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## John Beehler inaugurated

Dustin Fox  
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University inaugurated its 12th president Friday in the Pete Mathews Coliseum, officially recognizing John Beehler and the beginning of his tenure as the university president.

"I pledge to give my heart and soul to Jacksonville State University as together we pursue our bright future and bring JSU and our region of Northeastern Alabama to even greater levels of excellence," Beehler said to the crowded arena of students, staff and alumni. "I will not let you down."

He acknowledged his family, friends and mentors who helped get him to where he is today. Beehler thanked many of the professionals he has worked with throughout his career, including Dean Doyle Williams, who he credits for teaching him about servant leadership.

"The most important thing in life is serving others and having a positive impact on the organizations and people you serve. When all is said and done at the end of life, it is only this impact that really counts in evaluating your life,"

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Photo by Dustin Fox

## Despite weather, Cockystock offers music, arts and craft activities

Emily Kirby  
Staff Reporter

The JSU SGA held its annual Cockystock April 6 on the front lawn of the TMB. The event consisted of numerous activities — indoor and outdoor — for the student body and included free pizza and sodas as well.

The night began with a performance from the JSU Jazz Ensemble. Blackberry Breeze, a band from Dadeville, Ala., played the next segment of the night. Primarily a cover band, Blackberry Breeze played numerous songs including: "My Own Worst Enemy," "Mr. Jones," "Mr. Brightside," and "All the Small Things."

Due to the threat of bad weather, student activities were moved indoors. Inside the TMB, activity stations were set up for students to participate in art-based activities.

Canvas painting allowed students to paint on a blank canvas. Students painted wall art



Patrick Yim/Special to The Chanticleer

Students decorate dreamcatchers and stand in line for a caricature at the annual Cockystock on April 6.

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## WOW food truck still closed, to reopen in fall

Alexander Cooper  
Staff Reporter

The WOW food truck stationed in the parking lot outside Stone Center remains closed and may not reopen until this fall despite recent repairs of damaged equipment.

JSU dining services initially closed the truck after it was struck by lightning in December; the lightning damaged the cash register and computer system inside the truck, forcing dining services to look for a replacement.

Dining services plans to reopen the truck as soon as they receive a new register and the weather got warmer.

"We had it open one day about a couple of weeks ago" said Saul Lomax, the retail manager for dining services. "We had customers and then the pump went out."

Without the water pump, employees of the truck are not able to wash their hands.

"It is a health code issue," said Katie Tyler, who is in charge of marketing for dining services.

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# Delta Zeta raises awareness for hearing loss with talent show

**Eric Taunton**  
Staff Reporter

Delta Zeta hosted a talent show April 6 as a part of their "Learn2Listen" week, which spread awareness on campus about hearing loss and the its causes.

The admission fee for the show was \$5 and the proceeds were donated to the Starkey Hearing Foundation, an organization that provides hearing aids worldwide to people that cannot afford them.

At the beginning of the show, one of the members of Delta Zeta reminded both audience members and contestants about the privilege of hearing, reinforcing the purpose of the show. Contestants of the show sang,



Eric Taunton/The Chanticleer

**Two students dance at the Learn2Listen week's talent show hosted by Delta Zeta on April 6.**

danced and displayed other talents.

One female contestant performed a song using sign language and receive praise from the judges. Other high-ranking contestants included one who danced to Lecrae's "Welcome to America," and

a couple that performed a salsa dance.

The judges gave multiple contestants an honorable mention, such as a group of girls who hula hooped while juggling tennis balls, and a pair of musicians who played "The Lion Sleeps

Tonight" by Solomon Linda and the Evening Birds.

Members of the audience sang and danced along to music contestants performed on stage. As the judges decided which contestants would receive each award, members of Delta Zeta entertained the audience by dancing on stage.

Members of other sororities, such as Alpha Omicron Pi and Zeta Tau Alpha, attended the talent show, both on- and off-stage.

"I wanted to do something that we could have fun with," said Amber Polston, Delta Zeta's philanthropy chair. "This is our first year doing something like this, so we thought it'd be interesting."

Delta Zeta handed out flyers that advertised the show

and spread awareness about the causes of hearing loss.

"Noise-induced hearing loss is the number one reason for hearing loss in the United States right now, victims usually being teenagers and older adults. This is why we're raising awareness to our college students about not listening to music with earphones that are way too loud, and to wear earplugs to places where there will be loud noises, like concerts or when they're shooting guns," Polston said.

She said she believes that Delta Zeta will host more talent shows in the future.

"We'll probably do this again next year, and if we do, we'll make it bigger and better than this year," Polston said.

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Lomax said the weather has been a continual issue for the truck. During cold weather, the external parts of the truck face dangers of freezing. He said the water pump probably malfunctioned during the coldest days of last winter.

"Right now we would have the truck open. It is the perfect time, but we have to wait on equipment to get sent in," Tyler said.

Dining services often has maintenance done on the truck during the summer since it does not operate during that time. Tyler said the truck should be open for the first day of classes this fall.

Lomax said the truck is usually busy and that it is convenient for students who do not want to walk to the dining hall, or don't have time to.

"When it's working great it is something that is really awesome for the students in Stone and Merrill," Tyler said.



Dustin Fox/The Chanticleer

**Students, faculty and alumni gather on Friday in the Coliseum to watch the inauguration ceremony of John Beehler, JSU's 12th president.**

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such as sorority symbols, Bible verses and sports teams.

The Asian name artist hand-drew pictures of students' names, creating personally sketched, colored, individualized pictures for anyone interested.

A digital caricature artist used a computer and a front-facing screen to allow the student to see what he was drawing.

At another station, students created their own dream catchers.

They chose from an array of colors for the round base. Students sat working at a table filled with beads, strings, feathers and other items for decoration.

"My favorite part was the canvas painting," said Paige White, a sophomore and member of the Southerners.

"I wanted to do some of the other things too, but they were already taking their last few people by the time I got in the lines for them; however I was able to make a dreamcatcher, as well."

Beehler said, quoting Williams.

Beehler has led the university as president since July 1, after past President William Meehan's retirement. Beehler spoke of what he has learned during his first nine months, citing JSU's culture, traditions, history, opportunities and challenges, as well as the abundant resources in the Northeast Alabama region.

The focus of his speech was the "TIES" that bind us together at JSU. "We must be transformative. We must be innovative. We must be engaged for success," he said. Beehler said that transforming the students at JSU into educated, ethical global citizens can help them transform the region intellectually, culturally, and economically.

He said the university must also transform itself to focus on its continuous improvement, starting with individual employees. Innovation is crucial for student success in the rapidly changing world of higher education, according to Beehler.

"We must find new ways to reach

## BEEHLER, from page 1

the current generation of students using technology to the fullest... and linking coursework to real practical workplace experiences," he said.

Engagement requires participation from everyone involved with the university and will benefit student success greatly, Beehler explained. He referred to a Gallup Purdue survey that says strong engagement with faculty, staff, alumni, and other students leads to "great lives and great jobs."

Beehler closed the inaugural ceremony by reinstating his commitment to the university.

"It's not all about me, it's not all about you, it's about all of us – the Jacksonville State University Gamecock family," he said.

Following the investiture, a reception was held in Meehan Towers to allow guests to meet the President Beehler, and the afternoon was concluded with open house tours of the newly-renovated president's house, which is decorated as a "classic" southern home.

Before coming to JSU, Beehler

graduated from Pennsylvania State University and earned an MBA in finance; he earned a Ph.D. in accounting and taxation from Indiana University. He has served in higher education for more than 30 years. His wife, Dr. Pamela Beehler, holds a Ph.D. in human performance and has over 30 years of experience in teaching and research.

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# STUDY BREAK



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## Need Advice?

The Chanticleer staff is happy to help!

Email [chantynewstips@gmail.com](mailto:chantynewstips@gmail.com) with your problems and look in the paper next week for our newest "Dear Chanty" section.

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

## Dear Chanty,

I'm pregnant and my baby is due in 6 months. My parents have still not met my boyfriend. Since he and I are not married, my parents were not exactly excited about the news. They are really Christian and I'm afraid they will be judgemental toward him before they get to know him. He is a really sweet guy and a student at UAB. He has even tried to take the initiative to meet them, but I just haven't been ready to allow it and he works a lot. I met his parents a few months ago and they were so nice. My parents live in Mississippi and we haven't had time to drive there between work, school and the doctor. How long should I avoid letting them meet?

Sincerely,  
Pregnancy Problems

## Campus crime report: 04/04 to 04/08

04/04/2016  
Violation of Student Code of Conduct  
Penn House Apartments

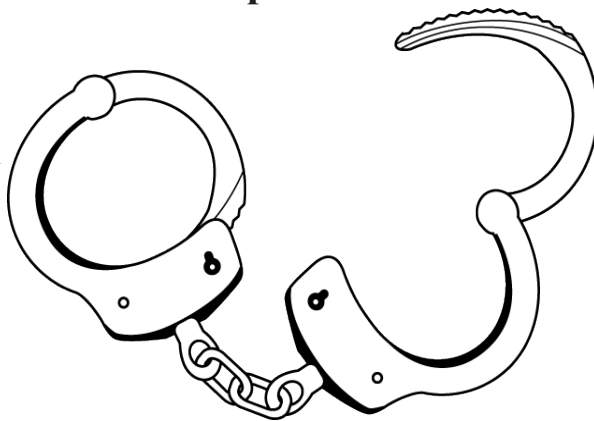
04/04/2016  
Medical Emergency  
Ayers Hall

04/04/2016  
Trespass Issued & Violation of Student Code of Conduct  
Campus Inn Apartments

04/05/2016  
Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle  
Nelson Avenue

### Witness a crime?

For emergencies, dial 6000 from any campus phone.



04/05/2016  
Information Report-Suspicious Vehicle  
Meehan Hall

04/07/2016  
Burglary  
Campus Inn Apartments

04/08/2016  
Automobile Accident  
Theron Montgomery Building Parking Lot

04/08/2016  
Criminal Mischief  
Fitzpatrick Hall Parking Lot

## Chicken Scratch



It's cram week everyone. Pour Red Bull in your coffee, take eight-minute naps in the stairway, cry in the shower and study so hard that you want to die. One more week and then you're home free.

I was late for class because a wasp was in my car and it wouldn't get out.

Pretty sure my iPhone is brighter than my future, and it is dimmed all the way.

My life and apartment is a wreck, but I've made bank at work this week.

You can't trust someone whose screen saver is a picture of themselves.

School, please stop. For all of us.

I could go shopping with these bags under my eyes right now.

Live my life like I'm constantly sneezing while driving: all panic and no control.

I hate it when my professor won't knock my 64 up to an A.

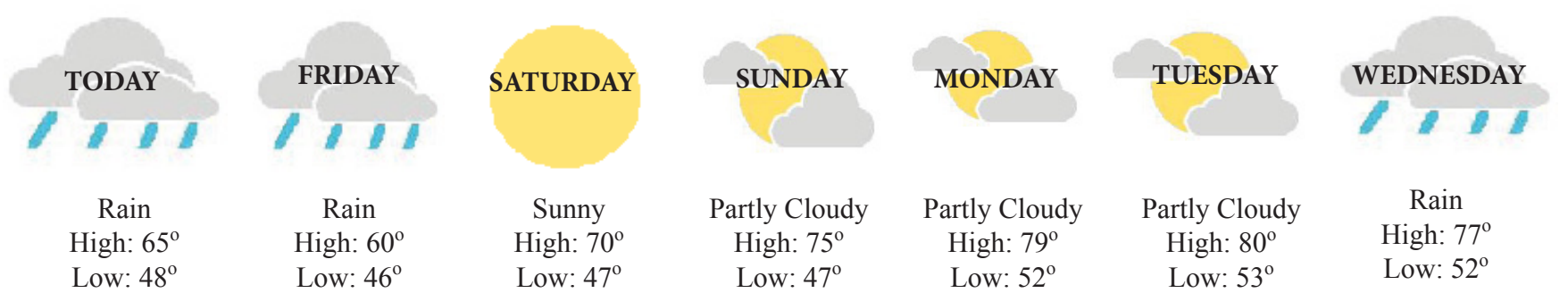
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## Dear Pregnancy Problems,

That decision is completely up to you. If you want my opinion, I would say get your parents to come to Jacksonville as soon as they can. If they won't make the drive to meet your boyfriend, then you and him shouldn't worry about driving all the way to Mississippi yet unless you can afford to both be off work. After all, you are really busy with everything that you have to do. They need to meet soon though. Otherwise, things are going to be really awkward for your boyfriend later. Talk to your parents and explain your concerns. Ask them when they would like to meet him and maybe you will be able to work something out soon. Don't be pessimistic. Your parents might treat him very well once they see the type of person he is.

Yours truly,  
Chanty

## 7-day weather outlook





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Roger Ingram performs at JSU Jazz Festival

Lori Speakman  
Staff Reporter

JSU held its fifth annual Jazz Festival Friday at Leone Cole Auditorium, TMB Auditorium and Mason Hall Performance Center on Friday, April 8.

The David L. Walters Department of Music sponsored the event. The festival featured four jazz bands, six combos and a Latin Ensemble.

Guest Roger Ingram, who is a trumpet player, author and teacher, met with students to discuss his career as a professional musician. Ingram offered his advice on everything from life decisions to hitting the higher notes on the trumpet without killing them.

He recounted growing up in Los Angeles and annoying his neighbors by practicing his trumpet playing in the backyard for up to six hours everyday. Ingram started touring with jazz bands when he was 16-years-old.

He said he spent over 30 years of his life living in hotel rooms and traveling with bands.

“Those of you who are studying Music in school need to stick to it, and don’t forget why you started with music in the first place. Don’t become so caught up in making ends meet that

you don’t give yourself time to work on your own creativity,” Ingram said.

He now makes his own mouth pieces and designing professional trumpets. Ingram published his textbook “Clinical Notes on Trumpet Playing” in 2008. He also offers Skype lessons on his website RogerIngram.com. Ingram finished up his speech with a concert featuring the JSU Jazz Ensemble I.

Performances featured Hoover High School “Hoover Jam”, Albertville High School Jazz Ensemble, Hoover High School “JB3,” Bob Jones High School I, Bob Jones High School II, Grissom High School “A,” Grissom High School “B” and Jacksonville High School.

Also performing were JSU Jazz Ensemble I,II, III and IV, Gadsden State Show Band, JSU Latin Ensemble, Enghauser Combo 1, 2 and 3, Carter Combo, Nelson Combo, Northeast Alabama Community College Mustang Little Big Band, and Northeast Alabama Community College Jazz Ensemble.

The festival also offered many different clinics for the students in attendance. Mart Avant, Sallie White and Michael Brothers each gave their clinics in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Avant is a freelance trumpet/flugelhorn player and a principal contractor for the Tuscaloosa Horns. White teaches music theory at Hoover High School along with teaching the school’s first edition Jazz Band and Symphonic Band.

Brothers is the CEO and founder of a record label based in New Orleans and has degrees from Northwestern University and Loyola University in Percussion Performance.

Matt Leder, Larry Panella, and Chris Kozak ran clinics in the TMB Auditorium. Leder is currently a music director at Gadsden State Community College, and has performed as a guest artist all over the United States.

Panella is an associate professor of music at The University of South Alabama. He is also the director of the jazz studies program and founder of the USM Jazz Quintet. Kozak received degrees from the University of Massachusetts and is currently associate professor and director of jazz studies at the University of Alabama.

Steven Roberts, John David, and Rob Opitz each held clinics in the Mason Hall Performance center. Steven Roberts’ group “The Roberts Jazz Project” just released an album called



Lori Speakman/The Chanticleer

Roger Ingram demonstrates to students how to control volume while playing.

Let’s Fall in Love.

Dr. Roberts is also associate professor of Jazz studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. John David is at Berry College as the Director of Jazz and Percussion Studies. David is the director of the Berry Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Percussion Ensemble, and the Viking Drumline.

Rob Opitz graduated from Northern Illinois University and earned his Masters of

Music Education at Reinhardt University where he is now director of wind ensemble, director of athletic bands, director of jazz, and trumpet instructor.

Members of JSU faculty also ran clinics. Dr. Tony McClutchen, Dr. Andy Nevala, and Ben Weatherford held the rhythm section clinic. The brass clinic featured Dr. Chris Probst and Dr. Dave Lambert. Kenyon Carter gave the sax clinic.

## Kevin Hart, ‘The Rock’ host MTV Movie Awards

Kara Morgan Burgess  
Staff Reporter

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and comedian Kevin Hart hosted the annual MTV Movie Awards Sunday.

According to mtv.com, Actors Charlize Theron, Chris Hemsworth, Zac Efron, Jessica Chastain, Seth Rogen and Olivia Munn all presented awards. Supermodel Gigi Hadid and Grammy winning rapper Kendrick Lamar also appeared to hand out awards.

Ariana Grande made her MTV Movie Awards debut by performing her new song “Dangerous Woman.” Singer and songwriter, Halsey, also hit the stage and performed her newest single, “Castle,” which will be fea-



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tured on the soundtrack of “The Huntsman: Winters War.”

The 2016 MTV Movie awards celebrated legendary award-winning actor Will Smith with the biggest award of the night, The Generation Award. He received this award because of

his consistent film success throughout his career.

Melissa McCarthy was awarded the Comedic Genius golden popcorn. She is the first female to earn this title.

“In all seriousness, I may be the first woman to win

this award, but I am ... certainly, certainly not the first one to deserve it. I don’t know — I think I’m a walking human patchwork of all the remarkable, funny women who I have loved and studied over the years,” she said in her reception speech. She also mentioned a list of influential women and advice she received that shaped her into who she is.

Ryan Reynolds won the Best Comedic Performance golden popcorn statue for his box-office hit “Deadpool.” Daisy Ridley won for her breakout performance in “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.” “Straight Outta Compton” was also victorious in the true story category. “Star Wars” emerged

the biggest winner, however, taking home the prize for movie of the year.

The other eight award categories included nostalgic MTV favorites like Best Hero, Best Villian, and Best Kiss. Jennifer Lawrence for her role in “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2,” Adam Driver in “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”, and Rebel Wilson & Adam DeVine’s kiss in “Pitch Perfect 2” all received awards.

All of these moments can be rewatched on demand or on line including the pre-show and red carpet events. For more information or video clips, go to <http://www.mtv.com/ontv/movieawards/>.

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# Former JSU quarterback wins reality competition

**Katelyn Schneider**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Former JSU quarterback, current Jacksonville resident and upcoming country artist Riley Green and his partner won *Redneck Island: Battle at the Lake* after last Thursday night's finale.

Green and his partner, Becky Andrews, both won the grand prize of \$100,000. *Redneck Island* is a reality competition television show that appears on Country Music Television.

On the show, contestants are put into pairs consisting of one male and one female. They compete in a series of challenges and must avoid being sent to the pit in order to be safe to go to the next challenge. Two pairs are sent to the pit in each episode, and only one can come out.

For season five, a man and woman are paired together, but CMT added a twist. Twelve challengers were new to the game, but the other 12 were returning members. In addition to each pair including a male and female, each pair also had to include a rookie player and a veteran.

Green and his partner were both fan favorites from



Submitted Art

**Riley Green meets with the hosts of "Cocky Country" to talk about his music career and his time on the reality competition show *Redneck Island*.**

season four. Green said he was shocked to be chosen as a favorite since he only appeared in the first two episodes of the season.

He met with the co-hosts of Jacksonville State University's radio show "Cocky

Country": Renee Lyons and myself March 29. Green said he came into his second season with a different mindset.

"This season I sort of looked at it more like realizing that you're not going to

win every competition, that you got to keep people in the house that wouldn't send you to the pit," he said.

Not only did he have a different mindset, but he also came in with a different strategy.

"My whole strategy was to sort of make alliances with the people I was sort of iffy about," he said.

Green said he tried to align himself with the other veterans, which worked for most of the season.

He admitted that the season was difficult. The physical and mental challenges were not easy, but he said the hardest challenge for him was eating several odd things.

Another difficult aspect of the season was actually living in the house.

"There's 24 people in a house together, so there's definitely going to be some drama stirred up," Green said.

Even the season's finale had a little drama, including tears, a mishap with a jet ski and two partners who could not agree.

Before Green participated in season four and won season five, he confessed that he hadn't heard of the show

until he was approached to play in it. He said he was not confident about what he wanted to do to begin with.

"It was one of those things where I knew a lot of exposure like that would definitely help me out with my music stuff, so it was kind of a tough decision but easy decision at the same time I guess," Green said.

Participating in the show has helped his music career. He has acquired his local following through performances in the Calhoun County area, but he said the show helped him gain fans as far away as Mississippi. He said that when he played in a bar near Ole Miss, he played to a sold out bar because locals heard that "the guy from *Redneck Island* was coming."

The Jacksonville local is still working hard and trying to get his name out there in the music world. He said he is thankful for the show.

"It's definitely been a really good benefit to me."

To hear the interview with Riley Green, visit Renee Lyons's blog at

<https://reneelyonss.wordpress.com/2016/03/31/riley-green-sneak-peak/>

## JSU Flute Studio hosts first Gala Recital

**Brett Thornburg**  
Staff Reporter

The JSU Flute Studio held their first ever Studio Gala Recital Sunday.

Dr. Jeremy Benson, professor of flute studies at JSU, directed the recital. The studio will sometimes "do a flute ensemble concert each semester, but that specific concert was the first," said Jesslyn McCullough, a freshman flautist.

Over 20 performers participated in the concert, including multiple soloists, duets and trios. The concert also included a multi-in-

strument quartet, consisting of flute, clarinet, bassoon and French horn.

JSU's Sf4zando Flute Quartet also performed. Students performed classical pieces during the concert along with a few pieces from the Baroque era.

They also performed some modern pieces such as Nicole Chamberlain's *Railroaded*, which featured extended techniques; these practices, according to Michael Greenwood, graduate student and performer in the Sf4zando Flute Quartet, include extra sounds such as key clicking

and whistling through the flute.

The concert concluded with a performance from the JSU Flute ensemble, which included a very large number of the university's flautists, performing Chamberlain's *Railroaded* along with an orchestral transcription of Felix Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4: Saltarello*.

The JSU Flute Studio is comprised of a wide spectrum of flautists, ranging from Benson's privately taught students and students from high schools to graduate students with in the music program.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## How likely is Governor Bentley's impeachment?

**Kevin Spann**  
*Political Columnist*

Since the release of the audio tapes involving Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley and former senior advisor Rebekah Caldwell Mason, action has been fairly swift.

Bentley spent no time stonewalling or trying to argue that the tape is fake, or that the male voice is not his own. Bipartisan calls for his resignation have been issued.

Even articles for impeachment have been written. Despite these moves, the odds of Bentley being formally impeached remain slim. Just one day after authoring the articles of impeachment, State Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle, had to withdraw the articles following criticism from his colleagues.

It was decided that the charges need to be vetted by a new committee rather than the House rules committee that Henry belongs to. Thus, new articles are to be written and a framework for impeachment must be decided upon.

Because it has been over 100 years since Alabama impeached an executive official, lawmakers have little clarity on how to proceed. In fact, the state has never impeached a Governor — only a Secretary of State who ended up surviving the effort to unsuccessfully run for governor himself.

If a framework is eventually agreed upon, a theoretic impeachment trial would be quite the media spectacle. The impeachment trial would be presented by Speaker of the House Rep. Mike Hubbard, R-Auburn, who is awaiting a trial for ethics violations; it would also cast Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore — who was once removed from office himself — as the judge.

Given the lack of precedent and the negative attention the state would receive, the likelihood of this occurring is not high. As Bent-

ley has over two years left in his term, it is much more likely that he will simply resign.

Despite figures such as George Wallace or Jim Folsom once wielding so much political power, Alabama operates under a weak Governor system. Not even the Governor's power to veto legislation amounts to much, as it can be overridden by a simple majority vote.

As a result, Bentley's vetoes have regularly been overridden. For example, last week the Governor demanded a budget that fully funded the state's Medicaid program.

Because fully funding the program would have necessitated tax increases, or major cuts elsewhere, the legislature ignored his demand and overturned the subsequent veto of their budget. As such, Bentley's only recourse is to call a special session and hope that he may charm the legislature.

With the scandal hanging over him and his persuasion ability now at an all time low, the state's already weak governor has become weaker still. As such, Alabama is now at an impasse because formal impeachment is unlikely.

Bentley will either be shamed into resigning on his own terms, or a means by which he may be indicted on criminal charges will have to be found.

The state constitution does not allow for convicted felons to hold the office of Governor, meaning he would have to resign if criminal charges stuck.

This would require proof that he purposely misappropriated funds to enable his likely affair, or engaged in some form of criminal corruption. More general charges, such as exercising poor judgment or harming the state's reputation through his conduct, would not suffice for criminal proceedings to be carried out.

**Is your campus club or organization hosting an event on campus? If so, send us the details at [chantynewstips@gmail.com](mailto:chantynewstips@gmail.com).**

## One last layout: reflecting on my days as Chanticleer editor

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

This is my official goodbye to an old friend. I started working at The Chanticleer when it had a few hundred likes on Facebook and a big office in Self Hall.

Even though the office is smaller now, the likes continue to grow.

The Chanticleer is taking its place among all newspapers, pushing its online presence.

Even though JSU's newspaper costs nothing to the public to read, and doesn't generate profit of its own, it still needs to push its online presence like papers that do generate a profit.

It's as Dr. John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies said at the communication department's banquet last week, "This department teaches skills that you'll need in your profession."

I definitely can't argue with that. Working as editor, I learned there is no paper without leadership, and there is no leadership without mutual respect.

The same can be said of any group. There may be a "group leader," but leadership means nothing if no one respects one another.

I learned this fact last October, the same month I learned how much The Chanticleer actually means to me.

Many of the paper's former writers link online portfolios to our website, including myself and my editorial staff. When I discovered The Chanticleer's website was deleted, I was devastated.

After a week of investigating online forums, Wordpress restored the website with all the content still intact. When this happened, The Chanticleer transformed from a student project to a personal one.

In my time here I've had the opportunity to speak to Rick Bragg, my role model.

I've listened to a world-re-



**Marie McBurnett**

nowned journalist speak at the Ayers Lecture; I've seen a university president retire.

I've written about a data breach, and ran across campus to take pictures of vandalism before it was cleaned.

I got the opportunity to speak to business owners in Jacksonville. I even got to produce the issue when JSU went to the national championships.

And this one, my last issue, the one where JSU inaugurates a new president.

Teamwork is the biggest thing that one can learn working in student media. The Chanticleer works closely with WLJS, the campus radio, the other half of JSU's student media.

When it comes to applying skills, the student media combine, and concentrations don't mean as much. Working with such a tight-knit group of students results in friendships that could last a lifetime.

It feels like only a short time ago that the former editor, Kara Coleman was teaching me the ropes of managing a student newspaper. Now, I'm getting ready to teach the next editor how to do the same thing.

I've seen a lot of chairs in this office empty, and now it's time for mine to empty.

## Making a bachelor's degree worth the money

**Adam Higgins**  
*Associate Editor*

When you're less than a month away from graduation, you tend to reflect on some of the lessons that you've learned during your college experience.

The main takeaway I have from my college years is that you can earn a bachelor's degree from a university without receiving a thorough education.

I have learned a few different skills from my classes here at JSU, and I have gained knowledge and experience through working at The Chanticleer and in-

terning at The Anniston Star.

That internship taught me more about journalism in three months than I had previously learned in my entire life.

However, I have heard other graduates, both here and at other Alabama universities, say they do not feel like they have learned very much from their overall college experience.

Some have even said they don't feel ready for the professional world even though they're about to graduate.

Perhaps one reason for this is that students do not get fully involved in the department of their major.

Another could be that students are choosing to take easier courses rather than those taught by instructors who have a reputation for being difficult.

As an undergraduate, if you really want to make the most out of the tremendous debt that you're likely accumulating, it's a good idea to take some hard courses; don't just take easy electives, or classes with teachers that you know won't challenge you intellectually.

Instead, take a variety of electives, such as sociology, psychology, computer science, political science, graphic design, etc.

Don't be afraid of the teachers who make you work for an A in their class; those can be the classes where you really get what you pay for.

It pays off to gain the maximum amount of knowledge and skills that you can during college because you will naturally stand out to employers.

Some students manage to "get by" and earn a bachelor's degree only to realize it does not guarantee them a job after graduation. Jobs can be hard to come by, and it usually takes more than just a degree to impress an employer.

Sure, employers want to see that you have a degree, but they're looking for more than just that.

If you want to stand out, learn a variety of skills that make you indispensable to an employer; make sure that you complete an internship with a professional organization, even if an internship is not required to earn the degree that you're seeking.

A bachelor's degree is really just a nice-looking piece of paper unless you have skills and experience to accompany it, and the degree alone will not guarantee you a job at a professional organization.

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# SPORTS

## Gamecocks Side Bar

**Congratulations to the 2015-16 Eagle Owl Award winners**  
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### JSU Upcoming Action

**4/14**

-Softball  
vs Alabama A&M 5 p.m.

**4/15**

-Men's Tennis vs Murray State  
-Track and Field at South Alabama Invitational  
-Women's Tennis vs Murray State 1 p.m.  
-Baseball at Tennessee Tech 6 p.m.

**4/16**

-Women's Tennis vs Austin Peay 10 a.m.  
-Men's Tennis vs Austin Peay 10 a.m.  
-Softball vs Morehead State 1 p.m.  
vs Morehead State 3 p.m.  
-Baseball at Tennessee Tech 2 p.m.

**4/17**

-Baseball at Tennessee Tech 1 p.m.  
-Softball vs Morehead State 1 p.m.

**4/18**

-Women's Golf at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship

**4/19**

-Women's Golf at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
-Baseball vs Kennesaw State 6 p.m.

**4/20**

-Women's Golf at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship

**4/22**

-Track and Field at the Auburn Invitational  
-Men's Tennis at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
-Women's Tennis at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
-Baseball vs Southeast Missouri 1 p.m.

**4/23**

-Women's Tennis at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
-Men's Tennis at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
-Softball at Austin Peay 12 p.m.  
at Austin Peay 2 p.m.  
-Baseball vs Southeast Missouri 1 p.m.

## Gamecocks stay unbeaten in the OVC with sweep

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
Staff Reporter

JSU continued their undefeated OVC streak by sweeping UT Martin Sunday.

The wins stretched the Gamecocks' streak to 14-0, the best OVC start in JSU history.

JSU started strong in the first game as they routed the Skyhawks 4-0.

The Gamecocks scored their first run in the top of the second inning.

Emily Woodruff singled to the right, which allowed Emily Church the chance to run home for the score.

UTM struggled through the bottom of the second and handed it back over to the Gamecocks in the third.

Church homered early in the inning for the Gamecocks' second run, giving the Gamecocks a 2-0 lead over the Skyhawks.

Again they scored nothing

in the bottom of the third.

The Gamecocks scored their two remaining runs unearned. Anna Chisolm scored one on a fielding error.

Ella Denes took the fourth and final run for the Gamecocks after a Jamie McGuire single.

Whitney Gillespie was able to shut out UTM on three singles and recorded four strikeouts as well.

Taylor West allowed only one run on her three singles and recorded eight strikeouts.

The Gamecocks won the second game of the day 2-1 completing their sweep.

JSU's only two runs came early in the game. The top of the first saw McGuire single to the left.

Stephanie Lewis and Jordan Bullock both advanced and sent Denes home for the first run.

Moments later, Church

flied out to center, which gave Bullock the second and final run for the Gamecocks.

The Skyhawks made an attempt to avenge their loss earlier in the day but to no avail.

Their only run of the game came four innings later in the bottom of the fifth.

Allie Fulcher stole home and took the run. Neither team scored again.

West contained the hitters of UTM until the third inning.

The Skyhawks only had multiple hits in the fifth inning, where two singles helped to cut the Gamecocks' lead to only one.

The Gamecocks play non-conference opponent Alabama A&M today at 5.

After that they play a three-game set against OVC opponent Morehead State where they hope to continue their undefeated streak.

## Bobo gets second honor as co-athlete of the week

**Brentwood, Tenn.** – For the second time this season, Jacksonville State junior Josh Bobo has been named the Co-OVC Player of the Week after delivering 10 RBI in JSU's series win over Murray State.

Bobo garnered his first weekly honor on March 21, after guiding the Gamecocks to a weekend sweep of Austin Peay.

He shares the achievement with Tennessee Tech's Kevin Strohschein.

The third baseman from Attalla, Ala., matched two JSU program records for a single game in the Gamecocks 22-7 rout of the Racers on Saturday.

Bobo belted three home

runs and added a double and a single on his stat line on the day and finished 5-for-6 on the day and drove in eight RBI.

He matched JSU's all-time record for home runs in a game and equaled the program's Division I record for RBI in a game with his eight runs.

Bobo added two more RBI in the Sunday contest to get the Gamecocks within striking distance late in the game.

He became the fifth Gamecock all time to record three home runs in a contest and the first since former JSU standout Ben Waldrip accomplished the feat on April 28, 2012.

Bobo is the fourth player in JSU's Division I tenure to have three home runs in a game.

He joins his former high school coach at Etowah High School, Larry Foster, who hit three homers in a game back in 1973 against UAB.

Bobo became the fourth Gamecock to register eight home runs on the Division I level and the first since Scott Smith against Eastern Kentucky and versus Alabama that season.

Jeff Tidwell (1998) and Roby Brooks (1997) also had eight RBI in a single game.

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## Men's, Women's Tennis teams fall to SIUE

**Edwardsville, Ill.** – The Jacksonville State men's and women's tennis teams dropped Ohio Valley Conference matches to SIUE Edwardsville on Saturday on the SIUE campus.

After the JSU men topped Eastern Illinois on Friday, the Gamecocks suffered a tough 4-3 loss to the Cougars.

The Jax State women fell 7-0 to SIUE in a late afternoon match.

The JSU men will head into the final weekend of the regular season at 8-13 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

The Gamecock women dropped to 6-15 on the season and 4-4 against OVC competition.

JSU finishes the regular season against Murray State on April 15 and Austin Peay on April 16 at the

JSU Tennis Courts.

In the men's match, it came down to the singles match at No. 6, which ended up going the distance.

JSU's Austin McCormick got off to a good start in the match by winning the first set over SIUE's Jack Desse, but could not fend off Desse's comeback as he dropped a the match 6-4, 6-0.

JSU posted the doubles point after the JSU pairing of Andres Gomez and Liu Shao Chun clinched the point at No. 1 after ousting Patrick Gaffigan and Tristan Houle, 7-6 (6).

Jax State's tandem of Pedro Wagner and Mathias Chaim downed Nico Kuehn and Dan Lineberry, 6-3.

The singles match at No. 6 was one of four battles that lasted for three sets, but JSU was on the short end

of three of those. Gomez edged Kuehn at No. 5 after the final two sets were decided on tiebreakers. Gomez claimed the opening set, 6-2, but faltered in the second set 7-6. He bounced back to help JSU even the match at 3-all with the deciding point coming at No. 6. JSU's only other point in singles came at No. 2 with Jaryd Reese's 6-2, 6-3 win over Matthew Hutchinson.

SIUE's Patrick Gaffigan extended Chaim to three sets after falling in the opening set.

Wagner also lost a three set match to Tristan Houle.

In the women's match, it was all SIUE as they won the doubles point at No. 2 and 3.

SIUE's team of Sierra Halverson and Monique Krutak topped JSU's pairing of Claudia Marsala

## Townes, Bennett stand out at relays

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** – For the second time this season, senior Whitley Towns and sophomore Courtney Bennett have broken the JSU records in the 1500 meter run and shot put as the pair led JSU at the Hilltopper Relays, hosted by Western Kentucky.

Towns established the program's previous record earlier this season on March 26 with a time of 4:39.42.

She was 44 seconds better on Saturday with a time of 4:38.98, and reached the medal stand with a third-place finish.

Her mark in the distance event ranks sixth in the OVC.

Bennett broke the JSU record in the shot put with a toss of 46'25", which was sixth-best in the event.

Her previous record in the event was 45' 9 1/4" established on March 19.

Bennett's mark ranks among the OVC's best, and is just shy of being in the top three tosses in the conference.

Three other Gamecocks had a career day in their respective events.

Senior Mallory McGuire registered a career best in the javelin with a toss of 119'0" to finish sixth in the event.

Sophomore Samantha Patterson posted a career best leap of 11'8.75" in the pole vault.

On the track, Jasmine Parham clocked a time of 64.11 in the 400 meter hurdles event, which was her personal best.

Her finish was a top-10 placement in the event.

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## Former Gamecock Weillett wins Masters

**Timothy Cash**  
Sports Editor

Former Gamecock Danny Willett won the Masters Golf Tournament Sunday at Augusta National in Augusta, Ga.

Willett, who was a standout, and all-OVC play in 2006 and 2007, shot a 67 on the final day.

Jordan Spieth, who he trailed for the entire tournament, awarded him his green jacket.

A breakdown by Spieth on the final day allowed Willett to take the lead thanks to back-to-back birdies.

"It's awesome," Willett told CBS afterwards, according to a JSU news release.

"We played great golf today, and it's been a fantastic week. You can't really describe the emotions and the feelings. We all go out there trying

to play good golf, and at the end of the day somebody has to win the golf tournament. Fortunately today was my day."

Willett ended the day Saturday with a 216 through 54 holes, while Spieth was leading the tournament with 213.

Willett shot an even par through the first five holes Sunday, managing to move to two under par with birdies on holes six and eight. He started catching up to Spieth, who was five under.

Spieth bogeyed holes 10 and 11, before quadruple bogeying hole 12.

He then birdied 13 and 15, but bogeyed again on 17.

Spieth pined hole 18 to tie Lee Westwood and Paul Casey for second place.

Willett took advantage of the opportunity

he was given to take the lead away from Spieth.

He was able to birdie three of the last six holes to move to a final score of five under.

In a press release by JSU, Willett's JSU golf coach James Hobbs said,

"There was always an argument in the van between Danny and my American players about what the biggest major was. Danny always said The Open was the biggest, and my American players argued that it was The Masters. I can't wait to ask him that question again, because I think he may have a different answer after today."

Willett is only the second Englishman to win at Augusta National, and the first European to win the Masters since José Olazábal of Spain won in 1999.

## Towns named OVC female track athlete of the week

**Brentwood, Tenn.**

— After breaking the school record in the 1,500 meter run for the second time this season, senior Whitley Towns was named the Ohio Valley Conference Female Track Athlete of the Week, announced by the league office on Tuesday.

Towns, from Boaz, Ala., established the program's previous 1,500 meter record earlier this season on



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March 26 at the Emory Classic with a time of 4:39.42.

She was 44 seconds better on Saturday with a time of 4:38.98

and reached the medal stand with a third-place finish in a crowded field of 44.

Her mark in the distance event ranks sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference.

She returned to the track to compete in the 800 meter event and finished 13th.

Jax State returns to action this weekend, competing in the South Alabama Invitational in Mobile, Ala.

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## Danes honored as OVC softball player of the week

**BRENTWOOD, Tenn.** — The accolades continue for Jacksonville State's softball team as senior Ella Denes was tabbed the OVC Player of the Week by the league office on Monday.

Denes led the Gamecocks to another dominate weekend on the diamond as Jax State swept both Southeast Missouri and UT Martin on the road to stay perfect in conference play this season.

The 14-0 mark is the best OVC start in program history since joining the league in 2004, and dating back to last season.

Head coach Jana McGinnis' squad can now claim another program record with 18 consecutive conference wins, breaking the previous run of 16-straight from 2010-11.

The 5-foot-5 product of Pisgah, Ala., hit safely in every game but one during the week, with at least one extra base

hit in three of the games.

She doubled in a loss at UAB on Tuesday to begin the week.

In the doubleheader against SEMO, she combined to go 6-for-8, with two doubles, two home runs and six RBI.

Her homer and pair of doubles which produced three RBI in the opener versus the Redhawks, proved to be critical as JSU held on for the one-run victory.

Denes followed that up with another home run and three more RBI in the second game in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She finished the week going 2-for-4 in the final game of a sweep at UT Martin.

She becomes the latest Gamecock to claim OVC Weekly Honors this season after Emily Church and Whitney Gillespie did so last month, and fellow senior Casey Akenberger won Pitcher of the Week in late February.

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## JSU tops in-state foe Troy 8-7 in 16

**Timothy Cash**  
Sports Editor

After a hard battle with the Troy Trojans (20-13) that lasted 16 innings, Jacksonville State (22-10) was able to leave Iddle-Pace field in Troy, Ala. with a win.

The Gamecocks were first on the board Tuesday night. Paschal Petrongolo hit a single down the middle in the first inning that allowed Gavin Golsan to score, and advance Clayton Daniel to move to third base. Josh Bobo was then able to get Daniel across the plate with a ground out to the Trojans' third baseman.

Jax State added to their

lead in the fourth. Peyton Williams was able to score due to a single by Golsan, and then Golsan was able to come home thanks to a single by Daniel.

Troy scored their first run of the night when Joey Denison hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth.

Taylor Hawthorne doubled through to the left side in the fifth. A throwing error by the Trojans allowed Hawthorne to move up to third, and let Elliot McCummings score the fifth run of the night for JSU.

McCummings scored his second run of the game when Hawthorne sacrificed himself in the seventh.

Troy proved that they were not out of the contest in the bottom of the seventh. They were able to get four Trojans across the plate during their half inning.

Brandon Lockridge and Tripp Calhoun scored the Trojans second and third runs thanks to a single by Denison. Chase Smartt was able to score on a single by TJ Binder, and Denison scored on a single by Brody Binder.

The Trojans tied the contest up in the eighth thanks to a single by Lockridge that let Windham Jackson score their fifth run.

The Gamecocks managed another run in the 11th.

Petrongolo scored thanks to a sacrifice by Hawthorne.

The Trojans were also able to score in the 11th. Trevor Davis sacrificed himself to center field, allowing Lockridge to score unearned.

Josh Bobo saved the day for the Gamecocks in the 16th. He was able to homer down the left field line to score the 15th run of the ballgame.

Nicholas Gaddis received the win for JSU. He pitched four scoreless innings, gave up three hits.

Derrick Adams, Joe McGuire, Colton Pate, Grant Chandler, Michael McCreless, Nate Sylvester, Justin

Hoyt and Ty Pierce also pitched for the Gamecocks on Tuesday.

Perez Knowles received the loss for Troy. He pitched two and two-thirds inning for the Trojans, giving up one run off of two hits. Evan Herbert, Robert Harris, Trey Johns, Corey Childress and Marc Skinner also pitched for Troy.

The Gamecocks travel to Cookeville, Tenn. on March 15, to face foe Tennessee Tech (9-12, 9-6 OVC) for a three game series Friday, Saturday and Sunday. JSU will return home on March 19 to face Kennesaw State at 6 p.m.



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