available now for \$59.99.

## Dorm room date ideas for the too-busy college student



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Making time for dating while in college is difficult. You barely have enough time to worry about yourself, let alone another person. And what's more, there's the added pressure to plan romantic evenings that are constantly cutting into the time you have to relax.

But going on dates doesn't always have to be elaborate or well planned out. Instead, plan your date from the comfort of your dorm room. This way, the two of you get to stay in and relax, with minimal planning ahead of time.

1. Netflix Date Night - Have a show you've been dying to watch and know that your S.O. would love it too? Invite him/her over and binge away. There's no better way to unwind after a long day of classes than to cuddle up with a blanket and pillow and watch hours of mindless television. Perfection.

2. Have A Game Night - Those old board games that have been sitting there since you moved in are the perfect go-to for a night in. Life and Monopoly are some of the classics, but you could al-

ways mix this up with a poker night or a friendly game of Old Maid.

It isn't too expensive to pick up a board game or two, and presto! You have hours of entertainment.

3. Potluck Dinner - No big dinner plans for the night? Order a meal from a few different places and have a potluck dinner with your S.O. You can order some crab Rangoon from the Chinese restaurant down the street, and maybe some wings and fries from the local Buffalo Wild Wings, then top it all off with some cookies or cupcakes from the local bakery.

Whatever your taste buds require, go ahead and order it in. Plus, you'll have leftovers for tomorrow so you won't need to eat the nasty Salisbury steak they're serving in the dorms.

4. Movie Marathon - Time to re-watch all the "Star Wars" films again? There's no better time to do it. So long as you both have an interest, having a movie marathon is the perfect date night.

You can grab some popcorn and candies from the campus grocery store and let the films roll for hours.

5. Truth or Dare - Truth or dare is

the perfect game for getting to know someone, as well as for having a good laugh. And the best part? It requires absolutely no pre-planning. All you have to do is show up and think up some good dares and you have yourself a dorm room date.

6. Blanket Fort - It doesn't matter how old we are, these will never get old. Invite over your S.O. and build yourselves the perfect blanket fort.

For added fun, bring in some coloring books and maybe pop in a few Disney movies. Embrace the childishness of this date and you will have an absolute blast.

7. Make Playlists For Each Other - Mix tapes are a bit dated at this point, but that doesn't mean that making a mix of music for each other isn't fun. So take each other's laptops and create a playlist in the iTunes library.

This is as close to a modern day mix tape as you're going to get, and yes, it's still a very cute/romantic idea.

8. The Perfect Bistro Date - There's nothing more romantic than a bistro. But why not bring the bistro to you? Pick up some biscotti and a few coffees and tell your

S.O. to bring their favorite book.

It's sophisticated, it's relaxing and most importantly, it involves coffee.

9. Arts & Crafts - We're not too old for arts and crafts just yet. Pick up some materials for a tie blanket and make it together, or maybe make some popsicle stick picture frames for each other - the list of possibilities is endless.

So long as you're with each other and have a little bit of patience, this could be your perfect dorm room date.

10. Have A Study Date - Talk about killing two birds with one stone. You can squeeze in time with your S.O. while also studying for that midterm you aren't even a little prepared for.

You can play some study games, quiz each other, etc. So long as you're together, this date has the potential to be more fun than you'd think.

So don't stress out about planning your next date, because there are plenty of ways in which you can have a romantic evening in the comfort of your own room.

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## Tardy to the party

Chris Morgan  
Staff Writer

At most major universities, professors or the department as a whole can choose if they want to have an attendance policy in their classroom. This is something that can hinder a student's ability to learn responsibility for their actions.

While a mandatory attendance policy does "punish" a student for not being there that day, missing the class in general is usually punishment enough. From my experience, most class meetings cover a good bit of material. If a student regularly skips class, they will not succeed purely because they do not have the required information to pass exams. This would happen regardless if an attendance policy is in place or not. It puts more of a personal responsibility on students. Rather than just telling them if they miss "x amount of class meetings," they will fail. I think that instead of shoving attendance down people throats, the thing that punishes the student the most is the lack of information that they are receiving in order to do well on exams.

Another argument is that if there is no attendance policy then students will more than likely skip class and possibly miss a test or a review day. While it is important for the student to be there for classes, it is also their money that they are spending. If they choose not to go to class to get the information needed for exams, it is their own personal choice. They will see the consequences of their actions on the day of the exam.

With the huge move to have grades, notes, and quizzes on the computer, in JSU's case, Blackboard, there seems to be less of a reason to go to class. What is the point of going to class if you are just going to put your lecture notes online and make quizzes due at 11:59 the same night? You could just stay at home and sleep in and still get all the information and the same grade as someone who went to class. This is the biggest problem—and a majority of the reason that so many people tend to skip class more often.

## Connecting with technology: devices that do everything

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As a lover of technology, often find myself trying to decide which devices I actually need. As I write this, I am literally surrounded in my toys. There's a smart watch on my wrist, a smartphone and tablet on the desk next to me, and I write from my 2-in-1 laptop as the desktop sits idly in the other room. Of course I also have my Playstation Vita nearby in case I decide some procrastination is in order.

In day to day life, it honestly does not feel like I have all that much. However, once it is listed out I definitely feel that there may be a little too much. I'm still trying to clear out the clutter and wanted to remind the others suffering from gadget overload that they are not alone.

It is strange that so many devices are marketed as all-in-one, multipurpose, jack of all trades machines, and yet none of them offer a truly complete solution. In my case, each device I listed above serves a very specific purpose compared to all of the others.

My cell phone is the one device I can expect to have with me 100% of the time. In my case, it's my camera (though I wish I also had a dedicated camera), it's my music player, it's good for a quick web search when I'm out and about.

Unlike my phone, my tablet has a very specific set of uses. First off, it is almost exclusively used at home. It's an 8.3 inch tablet so it is reasonably portable, but in most cases my phone is just easier to get to. Because my tablet is only used at home, it is my web browsing companion and ultimately my go-to media consumption device. More than anything, my tablet is a comic book reader. I read news on my tablet, I watch videos on my tablet, browse social media, and other things of that nature. I could admit-

tedly do all of this on my phone, but having the larger screen just makes things easier especially while I'm relaxing on the couch. This allows my phone to stay on the charger at home.

Now we get to my 2-in-1 laptop which is a recent addition. I tried using my tablet for productivity but it just did not work.

What I found was that multitasking on an Android tablet just isn't very great. Samsung has some offerings that make multitasking a little better, but still ridiculously far away from a traditional desktop operating system. Now I use my 2-in-1 to take notes and write assignments. It is my dedicated school machine. I don't use it as a tablet often, but having the touchscreen is definitely helpful.

Where does that leave the desktop? Honestly, even if I am at home I hardly touch it. I like to consider it my fail-safe. With the desktop, I don't need to worry about a battery or charger, I just sit at the desk and get to work. Because desktop storage and components are cheaper, it is home to the majority of my media. Most of my desktop sessions are ridiculously brief.

With so many devices around me, I find it easy to get lost and distracted. Dedicating a specific purpose to each device made it far easier for me to focus and get the best use out of my many electronics. I game exclusively on my gaming consoles, use my tablet for consumption, and laptop for creation. This system has worked great so far but of course I'm always looking for improvements. If you are feeling overwhelmed by the number of devices around you, you should consider repurposing them. It could breathe new life into something you already have as opposed to going out and buying something new.

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## Shake your Tail Feathers: Jacksonville square gets new edition

Marsena Edwards  
Staff Writer

Business is booming on the Square as Candace Epperson opens, Tail Feathers, a charming new antique store.

Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 101 Clinton Street Southeast, Tail Feathers offers furniture, gifts and home décor for the entire family.

With the most expensive item in the store being a \$500 dark wood antique cabinet by local crafter Linda Hollingsworth, the price points are pocket-friendly.

As an alumna of Jacksonville State University, Epperson understands the college student struggle.



Tail Feathers

This desk/vanity is one of the many pieces that are sold to customers in resorted conditions.

"I'm trying to keep the furniture inexpensive since we're in a college town. I want to make everything in the shop accessible to college kids."

Staying true to her alma mater, Epperson even drew inspiration for the name and logo for the store from the university and its mascot.

Tail Feathers also carries quaint home décor and select apparel for women and children.

Merchandise can be seen with prices listed on the store's Facebook page. A list of surrounding area designers and artisans featured in her store include Rita Blanks, Jimmie Baine and Brenda Skinner.

Epperson said she is looking for more local crafters and artists to rent booth space in her store. She is also interested in giving back to her alma mater by receiving artwork on consignment from the students and teachers of JSU's Art Department.

If anyone is interested in selling and/or consignment, she encouraged prospective people to send pictures of the items they would like to be featured in the store.

If the items are a good fit for the store, she will send information on booth rental and consignment.

Epperson can be contacted via email at tail.feathers.store@gmail.com or by phone at (256) 283-5075.



Tail Feathers

The addition of Tail Feathers to the square adds a new style of consignment shopping for students at JSU and members of the Jacksonville community.



# SPORTS

## Gamecocks seven-game win streak shot down by Air Force



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The Jacksonville State Baseball team fell 7-4 to Air Force which snapped their seven-game winning streak.

**JACKSONVILLE** – The Jacksonville State baseball team saw its seven-game winning streak halted with a 7-4 setback in the final game of the series with Air Force on Sunday at Rudy Abbott Field.

The loss is the first since dropping a road contest at Alabama State on March 18. The Gamecocks were able to take the series with the Falcons after wins back-to-back wins on Friday and Saturday. JSU drops to 16-9 overall, while Air Force snapped a six-game losing skid and completes a nine-game road trip.

For the second consecutive day, JSU came from behind after the Falcons scored a two-out run on Tyler Jones' double off of Gamecock starter Jake Walsh.

Jax State responded with a three-run bottom half of the third that was highlighted by Josh Bobo's double down the left field line that scored Hayden White. The Gamecocks plated an unearned run on the play after a relay throwing error by the Falcons shortstop. Paschal Petrongolo plated Bobo with a ground ball to third.

Walsh, a freshman from Melbourne, Florida, started strong with a season-high seven strikeouts before running in to trouble in the fifth. Air Force's Spencer Draws belted a one-out solo home run to right field off of Walsh to cut the lead to 3-2. After a Noah Pierce infield single, Jones posted a two-run home run over the left field fence to give the Falcons a 4-3 lead.

The contest remained a 4-3 standstill until the JSU seventh and after two outs in the frame. Senior Ryan Sebra tallied a two-out hit, followed by a double by junior Elliot McCummings. The Gamecocks were gifted a run after a balk call on Air Force pitcher Michael Rieker. McCummings finished the day as JSU's top hitter with three hits.

With the game deadlocked at 4-all late in the contest, the Falcons scored three runs over the final two innings to take the lead. Air Force re-gained the lead in the eighth with a pair of unearned runs off of JSU reliever Dalton Etheridge. Travis Wilkie scored the go-ahead run after

reaching base with a leadoff single. Pierce lifted a fly ball to right to score Adam Groesbeck for the sixth run.

JSU tried to mount a comeback and looked like it had taken a 7-6 lead on a Petrongolo drive that near the right field foul pole that was ruled foul by a few feet. The Gamecocks had two on after a leadoff walk by Hayden White and a Bobo walk.

Air Force added an insurance run in the ninth after perfecting the squeeze bunt.

Etheridge was saddled with his first loss of the season, while Rieker notched his first win of the season. Steven Trojan pitched the final two innings for Air Force to earn his first save of the season.

JSU was scheduled to close out the month of March with a Tuesday contest with in-state rival Alabama A&M but it was canceled due to rain. The Gamecocks will return to action as they travel for a three game series against Murray State starting April 2 at 6 p.m.

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### Gamecocks Side Bar

#### Upcoming Action

- 4/2  
-Baseball at Murray State  
6:00 p.m.
- 4/3  
- 1:00 Softball at SIU Edwardsville
- Men's Tennis vs SIU Edwardsville  
1:30 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs SIU Edwardsville  
1:30 p.m.
- Softball at SIU Edwardsville  
3:00 p.m.
- Baseball at Murray State  
6:00 p.m.

- 4/4  
-Women's Tennis vs Eastern Illinois  
11:00 a.m.
- Men's Tennis vs Eastern Illinois  
11:00 a.m.

- Track and Field at Margaret Simmons Invite  
11:00 a.m.

- Baseball at Murray State  
1:00 p.m.
- Softball at Eastern Illinois  
1:00 p.m.
- Softball at Eastern Illinois  
3:00 p.m.

- 4/6  
-Women's Golf at Chattanooga Classic
- Men's Tennis at Tennessee Tech  
7:57 p.m.

- 4/7  
-Women's Golf at Chattanooga Classic

- Men's Tennis at Shorter  
1:00 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at Shorter  
1:00 p.m.
- Softball vs Alabama State  
5:00 p.m.

- Baseball at Alabama State  
6:00 p.m.

- 4/8  
-Baseball at UAB  
1:34 p.m.

#### NCAA Final Four Mens

- 4/4  
-Michigan State vs Duke 6:09  
-Wisconsin vs Kentucky 8:49

#### Womens

- 4/5  
-South Carolina vs Notre Dame 6:30  
-Maryland vs Connecticut 8:30
- Championship games April 6 and April 7

## JSU Women's Tennis wins four in a row

**FLORENCE, Ala.** – Jacksonville State renewed its longtime rivalry with North Alabama on Tuesday in tennis as the JSU women posted their fourth consecutive win. The JSU-UNA men's match was halted due to lightning in the area.

The Gamecock women turned in a 5-0 win, while the Jax State men were ahead 3-2 before the weather stopped the action on the UNA campus. The match was scored as an NCAA Division II match as each court in doubles counts as a point.

JSU's No. 2 tandem of Zoe Bizinos and Diana Mirceta quickly turned in the first point of the match with an 8-1 win over UNA's duo of Natalia San Jose Moreno and Avery King. Claudia Marsala and Genevieve Ulanday turned back the Lions' team of Olivera Ngouabeu and Natalia Barragan, 8-3, at No. 1. The final doubles point came after JSU's pairing of Danielle Kerindi and Sadey St. Amant carded an 8-3 score over

Morgan Jose and Sydney Childers.

The Red and White clinched the match with two quick wins at No. 3 and No. 6. Bizinos recorded another win on the day with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Moreno at No. 3. Playing in her first match of the season, freshman Courtney Conley won at No. 6 in straight sets (6-0, 6-1) over Childers.

The rain halted the rest of the singles matches.

In the men's affair, Jax State won two of the three doubles points. Dylan Gee and Mathias Chaim teamed up at No. 2 to oust UNA's Max Druppel and Taylor Ausbon, 8-6. Jefferson Wendler-Filho and Gabriel Pansera were tested at No.

3 as the tandem outlasted the Lions' duo of Miguel Garcia and Jonathan Vick, 9-8(5).

Gee tallied the third point with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Brendon Millington-Herrmann at No. 2.

JSU returns to Ohio Valley Conference action this weekend, hosting SIU Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois. The Cougars of SIUE will be the opposition on Friday at 1:30 p.m. EIU and JSU will square off at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The Gamecocks will honor the four seniors prior to Saturday's match.



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Danielle Kerindi's helps JSU to gain four wins.

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# Gillespie led Gamecocks in sweep over Tigers



Matt Reynolds/JSU Sportswire

Whitney Gillespie of JSU Softball runs the bases after hitting a home run to help lift the Gamecocks to a victory and sweep over Tennessee State.

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
Staff Writer

It was a marvelous weekend for the Jacksonville State softball team as they faced Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee State and managed to win in all three games over the weekend for a sweep.

The Gamecocks had already pulled off a 10-0 victory in game one and then a 4-0 victory in their second game. The final game of the weekend series saw the Tigers finally manage to score a run against the Gamecocks before they scored six to take the final win of the series.

It was certainly a winning weekend

for Whitney Gillespie who helped lift the Gamecocks to a victory with her homer in the fourth inning.

She also struck out four of Tennessee State's batters with her pitching. Ella Denes also contributed to the win with two runs of her own.

It wasn't until the bottom of the second inning when points were put on the board by either team.

The Gamecocks scored first on Denes' first run of the game after a Cadi Oliver double.

At the top of the third, Tennessee State would score its first and only run of the game which broke a scoreless streak by the Tigers that goes back to 2013.

The game stayed tied until the bottom of the fourth when the Gamecocks got down to business and scored four runs in the inning. It began with Gillespie's homer at the beginning of the inning.

After that, it took a double from Taylor Sloan to get the ball rolling that would eventually send Denes to home plate with her second run, and Oliver right behind her with the Gamecock's third run of the fourth inning.

The final run of the fourth came after a Stephanie Lewis hit that would get Taylor Sloan out but send Savannah Sloan home for the run.

The Gamecocks were up 5-1 as

the top of the fifth inning began. No one would score again until JSU sent Jordan Bullock into home with the sixth and final run of the game at the bottom of the sixth inning.

TSU's lone run was scored by Taylor Shimizu who stole home for her contributing point after her teammate Courtney Gearlds took second.

JSU moves to 23-8 while being undefeated in conference play.

They prepare for a set of away games against SIU Edwardsville on April 3.

The Gamecocks play Eastern Illinois the following day. They look to continue their undefeated streak in OVC play.

## Anderson bounces back to claim fifth place for JSU



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The Jacksonville State Gamecocks Men's Golf team finished the final regular season event with a fifth place finish from Tomasz Anderson.

**LAKE WORTH, Fla.** – Tomasz Anderson kept his streak of Top 10 finishes alive on Sunday, when he turned in a brilliant 66 to climb 33 spots into a fifth-place tie on the final day of the FAU Slomin Autism Invite.

Anderson, a senior from Hertfordshire, England, and the No. 30 player in the country entering the 54-hole event, saw himself in 38th in the 114-player field before Sunday's final round on the par-71, 6,876-yard Fountains Country Club.

Having finished in the top 10 in every event so far in his senior season, he would need a low round on Sunday to keep that streak alive. He didn't disappoint.

He fired a 5-under 66, four shots lower than anyone else in the field on Sunday to climb into a fifth-place tie with a 54-hole score of 214, 1-over for the three-day tournament. He led the Gamecocks to a 285, 14 shots better than their previous low in the event, and a

fifth-place finish after starting the day in 13th in the 20-team event.

UCF won the team title with an 11-over 863, while Ryan Stovash of the Golden Knights won medalist honors with a 5-under 208.

Sophomore Camilo Aguado tied for 33rd after a final-round 73 gave him a 221 for the tournament while sophomore Jamie Mist's 73 gave him a 226 and tied him for 58th. Sophomore Pablo Torres tied for 71st after a final-round 79 capped a 228, while

sophomore Tom Lawton rounded out the JSU lineup with a final-round 73 and a 54-hole score of 229.

It concluded the final regular-season event for the Gamecocks this season. They now turn their focus on the Ohio Valley Conference Championship on April 24-25 at the Fighting Joe at the Shoals on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

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