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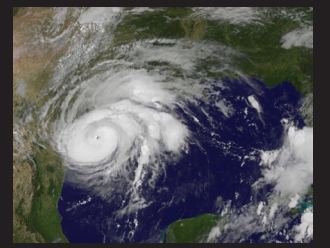
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### International House Intro and Presentation

Meet students from the International house on Thursday, August 31 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Room 10B of the library. Students will be presenting on their home cultures and how living at the International House has affected their lives.

### Delta Sigma Theta Movie Night

Delta Sigma Theta will be hosting a free movie night on the Quad on Friday, September 1 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks and start off your Labor Day weekend with some fun!

### Homecoming Showcase Applications

Homecoming Showcase applications are available from the Dean of Students Office starting Friday, September 1. Students wishing to run for Homecoming King or Queen should fill out a Homecoming Showcase application.

### Labor Day 2017

JSU will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. No classes will meet, and offices will be closed, but



# The eclipse is so bright,



# you gotta' wear shades

Roger Sauterer/JSU Biology

This photo of the Aug. 21, 2017 eclipse was taken in Spring City, Tenn. Parts of Tennessee experied a total solar eclipse, whereas Jacksonville witnessed about 97% \_\_\_\_\_. The next solar eclipse with the most visibility for the United States will occur on April 8, 2024. The viewing path will cross from Texas to Maine and will include cities like Austin and Dallas, Texas; Little Rock, Ark.; Indianapolis; Toledo, Cleveland, and Akron, Ohio; Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. and Montpelier, Vt.

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
Associate Editor

In the beginning, the earth was dark.

Then there was a sun and a moon, and last Monday the moon decided to come between the sun and the earth for three hours. Even though Jacksonville wasn't in the path

of totality, people still took to the streets from wherever they were to see the event that won't take place again until 2024.

According to JSU Associate Professor of Physics Laura Weinkauf, it's been a while since there was a total solar eclipse like

the one on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

"The last one visible from the contiguous U.S. was on Feb. 26, 1979," she said. "Times vary for eclipses, this one was around three hours. Totality was around two and a half minutes, although in 2024 totality is predicted to last more than

five minutes. It depends on the details of where in their orbits the moon and earth are."

Jacksonville State University set up a viewing party on the TMB lawn for anyone who wanted to come and view the eclipse. People in lawn chairs set up shop to wait,

and families brought their small children to the bounce houses set up. It was a community that came together for a once-in-a-lifetime moment.

Sophomore Eric Cline went to the viewing party and said, "It

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# Higher Tips for pursuing graduate school higher ed

**Katie Cline**  
Editor-in-Chief

As a fresh-out-of-college graduate, there's only one thing the world will want to know: "What are you doing next?"

When Katelyn Henderson and Griffin McDaniels graduated from Auburn University with their undergraduate degrees in biology, they knew that they wanted to pursue master's degrees.

"For both of us, this is what we've always wanted to do," Henderson said. "I have always wanted to be a biologist. Griffin wanted to be Steve Irwin."

For Henderson, the process started with talking to her undergraduate adviser, Dr. Craig Guyer.

"He said, 'There's no one else you really need to bother with, because Dr. [George] Cline's the one you need to go to,'" said Henderson, who finished her bachelor's degree in December 2014.

McDaniels' quest for the perfect grad school wasn't as cut and dry.

"In my opinion, the hardest part is finding a place where you fit in," McDaniels, who graduated from Auburn in May 2015, said. "All of the other stuff is kind of irrelevant. The test scores, the science, what you're actually going to do as projects is all kind of secondary."

McDaniels also started by talking to

Guyer, who gave him a list of potential schools. But when he talked to each of them, found that something was always missing.

"I just didn't get along with the advisers that I talked to like I did with Dr. Cline," McDaniels said. "Some I thought weren't as nice. Some were more concerned with me doing their project, but when I came here and talked to Doc, it was more, 'These are the things that I'm interested in, but it's really up to you to come up with your project.' And for me, and for the



Griffin McDaniels/Facebook

Griffin McDaniels (center) and Katelyn Henderson (middle) pose with other JSU Biology students, from left, Eric Cline, Andrew Collins and Zach Starr on a data collecting trip at Frog Pond in White Plains, Ala. in July 2017.

hard sciences, that was the big thing, because I didn't want to be pressured into doing someone else's research. That, and

that Doc was one of the nicest people I've ever met."

"It's not really about the school," Henderson

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said. “It’s about the professors and the atmosphere that it’s in.”

Dr. Andrea Porter, an associate professor of English at JSU, is the current English graduate student adviser. According to Porter, there are two standard schools of thought when it comes to choosing a grad school: go to the “high-powered,” well-known school that’s highly competitive and carries an inherent prestige, or go to the smaller, less intensive program where individuals can stand out.

“I always heard, ‘If you get into Emory and the University of Alabama, go to Emory,’” Porter said. “Okay, maybe. You also have to look at the faculty that are there. If you get into Emory and the University of Alabama and you want to specialize in the literature of the Vietnam War, you go to Alabama, because the top scholar in the country in that field happens to be there.”

Porter also reminded students not to be set on one particular school and not to be discouraged if they don’t get in to every school they apply to. Porter herself applied to nine Ph.D. programs and was only accepted into two.

“My best bit of advice would be to cast a wide net, especially the higher the degree you go for. If you want to graduate school, don’t just apply to two schools. You may get in both; you may get in one; you may be set...

but you may get in neither.”

Henderson and McDaniels had yet another special factor to consider when looking at grad schools: they’re dating and had to decide if they were willing to go to different schools.

“Katelyn was the ‘one and done’; she was going to JSU,” McDaniels recalled. “We met and started dating after she had decided to go JSU and I was still shopping around, and it just so happened that we were both interested in the same kind of thing, so we were pointed in the same kind of direction. But there were a couple weeks where I wasn’t sure where I was going to go, and it just so happened that JSU was the best place for both of us.”

Henderson cautions other couples—and even friends or roommates—that it doesn’t always work out that way: “Don’t let wanting to go to a school with someone dictate where you go. It’s good to go with a person, but if you don’t click with the school as well as you do with another school then it’s probably a better idea to go to the school where you fit in better. If it’s kind of even, if you click with them both equally, sure, go with the friend, go with the significant other, but if there’s one that you know you would like so much better, then you should go to that one.”

After graduating in 2018, Henderson and



Katie Cline/The Chanticleer

Graduate students Zach Starr, Andrew Collins, Katelyn Henderson and Griffin McDaniels assist biology professor Dr. George Cline with a program at Lake Guntersville State Park in May 2017.

McDaniels plan to pursue Ph.D.s. They’ve yet to decide if they’ll be attending the same school or not, but they do know that they won’t stay at JSU.

“It’s better to move around,” McDaniels said. “Networking is a big thing. When you’re wondering, ‘What research is out there? Where can I go?’, you send out emails to people that you’ve met at other places. If you get all three degrees from the same institution, you’re kind of limiting your networking.”

After applications, reference letters, letter of intent, resumes and transcripts are submitted to the university’s graduate school, the decision to accept a student is in the hands of the graduate school faculty.

“From our perspec-

tive, we look at completion rates,” Porter said. “We want people who are going to come to the program and who are going to complete it. So we’re looking for go-getters who have that aptitude not just to start grad school but to finish it and to do well in it and who are motivated.”

Once accepted, graduate school is a different environment from what students are used to.

Henderson and McDaniels can speak to such differences firsthand. Both have jobs as teaching assistants, or T.As, and are responsible for teaching intro level biology classes and labs.

“It’s stressful, but it’s a different kind of stress,” Henderson said. “You’re not stressing about get-

ting an A in the class. You’re stressing about getting your thesis done. You’re stressing about all of your animals dying. It’s a different kind of stress than undergrad.”

The pair had only a few parting words of advice for any current undergraduates who are considering going on to graduate school in the future.

“My best advice is to not take life or school or anything too seriously,” McDaniels said. “If you’re only ever stressed then it’s not right. You have to be able to take a step away and do something else. School is just a place. Grades are just numbers. Yes, it matters, but it’s easy to take *too* seriously.”

“You don’t need to be stuck in your ways,” Henderson advised.

“You need to be able to adapt. It’s better to go in with an open mind.”

Going to graduate school means walking a fine line between networking and expanding personal horizons and doing what is best for yourself as a budding professional. Time management and self-discipline are the two biggest skills that are necessary for success in grad school.

And, as far as that goes, McDaniels says, “Say no sometimes, but also say yes as often as you can without making yourself sick.”

\*Visit [www.jsu.edu/chanticleer](http://www.jsu.edu/chanticleer) to read the entire interview with Griffin McDaniels, Katelyn Henderson and Dr. Andrea Porter and enjoy exclusive pictures and content only available online.\*

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was a really cool experience to see the lighting around everyone change. It was almost like wearing sunglasses without actually having any.”

Viewing the eclipse without protective glasses was not recommended though. Weinkauf says that the need for protective lenses comes from the sun’s damaging rays.

“Even with part of the sun’s disk blocked, the amount of light

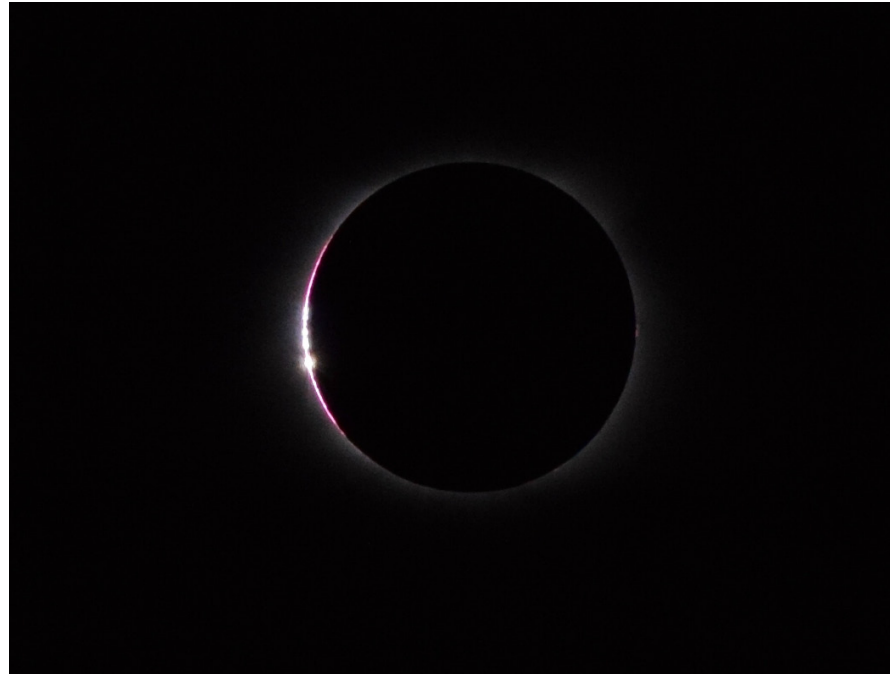
coming through can damage the cells on the retina of the eye,” she said. “Permanent vision loss can occur, and since the sun doesn’t look as bright when it’s partially covered, there’s more danger of looking too long at the sun during an eclipse.”

Even for someone who works as an astronomer by trade, Weinkauf says that she really just wanted to enjoy the eclipse. She took to Tennessee with

some friends and colleagues for viewing.

“It was amazing,” she said. “Some astronomers did plan to take data from the eclipse, but I just went to enjoy it.”

\*For more pictures of the eclipse taken by JSU’s Dr. Roger Sauterer, go to [www.jsu.edu/chanticleer](http://www.jsu.edu/chanticleer) and look at our gallery of eclipse photos.\*



Roger Sauterer/JSU Biology

Above: the “diamond ring effect” occurs when the first spot of the sun is visible from behind the moon. This phase only lasts about a second. It is particularly dangerous to look at an eclipse at this time without protective glasses. Left: the moon passes in front of the sun during the eclipse on Monday, August 31, 2017. Right: The “Bailey’s Beads” effect occurs when sunlight shines through lunar valleys. Like the diamond ring effect, this phase lasts for about one second.



# STUDY BREAK



Welcome  
back  
Gamecocks!

*Comic courtesy of  
Peter Abney*

## Campus Crime 8/25-8/31

8/25/17 <b>Paul Carpenter Village</b> Duty to give information and render aid	<b>Trustee Circle</b> Arrest- Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia
<b>Theron Montgomery Building</b> Theft of Property	
<b>Coffee Circle</b> Duty upon striking an unattended vehicle	
8/28/17 <b>Pete Mathews Coliseum</b> Theft of Property	

## Attention Gamecocks!

The JSU Police Department is currently investigating an alleged rape that recently occurred in Meehan Hall. In this case, the victim knew the reported assailant. Please use caution when going home or to other private areas after dark. This is a serious issue, please be aware of your surroundings. Call UPD at 256-782-5050 if you are concerned.

## The Weekly Cash

Inspirational Quotes  
from Sports Editor  
Tim Cash

“If she can vote for president, she can propose to me.”



# CHICKEN SCRATCH

Your weekly dose of online humor!  
\*Back to School Edition\*

Housing: \$2,980; Meal Plan: \$1,457; Books: \$1,429; Fees: \$943; Air: \$3,274; Grass: \$4,284; Sidewalk: \$5,267; The Sun: \$3,381

You know it's going to be a bad day when the slide goes from "Syllabus" to "Lecture Chapter 1" on the first day of class.

Remember when you were little and you'd fall on the trampoline and everyone would keep jumping so you couldn't get back up? That's college.

Go to college they said. You'll find love they said. I found debt and Netflix.

Mom: "How're your classes going?"  
Me: "They're good."  
Narrator: "Things were not good."

I always aspire to go home and get my life sorted out and be successful, and then I get home and somehow end up in bed watching The Office on Netflix for the zillionth time.



# FROM COAST TO COAST



David J. Phillips/New Yorker

Flooding from Hurricane Harvey turns the roads of Houston into rivers.

## Hurricane Harvey hits hard in Houston

**JoAnna Mitchell**  
Staff Reporter

Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 storm, made landfall in Texas near Port Aransas late on the night of Friday, August 25. In the days since, up to 50 inches of rain has flooded Houston and surrounding areas, setting a record for the continental United States.

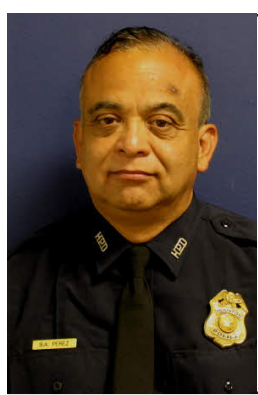
Harvey is the first Category 4 storm to hit the US since Hurricane Charley in 2004. Thus far, Harvey has claimed 30 lives including the

life of senior Houston Police Sgt. Steve Perez, age 60. Perez drowned while carrying out his duty to serve the people of Houston in their time of need.

Rescue efforts are being carried out around the clock, with over 2000 survivors rescued as of 7:33 a.m. Tuesday morning. The Coast Guard has sent 500 service members as well as 20 helicopters to aid other groups and individuals such as the Cajun Navy, a group made

famous during Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005. The group is made up of individuals from Louisiana who use their own boats and supplies to carry out rescue operations for those stranded by the storm. You can donate to the American Red Cross relief efforts at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Many people are criticizing Joel Osteen, a televangelist with a net worth of around \$40 million, for closing the doors of his multi-million-dollar mega



Sgt. Steve Perez

church to Harvey's victims. Osteen initially claimed flooding had rendered the church inaccessible but after immense internet backlash, Joel and his wife

and co-pastor, Victoria, have opened the building as a shelter as of 11 a.m. Tuesday. The building seats 16,800 people and at one time housed the NBA's Houston Rockets.

Several groups and individuals have begun rescue efforts for pets who were tragically left behind after their owners' hasty evacuations. Many animal shelters and private individuals have donated their time and risked their lives to save animals stranded by the

deluge. The Animal Care Services of San Antonio had taken in an estimated 200 displaced and abandoned animals as of Monday afternoon, according to the New York Times.

The ASPCA is also aiding in the animal rescue efforts. You can donate on their website [www.ASPCA.org](http://www.ASPCA.org).

Harvey has doubled back as a tropical storm, now heading towards Louisiana on the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating Hurricane Katrina.

## Florida inmate Mark Asay executed by experimental injection

**Alissa Camplin**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, August 24, Florida made history by executing Mark Asay, a white man, for killing a black man. This is a state first. According to public records and the Death Penalty Information Center, at least 20 black men have been executed for killing white victims since the state reinstated the death penalty in 1972.

Additionally, this is the first execution that has happened in Florida since the U.S. Supreme Court temporarily halted the practice in early 2016 because it gave judges, rather than juries, the power of life or death. Since, Florida passed a law under Gov. Rick Scott that requires a unanimous jury recommendation for the death penalty.

In Asay's case, jurors recommended death for both murder counts by a 9-3 vote. Even though the new law requires unanimity, Florida's high court ruled that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling did not apply to older cases.

Asay, 53, was convicted in 1988 of two radically-motivated murders that occurred on the same night. Asay was 23 at the time of the killings.

The first victim, Robert Lee Booker, was killed in 1987. He was a 34-year-old black male. Reports from CNN affiliate WJAX claim that Asay called Booker a disturbing racial epithet before fatally shooting him. During Asay's final hours,

he admitted to these racial slurs. However, Asay blames the murder on being, "drunk and angry, not a racist."

Asay's second murder was 26-year-old Robert McDowell, a mixed race (white and Hispanic) man. McDowell was dressed as a woman at the time of his killing. Asay agreed to pay McDowell for oral sex, but became enraged and murdered him when he learned McDowell's true gender.

The execution protocol began at 6:10 p.m. and Asay was pronounced dead at 6:22 p.m.

Asay received a new three-drug anesthetic. The first drug, etomidate, has never been used in the United States.

Etomidate induces sleep. About a minute after the administration of this drug, Asay's feet jerked slightly and his mouth opened. This drug replaced the typically used midazolam, which has been abandoned over the fear that it causes unnecessary suffering.

The second drug, rocuronium bromide, is a muscle relaxant that paralyzes the lungs. This drug made him motionless, which resulted in being declared dead by an on-site doctor.

The third drug, potassium acetate stops the heart entirely. It is Florida's first time using potassium acetate as well, which was used in a 2015 execution in Oklahoma by mistake, but has not been used elsewhere, a death penalty expert said.

State corrections officials have defended the choice, saying it has been reviewed. The corrections department refused to answer questions from the Associated Press about how it chose etomidate.

Doctors hired by Asay's attorneys raised questions about etomidate in court declarations, saying there are cases where it had caused pain along with involuntary writhing in patients.

But in its opinion allowing the drug to be used, the state's high court said earlier this month that four expert witnesses demonstrated that Asay "is at small risk of mild to moderate pain."

Not everyone agrees with the use of the death penalty. Amnesty International condemned Florida on Thursday: "It's too late for Mark Asay, but Florida still has a chance to be on the right side of history by commuting the sentences of all other death row prisoners and ending capital punishment once and for all," the statement said.

According to an interview with a local television station, Asay said that dying was better than spending the rest of his life behind bars.

"Because I pray, and I say, 'I've had all of the prison I want.' So I want out of prison, through the front door or the back," he told News4Jax.

Asay was asked whether he wanted to make a final statement. "No sir, I do not. Thank you," was his reply.



LEFT: Mark Asay's mug shot

RIGHT: Mark Asay speaks with Jax4News anchor Tom Willis prior to his execution. Asay only admitted to killing of the two men he was accused of. After being denied a stay of execution, Asay was put to death on the evening of Thursday, August 24, 2017. He was charged with the murder of two men, Robert Lee Booker and Robert McDowell, in 1988.

Photos via Jax4News.com





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## A look back at the 2017 VMAs

Grace Cockrell  
Staff Writer

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual MTV Video Music Awards have come and gone, but viewers were left with some memorable highlights from the show that will stay in their minds for a very long time.

Kicking off the event was eight-nominee hip-hop sensation Kendrick Lamar with his recent hits “Humble” and “DNA.” His crowd-pleasing performance included rapping surrounded by lasers, smoke, and even a back-up dancer on fire.

Following the “pyromaniac performances” of Lamar was host and pop music sensation, Katy Perry making her grand entrance in a full holographic astronaut suit. The suit—and Perry’s reference to herself as “the moon lady”—was a big risk, but not as risky as trying to launch her stand-up comic with fidget spinner joke that left both live and at home audiences uncomfortable.

The funniest joke of the night, however, came from deeply poetic singer and songwriter, Lorde, who, due to flu-like effects on her

vocal chords, gave an interpretative dance to her song “Homemade Dynamite.” It was surprisingly very warm, direct, and much funny.

As brave as an interpretive dance might have been, nothing could top Fifth Harmony’s incredible performance of their song “Down.” On the stage were all four members and a stand in who represented former band member Camila Cabello. The stand in was pushed offstage in reference to Cabello’s split from the band. Fifth Harmony also received their first VMA for best pop song for “Down.”

Along with powerful musical performances, quite a few groundbreaking speeches were delivered that touched on serious issues happening in today’s society. Paris Jackson gave an inspiring speech about how America can overcome the hate with unity and love and show that “violence is intolerable.”

Tiffany Haddish spoke out about being a role model to foster kids while also completely dragging her exes into the ground. Hilarious, confident, and success-



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**Katy Perry, who performed at and hosted the 2017 VMAs, made her entrance in a holographic astronaut suit, a nod to the figurine on each VMA award. She later changed costumes for her performance of “Swish Swish” to close the show.**

ful, Haddish left her mark on the night.

Rock star Pink delivered a speech after receiving the Video Vanguard award concerning her six-year-old daughter and the moving power of all “androgynous rock stars” such as Michael Jackson, David Bowie and Prince.

Kesha also gave a speech following Logic’s performance of “1-800-273-8255” which led to increased calls at the suicide prevention hotline: “We all have struggles and as long as you never give up on yourself, light will

break through the darkness,” she added.

As for awards, Kendrick Lamar took home “Video of the Year,” “Best Hip Hop,” “Best Art Direction,” “Best Cinematography,” “Best Direction” and “Best Visual Effects.”

Ed Sheeran took home the award for “Best Artist of the Year,” and DJ Khalid took home the award for “Best New Artist.”

Fifth Harmony, Twenty One Pilots, and Zedd received the award for each of their genres of pop, rock and

dance, respectively.

Jack Antonoff was very eager to take the credit for most of the songs he produced such as the majority of Lorde’s own “Melodrama” and for “Best Collaboration” Taylor Swift and Zayn Malik’s “I Don’t Wanna Live Forever” from the “Fifty Shades Darker” soundtrack.

During the show, Taylor Swift fans premiered the music video for her new single “Look What You Made Me Do” from her upcoming album “Reputation.” The video broke viewing records in just

the span of ten minutes. As of Wednesday morning, the video has been viewed over 75 million times on YouTube. Adele’s “Hello” video previously held the record for most views in a 24-hour period.

The show’s grand finale featured Katy Perry’s performance of her basketball-themed single song “Swish Swish” with an appearance by the queen of rap, Nicki Minaj.

The 2017 VMA Awards was an evening of surprises, one that the 2018 show will undoubtedly try to top.



Kevin Winter/Getty Images

**ABOVE:** While illness kept New Zealand pop star Lorde from singing at the VMAs, it didn’t keep her from doing an interpretive dance to her new song “Homemade Dynamite.” **BELOW LEFT:** Ed Sheeran, DJ Khalid and Chance the Rapper pose backstage at the 2017 VMAs. Sheeran took home the award for Artist of the Year, and Khalid received the award for Best New Artist. **BELOW RIGHT:** Fifth Harmony members, from left, Dinah Jane, Normani Kordei, Lauren Jauregui and Ally Brooke perform their single “Down,” for which the group, that formed on “The X Factor” in 2012, won the VMA for “Best Pop Song.”



Ed Sheeran/Facebook



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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## SOMEBODY THAT I USED TO KNOW

In this new weekly series, JSU students reflect on how they've changed since they were 17 years old. If you'd like to share your story please send us an email at [chantynewstips@gmail.com](mailto:chantynewstips@gmail.com) with the subject line "Somebody that I used to know".

At 17 you had a warped view of how love was supposed to be. You thought that arguing, name calling, and the occasional slap to the face or pulling of limbs just happened in a relationship when you had disagreements. You thought that you could change that person who was broken, but you didn't

realize you were becoming broken in the process. You finally let go and it was one of the hardest things. You gave up on having a future with another human being. You didn't believe that love really existed. You struggled with depression, but you started to truly get to know yourself. You began to see your strengths

and you began to enjoy who you were. You found someone at the age of 21, who loves you with every fiber of their being and wants spend the rest of their life with you. You found the love that you didn't think existed, and at age 24 you will be married to your best friend.

-Anonymous

## Speak Out

My name is Abbie Patterson and I am a junior here at Jacksonville State University. I am also currently an Advocacy Corps organizer for Friends Committee on National Legislation, out of D.C. Over the next nine months I am working on a local level to make change regarding climate change issues. Being a college student, it can feel difficult to make change. But there are few things you can do that will take less than five minutes.

Trump's budget plans would eliminate Environmental Protection Agency

funding by an estimated 31% and would eliminate over 50 EPA programs alone. If you want to see these budget cuts protected, call our Alabama Senator's offices.

Another way that we can make a difference locally is encouraging your district representative to join the climate solutions caucus. This is a bipartisan caucus, meaning that for a democrat to join, a republican must join along with them, and vice versa. It currently has 26 republican and 26 democrat members. You

can call or email your Representatives office and encourage them to join.

Senator Richard Shelby's office: (202) 224-5744

Senator Luther Strange's office: (202) 224-4124

Representative Mike Rogers's office: (202) 225-3261

For more information please email me at [apatterson12@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:apatterson12@stu.jsu.edu)

-Abbie Patterson

## How to (not) lose a guy in 10 games

### A response

Rebekah Hawkins  
Associate Editor

So, the other day I was browsing Saturday Down South. One of my favorite college football blogs and usually a very good source of information and interesting reads. However, the other day I came across [this](#) article. It's called "How to (not) lose a girl in 10 games" written by Chris Marler and it's about how to keep your girlfriend who is uninterested in football throughout a season of college football. It included lovely gems such as using pop culture references to keep her interested, watching a lot of The Bachelor with her so she'll feel obligated to watch football with you, and buying her cute outfits so she'll be more inclined to watch the games. I'm not going to read a lot into it because I know it's mostly for fun, but I have to admit I was a little insulted. Mostly because I'm a girl who loves and enjoys college football and who usually knows as much if not more than the dudes I watch it with. But again, I know it's just for fun.

So this article

sort of gave me an idea. I thought I would write a response to it, because not all guys like football. I know a lot of guys that know nothing about sports and would rather do just about anything else than watch football. So here we go, here's my advice for all the college football loving babes out there who have a new boyfriend who doesn't know anything about sports.

#### How to (not) lose a guy in 10 games

Oh college football. How I have missed you. It's almost that time of year again ladies. The time when our Saturdays are monopolized by our favorite teams, and our friends text us asking when we'll be available for girls' night again (the quick answer is no Saturday soon).

But this year is different for me. This year I have a boyfriend. How could I have done this? How could I have let another man distract me from the most important men in my life, the ones on that football field. I didn't get a chance to study our recruits,

I don't know what our defense is doing this year, all because my new beau just had to have that new motor for his truck. The things you do for love, right?

But I've had it. No more. I sat him down the other day and I had "the talk" with him. He has to know how deep my devotion for my team goes. It isn't "just a game" for me. It's life. I scream, I yell, I throw things, there is no other way. And then he tells me, "Babe, I'm not that into football."

I'm sorry, what? Not "that into" football? What does that even mean? My mind cannot comprehend. I mean I wish that was listed in his About Me section on OK-Cupid, I should have done my research on this guy. I mean how am I going to cram a lifetime of football knowledge into just a few short weeks? He says that he's willing to learn because it's something I love. Aww. Well I guess he's not so bad.

I'm sure I'm not the only woman with this problem, so I took the liberty of making a simple guide to help get your husband/boy-

friend/number one slice in top form for the season.

#### 1. Relate to things he likes

How does one fit so much information into such a small amount of time? I can't possibly explain to someone who just doesn't get it why I despise Nick Saban so much, or why toilet paper is part of my essential bag when heading to Jordan Hare. How can I explain Punt Bama Punt or the Kick Six...

Pop culture is definitely the way to go when explaining things like this to him. For example Alabama is like Tyler Durden in Fight Club while Auburn, and really the rest of the country, are like the unnamed narrator. We're all basically the same person, but one of us is crazier than the other and will probably kill the rest of us if given the opportunity.

Or you could go a little older than that and go with a Star Wars reference. Alabama is the Dark Side and Auburn is the Force. Of course if your alliance lies with other teams you could switch it

up with your rival of choice. But you get the basic idea. Just tell him to pick a side and match it up.

#### 2. Foundations

I personally believe the best way for you to get your love on your side for football season is with planning beforehand. It will get you a long way.

Go with him to that car show on your only off-day because that's what he really wants to do. Sit with him through yet another Godfather marathon because he says you missed a really important part the last time. Act like you really enjoy that Metallica song that he plays every single time you get in the car with him. Go with him to buy a new gun, and then tell him you totally think the AK47 is a better option for a home defense weapon than the Ruger 9mm handgun. Tell him he's handsome, cook him a nice dinner (even if you barely know the different between a pot and a pan). He'll appreciate that you tried.

Then come football season he'll be more willing to sit with you on the couch

and listen to you complain about how Alabama wins every single year even though they play a pansy schedule. Or how Urban Meyer must think the college football world is stupid if they believe he actually had "health problems" and wasn't just disappointed about losing Tim Tebow.

And if all that doesn't work tell him he can order Pizza Hut during the games and you'll spring for the bill. That should be enough to keep him hanging around for at least a few games.

**Tune in next week for Part 2 of "How to (not) lose a guy in 10 games".**



# SPORTS

## JSU announces Hall of Fame inductees

The Jacksonville State athletics department announced the 2016-17 Class of its Hall of Fame on Saturday, honoring greats from the field and in administration.

The class, which will be formally inducted in the biennial Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, Oct. 13, will feature JSU's 11th President Dr. William A. Meehan, football All-American Eric Mims, softball slugger Daniela Pappano and track star Bill Smith.

The class will also be honored during the Oct. 14 football game vs. Eastern Kentucky.

Meehan served Jacksonville State University for more than 40 years including 16 years as President before retiring on June 30, 2015.

In August 2009 he began a five-year term on the prestigious NCAA Board of Directors, the primary decision-making body of Division I which drives policy and the strategic plan for the NCAA.

In 2011 he began a two-year term on the NCAA Executive Committee and was one of just four non-FBS Presidents selected for the prestigious honor.

As part of that committee he played a part in the final approval and oversight of the NCAA's budget as well as adopting and implementing policies to resolve core issues and other NCAA matters.

He was later selected by his Presidential peers to serve as chairman of the NCAA President's Advisory Group for two years (2012 and 2013) and during the 2014-

15 academic year was a member of the NCAA's Committee of Academic Performance.

During the final Board of Trustees meeting of his presidency the Stadium Towers residence hall was renamed "William A. Meehan Hall" and the board also established a scholarship in his name.

He was inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mims was a defensive back for the Gamecocks from 1994-97 and is still today the school's record holder for career tackles with 378, one of just two players in school history with at least 300 tackles.

He is also the school's single-season record holder for tackles with 145 in 1997, while his 129 in 1996 are second on that list. His 104 in 1995 are ninth.

On Sept. 14, 1996 at Nicholls State, Mims racked up a school-record 33 tackles, 12 more than any other Gamecocks has recorded in a single game. That performance earned him National Defensive Player of the Week honors.

In that 1996 season, Mims had only one game where he didn't record at least 10 tackles and he ended up on several NCAA Div. I-AA All-America teams.

In his career, the native of Wellborn, Ala., also notched six fumble recoveries, eight forced fumbles, 17 pass break-ups and one blocked kick.

He remains the school's career leader in assisted tackles with 151 and is second all-time with 227

solo tackles.

Pappano was a four-time First-Team All-OVC selection on the softball diamond from 2004-07 and rewrote the Gamecocks offensive records during her time in Jacksonville.

She led JSU to its first OVC title in 2005 as a sophomore and saw the Gamecocks finish in the top two in each of her last two seasons.

Over her career, she helped JSU post 161 wins, including a 73-25 record in OVC play.

She also performed on the international level, competing with Team Canada.

She was named the school's female Eagle Owl Award winner for the 2006-07 academic year, recognizing her as the top student-athlete of that season in all sports.

That playing career saw her earn multiple honors while breaking numerous school records.

She was named the 2006 OVC Player of the Year and was then named to the NFCA/Louisville Slugger All-Region Team.

She still holds the school's career records in five offensive categories: hits (287), home runs (53), doubles (65), RBI (196) and runs scored (205). Her .387 career batting average is fourth-best in school history. As a freshman in 2004, she ranked sixth nationally in RBI per game, while her junior season saw her rank ninth nationally in doubles per game. She joins Ann Shelton (2009) as the only two Gamecock softball players in

the JSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Smith was an outstanding track athlete from 1970-72. He came to JSU after graduating from Calhoun College in Decatur, where he was the AJCC State High Jump Champion in 1969 and 1970.

In his junior season on 1971 in NAIA Regional Championship Competition, Smith won the gold in the High Jump at the West Georgia Championships in 1971 and then repeated in 1972.

He also won the gold in High Jump at the Berry College Championships, the Rome (Ga.) Relays, won the Gold in 1971 & 1972 and broke the Stadium record he set in 1971. He won the bronze at his first NAIA District in 1971 and the silver in 1972, where he was the only JSU athlete named to the NAIA All-District Track Team.

He was undefeated in the High Jump in regular dual meet competition in 1971 and 1972.

He won the Gold in the High Jump at the SEC Indoor in 1972 and was one of only two athletes from the state of Alabama to win an individual event.

He won The Bronze in the High Jump at The Auburn Invitational in 1971 and went on to win the gold in the High Jump at the very prestigious Auburn Invitational Indoor Track & Field Championships where he tied Auburn's Steve Bear's Stadium Record.

He becomes the first Gamecock track star to be inducted into the JSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

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## Horn has good outing as new Gamecock quarterback

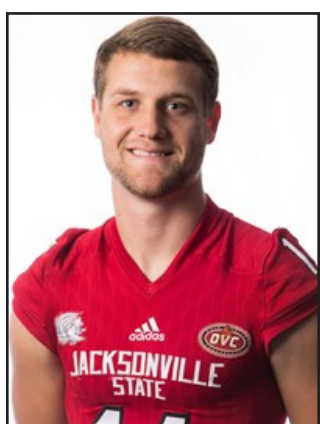
**Daniel Mayes**  
Staff Reporter

Replacing a legend can't be easy. That's the unenviable task set upon Jacksonville State Redshirt Junior quarterback Bryant Horn this season after the departure of arguably JSU's greatest quarterback in Eli Jenkins.

Horn's task seems even more daunting when you consider that Jenkins's favorite target and JSU legend in his own right, Josh Barge, is no longer around to ease Horn's transition.

However, despite all the pressure that comes with being 'the guy' as the new starting quarterback, facing a bitter rival and playing on a nationally-televised game on ESPN in his first game to boot, after a 27-13 victory over Tennessee-Chattanooga, Horn is off to a pretty good start.

In a game in which senior running back Roc Thomas, who accumulated 190 all-purpose yards, and was named FCS Offensive Player of the Week, the stifling Gamecock defense



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**Bryant Horn started at quarterback on Saturday.**

got most of the headlines and credit for the victory, Horn put forth a solid performance, connecting on 14 of his 20 pass attempts in his first outing, totaling 182 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions.

"[Horn's] leadership was outstanding from the jump of the game," said Thomas. "His leadership, his sticking with the plan of the game and his persistence was amazing."

After a rocky first series in which the Gamecocks went three-and-out, Horn was able to calm his team

down on their second possession and led JSU to a field goal, hitting sophomore wide receiver Jamari Hester with a bullet pass over the middle for 14 yards to convert a third down.

"I thought Bryant played really well for his first game," Coach John Grass said. "He probably made one bad throw that he forced over the middle."

That bad throw resulted in the first of his two interceptions, with Horn missing on a pass intended for Shaq Davidson that sailed high and was picked off by UTC's Kareem Orr. The short field allowed the Mocs to tie the game at 3-3 after converting on a field goal of their own.

After the interception, Horn quickly bounced back, making smart decisions and leading JSU into scoring range again.

Horn's second interception then came on a potential touchdown pass late in the second quarter that bounced off the hands of Hester and was swiped by UTC's Lucas Webb, leav-

ing the score at 10-6 at the break.

"He's a quiet confident guy," Grass said. "Nothing rattles him."

Horn proved his coach right in the second half, shaking off the two interceptions to lead the Gamecock offense to a 14 play, 67-yard drive on their first possession of the second half, which resulted in another field goal.

After a pick-six from the Gamecock defense made the score 20-6, Horn and the Gamecocks put the game away with a 59-yard touchdown strike hauled in by Davidson late in the third quarter.

Horn's performance in his first outing will not cause any comparison to the gaudy statistics his predecessor routinely racked up, but, with a weapon like Thomas on the offensive side of the ball and a defensive unit that Coach Grass calls the 'backbone of the team,' Horn showed he doesn't have to be Eli Jenkins for him, or the Gamecocks as a whole, to be successful.

### Gamecock Side Bar

#### Upcoming Gamecock Action

9/1  
-Volleyball  
vs. Nicholls State 12 p.m.  
vs. Mississippi Valley 4 p.m.  
Lafayette, La.

-Soccer vs. Troy  
Mobile, Ala. 4 p.m.

-Men's - Women's Cross Country  
at JSU Strut's Season Opener  
Oxford, Ala. 6 p.m.

9/2  
-Volleyball  
vs. Houston Baptist 12 p.m.  
at Louisiana Lafayette 4 p.m.  
Lafayette, La.

9/3  
-Soccer at South Alabama  
Mobile, Ala. 2:30 p.m.

9/5  
-Volleyball at Alcorn State  
Lorman, Miss. 1 p.m.

**BOLD = Home Event \* = OVC Event**

OVC Football		
School	OVC	O/R
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Austin Peay	0-0	0-0
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0-0
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	0-0
Murray State	0-0	0-0
SEMO	0-0	0-0
Tennessee State	0-0	0-0
Tennessee Tech	0-0	0-0
UT Martin	0-0	0-0

OVC Soccer Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
Belmont	0-0	3-0-0
Murray State	0-0	3-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0	3-1-0
SEMO	0-0	3-1-0
SIUE	0-0	2-1-0
Tennessee Tech	0-0	2-1-0
Eastern Illinois	0-0	2-1-1
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-1-1</b>
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	1-2-1
UT Martin	0-0	1-3-0
Morehead State	0-0	0-3-0

OVC Volleyball Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
SIUE	0-0	3-0
Austin Peay	0-0	3-1
Belmont	0-0	3-1
Eastern Illinois	0-0	2-1
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Murray State	0-0	2-1
Tennessee Tech	0-0	2-1
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	2-2
Morehead State	0-0	2-2
SEMO	0-0	1-2
UT Martin	0-0	1-2
Tennessee State	0-0	1-3

#### Coaches' Poll FCS Top 10

1. James Madison
2. North Dakota State
3. Sam Houston state
4. Eastern Washington
5. **Jacksonville State**
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9. Villanova
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*Standings and Polls do not reflect games played on or after Wednesday*





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# JSU handles UTC in Guardian FCS Kickoff

**MONTGOMERY** – Roc Thomas ran for 122 yards and one touchdown and Jonathan Hagler returned an interception 52 yards for another score as No. 5 Jacksonville State defeated No. 12 Chattanooga in the inaugural Guardian Credit Union Kickoff Classic at Cramton Bowl.

Thomas, a senior from Oxford, Ala., accounted for 190 total yards, including a highlight reel 76-yard sprint for a touchdown in the first quarter as the Gamecocks beat the Mocs for the fifth straight time and extended their regular season winning streak against non-FBS opponents to 32.

Bryant Horn of Alexander City, Ala., – making his first career start at quarterback –

shook off a pair of first-half interceptions and finished with 182 yards, including a 59-yard TD strike to Shaq Davidson with under 10 minutes left in the game.

Cade Stinnett was successful on both of his field goal attempts as Jacksonville State (1-0) opened a season at a neutral site and in front of a national ESPN audience for the first time since 1992.

“We’ve played some real ugly games against Chattanooga in the past, but this wasn’t one of them,” said Jacksonville State fourth-year head coach John Grass.

“I thought our defense really played excellent.

Overall, I’m pleased with the effort.”

at halftime.

The Gamecocks’ defense then limited the Mocs to only 18 yards over a 17-play span, forcing two turnovers and stretching the narrow halftime lead to a comfortable 20-6 cushion entering the fourth quarter.

The game’s momentum swung to Jacksonville State’s favor for good late in the third quarter when senior linebacker Jonathan Hagler picked off a pass by Mocs quarterback Nick Tiano and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown.

Stinnett tacked on the extra point as JSU opened a 14-point lead with 3:45 left in the third quarter.

The Mocs managed only 294 yards against the Jacksonville State defense boasting nine returning starters,

with 89 of that total coming on a desperation drive in the game’s waning minutes.

Reggie Hall also had an interception and All-American candidate Darius Jackson added one tackle for loss to become the Gamecocks’ leader in the category with 163 yards.

Horn directed Jacksonville State to its first points of 2017 on the second possession.

Taking over the Mocs’ 48 after a short UTC punt and kick catching interference penalty, the Gamecocks moved 34 yards in eight plays, culminating in Stinnett’s 31-yard field goal with 8:14 left in the first quarter for a 3-0 lead.

Chattanooga answered with a game-tying field goal,

but Thomas electrified the announced crowd of 12,952 at Cramton Bowl with his career-long 76-yard touchdown run on JSU’s first play for a 10-3 lead the Gamecocks never surrendered.

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# Kirk honored as OVC Defensive Player of the Week

**BRENTWOOD, Tenn.** – Jacksonville State senior Hannah Kirk has been recognized as the Ohio Valley Conference’s Defensive Player of the Week for the opening weekend of the 2017 volleyball season, the league office announced on Monday.

Kirk, a 5-foot-3 defensive specialist began her third year serving as JSU’s libero last weekend in Cullowhee, N.C.

The Gamecocks’ co-captain finished the Western Carolina Catamount Classic with 61 digs in just 10 sets for a staggering 6.10 digs-per-set average.

She posted 28 digs in the season’s first win against Charleston Southern, coming just shy of her career-best mark of 33, which came a season ago.



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She later upped 20 balls in just three sets as Jax State swept WCU on its home court.

Her defense occasionally trans-

lated to offense as she conclude the first weekend of the season with 17 assists.

The former Cinco Ranch High

standout becomes the first Gamecock defensive specialist to earn OVC defensive honors since Kelly Cole in 2013.

Kirk’s strong opening weekend moved her another rung up the ladder to fifth-place on JSU’s all-time digs list as she passed former Gamecock All-American Abbey Breit (2004-07).

The Katy, Texas, product now sits at 1,359 career digs.

Lauren Hawkins (2008-11) holds the school’s all-time record of 2,163.

Kirk and the Gamecocks will visit Jackson State on Aug. 30 in Jackson, Miss., on their way to next weekend’s Sawyer Camillo Classic hosted by Louisiana-Lafayette.

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# Thomas earns first Player of the Week honors of the season

of the Week honor given out by the NCAA.com staff this season.

Thomas ran for 122 yards and a score on 19 carries, while catching three passes for a team-high 68 yards in JSU’s fifth-straight win in the series vs. UTC.

His touchdown came on a 76-yard scamper in the first quarter, turning a 3-3 tie into a lead that JSU wouldn’t relinquish the rest of the game.

He also made big plays in the receiving game, including a 48-

yard catch-and-run that garnered national attention after he used a spin move to avoid a tackle before gaining the final 20 yards of the play.

In a week that saw seven FCS teams in action, led all players in all-purpose yards, rushing yards, receiving yards and rushing yards per carry.

It marks the second National Player of the Week honor for Thomas, who was an honorable mention recipient on Nov. 14 of 2016.

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