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# JSU seeks enrollment manager

## Cherise Peters focuses on getting students to their 'next place'

**Dustin Fox**  
*Staff Reporter*

"I just love what I do. I love to find a young person and say 'What are you doing? What school do you go to?' And talk them into going to the school that I'm working at, or talk them into just going to school. To me, it's just getting them to the next place," Cherise Peters said to over 25 members of JSU faculty and students Friday at Houston Cole Library.

Peters participated in an open forum as part of her candidacy for vice president of enrollment management. She spoke about her love for students and her plans to get them enrolled at the university.

Peters is currently vice president of enrollment management at Miles College in Fairfield, Ala., where she is responsible for enrollment and retention, admissions, housing and marketing.

She has over 30 years of experience in higher education, and for 25 of those years, she has worked



**PETERS**

in enrollment positions. In addition to Miles College, Peters has worked at Alabama State University and Georgia State University.

During the forum, she spoke about her childhood in upstate New York. Peters and her five siblings attended the local elementary, middle and high schools. Her parents insisted that they be a part of the environment and make a meaningful impact in it.

"It doesn't matter what day you are born or what day you die, it's the dash in between," she said, referring to the time between one's life and death.

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## Jerrett Phillips emphasizes student relations, interactions

**Lori Speakman**  
*Staff Reporter*

"I wanted to be able to look at your face and see that I have helped you achieve something that alone you couldn't do," said Jerrett Phillips, a candidate for the position of vice president of enrollment management, at an open forum event Monday in the Houston Cole Library. Jerrett Phillips is the current Director of Enrollment at Northeastern State University, a title that he takes pride in.

Phillips has been working in higher education for 16 years since leaving a law enforcement job. Phillips said that law enforcement

changed him, and that he started to view the world in a negative way.

When asked about an experience that he was most proud of while working in higher education, Jer-



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rett Phillips thought back to his first year at Northeastern State University. A young girl came to him crying because she felt as though she had no support in her decision to go to college.

Phillips empathized with the girl by letting her know that he once felt the same pressure. He said he hopes to bring that "level of care, compassion, and honesty" to JSU.

Phillips talked about how the girl approached him at her graduation. She did not expect him to remember her, but thanked him for his compassion on her first day.

This is something Phillips says he will never forget. He explained how his experience working in higher education and his ability to build relationships qualifies him for the position.

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**DEAN KAHLER**  
 JSU will hold another open forum this Friday in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. for Dean Kahler, the third and final candidate for Vice President of Enrollment Management.

# Campus, city celebrates Arbor Day with planting of elm tree

**Kara Morgan Burgess**  
*Staff Reporter*

The JSU Arbor Day celebration Feb. 25 attracted city officials, citizens and students, who all came to watch President John Beehler plant a bosque elm tree at the International House.

Tree Commissioner Kenny Griffin presented the Johnny Appleseed award to Scott Exum from Alabama Power. Exum donated almost 40,000 trees to Jacksonville over the past year.

Arbor Day is set aside for the appreciation of trees. Alabama Power gave away 5,000 trees to citizens on the square in Jacksonville Feb. 26.

After Boy Scout Troop 19 presented the flag, Beehler approached the podium for welcoming remarks. He thanked the grounds crew and staff for keeping the campus beautiful.

"Without your help we could not have such a beautiful campus with such beautiful trees," Beehler said.

He then mentioned how blessed residents are to live on a



Kara Morgan Burgess/The Chanticleer

Dr. John Beehler, president of JSU, helps plant a tree at the International House February 25 as part of an annual Arbor Day celebration.

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# From Bolivian to American: English professor becomes US citizen

**Alexander Cooper**  
*Staff Reporter*

Dr. Raina Kostova, a native of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, earned her American citizenship last month.

Kostova, an associate professor of English, has been teaching literature at JSU since 2006, and has lived in the United States for 16 years.

Her pursuit of citizenship has been a long process. She said applicants seeking American citizenship must have lived in the county and possessed a green card for at least five years.

"The hardest part is actually getting a green card. You have to have an employer who sponsors you. JSU was my sponsor so I am eternally grateful to them for that," Kostova said.

She explained that not everyone can get a sponsorship, and that obtaining her doctorate opened a lot of doors for her. Kostova said if she did not have that degree, she probably would not have received her green card until several years later.

"If you have that Ph.D degree, you have more possibilities to realize yourself professionally as an immigrant in the USA. It makes

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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

# Kinesiology offers internship, clinical opportunities

**Mary Fowler**  
Staff Reporter

Allie Curl—an undergraduate student of the JSU department of kinesiology with a concentration in exercise science and wellness—is completing her clinical work in the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Clinic at Spain Rehabilitation Center, which is

a part of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.

At SRC, Curl assists patients with heart problems by providing them with training and counseling. She is not the only student gaining professional experience.

The department has allowed students to intern and network with ESPN,

the Birmingham Bowl, the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League and the Talladega Super-speedway.

Located in Pete Mathews Coliseum, kinesiology provides four concentrations for undergraduates: recreational leadership, sport management, physical education and exercise science and wellness.

Physical education provides students the opportunity to become a physical education teacher or coach.

The program offers a class to help students learn basic sign language for their practicum at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

Recreation classes include canoeing and rafting, mountain biking and rock climb-

ing and rappelling.

The newest program, sport management, offers classes such as sport marketing, event management and promotions.

The department also offers a masters of education with a major in physical education and concentrations in teacher education, human performance and nutrition.

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One of the lessons that Phillips learned when first starting out in his career was the importance of trust in enrolling students. Phillips had just started at Bacone College in Oklahoma. The college was affiliated with the American Indian tribes and had recently taken a new turn to rebrand their college. People were confronting him on the reservation saying that the college had failed their students. Phillips learned that it takes years and plenty of small honorable gestures to gain that trust in enrollment. This trust is something that he says the college still has not gained back. He said that this is the reason he is

researching JSU and interacting with the faculty as well as the students.

Phillips also talked about what he considers most important in enrollment. He said that enrollment management is about recruitment, retention and graduation.

Phillips said that he intends to tell JSU's story and create a legacy. He also focuses on making connections with faculty and students.

He noted how important it is to get to know the community. He ended the forum with the final statement "I think JSU is great fit for me and I hope to make a huge, incredible difference."

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"So what are you doing to impact those around you in a positive way?"

For Peters, that positive impact is getting students enrolled and engaged in college.

She said the most important way to retain students is making them feel like they are part of the institution.

The biggest reason that students stay in college is the faculty engagement.

At JSU, she said, students already receive this benefit. Enrollment is small enough that a student can feel like they matter as an individual to the university.

Peters said that every school's model is different, "but the core philosophy is the same: it's about finding the right students, putting the right butts in the right seats, and making sure they have the ability to stay."

She spoke to members of the forum from the marketing department and graduate studies program, and said that student engagement is important in each aspect of the university.

Peters said personalizing the experience for all students, from incoming freshman to those in graduate studies, is the best way to increase and retain enrollment.

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green campus with such a diversity of trees. City Councilwoman Sandra Sudduth spoke on behalf of the city of Jacksonville since Mayor Johnny Smith was unable to attend the ceremony.

Sudduth spoke about the importance of trees. She mentioned that trees clean the air, keep topsoil from eroding, provide oxygen and supply habitats for wildlife.

Sudduth also said trees in the community are vital because

they increase property value, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify the streets and cities.

"Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal," she said.

Xavier DeKarske, from the JSU Earth Club, presented the poem "Spirit of Trees."

It was started by Jay Sterling Morton of Nebraska in 1872. On the first Arbor Day, over 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska alone.



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**Dr. John Beehler helps JSU and city of Jacksonville celebrate Arbor Day on February 25.**

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the process go faster," she said.

Kostova said she did not obtain a doctorate for citizenship; instead, her "passion for literature" was her motivation. It was that motivation that brought her to the U.S.

"I spent my childhood until I was seven years old in a small village up in the mountains," she said referring to her time in Ravnogor, in the Rhodope mountains. From there, Kostova moved out of her grandparents' home and moved in with her parents in the city of Plovdiv to pursue her education at a local high school that taught English.

She was only 12 years old at the time, and said that "only one out of every 27 students were accepted" to the school. Kostova earned her bachelor's degree from the American University in Bulgaria in 1999, where she had the opportunity to interact with professors and students from American universities.

Kostova said one of her professors recommended that she pursue a master's degree in English.

"I really had an adventurous spirit; I wanted to travel to places, and I specifically wanted to come to the United States," she said.

Kostova arrived in the U.S. in 1999 when she was 21 years old.

She enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Maine, and the English department immediately assigned her to teach a class.

"I was still adapting to the culture, but I also had to go into the classroom and teach students who were not much younger than I was, and teach them English," Kostova said.

From there, she went on to earn her doctorate from Emory University in 2006.

Kostova plans to take advantage of her

American citizenship.

"I have more responsibilities as an American now," she said. "I feel that now I have a voice." Before becoming a U.S. citizen, Kostova would still participate in Bulgarian elections. Now that she can vote in U.S. elections, she said her interest in American politics has increased.

Just because Kostova is now a U.S. citizen does not mean she is abandoning her Bulgarian heritage. As she sat in her office Monday, she wore a red and white bracelet made of twine.

Kostova said March 1 is a special day for Bulgarians

because it signals the beginning of "Baba Marta," a Bulgarian tradition that celebrates the arrival of spring.

The bracelet on her wrist was called a martenitsa; they are placed on people's wrists as a sign for health throughout the year.

"It's always white and red," Kostova said, referring to the colors of the martenitsa.

Her bracelet also contains a small blue bead that holds the red and white striped twine together—a representation of the two cultures that she now calls her own.

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# STUDY BREAK



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## Dear Chanty,

My professor is a total liar! We had this huge midterm exam the other day and I totally failed it even though I studied. This professor only spent like 4 class periods going over the material. He kept saying "this will definitely be on the midterm" about several different terms and facts. And then, guess what. None of it was on the test!! The stuff on the test was completely different. There were barely any questions about terms or facts. Instead, they were these absurd situational questions that only an expert would know. This is an intro class! I feel like the professor totally cheated me and my classmates. Which, by the way, over half of them said the same thing I am saying. What can I do about this injustice???

*Sincerely,  
Mad Student*

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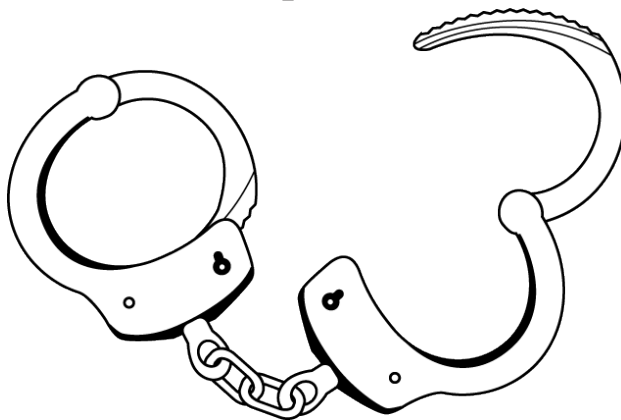
02/28/2016  
Theft of Property  
Campus Inn Apartments

02/28/2016  
Medical Emergency  
Stephenson Hall

02/29/2016  
Information Report  
Webster's Chapel

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03/01/2016  
Medical Emergency  
Daugette Hall

03/01/2016  
Harassment  
Crow Hall

03/01/2016  
Automobile Accident  
Trustee Circle

## Chicken Scratch



Trump continues to win while I continue to question the intelligence of our country.

When you can wear the same outfit two days in a row because the people in your Monday/Wednesday class aren't in your Tuesday/Thursday classes.

I feel genuine anxiety when I think of Trump in the White House.

Hillary won Super Tuesday against Obama and still LOST. Don't give up supporting Bernie. There is still a possibility we can #feeltheburn.

I'm just ready for this election talk to be over with...

When you can't even watch a three minute video without it stopping 10 or more times, you know the WiFi sucks.

Everyone loves democracy until they aren't the majority.

Chunky peanut butter, you are my hero.

I'm gonna go sit in a hole somewhere until this election is over.

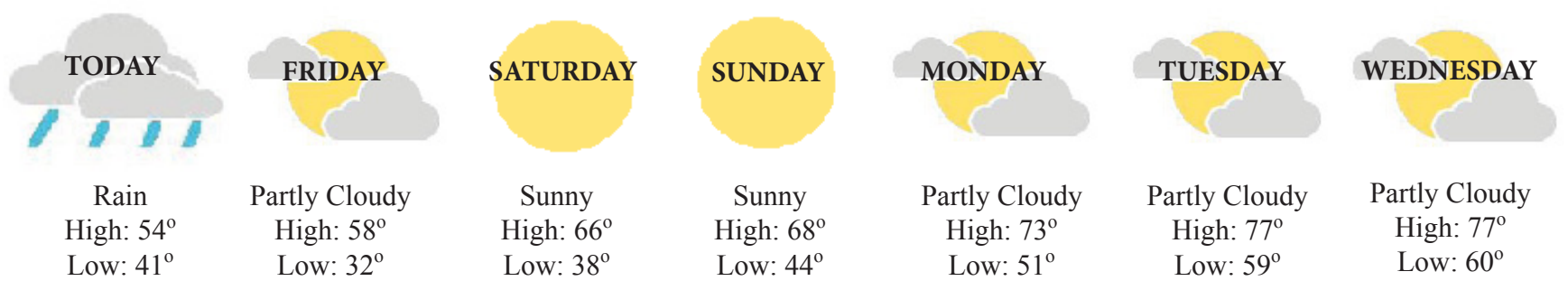
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## Dear Mad Student,

I completely understand your frustration. Almost every school has "that" professor who is notorious for doing this kind of stuff. First, try and talk to your teacher about it. Perhaps even bring some of your classmates with you who feel the same way. If that doesn't work, either go to the department head or see if that department has an academic grievance chairman. If neither one of those people are helpful, schedule an appointment with the dean of the college that department falls under. Surely, if you get all the way to the dean, he will handle the situation. You may not get exactly what you want, but at least you will draw attention to the situation. Remember be calm and respectful. Good luck!

*Yours truly,  
Chanty*

## 7-day weather outlook



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Student delivers performance after flu

**Matt Hill**  
Staff Reporter

On Friday, February 26, Jacksonville State University music student, Noya Levy, performed in her junior recital. After battling the flu for a week leading up to her performance, Levy wowed the audience when she walked onto the performance center stage of Mason Hall in an elegant gold gown.

Her hours upon hours of practice were being put to the test as she began her recital. Her strong, yet light voice filled the ears of a packed crowd.

Vocal majors who perform junior recitals must sing in a variety of languages. Levy's repertoire was composed of English, German, French and Italian songs.

One of Levy's French songs, "Si mes vers avaient des ailes," composed by Reynaldo Hahn, holds a special place in her heart. Levy said, "That song is special to me because when my godmother died, I wasn't able to go to her funeral. My mom told me to sing that song for them, and after I sang, her sister started crying. She told me that they had actu-

ally played that song at her funeral.

"This was obviously a sign from her and from that point on, that song holds a special place in my heart."

The audience could tell how much the song meant to Levy. During the performance, she said she began to fight back tears remembering her godmother.

Her godmother was the primary reason why Levy decided to choose JSU as her college.

Levy had to fight back tears again once she received a standing ovation from the audience for her breathtaking performance.

Levy studies under JSU music professor, Teresa Stricklin, and retired vocal teacher, Richard Armstrong, for numerous years.

Last summer, Levy, along with fellow vocal student,



Matt Hill/The Chanticleer

From Left: Sabine Levy, Gilliam Levy, Noya Levy, and David Levy pose for a family photo after Noya's performance on Friday, February 26.

Debra Mantua, participated in an exclusive opera program that placed them into the heart of Italy for nearly three weeks. The program allowed them to fine tune their technique and work with some world known opera singers.

Recitals are a required task of most music majors, general or music education. The recital is usually composed of pieces that the stu-

dent has been studying and perfecting for a few years with his or her primary applied teacher.

For a student to be granted the ability to perform in recital, he or she must first pass a recital hearing in front of a panel of judges, commonly professors who are familiar with the student's particular primary instrument, whether that be instrumental or vocal.

A student must battle nerves to perform at an acceptable level because a grade is given at the end of the performance to signify whether the recital is up to specific performance standards.

Recitals usually begin at 7:30 p.m. in the performance center of Mason Hall during the week. All recitals are added to the Mason Hall calendar.

## After years of waiting, DiCaprio gets an Oscar

**Collins Maroa**  
Staff Reporter

The 88th Academy Awards Oscars were filled with the same pomp and glamour that the world sees annually, but there was definitely an elephant in the room that had to be dealt with. #OscarsSoWhite was the nickname for the controversy over the alleged one sided nominations, and Chris Rock did not waste time diving into that pool.

Using his wit and humor he gave a fairly lengthy monologue explaining his view on the issue that had been in contention since the announcing of the nominees.

As the night went on, it became clear that the Academy Awards or-

ganizers had decided to use comedy to bring down the tension while at the same time entertaining the audience both at home and at the Dolby Arena in Los Angeles California.

Despite all the comedy, a lot of serious issues were discussed but the pinnacle of the night was on sexual abuse. Vice President Joe Biden spoke on the issue, urging Hollywood to "change the culture" on sexual abuse. This message was echoed by Lady Gaga who performed an emotional rendition of her song, "Till it happens to you" joined by survivors of sexual assault leading to tearful standing ovation in the arena.

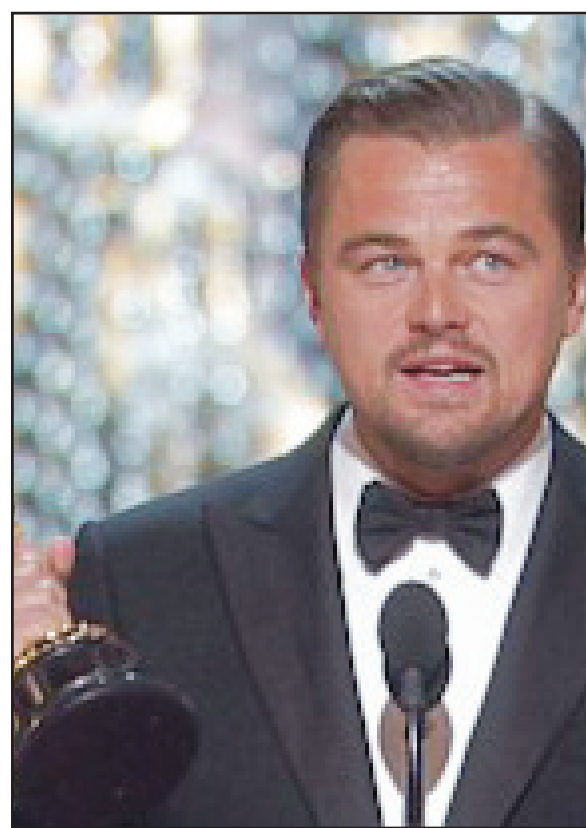
Online chats were blowing up on who

would win what category, but the big category of the night was "Actor in Leading Role" which so many wondered if Leonardo DiCaprio would get or be snubbed for another year. This was finally the year for DiCaprio who accepted the award thanks to his role in *The Revenant* and used the opportunity to speak on the environment and important global issues. He said, "If you don't believe in climate change, you don't believe in modern science or empirical truths." DiCaprio has been an active ambassador for climate change.

Other big winners of the night included Alicia Vikander who scooped the best actress for a supporting role in

*The Danish Girl*, Brie Larson who went home with the best actress in a leading role in *Bloom*, and *Spotlight*, which was awarded the best picture. The biggest winner of the night was *Mad Max: Fury Road* which took away six Oscars. It won Best Sound Mixing, Best Sound Editing, Best Film Editing, Best Makeup and Hairstyling, Best Production Design and Best Costume Design.

There were a larger number of categories for potential winners. Some of these categories include Best Directing, Best Original Song, Best Original Score, Best Foreign Language Film, Best Live Action Short Film and Best Animated Feature.



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After six Academy Award nominations, Leonardo DiCaprio finally won an Oscar during the award ceremony on Sunday, February 28. He won the award at the age of 41, and he made a speech that was unexpected and remembered for years to come.

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# Monday Night Jazz energizes students

**Katelyn Schneider**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

As a crowd of students tried to have dinner with friends on the second floor of the Theron Montgomery Building and erase the dreary feelings of a Monday, a small group of students began to set up.

They placed chairs in a line and put the music stands in front of them. They also assembled certain instruments. When the clock hit seven, Monday Night Jazz began.

Some members of the crowd just happened to show up for the event while others came specifically to listen to their fellow students play. Regardless of who happens to be there, Kate, a worker in the TMB said students

always respond to these performances well.

She said "It's very uplifting. It gets them very excited and energized." As the jazz ensemble played, many students tapped their feet or nodded their heads with the beat of the music. One male student actually stood up and danced a little.

Some students try to come out each week to support the members. For example, Benjamin Pryor came for the second week, so he could support his friend Ryan Fragoso.

First-time listeners who just happen to be there still tend to enjoy the music.

JSU junior Haley Boneysteele said "I had a lot of fun. There wasn't a dull moment. I feel like it shows a growth in the musi-

cal interests at JSU. I would definitely come back out and listen."

On Monday, the ensemble played a variety of musical selections for the crowd to enjoy. Some of these selections included "Caribbean Clipper" by the Glenn Miller Band, "Crocodile Rock" by Elton John, "Funky Feeling" by Matt Amy and a few others.

Between pieces, the group only took a minute or less before jumping into the next one.

Some of the pieces they played allowed for individuals to have short solos. Audience members were supportive and applauded the full ensemble as well as the individual performers.

The members of this jazz ensemble work under two

men. The JSU Director of Jazz Studies, Dr. Andy Nevala is the instructor who is over them. However, a graduate student is also a director of the group and really does a lot of work for them.

The ensemble includes musicians playing a variety of different instruments. Some of these instruments include trumpets, trombones, saxophones and flutes. Students also played percussion instruments such as a drum set, and they used a couple of guitars.

Philip Treutel is the member who plays the drum set. He is a senior and is majoring in general music and minoring in communication. He has played in the Jazz Program for about two years and said he has enjoyed his time.

"I think it's a cool way to get some exposure for the Jazz Program to the student body. It's been fun in general," Treutel said.

JSU freshman Ryan Fragoso is also a member of this jazz ensemble. Despite this only being his second semester at JSU, he has played jazz music for six years.

He said enjoys the ability to perform in the TMB and loves being able to play jazz music. "It doesn't really matter where we play because I enjoy it regardless," he said.

The Monday Night Jazz ensemble will perform on various Monday evenings throughout the rest of the semester. They will play on the second floor of the TMB and lasts from 7 until 9 p.m.



Photos by Katelyn Schneider/The Chanticleer

The members of the jazz ensemble are set up next to the dining area on the second floor of the TMB. They performed several different selections of music that the crowd enjoyed on Monday night, February 29.

# Far Cry Primal takes a different approach

**Hector Lopez-Perez**  
Staff Reporter

In this era of video games, a lot of people usually want the same thing. When it comes to first person shooters, such as *Call of Duty* or *Battlefield*, it seems like the genre is moving to a futuristic approach.

That's not bad at all, but it is getting somewhat repetitive that players have to double jump just to kill someone with a rifle that doesn't even exist at all.

That is not the case with *Far Cry Primal*.

*Primal* is a game that doesn't have fancy guns or even futuristic settlements.

In fact, it has none of those things. Instead, it's set during the Stone Age and the characters don't even know how to speak fluent English.

It is a giant step back from modern games, which can be a good thing.

You play as Takkar, the last warrior in a tribe called the Wenja, and players must seek out the land where the Wenja have fled so that the tribe can rise above extinction.

Instead of using automatic weapons and grenades, players use weapons such as clubs and bow and arrows. You can also light up these weapons with fire.

It's not a good idea when

you are surrounded by shrubbery, though, because I've actually lit the whole forest on fire and died.

Speaking of the forest, the game is absolutely stunning. Players can see the Milky Way Galaxy stretch across the night sky due to no man-made lights or buildings.

I've met some strange characters along the way. One person takes care of the main character's small, growing tribe; another uses different voodoo type magic that allows me to hallucinate and see different animals.

While hallucinating, the character can learn to tame different animals ranging from wolves to even mam-



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moths.

The game plays very similar to any *Far Cry* game in the past. *Far Cry* veterans can rest assure that just because this game is set way in the past, it still plays like a modern game today.

The story itself does have a solid plot. However, it takes a long time to develop.

The story doesn't really have much to satisfy someone who has played previ-

ous *Far Cry* games since it is cut and to the point.

Overall, the game itself is not bad at all. I've been playing almost 10 hours into it and I only have about five percent of the entire story complete.

*Far Cry Primal* sets you in a different world with a different task far different than any game I have ever played. It also sets the tone very well.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Senate halts Birmingham minimum wage increase

**Kevin Spann**  
*Political Columnist*

Last week, the Birmingham City Council voted to incrementally raise the minimum wage within city limits from the federal rate of \$7.25 to \$10.10.

Within about 24 hours, or the speed of light when it comes to government action, the Alabama Senate passed a law voiding the hike, which was soon after signed into effect by Gov. Robert Bentley.

The Alabama Uniform Minimum Wage and Right to Work Act was passed virtually along party lines and fast tracked through by the Republican supermajority.

The law's expressed intent is to ensure that business interests will not be burdened with keeping track of a patchwork of varying track of a patchwork of varying local minimum wage laws.

The minimum wage debate has been a long running one among both parties. Republicans argue that hikes kill jobs and slow economic growth.

Pundits on both sides of the political aisle have been engaged in a spirited back and forth regarding the issue in light of recent restaurant closures in Seattle, Wash.

Seattle will soon begin implementing a gradual minimum wage increase with the goal of raising the rate to \$15.

Conservatives have pointed to the looming hike as the culprit behind the city's recent restaurant closures, while Democrats have countered by referring to the simply risky boom and bust nature of the industry.

Hopefully, the most credible argument will reveal itself as the nation studies the issue. Alabama, however, will gain no first hand insight on the issue since the new law prohibits any such local experimentation.

The legislation has also given the late-night comedy circuit and liberal-leaning media another opportunity to engage in their favorite pastime of Alabama bashing.

While this is a major setback for Democrats who favor a minimum wage hike, Republicans may have inadvertently given their opponents a political gift.

With the exception of the lottery and gambling debate, Alabama Democrats have been at a loss for any sort of wedge issue to draw additional voters their way.

While it is far too soon to tell, state Democrats may have found a kitchen table issue with which they can, if not score some victories with, at least breathe some life into their dying party.

In addition to the economic angle, Alabama Republicans will also have to deal with charges that they have violated their expressed ideology.

As the major party which most champions limited government, Alabama Republicans may have some difficulty explaining how the state going over the heads of local government is compatible with their ideology.

Critics, who charge that it is actually Republicans who are acting as the big government boogeyman in this situation, may not be silenced as easily as the legislation was passed.

## Uncharted 4 to be intensively plot-based

**Eric Taunton**  
*Staff Reporter*

The fourth and final installment of the *Uncharted* franchise will be released April 26. The game is greatly anticipated by gamers because of its action-packed gameplay and the story that will conclude the franchise.

The game will focus on fortune hunter Nathan Drake, who is the protagonist of the series.

The story focuses on Nathan and his older brother Sam, who Nathan thought was dead, and their search for a fabled pirate treasure with the help of Nathan's longtime friend, Sully.

What makes the game different from others is the rich storyline. Nathan and Sam have been looking for the pirate treasure since they were little kids.

When Nathan tries to fulfill their shared childhood dream, he ends up causing tension with his wife, Elena Fisher. Elena has also has been a longtime love interest for Drake. Nathan's adventures constantly endanger his life.

In every installment, rival fortune hunters attempt to kill him or get to the treasure before he does. This is probably why Nathan promised Elena that he was done hunting treasure. Nathan breaks his promise, which is likely the cause of tension between the two of them.

This installment of the franchise also has one component that hasn't been used in any other game in the

series. The game features player-controlled dialogue in which players are able to decide what Drake says at certain points in the game.

Though this won't change how the game ends or anything too significant in the plot, it does enable the gamer to be further enriched in the story.

One of the things that has made the franchise so successful is the central villains of the games. The villains tend to be likable, relatable and interesting characters.

There are two main villains of this installment. One is Nadine Ross and another is a man that has not yet been named. Nadine Ross is an old acquaintance of Sully's that owns an army-for-hire corporation called Shoreline.

Because of this, one might assume that the unnamed male villain is the man-in-charge between the two. However, nothing is clear at this point.

Because the game is the last installment of the franchise, a lot of fans wonder whether or not Drake will die at the end. The latest trailer definitely heightens the suspense, showing the unnamed male villain giving Nate an ultimatum.

"Look, Nate, I'm gonna make you a one-time offer: drop everything, go home, live your life or we can just end it right here."

Obviously, gamers won't know whether or not Drake dies until they play. However, this, along with other things, builds up a lot of suspense.

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## Studies show sex crimes underreported at universities

**Adam Higgins**  
*Associate Editor*

Eight out of 10 female college students — between the ages of 18-24 — did not report rape or sexual assault victimizations, according to The Bureau of Justice Statistics December 2014 report that examined nearly two decades of victim survey data.

Of the 80 percent who did not report, around a quarter of them believed the incident was a personal matter, one in five feared reprisal and 12 percent stated that the incident was not important enough to report. The BJS estimated the average annual number of sexual victimizations against female college students ages 18-24 is 31,300.

The results were based on National Crime Victimization Survey data from 1995-2013. The NCVS is a self-report survey in which participants describe the number and characteristics of victimizations experienced during the last 6 months.

Dr. Tina Deshotels, associate professor of sociology at Jacksonville State University, examined reporting rates at two different public universities in the Southeast.

Deshotels found that 90 percent of the victims, which included both males and females, did not tell anyone about their victimizations.

Out of all the victims she surveyed, results showed around a quarter of college women, and 3-5 percent of college men, "had experienced some kind of sexual contact that involved physical force or coercion." Half of these victims did not tell anyone about the incidents.

Her findings showed that one third of female students had experienced unwanted sexual contact by their senior year of college.

Deshotels' first study, conducted in 2005, used a sample size of 1342 students. She used a sample size of 452 students for her second study in 2010. She said her findings from the 2010 study replicated her results from 2005.

Deshotels said that American society has created a "rape culture."

"Basically, we blame the victim. Just generally, those at the top of the food chain in sexual conquests are considered heroes," she said.

About 50 times a year, Sexual Violence Program Director Trace Fleming-Smith, or one of the other counselors from 2nd Chance Inc. in Anniston, rush to hospital emergency rooms to provide advocacy services for a victim of a sexual assault or rape.

Victims, who wish to prosecute their offenders, must go to a hospital and complete a forensic exam immediately after the incident occurs.

Fleming-Smith said she was in the ER with one victim for 16 hours, although the process usually lasts half of that amount of time.

She said she understands why many victims choose not to endure the process.

"You're asking somebody who has just been traumatized to go to the hospital and have a rape exam, which takes a long time and the victim may ultimately have to pay for," Fleming-Smith said.

She said college students often choose not to report because they do not want the university community to find out.

"It's humiliating," said Dr. Tim King, associate vice president for enrollment management at JSU.

Deshotels said that victims often choose not to report because they are not completely "innocent" and feel that the courts will not believe them.

"They have to prove their innocence. Drinking, doing drugs or past sexual relations are used as excuses and justifications. That is the way the law further victimizes the victim," she said.

Assistant District Attorney Jayme Amberson, who specializes in sex crimes for the Calhoun County District Attorney's Office, said she does not believe there are any laws or statutes that disadvantage victims of rape and sexual assaults. Amberson also said that, during trials for sex

crimes, the accuser has to take the stand and testify in front of the defendant in order to have a chance at yielding a conviction.

Since 2012, JSU students have reported three incidents of sexual assault and two rapes to the University Police Department, according to the UPD online crime log. Other universities in Alabama, similar in enrollment size to JSU, have posted similar numbers.

The University of Montevallo has documented one report of rape and three reports of fondling since 2012. Troy University has documented five forcible sex offenses since 2012.

"I do think we have an underwhelming amount of reporting happening at JSU in general, but you will see that at every college," Fleming-Smith said.

On September 19, 2014, President Obama launched the "It's On Us" campaign to help put an end to sexual assault on college campuses. Since then, over 200 colleges and universities nationwide have begun participating. Several universities in Alabama have also gotten involved, including Troy, all locations of the University of Alabama and Tuskegee University.

Currently, JSU is not participating in the "It's On Us" campaign. The university is presently searching for a new

Title IX coordinator. King, who currently holds the position, said future participation in the "It's On Us" campaign "will depend on the new Title IX coordinator, who will be starting sometime hopefully in the near future."

JSU requires all incoming freshman students to complete a course called First Year Experience (STU 101). During the course, students spend one hourlong meeting discussing sex offenses and improper sexual behavior.

"We tell how to report, where to report, and discuss sexual assault and sexual consent," said Terry Casey, director of student life.

JSU Counseling Services also provides confidential, free, individual counseling for all students who are enrolled.

"A lot of the counselors have experience dealing with trauma," said Julie Nix, director of Counseling and Disability Support Services.

Both Counseling Services and the Student Health Center are exempt from mandatory Title IX reporting, meaning they can promise students confidentiality concerning incidents of sexual assault and rape.

"I'm trying to find ways to combat this issue so we can help people feel more comfortable coming forward. We want it to stop obviously and we want everyone to feel safe on campus," King said.

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### JSU Upcoming Action

- 3/4**  
-Baseball vs. Western Kentucky 3 p.m.
- 3/5**  
-Baseball vs. Western Kentucky 1 p.m.  
-Softball vs. Samford 1 p.m.  
-Softball vs. Samford 3 p.m.
- 3/6**  
-Men's Golf at Jason Dufner Tiger Invitational  
-Softball at Samford 12 p.m.  
-Baseball vs. Western Kentucky 1 p.m.
- 3/7**  
-Men's Golf at Jason Dufner Tiger Invitational  
-Women's Golf at USM Golden Eagle Invitational
- 3/8**  
-Men's Golf at Jason Dufner Tiger Invitational  
-Women's Golf at USM Golden Eagle Invitational
- 3/9**  
-Women's Tennis vs. UT Martin 10 a.m.  
-Baseball vs. Troy 6 p.m.

### OVC Baseball Standings

School	OVC	O/R
Morehead State	0-0	6-2
Murray State	0-0	5-3
Austin Peay	0-0	4-3
Belmont	0-0	4-3
SEMO	0-0	4-3
Tennessee Tech	0-0	4-3
Jacksonville State	0-0	3-3
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	4-4
UT Martin	0-0	2-6
SIUE	0-0	0-6
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0-8

### OVC Softball Standings

School	OVC	O/R
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	10-2
UT Martin	0-0	9-4
Jacksonville State	0-0	7-7
Morehead State	0-0	5-6
Murray State	0-0	4-5
SIUE	0-0	3-6
SEMO	0-0	3-6
Tennessee State	0-0	4-10
Eastern Illinois	0-0	4-11
Tennessee Tech	0-0	3-10
Austin Peay	0-0	2-7
Belmont	0-0	2-10

## Seitz named new athletic director

Timothy Cash  
Sports Editor

President John Beehler announced Friday Feb. 26 that Greg Seitz would takeover as JSU athletic director.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Athletic Director at Jacksonville State," Seitz wrote in an e-mail to The Chanticleer. "I would like to thank President Beehler, the Board of Trustees and the entire Jax State family for their trust and faith in me as we continue to move the athletics department forward. It is an opportunity that I do not take for granted, and I will work hard every day to ensure that we continue to be successful, both in the classroom and on the fields and courts of competition."

Seitz wrote that he plans to run the athletic department as he has been running it. "What's going to drive me, I want us to be the premier team in the Ohio Valley Conference, and I want us to continue to win championships," he wrote. "We've won 63 championships since joining the OVC (in 2003), and I want us to be the school that every other school in the league looks up to."

In a JSU press release Friday, Beehler said, "We are very excited to have Greg Seitz lead our athletic department. Greg is very well respected in the OVC, the NCAA and nationally, and has proven himself while serving in the interim role. We work very well together. With his excellent contacts, he will do an outstanding job leading our athletic department into its bright future. I'm pleased to remove the interim title and introduce him as our Athletic Director."

Under Seitz leadership as the interim athletic director,



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the athletic department enjoyed tremendous success. Last year, the football team managed to make an appearance in the FCS title game. They were also able to play in front of the largest crowds Burgess-Snow field has ever seen.

Aside from the record-breaking attendance, millions of fans were able to watch the Gamecocks on ESPN or on one of its sister stations, during the entire postseason.

Other sports have benefited under Seitz's guidance. The Capitol One Cup, an award for the nations best division I school athletic departments, saw all male athletes and female athletes rank in the top 100 out of 347 other schools.

Seitz would like to see the school ranked higher, and he has a plan he is ready to set forth.

"I'll meet with our head coaches and our administrative staff to see what their needs are, and then evaluate each department to make sure we are being efficient and to ensure we are providing our student-athletes and coaches everything within our power to be successful," Seitz wrote in the email.

Student athletes were also dominant in the classroom as well. Overall, the Gamecocks boasted a 3.16 cumulative GPA last fall, with 15 of 17 sports posting a 3.0 GPA or higher.

## Women finish season with loss on senior day

**JACKSONVILLE** — Saturday's game was not how anyone wanted the 2015-16 season to end.

With Senior Day festivities before tip, Rick Pietri and his staff honored two Jacksonville State players — Destiny James and Courtney Strain, who were part of five JSU players in double-figures, but the Gamecocks suffered a gut-wrenching 70-66 loss to Morehead State.

In their final game wearing the Jacksonville State red-and-white, James and Strain both scored 11 points. Tyler Phelion added 14 points while Rayven Pearson and Briana Benson both finished with double-doubles. Pearson had 14 points and 12 rebounds and Benson scored 10 points and brought down 10 rebounds.

Chloe Long finished her

final game of her freshman year as a Gamecock with six points and four rebounds.

Jacksonville State started the game by shooting 66.7 percent during the first quarter and outscored Morehead State 24-15 after the first 10 minutes of play.

The two teams combined to score 17 points during the second quarter as the Eagles took a 35-31 lead into the locker rooms.

It was the third quarter which provided to be the difference as Morehead State outscored JSU by 12 (28-16) during the 10 minutes.

The Gamecocks trailed by six heading into the final quarter, but couldn't get any closer to taking the lead than three with 8:04 to play.

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## JSU to begin beach volleyball in '16

**JACKSONVILLE** – The newest addition to Jacksonville State's fleet of Division I athletic programs is officially preparing for its inaugural season. JSU will be one of 47 Division I schools to compete in the newest NCAA sponsored sport, Beach Volleyball, in its first season as an official championship sport in 2016.

Legislation passed last season to make Beach Volleyball the 90th championship sponsored by the NCAA. Last April, JSU's Board of Trustees voted to add the Beach Volleyball program as the University's 17th varsity sport.

The spring's beach program will be comprised of the same coaching staff, and many of the same players as the fall's indoor season. Matches will be played with five pairs of teammates playing best-of-three matches. To win a set a competing pair must reach 21 and win by two, much like indoor where teams play to 25. In the case of a 1-1 set tie, the third set is played to 15. The

overall match winner is the school to win three or more of the five paired-matches.

"The girls and coaching staff are all very excited and looking forward to the season," said JSU head coach Terry Gamble. "It's going to be a learning curve for the girls, but they are looking forward to it."

Jax State's first ever beach competition will be held March 19, when the Gamecocks play North Florida in the Carolina Classic in Columbia, S.C. During that tournament, JSU will also face Florida Atlantic, Louisiana-Monroe and host, South Carolina.

JSU will host its first match on March 29 as the Gamecocks take on Louisiana-Monroe in the second of three total meetings during the season. JSU will practice and play at the sand court adjacent to Stephenson Hall.

JSU's 2016 roster consists of nine players from the indoor season, along with four newcomers added for the spring.

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## Jax State drops series against Kennesaw State

**KENNESAW, Ga.** – No lead was safe on Sunday afternoon until Kennesaw State took a late 11-9 lead to claim the weekend series over Jacksonville State.

The lead changed hands four times throughout the contest as JSU (3-0) could not hold on to a 9-7 lead after putting together back-to-back four-run innings in the fifth and the sixth. KSU (4-2) erased the deficit in the sixth with three runs on just two hits, and took advantage of a pair of walks. After a bases-loaded walk surrendered by Der-

rick Adams to cut the lead to 9-8 with two outs in the inning, Corey Greeson's pinch hit single drove in the go-ahead runs for the Owls. KSU would tack on its 11th run in the seventh.

JSU threatened in the seventh with a bases-loaded situation, but KSU's Alex Liquori made a run-saving sliding catch off the hot bat of senior Paschal Petrongolo.

Both teams combined for 22 hits with 11 hit each, but Jax State pitching allowed seven KSU walks.

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## Geijo carries JSU to 17th at Kiawah Island

**KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C.** – Behind a rock solid outing from senior Melania Bajo Geijo, the Jacksonville State women's golf team finished 17th out of a tough field of 41 teams at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Spring Classic.

Bajo Geijo, a native of Neuquen, Argentina, saved her best day for the third and final day on the par-72, 5,964-yard track at Osprey Point on Kiawah Island.

She fired a 4-under 68 to cap a 54-hole score of 216 that gave her a sixth-place finish in a field of 216 golfers.

She finished six shots behind medalist Fatima Cano of Troy and just one shot behind William & Mary's Alessandra Liu, the No. 52 ranked player in the country by GolfStat.

The 68 is the fourth of her career, tying her career low round.

Bajo Geijo birdied four of her first eight holes on Tuesday to set the tone for a round that saw her record seven total birdies.

She had 13 birdies over the three-day event that saw her card rounds of 72 and 76 on Sunday and Monday, respectively.

Coastal Carolina won the team event with a 7-over 871, eight shots better than second-place Chattanooga.

Freshman Valentina Giraldo, playing in her second event as a Gamecock after joining the team for the spring semester, finished tied for 79th with a three-day score of 231.

The native of Ibague, Colombia, shot a 78 on Tuesday after opening the event with rounds of 77 and 76, respectively.

Freshman Karina Kukkonen's final-round 79 capped a 54-hole score of 234 and tied her for 101st, while junior Angie Varona's 240 tied her for 142nd.

Sophomore Natalia Azcue tied Varona's final round 82 to cap a 248 and tied for 183rd in the event.

The Gamecocks' next event is March 7-8 at the Southern Miss Golden Eagle Invitational in Hattiesburg, Miss.

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## Softball splits the La Tech Classic

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
*Sports Reporter*

The JSU softball team won Saturday over Liberty and lost to host Louisiana Tech at the La Tech Classic.

The Gamecocks headed into Saturday's games after a win and a loss the day before.

Their 11-3 win Friday came in the opening game against Grambling State. They lost to Lamar 2-9 later that same day. The Gamecocks shutout the Liberty Flames Saturday afternoon for a 5-0 victory.

A few hours later, JSU played host La Tech and were shut out 0-4. The Gamecocks finished the tournament with a 7-7 overall record.

Casey Akenberger pitched a 5-hit shutout against Liberty. Five Gamecocks contributed to the 5-0 shutout over Liberty. Although it was Akenberger that prevented the Flames from scoring.

Liberty opened the

game at the top of the first, but the Gamecocks quickly retired the batters. JSU took the bat at the bottom of the first.

Although Liberty walked both Ella Denes and Taylor Sloan, no Gamecocks scored and the inning ended at 0-0.

The second inning was similar to the first since neither team scored.

Liberty again did not score in the top of the third. However, JSU scored one run in the bottom of the third inning.

Sloan started things off with a single that sent Jordan Bullock to third base. Then, Emily Woodruff singled to send Bullock home for a score. The Gamecocks closed the inning with a 1-0 lead against the Flames.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning. However, JSU scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth to bring the lead to 3-0. Emily Church's double to right center field sent Woodruff to third base and scored Sloan and Anna Chi-

solm. Liberty was quiet in the top of the sixth inning. JSU scored their final two runs in the bottom of the sixth to bring the lead to 5-0.

Leila Chambers scored with help from Hayley Sims, who doubled to left center field. A few moments later, Sims scored the Gamecocks' fifth and final run of the day after a single from Bullock.

Liberty attempted to score a run before the close of the game, but could not. The Gamecocks took home a 5-0 victory.

However, La Tech shutout the Gamecocks in the final game of the tournament. The Gamecocks are done playing tournaments for now.

The Gamecocks will play their next tournament at the end of the season; they will play in the OVC Softball Tournament May 11-14.

For now, the Gamecocks return home to face Samford University for a double header Saturday March 5.

## Tucker shines as Jax State falls in final season game

**JACKSONVILLE** – Greg Tucker played Saturday like it was his last of the season.

In Jacksonville State's basketball finale for 2015-16, the junior scored an historic 36 points, but his Gamecocks (8-22, 4-11 OVC) fell 82-71, just short of the season sweep of Morehead State.

His career-high output was the most a Gamecock has ever scored in Pete Mathews Coliseum since JSU moved to Division I in 1995 and it was one point shy

of the school's Division I scoring record of 37 set by Trenton Marshall at Southeast Missouri in 2010.

The Gamecocks saw their season come to an end at the hands of an Eagles (17-11, 10-5 OVC) team they upset in Morehead, Ky., in late January. A determined MSU squad escaped The Pete with a win in a sloppy game that saw 50 total fouls.

Tucker led the way for the Gamecocks, going 9-for-14 from the floor and 7-for-11 from behind the arc.

He was also 11-for-15 from for free throws.

Senior JaQuail Townser, one of three Gamecocks playing in their final game on Senior Day, scored 14, and dished a team-high three assists. The team's other senior, Jeremy Watson, pulled down a team-high seven boards and scored five points. Nathan Laing, a sophomore in eligibility but senior in the classroom, also suited up for the final time and will earn his degree this semester.

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## NSU hands Tennis their second loss

**STATESBORO, Ga.** – The Jacksonville State women's tennis team suffered its second loss of the weekend at the Georgia Southern Invitational with a 4-1 setback to Nicholls State on Saturday.

The Gamecocks dropped to 2-10 on the season as it preps for the final non-conference match of the season next weekend against Lipscomb.

Jax State dropped the doubles point as the Colonels won the only two matches played.

The Gamecocks' No. 3 duo of Isabella Calves and Courtney Conley won by default.

NSU picked up the

needed three points to clinch the match with wins at No. 1, 2 and 4.

JSU's lone point came at No. 6 as NSU did not have a player available.

Calves collected a win with the walk-over.

Senior Olivia Nguyen dropped a 6-0, 6-2 match at No. 1 to NSU's Milou PETERSZ.

Clemence Krug won in straight sets – 6-3, 6-3 over JSU's Diana Mirceta.

Sadey St. Amant fell to Isla Brock at No. 4, 6-3, 6-1.

The Gamecocks travel to Lipscomb on March 4 to close out the non-conference schedule.

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## Gamecocks fall to Georgia Southern

**STATESBORO, Ga.** – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team closed out its weekend at the Georgia Southern Invitational with a 6-1 loss to host Georgia Southern on Sunday.

The loss drops the Gamecocks to 4-9 overall.

The Sunday match started well for Jacksonville State by winning the doubles point.

The freshmen duo of Liu Shao Chun and Andres Gomez cruised past Georgia Southern's tandem of Nico de Groof and Eddie Landin, 6-4, at the No. 1 doubles spot.

Jax States's pairing of Pedro Wagner and Mathias Chaim clinched the point with a 6-4 result over Georgia Southern's JC Alcalá and Andre Johnson.

The Georgia Southern Eagles bounced back in singles by winning all six highly-contested matches to pick up their seventh win of

the season.

Three of the six matches were extended to three sets as Wagner, Jaryd Reese and Vinicio Hadlich all dropped matches in the third set.

Wagner started strong with a 6-4 opening set win over Rise Lanne, but the Eagle won in straight sets – 7-6, 6-2.

Reese's match mirrored the match at No. 1, with Reese winning the opening set, but falling in the next two sets at No. 3. Reese won 6-3 over Landin before Landin regrouped to win 6-2, 7-5.

Hadlich and Ze Moya split the first two sets and needed a third-and-deciding set to decide the point.

Moya edged Hadlich 706 in the final set.

Jacksonville State travels to Lipscomb on March 4 before closing out the non-conference slate on March 12 at Chattanooga.

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