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### Antigone Lecture

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

### The Vagina Monologues

####Alpha Phi Omega, W.E.B., and the Sociology Club present "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. in the Stone Center Blackbox Theater, room 135. Tickets are $10 for the public and $5 for students. Proceeds benefit Second Chance, Inc.

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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 diamondback and the pygmy. All are members of the pit viper family which accounts for 99 percent of venomous snake bites in the U.S. as reported by adup.org.

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"Not too long after I switched to probation and parole," Duncan said. This case and many other experiences like it are catalogued 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.

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"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.

"It 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." Duncan said. "I 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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“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.

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**Women’s Basketball keeps OVC hopes alive**

Daniel Mayer

The Jacksonvillians

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**Gamecock Side Bar**

Rebekah Hawkins

Associate Editor

In the Gamecock’s 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 at home with a 74-59 victory. This time around TTU was a different team. For most of the first and second halves the Gamecocks lead both through ties and losses until a key point in the fourth quarter. The Gamecocks picked up the first in many victory 57-44 victory.

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

**Gamecocks fall in overtime to Tennessee Tech**

The Gamecocks will

**Grant Benefield**

Staff Reporter

In their Wednesday match against the Golden Eagles defeated the Yellow Jackets 7-1.

The Yellow Jackets lost down the Yellow Jacket, taking a no hitter into her innning of work. After sur- rendering two hits to start her sixth inning, pitcher Whitney Gillispie took over. In relief, West fin- ished with six strikeouts and one hit and no runs in two in- years. With the victory, West improved to 4-4 on the season.

The Gamecocks’ bats came alive against the Wildcats on Wednesday, creating a lead in the top of the first inning when pitcher Jane McGaun recorded a two-run double. Parker Mathews, reaching base with a single, extending her on base streak to 12 straight games, drove in the run.

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

The Yellow Jackets scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth off of a sacrifice fly from second baseman Nicole子弹. The Gamecoat capped off their scoring with a two-run triple by shortstop Kelsey Chadlon.

Gillespie slammed the door on the Yellow Jacket, taking a 1-0 lead and holding it into the seventh inning when catcher Jami McGaun single improved her record to 4-0 on the season and 1-0 in OVC play.

JSU finished up the regular season on Friday, March 3, with a 5-2 victory over University of Tennessee-Martin. Senior Briana Benson’s stellar showing on Saturday night to win 71-61.

Senior Kellie Naughton and Tucker adopted the Honor Society position to tip of 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 Benson. She pushed the Game- cocks to a 25-16 halftime lead.

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

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The leading scorer for the Golden Eagles tied it up with Tennessee Tech, but the Golden Eagles led by two. Benson and her career, which is also good for tenth on the all-time in Wednesday’s vic- try over Eastern Ken- tucky, Jacksonville State... The Gamecocks closed out the year with a 57-44 victory.

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**West leads Gamecocks over Georgia Tech**

Gamecocks caught fire in the second half, hitting their precentage to 43.8% and scoring 29 points in the final two frames after putting up just 23 in the first half. JSU locked down on defense too, and the Gamecocks outscored the Colonels 48-26 in the sec- ond half to take control of the contest.

Jacksonville State needed the victories to stay in the OVC, but hasn’t yet secured an OVC berth. JSU still needs a victo- ry in their regular season finale, in order to remain in contention.

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**Grant Benefield**

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