



## 'Internal' source releases student information

Marie McBurnett  
 Editor-in-Chief

JSU discovered a website Tuesday providing information about students, including pictures, addresses, student numbers, birthdates and members of sororities and fraternities.

The street addresses were taken off the site Tuesday afternoon. It also has information on faculty members and recent graduates.

The Chanticleer is not releasing the name of the site due to the sensitive information it contains.

JSU posted on Facebook when it became aware of the website's existence.

"This matter is being investigated internally as well as by state and federal law enforcement agencies," the post stated.

Attempts to reach Public Relations Director Buffy Lockette for comment on Wednesday

were unsuccessful.

The top of the site reads that the maintainers "aim to remain mostly anonymous," and urge visitors of the site to use the information responsibly.

A press release written by JSU urged students to change their passwords for their student logins and email.

The site also states it "was made to bring awareness to JSU's information

security problems."

It also reads that it "shares limited information for your security."

According to searchserver-virtualization.techtarget.com, "a single computer can have several VPSs, each one with its own operating system that runs the hosting software for a particular user."

The owner of the site claims to live in Russia, to have a Virtual Private Server in Bulgaria and the domain

in Switzerland and for those who want to shut it down to "start buying tickets."

A press release by JSU on Wednesday afternoon stated that "a student suspect has been identified and questioned." The identity of the suspect was not given because they are a juvenile.

"We have no evidence of social security numbers, credit cards, or any other banking information has been accessed," the release stated.

## Dairy Queen has electronic accessories for students



Dustin Fox/The Chanticleer

Dairy Queen 'Grill and Chill' in Jacksonville opened on Wednesday, February 17. The restaurant provides free Wi-Fi, electronic outlets and three flat-screen televisions.

Dustin Fox  
 Staff Reporter

Dairy Queen opened a "Grill and Chill" restaurant in Jacksonville Feb. 17. It is equipped with free Wi-Fi, several electric outlets and three flat-screen televisions broadcasting sports and news.

Inside and out, the entire building has been remodeled and the dining area has all new furnishings.

"We have plenty of space for people to come and hang out in here. And we have a patio area with even more seating outside," said general manager William Dingle.

The patio has two fire heaters to keep customers warm when it is cold outside.

The new Dairy Queen is located close to campus in the old Legghorn's Cafe building next to Wendy's.

But more than just the building's signs have been changed.

Dingle said he is excited that Dairy Queen has opened in Jacksonville so local students can take advantage of the new features and eat good chicken, burgers and ice cream. The restaurant is also welcoming students as employees.

"We love working with young people from the university and high school," he said.

Meghan Welch, a JSU student and member of the Marching Southerners, said the biggest portion of employ-

ees are high schoolers and JSU students.

Welch said the managers are happy to schedule shifts around school responsibilities.

"There was a bit of a mix up at one point. I had talked to the senior assistant manager about coming in at 6 p.m. instead of 5 on Wednesdays. She said it would be no problem. However, the next week, I was still scheduled at 5. So I spoke with the assistant manager on duty and he straightened it out for me without any repercussions or complaints," she said.

Shift-leader Katie Knight said the new restaurant is still hiring.

"We really need morning-shift

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## NAACP hosts Black History program in Leone Cole

Alexander Cooper  
 Staff Reporter

The JSU NAACP chapter hosted its fourth annual Black History Month program in Leone Cole Auditorium on Feb. 17.

The program was a celebration of the accomplishments of African American individuals throughout the decades.

It also discussed the hardships and struggles the African American community had to face throughout the years, specifically during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The event began with a reflection on the city of Birmingham, Ala. during the movement and segregation; it was a time when the city sported the nickname "bombingham."

The NAACP showed a documentary to provide an in-depth look at the war-zone like city, and the racially motivated hate crimes that gave it its nickname.

The documentary showed the fallout from many of the bombings and riots that took place in Birmingham.

It especially focused on the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that killed four African American girls.

The program also focused on the accomplishments of many African American figures. It paid tribute to the singer Natalie King Cole. Cole's hit song "This Will Be" was performed by student Kesha Nobles.

The event also included a look at the different African American dances throughout the ages. The NAACP Vice President Darshay Lampley considered it to be one of the major parts of the night.

"We wanted to highlight the dances because that's something we've never highlighted specifically," Lampley said.

The major part of the program, however, was the segment on the history of the Black Panther Party. The party is poised to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year.

The NAACP showed a documentary video highlighting the history of the party, some of the goals that they held and the opposition that they

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**A line of cars wait in the drive-thru at the new Dairy Queen, which opened February 17 at 5 p.m.**

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workers, but we're accepting applications for any position," Knight said. Behind the counter, there were several employees taking orders and cooking food, but

the number of customers eating significantly outnumbered the staff. Since opening last Wednesday at 5 p.m., the new Dairy Queen has stayed busy. The

drive through is rarely empty and customers eating inside are having to park in the overflow lot behind the building, according to employees.

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faced.

The program also mentioned the Million Man March of 1963 where over 260,000 people gather at the national mall in Washington D.C.

It was one of the largest rallies that has ever taken place at the capitol.

"The main focus of the program was to implement the Black Panther anniversary as well as the Million Man March anniversary because those are two prominent

things that we have currently going on in present day," Lampley said.

The program was the third one that she had been involved in.

"Hopefully it will be something that NAACP carries on throughout their remainder on JSU's campus. I definitely think its important because as young people we often times forget, and you have to always find a way to be well rounded and find a way to

give back to the community," Lampley said.

She said the main takeaway that she would like for people to get from the program is that "[the African American community] is still making history."

Lampley also said she wants people to make sure "to stay involved and well informed about the things that happened in the past because they happen in the present as well."

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# JSU professor receives fellowship, visits Oman

**Emily Kirby**  
*Staff Reporter*

Dr. Lori J. Owens — professor of political science, Honors director and CAS director of academic services — was awarded the Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship, which allowed her to visit the Sultanate of Oman on the Arabian Peninsula just east of Yemen.

Owens, along with six other Americans, stayed there from Dec. 29, 2015, to Jan. 8, 2016.

The Fellowship's goal was to act as an educational and cultural exchange to educate people on the Middle East/Arab world, and the relationship between the United States and the Arab world, according to a press release she wrote.

"It was a cultural exchange. We did have some meetings with government officials, but it was more of a cultural educational exchange that you cannot obtain by reading a book or looking online. You have to immerse yourself in it," Owens said.

She discussed the political aspects of Oman and the uniqueness of their Sultan, who is the longest reigning ruler in the Middle East, having overthrown the previous ruler in 1970.

Sultan Qaboos, the current ruler, wished for economic growth and stability for his country.

His policy pertaining to diplomacy is, "friend to all, enemy to none." Oman has been an ally to the United States for centuries.

The Fellowship visited Muscat, the nation's capital. While there, they met with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Cultural Affairs, and Oman's ambassador to the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Dr. Donald Bosch and his wife Elizabeth traveled to Oman in 1955 as medical missionaries and educators from the United States.

After arriving, Bosch became a pioneer in healthcare.

Elizabeth taught at the American



Courtesy Lori Owens

**Dr. Lori J. Owens was awarded the Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship, allowing her to visit the Sultanate of Oman on the Arabian Peninsula just east of Yemen. Owens and six other Americans stayed there for a little over a week.**

Mission School, and the two were awarded nationality and a seaside home, both granted by the current Sultan Qaboos.

Owens remembers their visit to the seaside home as one of the most memorable places visited.

The Fellowship met Elizabeth, who is in her 90s now, and still living in the seaside home.

The group also met the Bosch's adult children, who were visiting at the time.

"Other than the people and the culture, I like the diversity of their landscape. You have the mountainous areas, you have the desert, and you have the tropical rainforest area," Owens said, when recalling the climate and landscapes of the country.

Their trips throughout the country took them on camel rides through the desert, a four-mile hike through the Nizwa mountains, and a south-eastern rainforest in Salalah.

"I was particularly impressed by how special Oman seems to be. It really is a gem in the region. It is a place I would go back to. It is a place I would take students to without being worried about taking them. And I cannot say that about every place I have been. In fact, several of us from the group are talking about trying to get one or two students from each of our institutions to do a trip over the holidays, hopefully within a year or two. That is a testimony to the professors and what a positive view they have of Oman," she said.

Owens is available throughout her year of fellowship to speak with various groups on the following topics: Omani culture, Oman's role in the region and the world, United States-Omani relations, economics and missionary history of the United States in the nation.

She can tailor her discussion for groups interested in business,

education, civic affairs, politics, church, or other interested groups, including secondary education students. Owens may be contacted at ljowens@jsu.edu.

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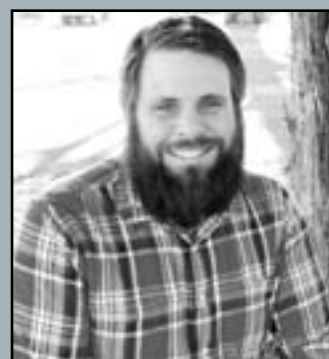
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Mountain Street

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## Dear Chanty,

I feel like I'm having a crisis. I know that I can't afford a car payment at the moment, but I really need a vehicle. I'm a junior and I only have a part time retail job. I have enough to pay for rent for my cheap apartment, but my parents still have to help me with my power bill every once in a while. I'm here on a partial scholarship, but luckily have scraped by without a student loan. With that being said, I have a friend of a friend that's selling a car for a couple thousand dollars. I trust these people, and I've been told the family just upgraded. I want this car. I need this car. But I don't know how to get this car.

Sincerely,  
Desperate

## Dear Desperate,

Lucky for you, a car isn't completely necessary in college. You didn't mention that you got a ride to your part time retail job, but it can be assumed that is one of the main reasons you want the car. Now, you really need to research for yourself here, but hopefully this will push you in the right direction. With a car comes great responsibility. Cars require gas money, oil changes, transmission fluid changes, various filters need replacing and tires need timely maintenance. If you are serious about this, and really need the cash, you may want to check out bank loans. There is a lot of red tape and it can be very risky. If you don't have credit, you may need a cosigner. The interest rates on bank loans are generally lower, and it will help you establish a credit. This cannot be stressed enough though: MAKE ALL YOUR PAYMENTS ON TIME.

Yours truly,  
Chanty

## Chicken Scratch



I propped my feet up on my table and now I have a cat on my legs and a cat on my lap. These two cats hate each other but are sleeping peacefully... I am the chosen cat throne.

What if this is like "Now You See Me" and the hackers go in and erase all our student debt.

Our generation's logic: Prove a point by hurting the student body and putting everyone's information out in the public, all the while wanting to stay anonymous.

During orientation: "It's always sunny here on the friendliest campus in the South!" I would like to speak to you about the last two weeks, GO! Leader.

Remember playing Mario Kart and thinking you're winning, only to realize you've been looking at the wrong screen and crashing into walls? That's what going to college is like.

I sure wish my English professor would grade papers as fast as she makes us write them.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## JSU drama brings history to life

Collins Maroa  
Staff Reporter

For some, history might not be the most interesting of subjects. Over the years, the arts and drama sector have worked on enacting historical events in order to gain people's attention. The JSU drama department has not been left behind.

Students and faculty recently took the stage to reenact "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson," a play and musical based on a book by Alex Timbers.

The play portrays Andrew Jackson, the seventh American President, as an emo rock star, dressed in tight leather pants with spiky and colored hair.

The play begins at Jackson's birth and ends at the sunset of his presidency, showing his rise and fall while attempting to relate to today's society.

The portrayal of past and present similarities, works perfectly due to the fact that it is an election year, and the political climate gets tenser by the day.

Michael Boynton, the play's director, said during practice for the play, the cast hoped that certain presiden-

tial candidates would stay in the race since they were vital in relating to past and present events.

The cast members consisted of students and one faculty member, Dr. Ellen Peck, who was quick to say she enjoyed performing.

"I had not been part of a cast in a very long time, and it was surely a lot of fun," Peck said.

"The students were not only part of the cast, but were also the heart and soul of the production," said Randy Blades, the producer of the play.

Blades was referring to the involvement of teamwork between the staff and the students.

Boynton said the play had some challenges, and a lot of hard work had to be put into it to overcome them.

"The comedy and political satire in the play was a major challenge," he said in response to a question raised by an audience member concerning the difficulty of remodeling the play.

The cast took approximately a year to prepare and present the play. Its final showings will be Thursday through Sunday, February 25-28.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.



Courtesy of JSU Drama Department

## Cultural Canvas Painting comes to TMB

Kara Morgan Burgess  
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday February 23, the SGA Cultural Canvas Painting from 6-9 in the auditorium of the TMB. It was an incredibly successful event.

Every seat was full. Some students even stopped by to participate but were asked to come back to a later portion because the class was at full capacity.

Jacksonville State University's SGA invited Andromeda to lead this art session. She is an engineering major at the college she attends, but in her spare time, she travels to campuses like ours

to host events like this one.

She explained that the class would be painting a scene from a civil rights protest in Memphis, Tenn.

It depicted a group of abstract protestors holding signs that said "I am man!" The reasons she picked this image were not only for the cultural aspects of it but also in honor of black history month.

Upon entering the room, the participants chose between 12 tables to sit. On each table, there was paint, water, aprons and brushes set out for them. The tables were also supplied with a canvas which had the pre-drawn scene that

they would paint on it.

Throughout the entire class, Andromeda explained the way she was painting the picture.

She told the group that they could follow by her example, or do something different and make the painting their own. She was encouraging and supportive to all of those in attendance granting compliments like "great work," and "I love the creativity."

Andromeda's cheerful disposition and constant willingness to help anyone in need made the event go over smoothly and made the overall experience better.

After this, there was an-

other portion of the event in which 12 silhouettes of different civil rights activists such as Martin Luther King Jr. were laid out to be chosen from.

After selecting an activist to paint, the participants could paint the silhouettes with black paint, or approach the task in a creative manner.

Attendee Kelsey Blangin, a first year art major here at JSU, said "I thought it was a great opportunity to be able to sit in and paint and learn a little bit about history, civil rights and the African American culture.

"As someone who loves art, I enjoyed how creative we were able to be with this

project. Overall, I am really glad that JSU offers events like this so students can learn more about different cultures," said Blangin.

"I really think I did well. I really like my picture. I think I really understood the objective and gained a new understanding. When I walked away, it was one of those eye opening moments where I was thinking 'oh that's what really happened!' This event changed my perspective on civil rights," said another student in attendance, Taylor Whitmore.

At the end of the day, everyone in attendance took their works of art and a bit of knowledge home with them.



Photo Left: After listening to Andromeda, participants of the Cultural Canvas Painting hold up their finished products. Photo Right: The participants from Tuesday's event work on their silhouettes of civil rights activists and locations. The Cultural Canvas Painting in the TMB had a great turn out. SGA members are seated at the front table.

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# ‘Cocky Country’ interviews upcoming artists

**Renee Lyons**  
*Special to the Chanticleer*

On Friday February 19, the hosts of WLJS 91.9’s country music show, “Cocky Country,” headed South to Auburn to see two guys on their way to country music stardom hit the stage at Bourbon Street Bar. Just who are these two new artists? Their names are Jacob Davis and Cole Taylor.

Earlier in the week, both artists agreed to sit down with the “Cocky Country” girls, Katelyn Schneider and myself, along with The Chanticleer’s editor, Marie McBurnett, to answer a few questions about their rise in the music industry, what the future holds for them and what they would like potential new fans

to know about them.

Up first was Jacob Davis. This interview took place in Jacob’s hotel lobby after the band had participated in a band bonding game of racquetball. Tagging along to the interview was Jacob’s bass player, Teddy Christenberry.

We started the guys out with a series of ‘this or that’ questions that ranged from Skittles or M&M’s to Carrie Underwood or Miranda Lambert.

After that, we moved on to music questions. During the interview, he shared with us what song he recently wrote that has him fired up and after several back-and-forths with debating on if he was allowed to disclose, he said the name of it is “Love Got Me Like.”

The best piece of advice he ever received came to him from his dad and his coach through the quote, “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight; it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

The final question he answered for us was what he would want someone who knew nothing about him to walk away from this interview knowing. To answer that question he pulled a Peyton Manning and said, “I want people to think that I’m a good guy.”

Next up, we went to Cole Taylor’s hotel and interviewed him a strange place, the fitness center. His interview took place after him and his band sound checked for the night.

We started out the interview the same way as our

previous interview with ‘this or that’ questions ranging from truth or dare to beer or liquor. After those icebreakers, we moved on to music questions like which song he would pick out for a potential new fan to listen to. To that question he replied with picking “Lights Go Down” from his upcoming EP, Step 2.

He also mentioned in a later question that “Lights Go Down” has the potential to be his next single. The name of his next single will be revealed on the same day his EP is released, Friday, February 26. The best piece of advice he’s ever received got handed down to him from Cole Swindell, which got handed down to him from Luke Bryan, which is simply “make your own story and

live it out.” He wants people to know that he is a “normal dude that is getting to live his dream out.”

Highlight songs on Cole’s upcoming EP, Step 2, include the heartwarming song with a moving melody, “8x10.” The song will take a listener back to remembering growing up in a small town. Other songs include “Part of This Town,” and the fun, upbeat rhythm song, “Side to Side.”

Later that night at the Bourbon St. Bar, both guys captivated the crowd with the perfect blend of cover and original songs that they have written or released themselves. Country music fans can catch these two talented guys out on their individual tours that are paving their way to the road of success.

Photo Right: Jacob Davis and his band perform Friday at Bourbon Street Bar in Auburn, Ala.

Photo Below: Renee Lyons and Katelyn Schneider interview Cole Taylor in his hotel before the concert.



Marie McBurnett/The Chanticleer



Teddy Christenberry/Special to The Chanticleer

FROM LEFT: Marie, Renee, Jacob and Katelyn pose for a picture after their interview before he heads to sound check.



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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Opinion: Cowboys need to draft Romo successor

Nathan Cavitt  
Sports Columnist

The last time the Dallas Cowboys took a quarterback in the first round was in 1989. They drafted a young talented quarterback out of UCLA—that man was Troy Aikman.

For those unfamiliar with Aikman . . . well you probably don't watch football. Aikman, now a sports commentator for Fox, is considered to be one of the greatest quarterbacks in Dallas Cowboy history.

With three Super Bowl rings, Aikman was well worth the Cowboys' no. 1 pick in the NFL draft. He became a Hall of Famer and is now a recognizable face of the Cowboys brand.

It's been 27 years since the Cowboys have taken a chance on a top-tier quarterback, and now is the time to take the leap. The Cowboys hold the fourth pick in the draft, and will without a doubt see a worthy quarterback within reach when it's their turn on the clock.

Yet in the past, Dallas has hesitated to pull the trigger. Sure, the hesitation has led to some good players, such as offensive linemen Travis Fredrick and Zach Martin, but it's also led to flops like Felix Jones and Bobby Carpenter and, arguably, losing seasons.

With 35-year-old injury-prone Tony Romo only getting older, the Cowboys have an opportunity to draft a successor before they are forced to

There are quality quarterbacks in the 2016 NFL draft. Perhaps not as many as heralded as Aikman was, but nonetheless there's a future starting quarterback amongst the group.

As usual, who that quarterback is, no one really knows. Some analysts like Carson Wentz out of North Dakota State; others are high on Jared Goff out of California.

Wentz has a big arm, and as Jacksonville State fans know, a knack for putting the ball in the right place at the right time. Goff is considered by many to be second to Wentz with similar abilities; his main weakness is his accuracy from time to time.

Dallas has a chance to draft a successor to Romo, who has shown over the past three seasons that his health is something that can't be relied on—two of those seasons ended short with injuries.

With Romo at the helm in the 2015 season, the Cowboys were 3-1. Without him, they only managed to win one game.

In my opinion, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones should insist on drafting a successor. More likely, it will take another losing season for Jones to realize how important a good quarterback is to a team.

Then again, Romo was an undrafted free agent before becoming the record-breaking quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, so what do I know.

## Super Tuesday: Make or break for candidates

Kevin Spann  
Political Columnist

In light of recent events — Hillary Clinton's modest win in Nevada, Donald Trump's major victory in South Carolina and Jeb Bush exiting the race — Tuesday could be the day that decides it all.

Super Tuesday, as it has come to be known, is the day in which the greatest number of states cast their primary ballots. Eleven states, including Alabama, will hold both Republican and Democratic primaries. Additionally, three other states will hold only Republican primaries.

On the Democratic end, with only Vermont — and to a lesser degree Massachusetts — looking like friendly territory for Sen. Bernie Sanders, Clinton has a chance at scoring a major victory. While a strong showing for Clinton on Super Tuesday probably would not force Sanders to exit the race, it would make him far easier to paint as a protest candidate, rather than a serious threat.

Though Sanders could theoretically recover from such an instance, it would be difficult to envision a favorable scenario for him. If Sanders does decently, however, Clinton's win-

dow of opportunity will have basically closed, and Democrats will be in for a repeat of 2008, with the race going all the way into the summer.

Although it is unlikely, if Sanders does very well against Clinton, he could deal her a blow that she could not recover from. Super Tuesday may well be the Republican's last window of opportunity to halt Donald Trump's momentum.

If Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio — whose home turf is in theory the South — are unable to pull off some solid victories, then there is hardly any point in dragging the race out. As for Republican Gov. John Kasich, the path forward is nay uncharitable due to how out of step he has become with his party.

Ben Carson is in a similar boat; while he has exceeded expectations, it is hard to see him carrying any states at this point. When asked for insight, the JSU political science faculty expressed surprise that the race had come to this point.

Dr. Tim Barnett, professor of political science, said that if it were not for the high stakes on both sides, one could expect a great deal of raiding the other side's primary — a situation that occurs in states where voters, who are not required

to register as a member of a specific party, vote for the weakest candidate of the opposing party — since Democrats presumably have a better chance of victory against Trump, and Republicans a better chance against Sanders.

Former U.S. Congressman Glen Browder, professor emeritus of political science, is no stranger to the political game, and expressed concern for the volatility of the race. He said he wondered what the deep fractures within the two parties would mean for 2020.

Dr. Lori Owens, professor of political science, who is also a veteran of state and local politics, said the race has been "bizarre" so far. Owens said that Republicans' window to defeat Trump seemed to be closing.

As for the Democrats, she said that Clinton will likely pull through, but that it had become obvious that she "has some challenges with voters that her husband and Barack Obama did not have."

As for Alabama specifically, while the general climate seems to favor Trump and Clinton, there is little polling or ground support to back up these assumptions. As such, it should go without saying that every vote matters.

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## Misconceptions about the "skinny" figure and womanhood

Rachel Read  
Staff Reporter

A few weeks ago I went out to eat at Panera Bread with my sister Amanda, my boyfriend and a few other friends, and while in line to order food, these two young women (that looked like they were probably in their late teens—early 20s) and another lady, (who I presumed to be their mom, or the mom of one of the girls at least) were in line behind us.

I hadn't given much thought to these women until out of the blue one of the girls pointed at my sister Amanda and began to laugh at her for looking like a "frigin' stick."

The mom and the other girl then proceeded to make mocking comments about her and another friend of ours, who had walked right by them, (who happens to also be a tall and thin girl) and then all of us girls together as we walked to our table.

These women ended up

sitting across from us, and every once in awhile, they would point us out and laugh about us, particularly singling out Amanda since she was closest to them.

Part of me was in denial of everything I was hearing, and tried to give them the benefit of the doubt, but as time went on, it became clear that these women were acting like bullies.

Every part of me wanted to go up and confront them over their insensitive remarks, but I refrained.

I was too upset to think of anything to say, to be honest. I did not want to come off just as graceless and mean-spirited as they were.

In retrospect, I wish I could have at least said something.

It's ridiculous to shame a woman for the way she looks, no matter how she looks, but I especially don't understand how there seems to be this increasing attitude that thinner women don't count as "real women"; that

they must think that they are better than everybody else and, therefore, probably deserve to be publicly shamed for the way they look.

I see this attitude more and more, not just from weird experiences and interactions in person, but on social media posts, TV, in music, videos, memes and in the comment sections of articles.

Celebrity women that fall under the category of being "skinny" are bullied for being a poor representation of women.

I've seen some comments go as far as saying, "If you're a skinny woman, you are responsible for any girl that has an eating disorder or self-esteem issues." Not every thin woman has complete control over her genetics, body structure and metabolism. I've also seen "you don't count in this conversation, because you've never struggled with your body image,"—what a ridiculous and dangerous misconception.

The problem is assuming that being a skinny girl means you have never felt insecure, ugly, or wish you looked different.

Is it really hard to believe that some women in the world don't starve themselves to look thin, that they have a higher metabolism, are, in fact healthy, and \*here's the zinger\* can actually feel really insecure about being thin?

I have a good sense of humor, so I don't usually take offense when people that barely know me take jabs at me for being on the skinny side, or tell me that I need to eat.

But when I see another woman being teased about it, especially when that other woman is a sister or a friend, it makes me feel really bad and see it from a different perspective.

Last semester, one of my fellow classmates made a remark to the effect of, "I'm glad that the girls they used were real women," after

watching a snippet of a music video in class. A lot of people joined in and agreed.

I can understand what her point was, but I still feel that the wording of "real women" is a terrible choice of words.

Being curvy is beautiful, but so is being thin, and the truth is that a "real woman" should be able to uplift and encourage any woman, while feeling confident in her own skin, no matter what her body type is.

I too want to see diverse representations of women, but diversity does not mean excluding or degrading a specific body type in the process.

I read a quote recently that said, "Girls compete with one another, women empower each other" and it really resonated with me, because it is very true.

May we as women learn how to maintain a sense of self-respect and dignity for ourselves, without tearing each other down.

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## Gamecocks Side Bar

### JSU Upcoming Action

**2/25**

-Men's Basketball  
vs. Eastern Kentucky 7 p.m.

**2/26**

-Track and Field at OVC  
Indoor Championship

-Men's Tennis vs. Nicholls  
State University 9 a.m.

-Softball  
vs. Grambling State 12:15  
p.m.  
vs. Lamar 5 p.m.

-Baseball at Kennesaw  
State 3 p.m.

-Women's Tennis at  
Armstrong State 3 p.m.

**2/27**

-Women's Tennis vs. Nicholls  
State University 9 a.m.

-Baseball at Kennesaw  
State 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs.  
Morehead State 2 p.m.

-Softball  
vs. Liberty 2:30 p.m.  
vs. Louisiana Tech 5 p.m.

-Men's Basketball vs.  
Morehead State 4:30 p.m.

**2/28**

-Women's Golf at Kiawah  
Island Collegiate

-Men's Tennis at Georgia  
Southern 10 a.m.

-Baseball at Kennesaw  
State 12 p.m.

**2/29**

-Women's Golf at Kiawah  
Island Collegiate

**3/1**

-Women's Golf at Kiawah  
Island Collegiate

-Baseball at Alabama  
State 6:30 p.m.

**3/2**

-Softball vs. Alabama 5 p.m.

-Men's Ohio Valley  
Conference Basketball  
Tournament

-Women's Ohio Valley  
Conference Basketball  
Tournament

**3/3**

-Men's Ohio Valley  
Conference Basketball  
Tournament

-Women's Ohio Valley  
Conference Basketball  
Tournament



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## Softball tops Elon at the Diamond 9 Tournament

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
Staff Reporter

The Gamecocks closed the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic 3-3 after falling to Missouri, Georgia and finally Florida.

Just a few hours before being shut out by the undefeated Florida Gators 10-0, the Gamecocks pulled off a victory against Elon 7-6. The previous day, despite losing to the Georgia Bulldogs, they beat the College of Charleston 6-4. They began the tournament with a loss to Mizzou, but won against Nebraska at Omaha 3-1.

In the game against Elon, it was Emily Woodruff who led the day with her three runs. Stephanie Lewis, Cadi Oliver, Whitney Gillespie and Ella Denes all contributed with one run apiece. Freshman pitcher Kirsten Titus led the game with her pitching and kept Elon from scoring until the bottom of the third inning.

Neither team scored dur-

ing inning one, but the Gamecocks took off in the top of second.

After a single from Lewis, Whitney Gillespie was able to take the first run of the game home. Emily Woodruff homered the very next pitch and took a run home along with scoring Lewis and Cadi Oliver.

The score was 4-0 at the end of second inning and would stay that way until the bottom of the third. A single gave Elon their first run of the night. The Gamecocks took another run from Woodruff at the top of the fourth to put them ahead 5-1. Two more runs from Elon came in the bottom of the fourth bringing the score to 5-3 still with JSU in the lead.

The Gamecocks went scoreless in the top of the fifth. Another run from Elon in the bottom of the fifth closed the lead to just one run. At the top of the sixth, Denes had a homer that took Woodruff home and earned the Gamecocks

two more runs. The score sat 7-4 and would until the final opportunity for Elon in the bottom of the seventh. They put a scare on the Gamecocks by coming within one run, but they couldn't quite close it. The Gamecocks won the close match 7-6.

A few hours later, they took on their most experienced opponent yet: undefeated SEC team Florida. Neither team scored for the first two innings, but it only took three innings for Florida to rack up the 10 runs necessary to take the game and shutout the Gamecocks.

JSU moves to 5-5 on the season. They head to Louisiana to play in the Louisiana Tech Tournament that begins on Feb. 26. They begin the tournament against Grambling State, then play Lamar the same day. Feb. 27 brings Liberty then host LA Tech that evening.

The Gamecocks will play their first home match against in-state SEC opponent Alabama on March 6.

## TSU's Lady Tigers eliminates Jax State from the OVC postseason

**NASHVILLE** – The JSU women's basketball team's bid for a third consecutive trip to the OVC Tournament in Nashville was settled Saturday night in Music City after JSU was eliminated from the postseason with a 50-40 loss to Tennessee State at the Gentry Center.

The Gamecocks have now lost the last four games and dropped to 10-17 overall and 5-10 in OVC play.

JSU's inability to score has plagued the team in 2015-16. It continued against TSU as they connected for a season-low 22 percent from the field.

The Gamecocks made just 13 field goals against the Lady Tigers and were 4-of-21 from three-point range.

In the last four games, JSU averaged just 45.2 points per game.

Defensively, JSU is the best team in the OVC in scoring defense and opponent's field goal shooting percentage.

Those numbers held true on Saturday as TSU was slightly better from the field at 27 percent. TSU,

who ranked at the bottom of the league in free throw shooting, reversed those numbers as it connected on 17-of-21 from the free throw line.

JSU scored 10 of its 40 from the free throw line.

For the third time in the last four games, JSU did not hold a lead in the contest as the Lady Tigers led from the opening tip.

TSU jumped out to a 14-9 lead after the first quarter, but JSU was able to hold TSU to five points in the second quarter and trail 19-18 at halftime after making just six field goals in the first 20 minutes.

The Lady Tigers extended the lead out to double digits near the end of the third quarter after out-scoring JSU 16-6 in the session.

TSU led by 11 points after three quarters thanks to a pair of free throws by Brianna Lawrence.

Back-to-back three pointers by Destiny James and Briana Benson sliced the 11-point deficit down to five points just inside a minute of the final quarter. The TSU lead would grow back out to 11 points on

Imani Davis' lay up with 2:22 left to play

Sophomore Tyler Phelion was the lone Gamecock to reach double figures in the scoring column with 11 points, including 5-of-6 from the charity stripe.

The Mobile, Ala. post player registered her fifth double-double of the season and sixth of her career with 11 rebounds.

Phelion had eight on the offensive end to assist in JSU's 48 total boards.

Senior Courtney Strain and Rayven Pearson added seven points each. Benson was limited to five points.

Pearson led JSU on the boards with a career-high 12 in the setback as 10 of her final tally came on the defensive end of the floor.

Davis and Jayda Johnson combined for 30 of TSU's 50 points as Davis carded a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Johnson finished with 12 points.

JSU will wrap up the season on Saturday, Feb. 27 against the Eagles of Morehead State.

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## Men's Basketball falls to TSU, 46-61

**NASHVILLE** – Jacksonville State freshman Jared Hamilton had 21 points and nine boards, but JSU still fell 61-46 at Tennessee State on Saturday night.

Hamilton, a true freshman from Charlotte, N.C., was 8-for-16 from the floor and was just one rebound shy of a double-double. The rest of the Gamecocks struggled from the floor in their sixth-straight game against one of the top three teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Tigers shot just 40.7 percent from the floor and only 36 percent from behind the arc, but they managed enough offense to hold off JSU and claim the season series.

Another JSU freshman guard DelFinco Bogan scored 12 for JSU and was 4-for-8 from behind the arc.

He and Hamilton combined for all but 13 of the Gamecocks' points. The rest of JSU's lineup struggled from the floor for a combined 4-for-28 shooting night.

The two went back-and-forth for part of the first half, with JSU leading as late as the 9:53 mark at 14-13. TSU scored the next six to take a five-point lead and never looked back. The Tigers took a 30-24 lead into the locker room.

Both teams went scoreless for the first three minutes of the second half. TSU got back-to-back layups from Martin and Roper to make it a double-digit lead at 34-24 with just under 16 minutes to play.

JSU returns home, where they will wrap up the 2015-16 season with a pair of games at Pete Mathews Coliseum. JSU will host Eastern Kentucky Thursday at 7 p.m. They will conclude the season Saturday at 4:30 p.m. against Morehead State on Senior Day.

Admission is free for all JSU students and fans ages 18 and under.

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Jacksonville State's baseball team boasts back-to-back season opener wins. The Gamecocks topped the Valparaiso Crusaders 9-3 on Friday Feb. 21.



## Jax State extends opening day success

**JACKSONVILLE** – Jacksonville State exploded for nine runs over four innings to erase a 3-0 deficit to post its second consecutive win on opening day with a 9-3 decision over Valparaiso.

The Gamecocks (2-1) topped Northwestern State and Youngstown State last season. JSU extended its lead in the series with the Crusaders (1-2) to 5-1 all time and 3-1 under head coach Jim Case. The Gamecocks went on to win 11-10 on Saturday, but Valparaiso held off the sweep with a 14-4 decision on Sunday.

On a gorgeous day to start the 2016 campaign, the Gamecocks fell behind 3-0 in the third inning as Valpo plated three runs off of JSU senior Graham Officer. Valpo's Daniel Delaney drove in a pair of runs in the frame with a two-out single up the

middle to give his club a 3-0 lead. That two-RBI single, which was the fifth of the inning, would be the final one by Valpo as the JSU pitching staff limited the Crusader's to just three hits in the final six innings.

JSU took advantage of five Crusader miscues throughout the game and connected on timely hits against Valpo's pitching unit. After being handed a 3-0 lead, Valpo's Dalton Lundeen (0-1) could not hold the lead. After back-to-back walks given to Clayton Daniel and Paschal Petrongolo, Jax State scored its first run of the season on a Tyler Gamble single up the middle, scoring Clayton. The Crusaders mishandled the throw from the outfield, allowing Petrongolo and Gamble to move in to scoring position. Lundeen balked during Paul Angel's at bat to

score Petrongolo. Senior Eliot McCummings drove in the tying run on a put out by the pitcher. The Gamecocks erased the lead with redshirt freshman Austin Green's single to right field. The single was his first career hit in a Gamecock uniform. It was his second straight at bat to reach base. He reached via an error in his first plate appearance. Green turned in a 2-for-4 day at the plate and had a solid defensive effort at third base.

Officer (1-0) tossed his final complete inning with a clean fourth inning of work, before he was lifted with two outs in the fifth. JSU was protecting its 5-3 lead after it pushed another run across the dish in the fourth. Daniel laced a single to right field to send Golsan home. Golsan led off the inning with a single and then stole one of his

two stolen bases. Daniel has now reached base in 23 consecutive games dating back to the last 22 games of his freshman campaign. Golsan and Daniel, the top-two hitters in the Gamecocks' line up, combined for four hits and scored five of the nine runs. Sophomore Hayden White also finished with a pair of hits.

Case went to freshman left hander Derrick Adams in relief of Officer, and escaped damage in the fifth as the Decatur, Ala. native induced a ground ball to third. It was fielded nicely by Green to end the Crusaders' threat. Adams ran in to trouble in the sixth as Valpo loaded the bases for the second consecutive frame. Sophomore Grant Chandler was inserted with one out in the inning and struck out back-to-back Crusaders for two of his career-high five strikeouts.

Chandler completed the final 3.2 innings and allowed just one hit in his initial outing of the 2016 season. Chandler recorded his first career save after entering the contest with the tying run on base. His previous career high in strike outs was four against SIU Edwardsville last year.

Behind the stellar work by Chandler on the mound, JSU extended the lead to 9-3 with a three-run sixth inning that was highlighted by four JSU base hits. JSU opened the inning with three straight hits, coupled with Valpo's fifth error on a ball off the bat of Petrongolo that scored a pair of runs.

The Gamecocks will travel to Kennesaw, Ga. on Feb. 26 to face Kennesaw State (2-1) in a three game weekend series.

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## Women's Golf places 11th at Amelia Island Collegiate

**FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla.** – Melania Bajo Geijo finished tied for 17th and the Jacksonville State women's golf team finished 11th in the spring opener on Tuesday at the JU Amelia Island Collegiate.

Bajo Geijo capped her 54-hole score of 223 with a 76 in Tuesday's final round on the Amelia Island Golf Club. JSU's final-round 314 put the finishing touches on a three-round score of 919.

The event was hosted by Jacksonville University and won by North Florida.



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Melania Bajo Geijo finished tied for 17th in the Amelia Island Collegiate.

Ji Sun Kang of Daytona State College claimed medalist honors with a 1-under 215 on the par-72 layout.

JSU's Valentina Giraldo tied for 26th in the event after a 78

on Tuesday gave her a 54-hole score of 226. Karina Kukkonen's final-round 77 finished off a 233 that tied her for 51st.

Angie Varona tied for 62nd with a 237 that was finished by an 83 on Tuesday. Natalia Azcue rounded out the JSU lineup with a 265 that was capped by a 93 and placed her 85th.

JSU will return to action on Feb. 28-March 1 at the Kiawah Island Collegiate at Osprey Point Golf Course in Kiawah Island, S.C.

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## Devaunte Sigler invited to the NFL Combine

**INDIANAPOLIS** – JSU senior defensive tackle Devaunte Sigler has been invited to the NFL Scouting Combine later this month. Sigler, the 6-foot-3,

311-pound defensive tackle is one of more than 300 prospects invited to participate in the combine. The combine will be held from Feb. 23-29.

Sigler was a second-team All-OVC selection as a senior, and first-team and OVC Defensive player of the year as a junior.

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