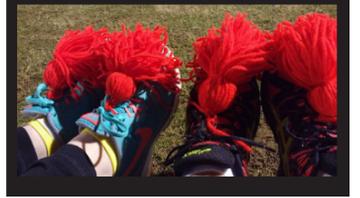


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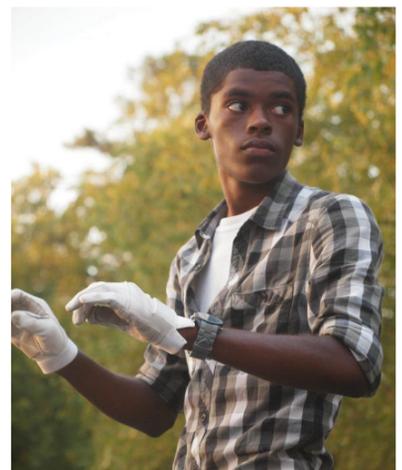
Accepted Students Day is Friday, Dec. 2.



Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

They do more than conduct the band. They make copies, print drill charts and organize music. They set up and tear down equipment for rehearsals and football games. You may have seen them at a Preview Day, but you've definitely seen them atop the four podiums during halftime. They are the drum majors of the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners, and they each have their own story.

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TOP LEFT: Alana Ivey has some fun at a high school football game her senior year. Ivey served as drum major of Alexander High School in Douglasville, Ga. for three years. (photo courtesy of Alana Ivey) TOP RIGHT: Koree Martin conducts the band at East Coweta High School his senior year. (photo courtesy of Koree Martin) ABOVE LEFT: Daniel O'Donnell and Andrew Record salute the crowd at a performance in 2011. O'Donnell and Record served together as the drum majors at Jacksonville High School in Jacksonville, Ala. for two years. (photo courtesy of Marilyn O'Donnell) ABOVE RIGHT: Ivey, O'Donnell, Record and Martin at the beginning of the Southerners' 2016-2017 season. (photo by Katy Nowak)

Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success opens on campus

Rachel Read
Staff Writer

On the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 10, the unveiling of the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success took place on campus. Following the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Pete Mathews Coliseum, a crowd of veterans, students and other interested spectators gathered outside on the quad of the north side of Daugette Hall to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house of the new center.

"This has been one of our dreams to get this going," JSU

president Beehler said as he addressed the crowd prior to the ribbon cutting.

The center has been four years in the making and is being paid for with a three-year, \$330,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). The center supports veteran students with the goal of increasing enrollment, good academic standing, persistence and graduation rates at the university.

Inside the new center is a main lounge area with free access to cable television, Netflix, computers

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Ashley Colvin/The Chanticleer

JSU President John M. Beehler helps Veterans Service director Justin Parker cut the ribbon at the opening of the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016.

Final Tuesday Talk draws large crowd

Brittany Robertson
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University's Alumni Association put on the final installment of their Tuesday Talks on November 15. The talks showcase professionals from selected fields and has them come and share their experiences and obstacles they faced to rise to their current job positions. Admissions counselor Jennifer Wood coordinated the event at Merrill Hall Tuesday night.

"We put on these talks so that students can make connections," Wood said. "The talks were originally for students who were undecided. However, now students of any major are welcomed to attend. It's a great opportunity to be able to connect and network

with not only people in [your] major, but to also get the current students to interact and be involved with the alumni."

The Tuesday Talk featured five professionals in the field of Business. Mr. Ken Howell, President and CEO of Auto Custom Carpets; Mr. Keith Mitchell, Co-Founder and Managing Member Emeritus of Mitchell, Hartley and Bechtel Advisers; Mr. Amado Ortiz, Owner of O-Brand Marketing; Mr. Carlos Somoza, Commercial Portfolio Analyst with Suntrust, and Ms. Robin Yarbrough, Assistant Director of Finance at Jacksonville State University. All five speakers told their stories and shared their knowledge with students in attendance, but common among all their sto-

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Daniel O'Donnell is the head drum major for the 2016-2017 season. After serving as one of the drum majors at Jacksonville High School for three years, O'Donnell marched saxophone with the Southerners for one season before being named drum major for the 2014-2015 season. He was one of the first sophomores to hold the title. After three seasons, O'Donnell decided that "Heroes: Lost and Fallen" will be his final show as a drum major.

Andrew Record is finishing his first season as a drum major for the Marching Southerners. Record is junior majoring in finance and marched on the 20J line for two seasons prior to becoming drum

major. O'Donnell and Record are used to sharing the field. The two attended Jacksonville High School where they served as drum majors for three and two years, respectively. "Coming into Southerners we both knew what to expect from the other," Record said. "We already knew each other's strengths and weaknesses and that made it easy to jump right in."

But as to whether they've changed since high school, Record joked, "We are both still 17."

Koree Martin is another drum major celebrating his first season on the podium. Martin is a junior computer information systems major and former

member of the 20J line. Martin served as drum major at East Coweta High School his senior year and played tuba for the band.

"While marching in high school, I always felt like I could give more to the band other than just marching and playing," said Martin. "So, I decided to try out for drum major to give back to the organization that molded me into the person I am today."

Alana Ivey is the third and final first-year drum major. A senior majoring in music education, Ivey plans to graduate in Spring 2017. Ivey auditioned for the position for three years before being named a drum major for the 2016 season.

"This season has honestly been a

dream come true," Ivey said.

Ivey first saw the Southerners perform at the Golden River Marching Exhibition in 2009, and the moment became pivotal in her life.

"That performance completely changed my life," Ivey said. "I had never heard of JSU before that performance. Seeing the Southerners initially introduced me to my future home of Jacksonville, Ala. It was awesome to be able to go back and perform at the place as a Southerners Drum Major. Everything came full circle, and I hope that somebody in the audience had their life changed that night."

O'Donnell, Record, Martin and Ivey have formed

strong bonds as a result of their shared drum major experience.

"Getting to work with the other three drum majors on a daily basis has been a very nice treat," said Record. "It's a great experience getting to work with your friends."

"The four of us get along so well, and we all complement each other so well in the work environment," Ivey added. "All of our strengths are different, which has made us a great team."

As for Martin, he admits that managing his nerves is not his strength.

"Before every performance, I still get nervous," Martin said. "When I first look at the crowd

to when I take my first step onto that

field, I'm constantly nervous."

The Southerners' regular football season ends this weekend but the Gamecocks are in contention to return to the FCS National Championship game again this year, so the drum majors may have a few more performances before hanging up their gauntlets. Meanwhile, the drum majors for the 2016-2017 season were announced at the Southerners Band Banquet on Wednesday night.

Koree Martin will return as head drum major with assistant drum majors Andrew Record and Caleb Howard. Lindsey Barkley will serve as the backfield conductor.

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and a pool table. Attendees got to experience tours of the new space given by the Veterans Service director, Justin Parker, and other friendly student workers.

Cake, ice cream and refreshments were also provided, along with patriotic music playing.

Down the hall from the lounge are study rooms complete with Internet access and dorm rooms that have been converted into offices for the staff.

"We've learned student veterans want a place to hang," Parker said. "This is a place where they can sit and eat lunch, and it's also a hub for calls and to answer questions from veterans when necessary."

Counseling services specifically for military-connected students is another important feature that the new center is offering.

"Vets work best with other vets," Parker explained. Parker believes that having counseling services designed for student veterans will provide them a better experience.

"A lot of what we do is certifying that students are getting their benefits from Veterans Affairs," Parker said. "We also make sure they know what benefits are available to them."

Tutoring services will be another feature offered next year. One room is still being filled with

textbooks for many JSU classes that will soon be available for veterans to use on loan to help keep their education costs down, Parker said.

Overall, the center is also important for giving vets a jumpstart into the working world.

"We have to help [veterans] with their career paths too," Parker said. "I want my vets to leave here with a job in hand."

The center is currently open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



photos by Ashley Colvin/The Chanticleer

TOP: JSU President Dr. John M. Beehler address the crowd gathered on the Quad prior to the grand opening of the new veteran's center. BELOW: University officials prepare to cut the ribbon and officially open the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success.

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Brittany Robertson/The Chanticleer

Amado Ortiz addresses students at the Tuesday Talk on Nov. 15. Ortiz owns a successful small business in Jacksonville.

ries was "relationships."

"I love connecting with students," Yarbrough stated. "Any chance I get to interact with them, I do. I am proud of JSU and sharing my stories and experiences with them. I think that talking with someone outside of whatever degree you receive can be tremendously helpful. Taking basic accounting can be beneficial to anyone, not just business majors."

Another important aspect mentioned at the talk was the Alumni Mentor Program. Carlos Somoza was introduced to the Alumni Mentor Program as a student and paired up with Keith Mitchell. The program paired the two of the them based on their majors. Somoza is a recent graduate of JSU, and he spoke about what he learned after graduation.

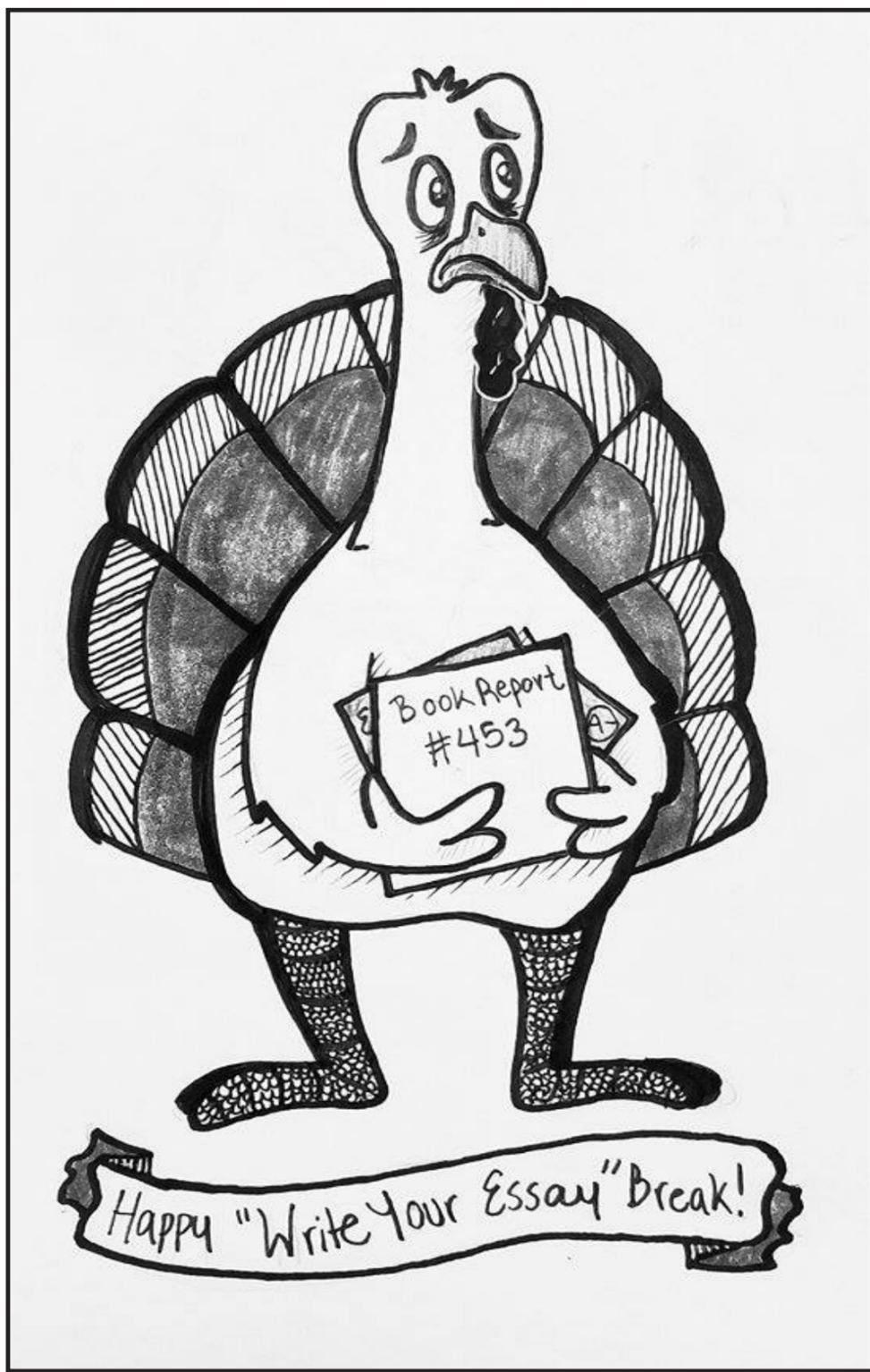
"Don't have a narrow scope when looking for an internship or a job," Somoza said. "There are tons of options out there, and you never really know what opportunities will present themselves to you. I want to let them know that it's okay to be undecided, because with hard work [students] can gain experiences even if it's not what they will be majoring in. Building relationships and networking with others can be immensely helpful."

And helpful it was. The Merrill Hall auditorium was packed with the largest turn out of the semester. This was the final Tuesday Talk of 2016, but the program plans to continue next year with the possible line-up including Computer Science, Education, and Social Work.

Meet the Speakers:

- Robin Yarbrough ('93)**-BS Accounting-Currently the Assistant Director of Finance at JSU
- Carlos Somoza ('15)**-BS Finance-Currently the Commercial Portfolio Analyst with Suntrust
- Amado Ortiz ('07)**-BA Communication-Currently the owner of O-Brand Marketing
- Keith Mitchell ('76)**-BS Marketing- Co-Founder and Managing Member Emeritus of Mitchell, Hartley and Bechtel Advisers
- Ken Howell ('72)**-BS Accounting-President and CEO of Auto Custom Carpets

STUDY BREAK



“A College Student’s Thanksgiving”
by Megan Wise

Chicken Scratch



Emma Watson is such a flawless beauty.

Couldn't see the supermoon so I just stuck a tortilla wrap on the window. Same effect.

It blows my mind that they can figure out the next president in 24 hours but I can't know what grade I have in a class going into finals

My life is nothing but memes and papers I should be writing tbh

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What's upwith the 7,000 people who want to enter Jacksonville at 5:30 every day?

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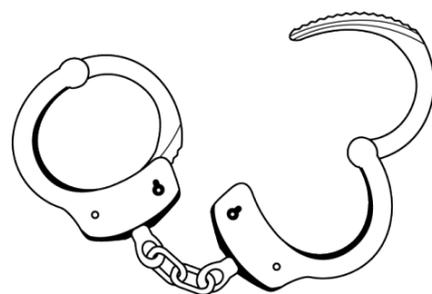
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Automobile accident
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Steps to remember Katie Beth Carter

Katelyn Schneider

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Hundreds of Southerners, students, and members of the community gathered around Dillon field on Thursday, Nov. 10 to remember Katie Beth Carter with the first annual Kickin' Katie 5k.

Katie Beth Carter was a freshman and Marching Ballerina who died in a car wreck on Sept. 5. Carter was able to march one performance with the Marching Southerners at the first home football game against UNA on Sept. 1. Her loss left a huge impact on the Marching Southerners as well as the entire community, according to many who attended the event.

The 5k was a glow run, so participants dressed in neon colors and wore glow stick bracelets and necklaces while running and walking.

Brett Thornburg, a 20J player with the Southerners, handled the announcements for the event. He opened the 5k with a speech to honor Katie Beth.

"We will think of her as we take the field for every performance," he said in reference to the Southerners.

The Kickin' Katie 5k was a fundraising event to add money to the "Katie Beth Carter Memorial Scholarship Foundation" that the Carter family is starting. Be-

fore the running and walking began, Jacksonville Legacy Village gave the Carter a \$5,000 check to get the scholarship fund going.

The scholarship is intended to help future Ballerinas attend Jacksonville State University, according to Thornburg.

The idea to do a 5k to raise money for the scholarship came from Lori Galloway, a kinesiology instructor and event coordinator at JSU. She said she wanted to bring the community together in a way that could help benefit the scholarship and show support to the Carter family. The Department of Kinesiology hosted the event.

President John Beehler attended the event and spoke before the event.

"Katie Beth was a very special person, and we call her our perfect ballerina," Beehler said on stage Thursday night. "This is just a chance for us to honor her memory."

Dr. Rebecca Turner, provost and vice president for academic affairs for JSU, also spoke before the running began. She gave the runners instructions on where the course would go and encouraged people to go at whatever pace they were comfortable with. She said the event was not about the running but about honoring the memory of Katie Beth



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Southerners, students, and members of the community start the three and a half mile run or walk to honor Katie Beth Carter last Thursday night.

and supporting her family. She was pleased with how many people came and said she was proud to be a part of the community.

"This event is an example of the heart of JSU," Turner said.

After the participants finished the three and a half mile walk or run, they returned to Dillon field where there was free food and live music. The live music was performed by Kimi Carter, Katie Beth's younger sister who is an aspiring musician.

The JSU Jazz Band and Hard Corps also played music at the event. Hard Corps started the event by playing a few tunes at the starting line. The Jazz Band played music for the runners and walkers at the two mile mark.

Towards the end of the event, participants had the



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Jacksonville Legacy Village gave the Carter family a \$5,000 check to help start the "Katie Beth Carter Memorial Scholarship Foundation"

opportunity to win prizes, such as t-shirts, in a raffle drawing.

Sponsors for the event included JSU's Student

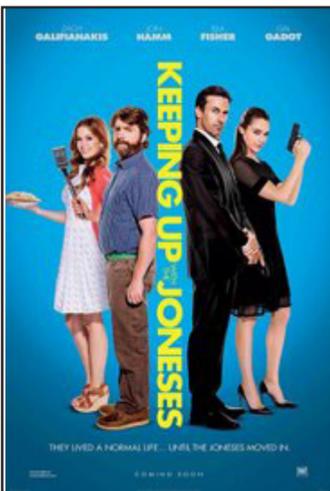
Government Association, the Jazz Band, Jacksonville Legacy Village, and several others.

Keeping up with what's on the big screen

Katelyn Schneider

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Keeping Up with the Joneses is an action and comedy film



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that just left theaters. It was released to the big screen on Friday, Oct. 21.

The movie compares two couples. The Gaffneys are a boring but comfortable married couple, and the two are set in the routine of life. This monotonous life style is interrupted by their new neighbors, the Joneses, who are an interesting yet secretive couple.

The Joneses do not fit the

mold of the suburban lifestyle like the rest of the people in the cul de sac, and Karen and Jeff Gaffney can tell. They quickly discover that Tim Jones is not a travel writer and that Natalie Jones is not a social media consultant. The Gaffneys learn that the only thing the Joneses were honest about was their marriage. Discovering that the Joneses are actually spies results in the boring married couple getting entangled in an international plot of espionage. It also leads to the discovery that other neighbors in their sleepy cul de sac are

not as friendly as they have portrayed themselves to be.

Keeping Up with the Joneses is a combination of gunfights, car chases, and the response to that adrenalin by these average people, which gives viewers a big laugh.

The two couples, although different from each other, both learn a lot from the other. The Gaffneys are reminded of the spark that they once had and that life doesn't have to be boring just because they are married with children. The Joneses learn that there is more in life than work. They

learn that settling down isn't the worst thing in the world even though their jobs keep them constantly moving.

The boring, suburban husband and wife are played by Zach Galifianakis and Isla Fisher. Their opposites are played by Jon Hamm and Gal Gadot. All four of these actors are well known and have played in some other well know film features.

Keeping Up with the Joneses received 5.8 stars out of 10 on imdb.com. Ayal Oren, an imdb.com user said the plot of the movie is somewhat unoriginal but is saved by the

characters.

"I had loads of fun watching it, because most of the jokes are actually character driven, and the characters are very well written and well performed," said Oren.

JSU student Jeff Pool liked the movie but felt it was inconsistent with the trailer.

"Between the trailer and the movie, I got a very different perception of what was going to happen during the movie," said Pool

If interested in comedy movies, keep up with when it is set to be released to RedBox and on DVD.

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New album unlocks Alicia Keys's thoughts

Collins Maroa
Staff Reporter

Alicia Keys is having a great year so far, according to critics. She is a new coach on NBC's hit reality musical series 'The Voice' and also just released her sixth album called 'We Are Here,' which has critics raving with praise.

One critic on metacritic.com described the album as being, "Insightful, political, raw, vulnerable, and expertly produced."

'We Are Here' has a total track list of 16 songs with a star-studded list of producers, writers and featured artists that range from Swizz Beats, Adele, Emily Sande to Phar-

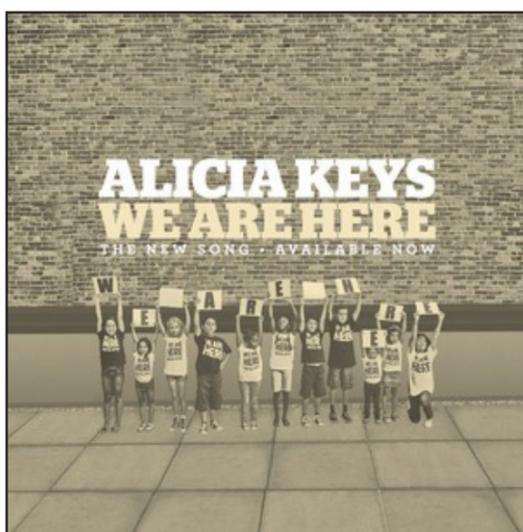
rell Williams.

Listening to a few songs on the album gives a sense that Alicia Keys paid more attention to her vocals and made the piano, that she is famously a guru at, less of a focus.

Released on Nov. 4, 'We Are Here' debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200, which is not new for Keys who has debuted in the top two spots with all her six studio releases. 'We Are Here' sold 50,000 units in its first week on the market which surpassed the low projections.

Critics however insist that low album sales have become a norm due to the rise in streaming services.

Keys maintained the



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tradition from previous albums of starting a record with an interlude that is filled with deep statements that capture one's attention while the black and white keys soothingly play in the background.

Each record seems to have its own effect to it with spread out subjects but a united message.

Each track tries to get the listener to delve into Alicia Keys's world and slowly un-

derstand her view on different aspects of life.

The single "Blended Family" is one that has gained music enthusiasts' attention. The blend of acoustic guitar strings and a mellow beat were out of Alicia Keys's comfort zone, as the piano is what many are used to hearing from the 15 time Grammy winner.

While announcing its release on her website aliciakeys.com, Keys said, "The understanding, compassion and support we've found is a powerful testament to the healing that comes when we choose love. Especially for the kids... the most important part of our lives."

The song caused a

lot of buzz on the entertainment news cycle as Keys worked on it with husband Swizz Beats and his ex-wife Mashonda.

The rhythm and beats across the album as a whole do show Keys's effort to experiment with her talent and use the experienced battalion that she can access in the form of producers and writers.

According to critic reviews, 'We Are Here' feels more like a message on social issues than an entertainment only album and that is what might gather great support for it.

'We Are Here' is available to buy or stream on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, Spotify and Tidal.

Fallout 4 has exciting options for players

Taylor Mitchell
Staff Reporter

What does a man do when his whole world comes crashing down? Does he rebuild or cling to the past? Maybe he will do a bit of both? This is what *Fallout 4* confronts the player with from the beginning. The game begins about an hour before the Great War destroyed the United States. The interesting part of this is that the player literally wakes up on the last normal day on earth and then witnesses when it all goes south. When the bombs start to fall, the player and his or her family escape to the nearby Vault 111.

Once inside, the player is cryogenically frozen in the secret experiment the vault was designed for. When the players wake up, 200 years have passed, and they must escape the vault to look for their missing son. They arrive on the surface to a world destroyed and in ruins that is known

only as the Commonwealth. As they wander through their old neighborhood, the players' characters stumble upon their old robot butler Codsworth. Codsworth informs the players on how much time has passed and despairs over his years of solitude.

As the players travel onward, they discover a group of settlers being attacked by bandits. Their leader Preston Garvey says he may have an idea of who took the player's son and offers to help if he or she can help him and his people first. After helping them out, the player helps them set up a settlement, and Preston tells them about a shadowy organization called the Institute who may have taken their son.

The rest of the story of the game follows the player as he searches for his son while investigating the Institute. Along the way, he or she recruits help from the Brotherhood

of Steel, technologically advanced soldiers who want to stop the Institute from using dangerous technology; The Railroad, an underground group that looks to free the Institute's sentient robot slaves; or the Minutemen, who just wanna protect the people of the Commonwealth. Along the way, players recruit companions such as the experienced detective Nick Valentine, the super mutant Strong, or the spunky reporter Piper.

The game world is huge and like most *Fallout* games, completely open to the players. They can go anywhere, do anything, and help or hurt anyone they please. Gameplay is mostly divided between exploring the wasteland and combat.

It is similar to *Fallout 3* but offers a much larger emphasis on first person shooter elements. The gunplay is tight, quick and responsive which helps since the game can be pretty fast paced dur-

ing firefights. Melee weapons are also an option but the guns are where it really shines.

Something that must be mentioned is the impressive weapon mod system. Throughout the wasteland, players will collect scraps of different materials. They then use these to build modifications to their weapons. These can range from a simple scope for a rifle or a nifty taser being strapped to a sword.

Each modification has a unique look and purpose and allows the players to bend the tools they have to the job they want done. If the players decide they want a laser gun that loads like a musket and fires a shotgun spread, they can do that. This



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really makes it feel more personal.

Fallout 4 is one of those games where it all comes together. In Dan Stapleton's review for IGN, he said "The world, exploration, crafting, atmosphere, and story of *Fallout 4* are all key parts of this hugely successful sandbox role-playing game." It isn't very

easy to argue with this. All parts of the game work together for the success of the whole.

Fallout 4 was released on Nov. 10, 2015 and is rated M by the ESRB. It was developed by Bethesda Game Studios and published by Bethesda Softworks. It is available for PC, Xbox One, and Playstation 4.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

If you ask a diabetic...

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on April 18, 2012. I was 16 years old. In the four and a half years since my diagnosis, I've learned a lot about myself, my body, and how everyone thinks they have a say in what I should do with it. I've also learned that there are a lot of misconceptions about diabetes. In honor of National Diabetes Awareness Month this month, I thought I'd clear some things up:

It's not my fault: I didn't eat too much candy as a kid. It's not because I don't exercise. It's not because I'm fat. Type 1 Diabetes is caused when the pancreas (for some reason) stops producing insulin, the hormone that lets your body break down sugars. Sometimes it's genetic. Sometimes it's random. But it's a permanent condition that, despite medical advances in treatment, cannot be cured (yet).

Carbs are more than sweets: Managing diabetes involves watching the amount of carbs I consume. Traditionally, this meant cutting out sugar, but there's so much more. Sugar is a simple carbohydrate. Foods like potatoes, bread and pasta are complex carbs that take longer to break down. Diabetics need to monitor

these foods, too, because they can raise your blood sugar for a prolonged period of time.

"Monitoring" means something different to everyone: Every person with diabetes is different. Some foods, like carrots, send some people's blood sugar skyrocketing while barely raising someone else's. Some people have to be on a strict mealtime routine in order to keep from suffering dangerous highs and lows. Some people have to count every single carb put in their mouths. Some can wing it. So, just because your friend's-mom's-coworker's-aunt is diabetic, and *she* has sworn off chocolate cake doesn't mean I have to. Trust your diabetic friend/relative/acquaintance to know how to manage his or her body.

It's not contagious: Don't worry. It's not the flu. My body just hates me. You won't be diabetic just by being my friend.

I'll have bad days, but don't freak out: If you know a diabetic personally, they've probably been diabetic for a while. Depending on the person, outside factors like amount of sleep, stress and physical exertion can really mess with their blood sugar levels, and they've lived through



Katie Cline

all of these ups and downs at least once. So you've probably seen them on a bad day. But, please—and I think I speak for all diabetics when I say this—we appreciate your concern, but don't freak out every time we go to eat a French fry. You wouldn't like being told what you can and can't eat, and we don't, either.

These were all things that it was hard for me to learn. They were hard for my friends and family to learn. Because the truth is that Type 1 Diabetes *can be* dangerous. There are all kinds of potential long-term side effects ranging from eye problems to foot amputations to coma and death, but I'm still going to eat a Twix bar (or three) on Halloween and cookie dough at Christmas. Diabetes doesn't control me. I control diabetes.

For more information on Type 1 Diabetes, you can visit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.jdrf.org.

Is your campus club or organization hosting an event on campus? If so, send us the details at chantynewstips@gmail.com.

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Are protests really the answer?

Ashley Colvin
Staff Writer

There are so many protests taking place across our country. Everyone wants his or her voice to be heard. The way a protester goes about rallying affects the coverage the group will receive, the way bystanders view the cause and the feedback from the community where the protest is being held.

Having a large number of protesters at an event increases the chance of news coverage. There are many ways to use the mass media to gather willing individuals. Facebook events for protests are trending right now and are a great way to get the word out. Twitter is also a good way to make your cause known. I am completely against kneeling or sitting during the national anthem (it is very disrespectful of those who fought for our country); however, it is a peaceful protest and for a good cause—to counteract

police violence. This protest would cause just as much attention, in my opinion, if, for example, Colin Kaepernick decided to kneel on the field in the first quarter of the 49ers game for 10 minutes (maybe he would've had more teammates participate if they were fully aware of his cause).

There are more current protests taking place to show outrage from the outcome of the presidential election. Anti-Trump protesters are destroying towns across the country. Death threats targeting Donald Trump are being reported to the FBI. Recordings have surfaced of Trump supporters being pulled from cars and beaten in the middle of roadways in America, because opinions are not always the same. As an observer, I feel this is ridiculous. Our country is taking a step backward. We are lucky enough to live in a country where we are able to freely express our opinion about any-

thing and still have citizens among us who cannot act civilized when someone views the world differently. Violence of this stature is a great way to turn people away from your cause. When protesters are setting things on fire and vandalizing businesses I can no longer take them seriously.

When protests turn violent, fear is cast on the community where the protest is being held as well as neighboring communities. It is likely that the non-violent protesters walk away and then the overall group loses the attention drawn by number of people involved. Your cause is then given a stereotype and communities don't show as much support of rallying for your cause.

There is no need for violence. All Americans are entitled to the same rights. When organizing a protest, use social media to your advantage in spreading the word, and keep things civilized.

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SPORTS

Baseball inks four in early signing period

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State baseball program and head coach Jim Case announced the signing of four student-athletes to National Letters of Intent for the 2018 season.

Case, along with assistant coaches Evan Bush and Mike Murphree, bolstered the future roster by adding four high school signees.

The recruiting class includes three from the state

of Alabama and one from Tennessee.

Isaac Alexander (Muscle Shoals, Ala.), Colin Casey (Jacksonville, Ala.), Alex Strachan (Harvest, Ala.) and Grant Galbraith (Signal Mountain, Tenn.) all returned official paperwork back to JSU during the NCAA signing period that began on Wednesday.

“We are excited to follow up an outstanding 2016 recruiting class with

a 2017 class that we feel has a real chance to make an immediate impact, said Case.

“Coach Bush and Coach Murphree worked very hard to get the best players who also were a great fit for our program.

We are already looking forward to these four guys getting to campus. We feel they are a very talented group.”

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Gamecocks remain No. 2 in both polls

JACKSONVILLE – After extending the longest conference winning streak in the nation on Saturday, the Jacksonville State football team held its ground in the polls on Monday.

The Gamecocks (9-1, 6-0 OVC) are No. 2 in both the STATS FCS Poll and the FCS Coaches Poll for the fifth-straight week after downing Murray State 33-15 on the road.

The win clinched at least a share of JSU’s third-straight OVC title and extended the Gamecocks’ OVC winning streak to 23 games, the longest active conference streak in the country and the second longest in OVC history.

JSU received 18 first-place votes in the STATS Poll and two in the Coaches Poll, while Sam Houston State occupied the top spot in both again.

Eastern Washington and North Dakota State were No. 3 and 4, respectively, in both, while the coaches voted James Madison No. 5 and the STATS voters picking The Citadel fifth again.

The No. 1 Bearcats and The Citadel remained the FCS’ two unbeaten teams, while JSU’s lone loss came at LSU in Week Two.

SHSU’s last loss was a 62-10 defeat at JSU in last year’s FCS semifinals.

This week, the Gamecocks look to become the first team in OVC history to go unbeaten and untied for three-straight seasons when they host UT Martin.

The Skyhawks trail JSU by just one game and could win a share of the title and the league’s automatic bid to the playoffs with a win.

JSU is the lone OVC team in either poll, while UT Martin received votes in both.

Tennessee State picked up one vote in the Coaches Poll.

The release of this week’s polls marks the 42nd consecutive week that JSU has been ranked in the Top 10 of at least one of the two polls, dating back to the final poll of the 2014 season.

JSU and North Dakota State are the only two teams that have been in the Top 10 for each week during that time.

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Gamecocks lose sweep against UT Martin

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Reporter

The Gamecocks secured a spot in the OVC Volleyball Tournament despite a Friday loss to UT Martin.

With the regular season coming to a close, the Gamecocks tried for a final win away. It was a hard fought but ultimately the Skyhawks swept the match with scores of 25-18, 25-20 and 25-23.

Mackenzie Rombach led both teams in kills with her 11 on 21 attacks with a .381 overall.

Allyson Zuhlke had nine kills of her own as well as one assist and four blocks.

On defense Hannah Kirk and Rachel Perucki led the way with eight and six, respectively. Overall the Gamecocks hit .136 on the night, with close numbers of .185

and .186 in sets two and three.

It was by no means a runaway match for the Skyhawks.

Set one opened with UT Martin out in front quick with four. Zuhlke started the scoring for the Gamecocks with a kill.

The Gamecocks tried to catch up with a few more kills from Kaylee Frear and Charis Ludtke and were within two at 4-6.

The Skyhawks made it to eight and the Gamecocks tied it up right behind them. UTM had a five-point run that put them up by six.

It was difficult for the Gamecocks to catch up after that.

They had a few multi-point runs helped on by kills from the likes of Ludtke and Rombach but the Skyhawks took set one.

The second set began with the Gamecocks scoring two. UTM answered with three of their own and wound up in a tie with the Gamecocks at five.

Both UTM and the Gamecocks scored three in a row plus a few to tie the score again at ten.

From there it was a tight match as both teams traded scoring. Within one of each other at 20-19, the Skyhawks scored four quick with help from errors on the Gamecock side of the ball. Macy Reigelseperger went on to score the winning point in the set for UTM.

The final set was the closest for JSU.

They were only within two of securing a victory in the last set but couldn’t quite get there.

Early on it was clear it would be a fight.

The two teams

stayed within a point of each other until UTM made it to eight and the Gamecocks were at five.

But the Gamecocks pushed on and took the lead off of a five-point run helped on by UTM attack errors and a kill by Zuhlke.

The Gamecocks were ahead 12-9 and kept climbing eventually being up by four at 18-14.

UTM made it to 16 and an attack error from UTM gave JSU 19.

UTM halted JSU at 19 and scored four quick spurred on by two Hayley Gray kills. The score was tied three more times before the end of the set.

Once at 20, again at 22 and finally at 23 before the Gamecocks were stopped.

JSU will start the OVC tournament against no. 1 seed Murray State on Nov. 17 at 7.

JSU tied the 2006 and 2009 teams for the second most wins in a season and made history throughout their run through the OVC slate.

The Gamecocks went 26-0 in OVC play to become the second team to go through the OVC record unbeaten and the first since the 1994 Tennessee Tech team went 17-0.

They won a school-record 20 games in a row at one point and their regular season run also extended their winning streak in OVC games to 30, tied with Fresno State for the longest active conference win streak in the country.

JSU won its eighth OVC crown in 2016 and did so in historic fashion.

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Softball adds Beshears, Terry on signing day

JACKSONVILLE – Jana McGinnis added two members to the Jacksonville State softball program.

Taylor Beshears and outfielder Jada Terry signed with the Gamecocks.

Fresh off its historic season in 2016, the Gamecocks wasted little time adding what McGinnis thinks can be key pieces for the future on National Signing Day.

“We are thrilled to be able to add Taylor and Jada to the Gamecock family,” McGinnis said.

“Both are players that bring multiple tools to the table and we feel can come in and help us right away.”

Beshears is an in-

fielder that will join the Gamecocks in 2018 from Wallace State Community College.

As a freshman, she set new WSCC school records with 33 doubles and with 84 RBI.

Her 104 hits were just 11 away from the school record of 115 set by former Gamecock Rachel Fleming in 2016.

She hit .446 with 13 home runs, a .455 on-base percentage and an .824 slugging percentage.

Once she reached base, she stole 20 bags, second on the team.

Her 33 doubles led the nation and helped her earn Third Team All-America honors.

Hewitt-Trussville High School in Trussville, Ala.

Terry is an outfielder for West Morgan High School in Trinity, Ala., where she earned all-area honors from the Decatur Daily.

In her junior season, she hit .322 as a switch hitter for the Rebels.

She was also an all-area performer in her sophomore season according to the Decatur Daily and has been a starter for the Rebels since her eighth grade season and led WMHS to a third-place finish in AHSAA Class 3A in 2014.

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Upcoming Gamecock Action

11/17
- Volleyball
at Murray State*
Murray, Ky. 7 p.m.

- Women’s Basketball
at Ole Miss
Oxford, Miss. 6 p.m.

11/18 - Gamecock Rifle Invitational

- Men’s Basketball
at Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas 6 p.m.

11/19
- Football
vs. UT Martin*
Burgess-Snow Field 1 p.m.

11/20
- Women’s Basketball
vs. Georgia Southern
“The Pete” 3:30 p.m.

11/22
- Women’s Basketball
vs. New Orleans
“The Pete” 5:30 p.m.

- Men’s Basketball
vs. Dalton State College
“The Pete” 7:30 p.m.

BOLD = Home Event * = OVC Event

OVC Football		
School	OVC	O/R
Jacksonville State	6-0	9-1
UT Martin	6-1	7-4
Murray State	4-3	7-4
Tennessee Tech	4-3	4-6
Tennessee State	3-3	6-4
Eastern Illinois	3-4	5-5
SEMO	3-4	3-7
Eastern Kentucky	2-5	3-7
Austin Peay	0-8	0-10

OVC Men’s Basketball		
School	OVC	O/R
EAST		
Tennessee State	0-0	3-0
Morehead State	0-0	2-0
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	1-1
Jacksonville State	0-0	1-1
Belmont	0-0	0-1
Tennessee Tech	0-0	0-2
WEST		
SIUE	0-0	2-1
UT Martin	0-0	2-1
Austin Peay	0-0	1-1
Eastern Illinois	0-0	1-1
Murray State	0-0	1-1
SEMO	0-0	1-1

OVC Women’s Basketball		
School	OVC	O/R
Eastern Illinois	0-0	2-0
Murray State	0-0	2-0
Morehead State	0-0	2-1
Austin Peay	0-0	1-1
Belmont	0-0	1-1
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	1-1
Jacksonville State	0-0	1-1
SEMO	0-0	1-1
Tennessee Tech	0-0	1-1
SIUE	0-0	0-2
Tennessee State	0-0	0-2
UT Martin	0-0	0-2

OVC Volleyball Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
Murray State	15-1	20-8
SIUE	13-3	20-7
Austin Peay	12-4	23-10
Belmont	10-6	16-11
Eastern Kentucky	9-7	14-14
Tennessee State	8-8	17-15
Morehead State	7-9	11-19
Jacksonville State	6-10	18-18
SEMO	6-10	7-23
UT Martin	5-11	9-22
Tennessee Tech	3-13	7-22
Eastern Illinois	2-14	5-26



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Women top Kennesaw State for first victory

KENNESAW, Ga. – Jacksonville State picked up its first win of the season with a 65-59 road decision over Kennesaw State on Monday in the KSU Convocation Center.

After dropping the season opener last Friday at nationally ranked Florida State, Jax State (1-1) bounced back for the six point win over the Owls (0-2).

JSU has now won two consecutive games over the region foe and claimed its first win over KSU on its home floor since the 2006 season. JSU now owns a 12-8 advantage in the all-time series with KSU.

The Gamecocks looked to have complete control of the contest after an 18-point third quarter in which it pushed a 32-21 lead out to as many as 20 points on two occasions in the third quarter, but a KSU made a run at JSU in the final quarter to make things closer in the final period and make the final deficit at six points.

Leading 50-31 to start the final period, the Owls opened with 1 13-4 scoring run to cut the lead to nine points at 54-45 with just over six minutes left in the game. Junior transfer Kiandria 'Ki-Ki' Patterson went end-to-end on after a steal and a lay up to extend the lead back to double digits with 4:01 left to play.

The Owls would trim the deficit down to six points a minute later on a pair of

free throws by Iceis Walker. When JSU needed a basket, it went to Destany McLin with a lay up and a free throw down the stretch of the contest. McLin led all JSU scorers with 11 points and had three rebounds and three assists.

After knocking down 14 three pointers in the season opener at Florida State, the Gamecocks used its size advantage against the Owls as they had 46 of the 59 points in the paint. JSU connected on a pair of treys in the game from Briana Benson in the opening half and Patterson in the second half. JSU also had a plus-one advantage on the boards at 39-38. Sophomore Rayven Pearson posted her second double-double of her career with 10 points and 10 rebounds. JSU also got production from senior point guard Lacey Buchanan as the Jacksonville native finished with 10 points. Benson, who turned in 21 points at FSU, was one shy of double figures with nine points and four rebounds.

"Clearly, it was great to get the first win of the season and I thought we played really well for three quarters.

I was not pleased with how we finished the game, but fortunately we had built a big enough cushion," said head coach Rick Pietri.

"Hopefully, we can go back and watch the film and learn to finish the game."

With 14 players on the roster, JSU is capable of

using a lot of players as nine of the 11 players that saw action recorded points in the scoring column. Patterson finished with seven points and a pair of rebounds, while Tyler Phelion and Tasha Magruder added six points each.

"I was really proud of the fact that all of our big kids could do damage offensively and we needed to get it to them more than we did. They were able to convert and finish at a high percentage," added Pietri.

After three lead changes in the opening quarter, JSU took a 13-9 lead after one quarter and never trailed the rest of the way. The Gamecocks shot just under 50 percent at 46.8 percent, while the Owls struggled to shoot 32 percent from the field. KSU was 7-of-15 from the field in the final period.

JSU had no answer for KSU's Allison Johnson as she tallied a game-high 25 points and 14 rebounds. Clara Young added 10 points, while Walker finished with 10 points off the bench.

JSU wraps up its string of three consecutive road games to start the season on Thursday, Nov. 17, traveling to the Magnolia State to face Ole Miss. Tip off is set for 6 p.m. from The Pavilion at Ole Miss. The game will be available on the SEC Network + and on the Gamecock Sports Network.

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Men defeat Tulsa, fall to Missouri State

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State Men's basketball team got off to a 1-1 start after the first weekend of regular season action saw the Gamecocks defeat Tulsa 84-73 on Friday before falling to Missouri State on Sunday 91-65.

The road victory over Tulsa was JSU's first regular season-opening win since 2012, and its first over a Division-I foe since taking down Alabama A&M on Nov. 21, 2003.

Junior guard Malcolm Drumright led the Gamecocks to the win over Tulsa, who made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

Drumright scored 20 points and dished out 6 assists.

Greg Tucker and Norbertas Giga each chipped in with 17 and 13 points respectively.

Jacksonville State led 38-28 after a first half in which the Gamecocks got hot from the field, hitting 55.2% of their shots including 4 out of 10 three-pointers.

JSU pulled away in the second half, building up a 19-point lead over the Golden Hurricane with just over 7 minutes remaining in the game.

Drumright, Giga, and Andre Statam all fouled out of the game for JSU, and Tulsa were able to cut the Gamecocks' lead to single digits near the end of the contest.

The late push by the Golden Hurricanes' was too late however, and the Gamecocks came out on top over Tulsa 84-73.

Jacksonville State was unable to enjoy their victory for long, as they traveled to Springfield,

Mo. to take on the Missouri State Bears on Sunday afternoon.

JSU was unable to contain the hot-shooting Bears, who drained 15 three-pointers at a 48.4% clip en route to a victory over the Gamecocks.

Only two players from JSU, Giga and Christian Cunningham, reached double-figures in scoring as the Gamecock offense struggled to match Missouri State's explosiveness.

JSU guard Erik Durham, who is a native of Springfield, Mo., scored 7 points against the Bears in his return to his hometown.

The Gamecocks got off to a very slow start, as their first points came almost 6 minutes into the contest.

Missouri State took advantage of JSU's sluggish play, and claimed an early 12-0 lead that they would never relinquish.

Jacksonville State was unable to find a rhythm on either end of the floor in the first period of play and found themselves down 45-20 heading into the halftime break.

The Gamecocks found a little bit of momentum coming out of intermission and cut the Missouri State lead down to 14 with 11:16 remaining.

The Bears caught fire once again, however, pushing the lead back up into the 20s and ending Jacksonville State's hopes of a comeback, taking the game by a score of 91-65.

JSU will have 2 more road contests before returning to Pete Mathews Coliseum to take on Dalton State in their regular season home opener on Nov. 22.



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Slow start for Jax State leads to half of OVC Title

MURRAY, Ky. – Jacksonville State overcame another slow start on the road to defeat the Racers 33-15 at Roy Stewart Stadium and clinch a share of the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

The Gamecocks (9-1, 6-0 OVC) can claim their third consecutive outright league title with a victory over second-place UT-Martin in next week's regular season finale at Burgess-Snow Field.

JSU's 23rd straight OVC win – now the second-longest streak in conference history – did not come easily.

Roc Thomas came off the bench to run for a career-high 165 yards and three touchdowns as the Gamecocks broke open a tight game after halftime.

The junior from Oxford



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scored on 7-yard run in the third quarter and eight and 75 yards in the fourth as the Gamecocks wore down Murray State's defense in the second half.

The upset-minded Racers (4-6, 4-3) led 3-0 deep into the second quarter thanks to a Connor Mitchell's 45-yard field goal.

But Jacksonville State finally got on the scoreboard as Eli Jenkins perfectly executed a six-play, 80-yard drive that took only 44 seconds in the final minute of the half.

Jenkins was 6-for-6 passing on the drive and finished it off with a 23-yard TD pass to Jamari Hester with 17

seconds left before intermission.

Cade Stinnett's extra point gave JSU a 7-3 lead it never relinquished.

Whatever message Jacksonville State head coach John Grass delivered at halftime got through to his players.

The Gamecocks offense, limited to 189 total yards through two quarters, exploded for 346 in the second half and finished with its first 500-plus effort (535) since a win over Liberty on Sept. 24. It was JSU's second-highest total yardage this season.

"Overall, just proud of the road win," said Grass.

"Hopefully it will be the last road game for awhile.

We made some adjustments at halftime, got the ball first (to start the third

quarter) and I think we played pretty good.

Field position played a big part in the second half."

Josh Clemons also added a 1-yard run with 9:08 to go in the fourth quarter.

Jacksonville State's defense delivered another outstanding performance against the potent Murray State offense that was averaging 28.1 points per game.

The Racers managed only 178 yards (just 40 on the ground), punted 12 times and quarterback KD Humphries was sacked six times.

Siran Neal recorded a game-high 12 tackles and Ra'Shad Green had an interception.

Kickoff for next week's game vs. UT-Martin (7-4, 6-1) is set for 1 p.m.

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