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Knowledge over fear

Reptiles slither into biology department curriculum

Antigone Lecture

Dr. Jennifer Bryson presents "Muslim Support for Religious Freedom Today: Who, Where, How, Why" at 5:30 p.m. in Merrill Hall Room 251. Admissison is free

The Vagina Monologues

Alpha Psi Omega, W.I.S.E., and the Sociology Club present "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. in the Stone Center Blackbox Theater, room 338. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$5 for students. Proceeds benefit Second Chance, Inc.

Spring Preview Day

Spring Preview Day 2017 is Saturday, Feb. 25. High school and transfer students will be on campus. The browse session begins at 9 a.m. in the Stephenson gym.

Career Fair

Students of all majors and classifications are invited to attend the career fair on Wednesday, March 1 from 1-4 p.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum. All must be prepared with a 30-second introduction and a resume.

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Writer

JSU received some special scaly visitors this Monday, February 20 in Martin Hall room 111. Dr. George Cline of the biology department invited Corey of the Alabama Herpetological Society to bring a few of his 50 slithering friends to meet the herpetology class. As budding biologists, these students may very well come face-to-face with some of Alabama's most feared and misunderstood reptiles. Corey's "friends" included venomous snakes and an alligator.

"The ecosystem is a very delicate balance," said Cline. "Conserving this balance is protecting our habitats as well."

According to Cline, 60 percent of snakes in Alabama are under some sort of protection concern. Corey believes that educating people will help preserve the animals.

"The only difference between danger and beauty is understanding," Corey said.

The animals were each brought out and

examined while Cline and Corey explained the different identifying features, temperament and other facts about the animals.

The first creature introduced was the non-venomous common corn snake. Due to their colorful scales and mild manners, these snakes are a favorite within the pet trade. This popularity has caused their numbers to decrease in the wild as people catch them and keep them as pets.

"It's best to purchase any snake from captive breeders," said Cline. "Snakes bred in captivity are typically less aggressive and have a higher survival rate as wild snakes often die from stress when held in

captivity."

The next animal to greet students was the eastern hognose snake which is easily identifiable by the snake's upturned snout. The hognose snake, while venomous to frogs and toads, is mostly harmless to humans. If bitten, a person might experience mild nausea and an increased heart rate for a brief period.

This snake is unique in his defense mechanism. When threatened, the hognose will widen its neck and inflate its body while making a hissing sound lending it the common nickname "puff adder." It is important to note that this animal should not be confused with the venom-

ous viper from Africa which also goes by the name "puff adder." The eastern hognose, if the threat persists, will roll on the ground, and play dead.

Two baby American alligators also made an appearance. The range of the American alligator stretches from central America to the southern borders of Virginia and North Carolina. These animals have been known to reach more than 18ft in length and can weigh up to 900 pounds, making them one of the largest reptiles in the world.

Corey also brought a copperhead, a cottonmouth and three species of rattlesnake.

The copperhead is identifiable by its copper colored bands and vertical pupils, and while

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JoAnna Mitchell/The Chanticleer

A rattlesnake was one of several reptiles that Raymond Corey presented to Dr. George Cline's herpetology class on February 20.

Criminal justice professor shares memories in new book

Alexander Cooper
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University criminal justice professor Harald R. Duncan has recently published his second book chronicling his career in the field as a social worker and parole officer. Professor Duncan's first book, "So You Want to Be: Memoirs of a Social Worker/Parole Officer in the Deep South," was published in 2016. It is framed on the wall in his office, and it was published as a collection of his experiences primarily as a social worker dealing with child abuse cases.

"Most of the information in my books deals with child abuse and neglect," Duncan said. "I'd

say a fourth of it is probation and parole work."

The second book, released on January 20 of this year, is entitled "They Did What? More Memories of a Social Worker in the Deep South."

Professor Duncan worked in child welfare for 15 years before transitioning into parole work for another ten years.

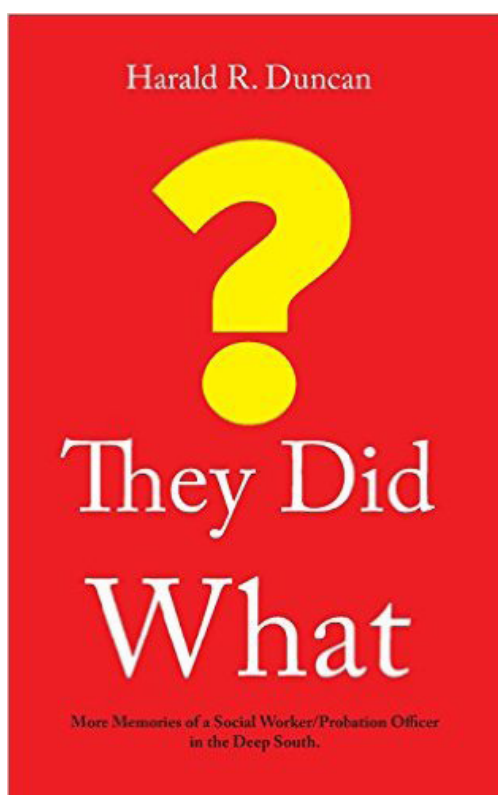
"The main reason I wrote both books was that hopefully those who are going into social work or probation and parole will read them and see exactly what those jobs involve," said Duncan. "They need to read the books and see exactly what they will be facing when they do

those jobs."

Duncan mentions that working as a social worker dealing with child abuse cases was particularly difficult.

"The worst case I ever dealt," he recalled, "was where a man was living with a lady and her two children. He didn't like the boy because he would talk back to him, but the girl who was younger had a good relationship with the mother's boyfriend. One day when the mother was at work the girl, for whatever reason went into the brother's bedroom and laid on his bed. This man thought it was the boy laying there, and

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Amazon.com

Harald Duncan's second book was released Jan. 20, 2017, and is available for purchase on Amazon.



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venomous, their bite rarely results in human fatalities. People may experience tissue damage and even loss of limb if not treated right away.

The cottonmouth, or water moccasin, is a semi-aquatic species of pit viper. Pit vipers have small pits under their eyes that allow them to detect heat signatures. This snake can be identified by its flat, sharp edged heads, a dark line through the eye and oval pupils. These snakes rarely bite humans, but their venom does cause pain.

The three rattlesnakes Corey brought were the Timber, eastern diamond-back and the pygmy. All are members of the pit viper family which accounts for 99 percent of venom-

ous snake bites in the U.S. as reported by aafp.org.

The pygmy rattlesnake adult only reaches 14-22 inches. They have a rattle, although it is hard for humans to hear it due to its small size. Its venom is very weak and not capable of killing a human, however it does produce intense bleeding.

Timber rattlesnakes range from Alabama to southern New York and as far west as Oklahoma. This snake is a large species with lengths from 30-60 inches. They are identifiable by their dark bands and chestnut stripe down their back. A bite from a timber rattlesnake can kill a human, but very few fatalities happen in the U.S. each year.

The Eastern diamond back rattlesnake is easy to identify as they have a distinct diamond shape pattern running down their back. This snake has a very loud rattle and does not back down from a threat. They are the most dangerous snake in the U.S., although they are not the most venomous.

If you encounter a snake in the wild, it is best to walk away and leave it alone. These creatures do not want to hurt you but will if provoked. The best way to preserve our ecosystems is to understand and respect the animals that live within it.

For the full article and additional pictures, go online to www.jsu.edu/chanticleer



ABOVE: Jacob Garmon, a senior at JSU, holds a baby American alligator on Monday.

LEFT: Michael Prickett (left) passes off the corn snake to Donald Rhodes. Students were not permitted to touch or hold the venomous snakes.

Photos by JoAnna Mitchell/The Chanticleer



For more information on the Alabama Herpetological Society, go to alabamaherps.com.

For more information on Alabama wildlife, including snakes, visit outdooralabama.com.

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he ran a garden hose through the crack in the window unit over her face and poured battery acid down the hose.”

“Not too long after I switched to probation and parole,” Duncan said.

This case and many other experiences like it are cataloged in Duncan’s books.

“I saw everything,” he said. “You become callous, because if you didn’t, you would not survive the job.”

Duncan explains that reading a textbook about a particular field doesn’t really do justice to the actual experiences that a student will face when he or she is out doing a

job. “I’m a firm believer in doing internships while you are doing your studies so you can see exactly what is taking place,” said Duncan.

Duncan explains that the criminal justice department does place students in probation and parole internships in Anniston so that the students planning to go into the field can have an understanding of what a day on the job actually looks like. He also praises the department as a whole for being able to find jobs for the students who graduate with degrees in criminal justice.

“I have helped at least a dozen students

get jobs doing probation and parole,” Duncan said. “They confide in me, and I tell them just like it is. This is a super department to try and help students to try and get jobs. We have a lot of connections, and we are well known to try and help good students become employed when they leave here.”

“If I’m going to write another book I don’t know,” Duncan chuckled. “It takes a long time to write a book, and I will have to take a long break before I write another one...if I write another one.”

“The second book, to me, is much more interesting than the first one,” Duncan said. “It shows

my personality.” Duncan points to a framed picture of him with his family posing on the set of Family Feud. The Duncan family appeared on the game show in 2015.

“I can be a mess,” Duncan said. “Steve Harvey there said that was probably one of the craziest people he had on [the show], and I take that as a compliment coming from him.”

“It was on my bucket list,” he says about getting his book published. “It’s tough writing a book, and it’s tough reading a book if it isn’t interesting. Most people will not read [a book] if you cannot keep their attention, and I think



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Harald Duncan, professor of criminal justice at JSU.

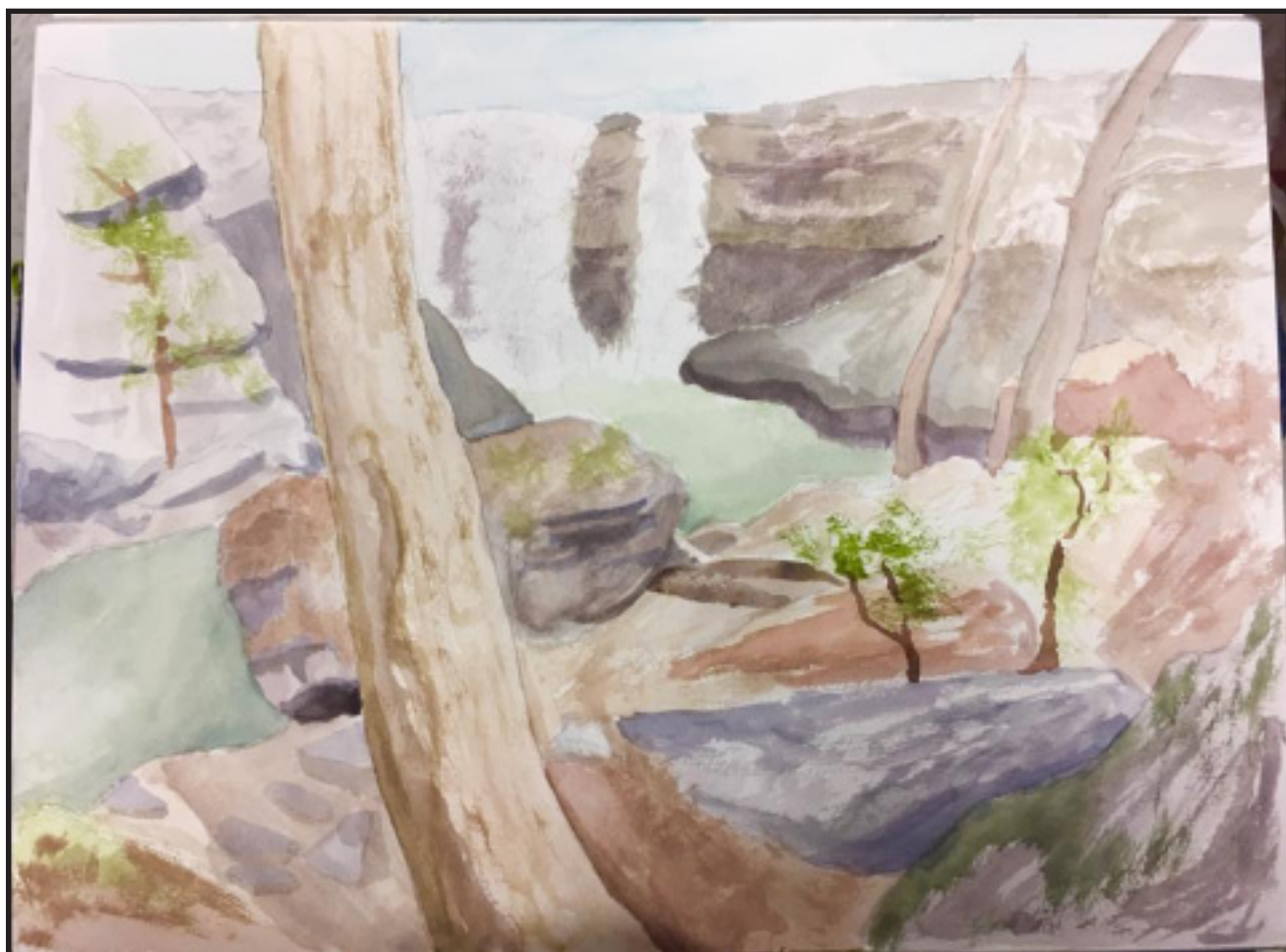
I’ve been able to do that in my books.”

Duncan’s books can be ordered from Amazon.

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STUDY BREAK



“Noccalula Falls”
by Peter Abney

About the Artist: Peter is starting his third year at JSU but his first in the art department. He is concentrating on graphic design and hopes to illustrate books or design for companies one day. To see more of Peter's work go to his art blog at peterabney.wordpress.com.

The Faith in Film Series, sponsored by UKirk, will show “The National Parks: America’s Best Kept Secret” on March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the TMB. It will be followed by an open panel on religion, spirituality, and nature Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Dr. Jimmy Griffin at UKirkJSU@gmail.com.

Campus crime report: 2/15 to 2/22

02/16/17
Automobile Accident
Meehan Hall Parking Lot

Medical Emergency
Pete Mathews Coliseum

Assault
Pete Mathews Coliseum

Medical Emergency
Pete Mathews Coliseum

02/17/17
Medical Emergency

Paul Carpenter Village

Unlawful Breaking and Entering of a Vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Crow Hall

Theft of Property
Ramona Wood

02/19/17
Possession of Marijuana

Campus Inn Apartments

Automobile Accident
Grand Central Station

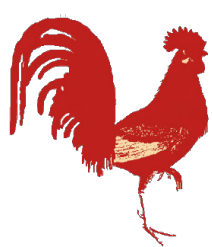
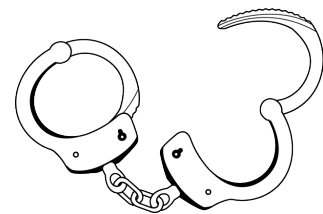
02/20/2017
Violation of the student code of conduct
Crow Hall

02/21/2017
Violation of the student code of conduct
Gamecock Village Apartments

Medical emergency
Pete Mathews Coliseum

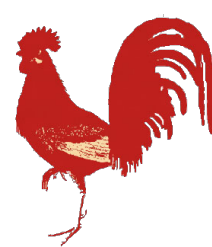
02/22/2017
Harassment
Merrill Hall

Information report
Pete Mathews Coliseum



CHICKEN SCRATCH

The funniest, realest, deepest, truest, best things
you've said online this week!



If a reporter's job were as inane as it's made out to be in Hallmark Channel movies, I'd probably still do it. Not sure I'd marry the hunky humble sheriff, though.

I officially have my ticket to see Hamilton when it comes to Atlanta, so I'll be counting down the days and singing the soundtrack until May 2018.

When certain people like my posts I get super excited. “Oh, you're not in the normal ‘like each other's posts squad!’ Welcome to the club. We got depression memes on tap.”

experience a minor stomach pain *Google symptoms* WebMD: You've already died.

YouTube is the worst when trying to concentrate on work. Top 10 Unexplained Ocean Mysteries? Well go on then.

I always promise myself that I won't spend my paycheck when I get it. Then two days later my account balance is \$-16.21.

I would lose weight but I hate losing.

Me explaining underwear to aliens: We have smaller, secret pants that we wear under our normal pants.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball keeps OVC hopes alive

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State Women's basketball team finished off their 2016-17 home schedule on a high note with two consecutive OVC victories in the last two games of the year inside Pete Mathews Coliseum to stay alive in the OVC tournament chase.

The Gamecocks needed both wins to stay in the hunt for an OVC tournament berth, and they got them, as they took down Tennessee Tech 57-44 on Saturday in JSU's Senior Day game, then overcame a 14-point deficit to Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday night to win 71-61.

Senior Briana Benson's stellar showing on Saturday guided JSU to their victory over Tennessee Tech.

Benson, along with fellow seniors Kelly Naughton and Lacey Buchanon, were honored on the court prior to tipoff as a part of JSU's Senior Day festivities.

The game remained tight for the first quarter, but Benson broke a

second quarter 16-16 tie by scoring the final nine points of the quarter by herself to push the Gamecocks to a 25-16 halftime lead.

After scoring 15 first half points, Benson chipped in another six in the final period to finish with 21 and help stave off a late TTU run.

The Golden Eagles cut the JSU lead to 7 midway through the fourth, but some timely baskets from Benson and Gretchen Morrison kept them at bay, and JSU secured a 57-44 victory.

Benson, a native of Jonesboro, Ga., will finish her career as the all-time leader in made 3-pointers for Jacksonville State, as she now has a school-record 209 made triples in her career, which is also good for tenth on the all-time OVC list.

In Wednesday's victory over Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State dug themselves into a 12-point halftime hole with a frigid, 28.6 shooting percentage in the opening two quarters.

However, the Game-

cocks caught fire in the second half, upping their percentage to 43.8% and scoring 24 points in each of the final two frames after putting up just 23 in the entire first half.

JSU locked down on defense too, and the Gamecocks outscored the Colonels 48-26 in the second half to take control over the contest.

Morrison gave Jacksonville State for good on a 3-pointer with 8:02 remaining, and JSU eventually took the final home game of the year by a score of 71-61.

Lacey Buchanon, whose hometown is Jacksonville, led the Gamecocks with 19 points in her final game in Pete Mathews Coliseum, and Tyler "Cocoa" Phelion recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 boards.

Jacksonville State needed the two victories to stay alive, but the team hasn't yet secured an OVC berth.

JSU still needs a victory in their regular season finale, in order to remain in contention.

West leads Gamecocks over Georgia Tech

Grant Benefield
Staff Reporter

In their Wednesday matchup at Georgia Tech, the Gamecocks defeated the Yellow Jackets 7-1.

Gamecock pitcher Taylor West shut down the Yellow Jacket, taking a no-hitter into her sixth inning of work. After surrendering two hits to start her sixth frame, pitcher Whitney Gillespie took over in relief. West finished with eight strikeouts and one earned run in her five innings of work.

Gillespie slammed the door on the Yellow Jacket effort, allowing just one hit and no runs in two innings. With the victory, West improved to 4-0 on the year.

The Gamecocks' bats were just as effective on Wednesday, creating a lead in the top of the first inning when catcher Jamie McGuire singled to left field, scoring third baseman Taylor Sloan.

After three scoreless innings, the Gamecocks would strike again in the fifth, this time for two runs on a Sloan single to right field that scored Anna Snider and Torre Roberts.

In the sixth inning, Jacksonville poured on the scoring, starting with a Gillespie two-run homer to left field. The Gamecocks capped off their scoring with a two-RBI single from Anna Chisolm that scored Snider and Leila Chambers, making the score 7-0.

The Yellow Jackets would score their only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth off of a sacrifice fly from second baseman Jessica Kowalewicz that scored shortstop Kelsey Chisholm.

Sloan would go 3-for-4 with one RBI. Chisolm and McGuire would both collect two hits, with Chisolm earning two RBI's and McGuire earning one.

Gillespie would go 1-for-2 with two RBI's.

With the win, the Gamecocks improve to 9-1, and the Yellow Jackets fall to 3-8.

The Gamecocks will now look to begin a three-game home series with Southern Miss, starting with a double header on Saturday the 25th.

Gamecocks fall in overtime to Tennessee Tech

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

In the Gamecocks' final home game of the season they played a close match with Tennessee Tech, but ultimately lost by just one in overtime 78-79.

Earlier in the season the Gamecocks handled the Golden Eagles well with a 74-59 victory. This time around TTU was a different team. For most of the first and second halves they had the lead although both times the Gamecocks managed to come back. A tie game sent the match into overtime where TTU managed to keep the Gamecocks at bay long enough to win.

TTU had total control of the first half. Although Jacara Cross scored the first points of the game, it didn't take long before TTU had jumped out to quite a lead. At 8:19 the score was tied at 19. A free throw from Greg Tucker gave the Gamecocks their

first lead of the night by just one. TTU stayed close and tied the game back up at 24 a little bit later. JSU jumped ahead with help from Malcolm Drumwright's three-point shot. JSU stayed ahead by no more than three before the Golden Eagles tied it again at 29. The half ended with the Golden Eagles ahead by six 35-29.

The second half mimicked the first in many ways starting with TTU's domination early on. Mack Kajon started early with a three-pointer the put them ahead by nine. The Gamecocks struggled with keeping up with the pace of TTU. They cut the lead close early but the Golden Eagles managed to stretch it back out to a 13-point lead at 55-42. This time, led by a Drumwright three-pointer, the Gamecocks chipped away until they were within one 56-57.

Norbertas Giga hit a jumper seconds later to

give the Gamecocks their first lead of the second half by one. TTU tied it up a second later and went ahead by one. The score was tied two more times before the Gamecocks hit a stride that propelled them out ahead by seven 68-61, their largest lead of the night. TTU closed the gap with just seconds left and at the end of regulation the score was tied at 68.

The score tied back up three times in the short overtime period. Tied at 77, Greg Tucker gave the Gamecocks a one-point lead. Time dwindled down to just two seconds until a foul by the Gamecocks gave TTU an opportunity. Two free throws and a missed JSU three-pointer later and the Golden Eagles took the win.

JSU finishes up the regular season against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State away starting on Feb. 23.

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

2/23
- Men's, Women's Tennis at Kennesaw State 1 p.m.

- Men's Basketball at Eastern Kentucky* Richmond, Ky. 6 p.m.

2/24
- Track and Field at OVC Indoor Championship

- Baseball at Western Kentucky Bowling Green, Ky. 3 p.m.

2/25
- **Women's Tennis vs. UT Chattanooga Jacksonville 11 a.m.**

- Soccer at UAB Birmingham, Al 12 p.m.

- Women's Basketball at Morehead State* Morehead, Ky. 1 p.m.

- Baseball at Western Kentucky Bowling Green, Ky. 1 p.m.

- **Softball vs. Southern Miss 1 p.m. vs. Southern Miss 3 p.m. University Field**

- Men's Basketball at Morehead State* Morehead, Ky. 3:15 p.m.

2/26
- Women's Golf at Kiawah Island Collegiate Kiawah Island, S. C.

- **Men's Tennis vs. Troy Jacksonville 1 p.m.**

- **Softball vs. Southern Miss 1 p.m. University Field**

2/27
- Men's Golf at Frontier Secure Intercollegiate Longwood, Fla.

2/28
- Baseball at Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. 6 p.m.

3/1
- Women's Basketball at OVC Tournament

3/2
- Women's Basketball at OVC Tournament
BOLD = Home Event * = OVC Event

OVC Men's Basketball			
School	OVC	O/R	
EAST			
Belmont	14-1	21-5	
Morehead State	9-5	13-14	
Tennessee Tech	8-6	12-17	
Jacksonville State	8-6	16-13	
Tennessee State	8-7	17-11	
Eastern Kentucky	3-11	10-19	
WEST			
SEMO	8-6	13-16	
UT Martin	8-6	18-11	
Murray State	8-6	14-14	
Austin Peay	6-8	10-18	
Eastern Illinois	6-9	14-14	
SIUE	0-15	5-24	

OVC Women's Basketball			
School	OVC	O/R	
Belmont	15-0	23-5	
Morehead State	10-5	20-8	
SIUE	8-7	12-16	
Murray State	7-8	15-13	
Austin Peay	7-8	15-13	
SEMO	7-8	13-15	
Tennessee Tech	7-8	10-18	
Eastern Kentucky	6-6	9-16	
UT Martin	7-8	10-18	
Jacksonville State	6-9	13-14	
Tennessee State	5-10	10-15	
Eastern Illinois	5-10	9-18	

OVC Baseball			
School	OVC	O/R	
Murray State	0-0	4-0	
Tennessee Tech	0-0	4-0	
Austin Peay	0-0	3-1	
Jacksonville State	0-0	2-1	
UT Martin	0-0	2-1	
Morehead State	0-0	3-2	
SIUE	0-0	2-2	
SEMO	0-0	2-2	
Belmont	0-0	1-3	
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0-3	
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	0-5	

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