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Tiaras and tenacity

Miss JSU pageant empowers young women

Laurem Jackson
Staff Writer

Nine JSU women will take to the Leone Cole Auditorium stage on Friday, January 13, to compete for the title of Miss JSU. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the competition beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5 for JSU students and \$10 for the public. The money raised will benefit the Miss JSU scholarship fund.

The Miss JSU Pageant first began in 1983 when Pam Love was named Miss JSU. The young woman crowned

on Friday will serve as the 35th Miss JSU, and this year's competition will follow an "Empower" theme as determined by Madelynn Barker, Miss JSU 2016. The theme was decided with the idea that the pageant is not only a beauty competition, but a chance for women to grow their confidence and compete for scholarships. Barker will pass down the crown to the winner announced on Friday.

According to Tyler Brown, the Director of Miss JSU Pageant 2017, Miss JSU must be able to "speak intelligently on key issues that face our country, be passionate for her talent,

care for her health, care for the community, have a servant's heart, and want to continue to find education opportunities."

The young woman crowned Miss JSU on Friday will represent JSU at the Miss Alabama Pageant in June. In addition, Miss JSU represents the campus at various functions throughout the year and leads a philanthropic campaign of her choice. Prior to the pageant each candidate must raise a minimum of \$100 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as a prerequisite to the Miss Alabama Pageant. The winner

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Hammond Gallery debuts new exhibit

Hammond Hall Gallery and the JSU Art Department is excited to announce the opening on its newest exhibit, Object: Permanence. There will be a reception in the Hammond Hall Gallery on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and the exhibit will run through Jan. 27. Admission is free.

Miss JSU 2017

The 2017 Miss JSU pageant is Friday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission is \$10 for the public and \$5 for students. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Unity Day

Looking for a new club to join this spring? Come out to the TMB Auditorium from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for JSU's Unity Day. Browse campus clubs and organizations and get to know your campus.

United Way Book Drive

The American Democracy Project is sponsoring a book drive Jan. 17-27. Books can be brought to Academic Services in Martin Hall Room 107.



From left: Miss JSU 2013, Sarah Beth Drake, crowns Miss JSU 2014, Jayme Wagner. (Matt Reynolds/JSU) Center: Wagner crowns Miss JSU 2015, Cortlyn Watson. (Steve Latham/JSU) Right: Watson crowns Miss JSU 2016, Madelynn Barker. (Matt Reynolds/JSU) Last: Miss JSU 2017 will be crowned on Friday, Jan. 13. Seven Miss JSUs have gone on to be crowned Miss Alabama, with the most recent being Jamie Langley in 2007. Heather Whitestone McCallum (Miss JSU 1995) was the first hearing impaired woman to be crowned Miss America.



JSU buildings get individual addresses

Katelyn Schneider
Special to The Chanticleer

A recent change to the address numbering system on campus at Jacksonville State University is expected to result in faster response times by emergency personnel.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 17, 2016, administrators discovered that the university's buildings all shared the same address: 700 Pelham Road North. They did not previously know this, according to Jim Brigham, chief audit executive for JSU.

"We didn't even know that on the 911 map, JSU was only listed as one address," Brigham said.

According to the director of Calhoun County 911, Kevin Jenkins, all of JSU's buildings have shared the same address in the system for 28 years. In August, however, Calhoun County 911 proposed a partnership with the university to

help create specific addresses along with other services that will reduce emergency response time.

Assigning every building a unique address will lower the response time of emergency responders when there is an urgent situation — and there are always situations, according to Jacksonville Fire Chief Wade Buckner. He said the department responds to calls from the university about five times a week.

Calls made to the UPD have an average response time of five to six minutes, and calls made to 911 have an average response time of about three minutes, depending on where the call originated from. He said creating specific addresses could reduce the response time by at least a minute or two.

Sometimes a minute is all it takes to make a difference, according to Alabama Sen. Vivian Figures (D-Mobile), a JSU trustee.

"I understand as a person how important it is that

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Gamecock hits homerun in and out of class

Heather Greene
JSU Newswire

Nine years ago, Jacksonville native Thomas "Todd" David Cunningham III began his college career at Jacksonville State University. On Friday, Dec. 16, he traded

his baseball hat for a graduation cap as he crossed the stage to accept his diploma. However, the road to his degree was anything but typical, as his studies were completed between his professional baseball contracts.

Early on in Cunningham

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Matt Brown/Angels Baseball LP

Todd Cunningham at bat for the Los Angeles Angels. Cunningham has played for the Angels since 2015.



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when you call 911, you want that police or that ambulance to get to you as soon as humanly possible because just a few minutes could mean the difference between life and death," Figures said.

Figures, who is also a mother of three grown sons, said reducing response times in emergency situations will also be a comfort to parents because they will know their children are safe and getting the best care from the university.

Jacksonville police and the county 911 board already assigned an address to every university building, according to Chief Shawn Giddy, the director of public safety at JSU. He said the addresses were assigned on Oct. 6.

The partnership between JSU and Calhoun County 911 was finalized in January 2017, the agency will also assist UPD with law enforcement telecommunications, according to Jenkins.

He said this means all emergency calls made to the university would be rerouted to Calhoun County operators, who are highly trained and certified.

Jenkins said calls being answered by the county's 911ser-

vice would benefit the university because it would also reduce response time. He said once a call is answered, one operator will deal with the caller.

"It would eliminate the middleman which could save time," Jenkins said.

Another benefit is that all calling information would be shared with the JSU police in real time, according to Jenkins. He said as the call is going, the information will be recorded and shared, so emergency personnel can move as fast as possible.

Jenkins also said the agency has between five and nine certified operators available at all times on a typical day and can easily have more in case of major emergencies, whereas JSU police only have one student worker.

"One student worker with one phone can only do so much," Jenkins said by phone Friday. "We're in a better standpoint to provide the needed services."

****This article was originally published on Oct. 22, 2016 in The Anniston Star where Schneider is a part-time intern.****

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Stevell Latham/JSU

The 2016 Miss JSU contestants, from left: Alexandria Flanigan, Lydia Pass (second runner up) Madelynn Barker (Miss JSU 2016), Malin Barber (first runner up), Madison Pair and Amber Edgeworth.

of the Miss JSU Pageant is required to raise an additional \$250 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals before competing in Miss Alabama Pageant in June.

According to the JSU website, former Miss JSU winners Heather Whitestone McCallum and Teresa Cheatham Stricklin placed at the national level in the Miss America competition. McCallum was crowned Miss America in 1995 and Stricklin was first runner-up in 1979. In addition, five other JSU women continued their pageant journey to become Miss Alabama and compete at the national level: Ceil Jenkins Snow, (Miss JSU 1971); Jane Rice Holloway (Miss JSU 1973); Julie Houston Elmer (Miss JSU 1977); Tammy Little Haynes (Miss JSU 1984) and Jamie Langley (Miss JSU 2007).

Brown says each of the nine candidates are "fully capable of representing our university and come from various aspects of campus life."

With the importance of the role of Miss JSU, the

competition aims to crown a young woman that will represent the diverse students that attend the university. In addition, the pageant serves as a scholarship opportunity to Miss JSU, the first runner-up, the second runner-up, the talent winner and the swimsuit winner. The winners also receive various gift cards and prizes.

According to the JSU website, Barker was a freshman when she won the title of Miss JSU last January. She is a supporter of pageants and the confidence they create in the competitors. In addition to self-esteem, Barker uses her pageant platform to promote self-respect with her service project, G.I.R.L.S. (Growing, Initiating and Realizing Lessons in Self-respect). Barker travels to local schools to speak with young girls and uses her platform as an opportunity to educate and inspire. Miss JSU 2017 will be crowned on Friday and will begin her own campaign follow-

ing the pageant.

Miss JSU 2017:

When? Friday, Jan. 13.

Where? Leone Cole Auditorium

Time? Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Pageant starts at 6:00 p.m.

Admission? \$5 for students and \$10 for the public

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ham's life, his grandparents' love of the Atlanta Braves kindled a passion for baseball in him. To a four-year old boy admiring the game, garden gloves became batting gloves as he would try to hit homeruns over the hedges in his grandparents' backyard with his t-ball set. Little did they realize then that Cunningham would grow up to play for the team they so dearly loved.

After graduating from Jacksonville High School in 2007, Cunningham played baseball with JSU on an athletic scholarship, in addition to an academic scholarship.

"It was just too good of an offer not to take it," explained Cunningham, reflecting on the steps that brought him to choose JSU.

After his freshman year, he went to

Texas to play summer ball. While there, a JSU teammate was in an amateur baseball league in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Cunningham received an offer to come play in Cape Cod to cover for some injured players. While he had already signed with Texas for that summer, that connection allowed Cunningham to sign with Cape Cod the following summer.

Cunningham described that experience as "a special kind of summer where everything just kind of worked." Many of the best collegiate players in the country go there to play, which also draws scouts. His summer performance in Cape Cod jump-started his career.

Following his junior year in 2010, Cunningham was drafted into the Atlanta Braves, and he left JSU to pur-

sue his professional baseball career. He remained with them until 2015, when he was claimed off waivers by the Los Angeles Angels. After a year with the Angels, he signed his current free agency minor league contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. An outfielder with experience in all three outfield positions, Cunningham came up through the minors as a center fielder.

Cunningham received his Bachelor of Science in psychology with a minor in anthropology, which he hopes to utilize in the field of sports psychology. He hopes to eventually earn a master's degree in sports psychology but only after his career in baseball is completed.

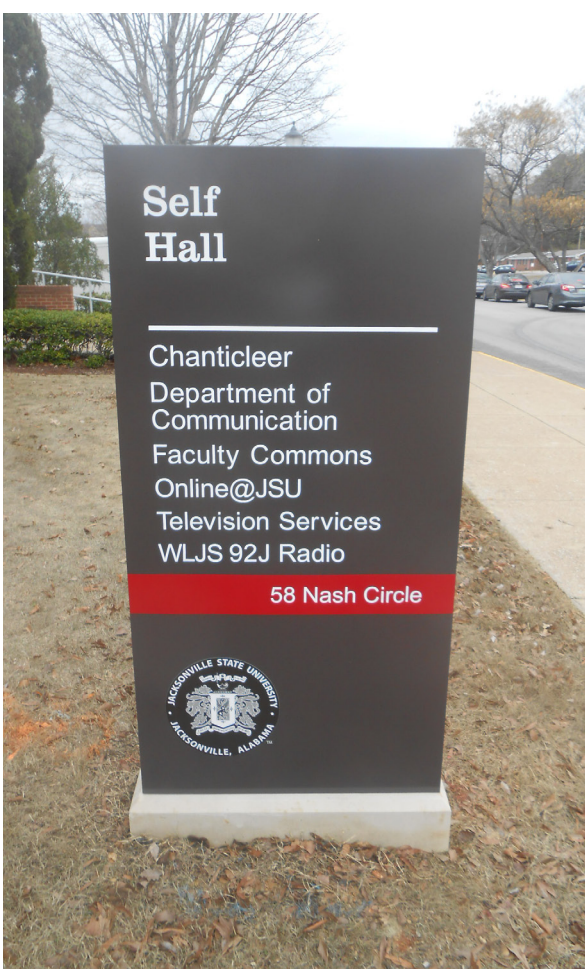
Reflecting back upon his time at JSU, Cunningham cherished the friend-

ships he has had the opportunity to build and maintain over the years with students, teammates and coaches.

When not playing baseball or studying, Cunningham enjoys traveling and has a strong interest in other cultures. He describes himself as "outdoorsy" and explains he has "a getaway spot" on a plot of land in Gadsden where he likes to go for some quiet in the woods during the off season of baseball.

His parents are Jacksonville residents, Thomas David (II) and Brenda Cunningham. He has one brother, Tyler, who is married with one child and resides in Huntsville.

Cunningham delivered the "ceremonial first pitch," so to speak, as he was chosen to ring the commencement bell for the 2 p.m. graduation ceremony.

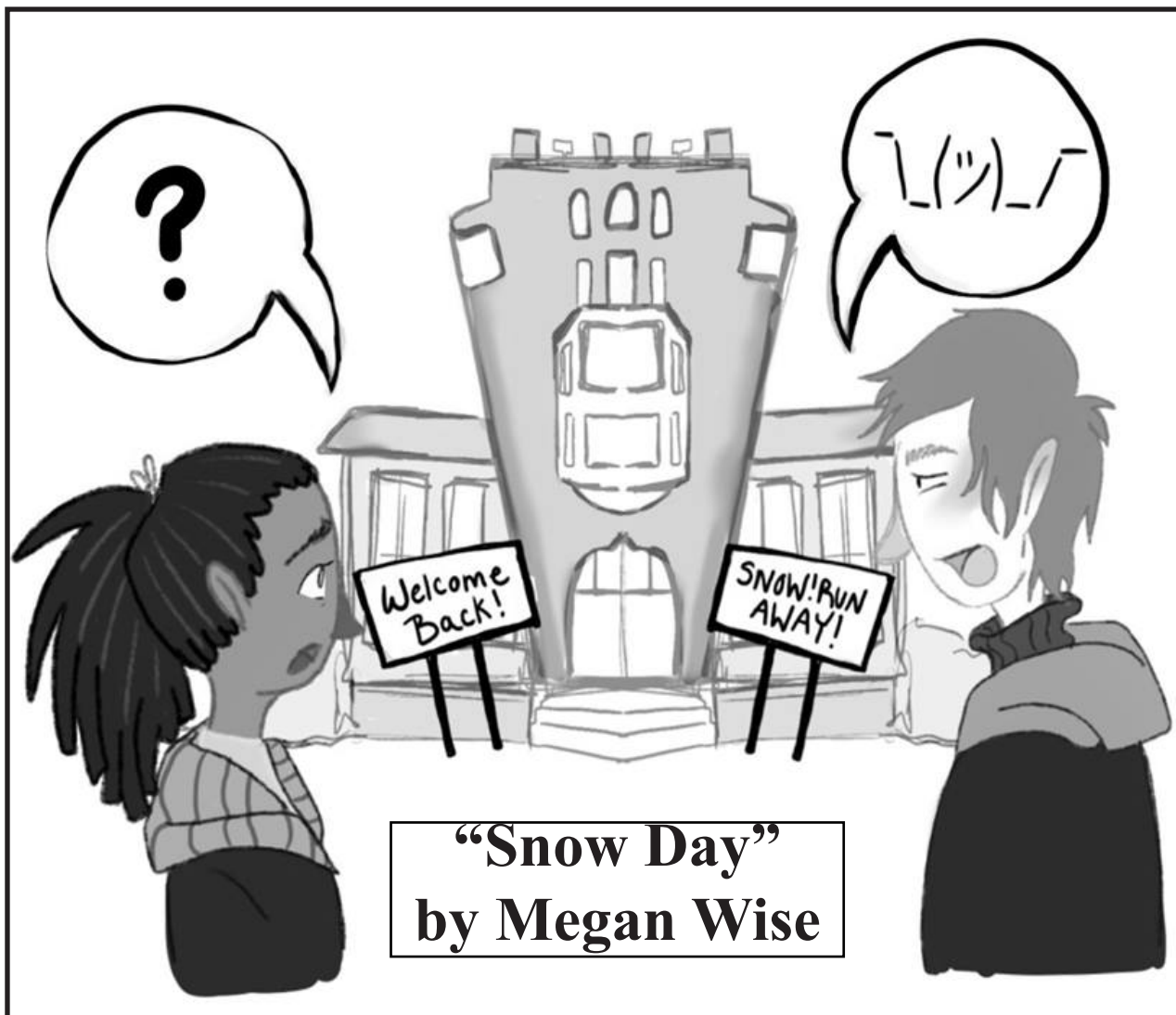


Katie Cline/The Chanticleer

New signs like this one outside of Self Hall have been placed in front of each university building detailing the its departments and newly assigned street address.

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STUDY BREAK



**“Snow Day”
by Megan Wise**

Campus crime report: 1/3 to 1/11

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Theft of property
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01/04/2017
Delayed accident report
Trustee circle

Automobile accident
McArthur Street

01/05/2017
Medical emergency
TMB parking lot

Threat Assessment
Salls Hall/Off Campus

Information report
Curtiss Hall

01/06/2017
Information report-security
violation
Pete Mathews Coliseum

Assist other law enforce-
ment agency
Wal-Mart parking lot

Harassment
Pete Mathews Coliseum

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Chicken Scratch



I just did that thing where I think about something scary right before trying to go to sleep and now I have the flashlight on my phone shining in my room so I can make sure there are no monsters or scary things.

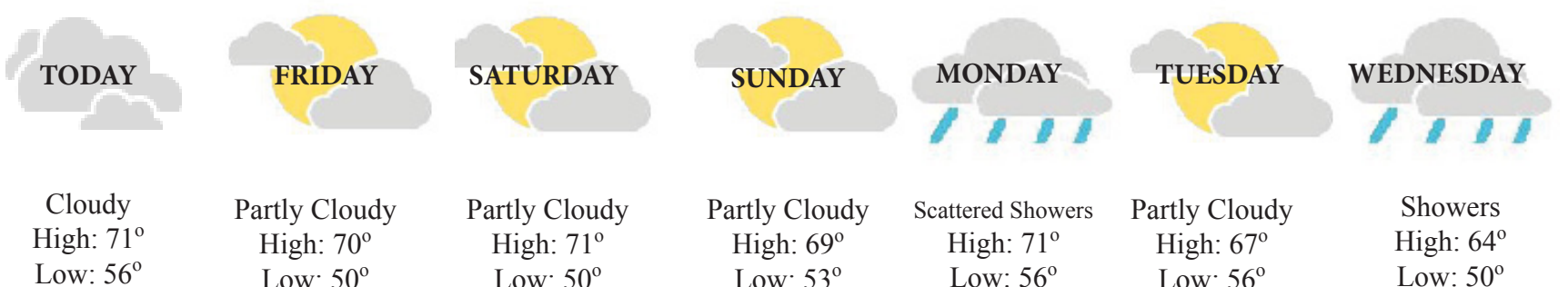
Nicole Kidman's Golden Globes dress looks like the blanket they put on burn victims.

All I want for Christmas are for my ridiculous fees to be taken off of my student account.

An ant crawled up my leg and bit the back of my knee while I was on the toilet. Is nothing sacred?

It doesn't matter if we get to play in the snow. It just matters that we have love. And we get to swim in the pool in summer and spring.

7-day weather outlook



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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Obama says farewell to White House

Alissa Camplin

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Just ten days shy of the inauguration of president-elect Donald Trump, President Barack Obama returned home to Chicago say goodbye on Tuesday night.

The national seal illuminated on the stage as the 44th President of the United States entered. Donned in a black suit, blue tie and the biggest smile, he greeted the room with, "Hello, Chicago! It's good to be home."

More than 20,000 spectators rose to a

standing ovation immediately in gratitude, which Obama denied to accept as he asked the audience to sit down. The clapping continued relentlessly, which Obama responded to and said, "You can tell I'm a lame duck; no one is listening to me."

Obama started his official farewell address by thanking the people of America by saying, "Every day, I learned from you. You made me a better president. You made me a better man."

Obama reflected on the past eight years with a certain fondness in his voice. He recounted times that were complete successes, and did not ignore times that were not.

One topic he was unwavering on, however, was his defense of the things he has accomplished within his two terms of being president. He reminded Americans that fewer people than ever are uninsured and that he "unleash[ed] the longest stretch of job creation."

That was not all, however. President Obama saw the reverse of a recession, the war on marriage equality ended, and the mastermind of 9/11 captured. Obama commended the people of America for these achievements, saying, "You were the change...Because of you...America is a better and stronger place than it was when we started."

Although Obama's speech was mostly optimistic and positive, he did take time to make it known that he will not accept discrimination against undocumented immigrants, Muslims, or anyone else otherwise divided by race, gender or sexuality. He plans to stand, as a citizen, against these oppositions that president-elect Donald Trump threatens.

He defends the burdened by saying, "They're not demanding special treatment, but equal treatment."

Continuing, Obama warns that America still has issues to work through that can endanger our ability to unite. Economic and racial inequality were among the problems he addressed, saying, "If every economic issue is framed as a struggle between a hard-working white middle class and undeserving minorities, then workers of all shades will be left fighting for scraps while the wealthy withdraw further into their private enclaves."

President Obama wiped tears from his eyes as he spoke of his wife, first lady Michelle Obama, saying that she has been his best friend for the last twenty-five years.

"You took on a role you didn't ask for and made it your own with grace, grit, style, and good humor," he spoke fondly of his bride as the mere mention of her name brought the room to their feet.

He next spoke about his children, Malia and Sasha, who above all other qualities became "kind, thoughtful, and full of passion." According to President Obama, he is most proud of his life because he gets to be their father.

Vice President Joe Biden also had his own special note where Obama regarded their family with the utmost respect, saying that his family was one of "the greatest joys of life."

The president vowed to never stop serving, even when his time as a formal leader is over. He promised to stand beside the fellow citizens of the United States as a citizen for the rest of his life.

Obama concluded the night with final request as President of the United States: to believe in the ability for the Americans to create change.

His ending words were:

"Yes We Can. Yes We Did. Yes We Can."



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Getting to know, “The People of JSU”

Hannah Ashford
Staff Reporter

“People of JSU” is a Facebook page where students and alumni are free to tell stories about themselves and their lives on and off campus. Various people have been featured; these include Southerners, veterans, and students from around the country and world.

People of JSU also raises awareness by posting other picture series, links, and articles for different causes.

Junior broadcast journalism student, Patrick Yim, is the man behind the People of JSU page,

which was created in October of 2015. Yim is active in several organizations. He is the Students for Equality president, Zeta Phi Eta charter president, and member and a SGA Organizational Council member. Along with other clubs and organizations, he has taken pictures for the Chanticleer and writes for the Odyssey.

Yim was inspired to create the page after discovering “Humans of New York,” a popular Facebook page of similar fashion that was created by founder, Brandon

Stanton, in 2010. “I love how it can inspire people, and more importantly, make people think about different issues going on in people’s lives,” Yim said, describing the original page. Yim noticed that other places around the country, especially other universities, started mirroring the page as well. No one had ever made a page for JSU, so he decided to do it himself. The page has over 1,500 likes so far.

Yim has learned a lot since creating the page. He has observed that each one of us are different.

Per him, everyone has different backgrounds, religions, families, and friend groups. He has recorded people’s stories on subjects ranging from happy life moments, the deaths of family and loved ones, and even thoughts and opinions on issues.

He even allows people to write anonymous stories. “It is a place for people to come together,” he explains.

The People of JSU page has made an impact on readers and Yim alike. He hopes that more people become willing to listen to each other’s opinions, despite the

differences they may have.

If anyone wants to submit a story either credited or anonymously, then Yim encourages those interested to message the Facebook page or email Patrick Yim at peopleofjsu@gmail.com.



Patrick Yim

Patrick Yim (above) is the creator of the People of JSU Facebook page.

Stars shine at 74th Golden Globe Awards

Bobbie-Anne Oliver
Staff Reporter

The Golden Globe Awards have honored those actors deemed the best in film and television from all over the world since 1944. It is an event hosted by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at the beginning of each year at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills and gives Hollywood’s finest stars the opportunity to bond over each others’ speeches—in addition to a night full of



Blake Lively and husband Ryan Reynolds pose for a photo on the red carpet.

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famous interactions.

This year, the 74th Golden Globes was aired on January 8 and was hosted by Jimmy Fallon. When the show began, Fallon’s teleprompter stopped working during his monologue, so he had to improvise, but this didn’t ruin the night! The show went on, as they say, and proved to be another memorable night for many Hollywood stars.

For months to come, magazines are going to be talking about what stars wore on this year’s red carpet. As the stars made their way into the Beverly Hilton, photographers and fans watched the different gowns and outfits pass through. For many, this is just as important as the actual awards. Some stars such as Ryan Gosling, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Blake Lively were some of the most exceptional looks from the night.

Viola Davis took home a Golden Globe for Best Performance By An Actress In A Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture for her outstanding role in “Fences.” Aaron Taylor-Johnson received the Best Performance By An Actor in a Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture for “Nocturnal Animals.” Best Performance By An Actor in a Motion Picture (Drama) went to Casey Affleck from “Manchester By The Sea.” Paul Verhoeven was awarded Best Foreign Language Motion Picture thrilling film “Elle.” Zootopia, a predicted winner, took home the award for Best Animated Feature.

The Golden Globes were originally

just awards for film, but later awards for television arose. “Atlanta” received the Best Television Series (Musical or Comedy). Billy Bob Thornton took home Best Performance By An Actor in a Television Series (Drama) for his role in “Goliath.” Ellis Ross was awarded Best Performance By An Actress in a Television Series (Musical or Comedy) for her performance in “Black-ish.” Hugh Laurie, Olivia Colman and Tom Hiddleston took home a surprising win for Best Performance By a Supporting Actor/Actress in a Limited Series or Movie Made for Television for his role in AMC’s original series “The Night Manager.” Claire Foy was awarded Best Performance By An Actress in a TV Series (Drama) for her role in “The Crown.” The popular series “The People v O.J. Simpson” received Best TV Movie or Limited Series, and Sarah Paulson won Best Actress in a TV Miniseries or Movie for the series.

The film “La La Land,” which came out early December took home many awards of the night. The film received Best Original Score; Damien Chazelle was awarded Best Director, Best Screenplay and Best Motion Picture, Musical, or Comedy; Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul received Best Original Song for “City of Stars” and “La La Land.” Ryan Gosling didn’t let fans down and took home Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical for his performance.

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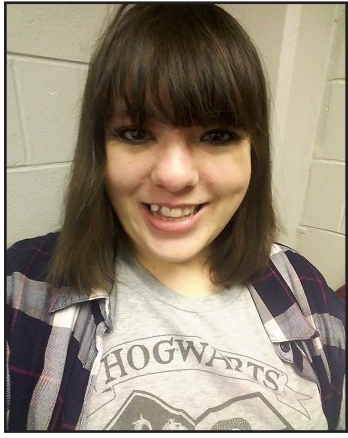






OPINION & EDITORIAL

Financial Aid or ‘Financial Hindrance’?



Katie Cline

Financial Aid: it’s possibly the most hated part of college...especially at JSU. Everyone here wants a college education—it’s almost a requirement in today’s world—but hardly anyone can afford to pay for it out of pocket. So, we take out loans. No one likes being in debt. Trust me, we’d rather not do it, but the sad fact of life is that we have to. Most (I’d say 99% of) students rely on scholarship, federal financial aid or both to afford school. It’s never a fun thing to do, but it could definitely be a more pleasant experience.

I’m writing this article after spending several hours of my day in Bibb Graves fighting with red tape and hoops to jump through and people who don’t seem want to help me figure it out. And it wasn’t even for me! It was for my roommate who’s in a wheelchair and needed my help getting around.

But we weren’t the only ones. The line outside the Financial Aid office was at least 10 people long at any given time. Everyone shared the same expression of fear and frustration. For most, I could tell that this wasn’t their first trip to the office that day.

I dealt with some wonderful people who weren’t even in the Financial Aid office, people who genuinely care about students and want to help them get (and afford!) their education. And I watched helplessly as my classmates stood in line for hours at a time only to be told to “come back tomorrow.”

All this brings me to my big question: why is this even a problem? Yes, the beginning and end of semesters is always crazy in this office. But why have I cried every time I’ve had to deal with Financial Aid in the last year and a half?

Why am I not surprised when I have an outstanding balance on my account or my scholarship doesn’t add up to what it’s supposed to? Why do I dread each new semester because I know *something* will go wrong?

I can only speculate, but I’d hazard to say that the Financial Aid office is incredibly understaffed and underprepared. More than once, I’ve noticed that there’s only one or two people in the entire office that have the clearance or knowledge to actually fix my problem. I usually get sent on a wild goose chase around Bibb Graves. Today, for example, my roommate and I were able to solve her problem thanks to a secretary and the lovely people in Admissions—not Financial Aid.

There just aren’t enough people in the Financial Aid office to handle all the problems—at least, not enough who are familiar enough with JSU to know how the system works. But we’ve hired plenty of new administration in the last year, even creating new jobs. I can’t help but feel, as I stare at the mass of helpless students packed into the first floor of Bibb Graves, that we could have made more strategic hiring choices.

On the upside, this might not be a persistent problem. No one wants to stay at a school that they can’t afford or one that isn’t accommodating their needs. Maybe a lot of these kids will transfer. Or maybe they’ll have to drop out because there’s a(nother) problem and they can’t afford to pay so much money. Maybe they’ll decide that they can get better treatment at another university. I don’t know much about administration, but I do know that giving students the run around and brushing their concerns off is not the way to increase enrollment. If I hadn’t have grown up in Jacksonville and learned whom to take my problems to directly, I would have transferred out a year ago. It really is that bad. And it shouldn’t be.

Meet Alissa, the Chanticleer’s new Arts & Entertainment Editor

Hello, there!

My name is Alissa Camplin, and it is my honor to announce that I am your new Arts and Entertainment editor for *The Chanticleer*!

I have an old soul, a happy heart and a nervous giggle. I surround myself with joyful laughs, and those who supply them are some of my fondest treasures. I’m an extreme morning person that finds no trouble in being bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at ungodly hours of the morning. My mind rises with the sun and crashes when I’m without it.

I was a pageant princess from a young age because of my mother. This taught me the importance of glitter and frill.

Worried that I was “too soft,” my third-degree black belt father then enrolled me in martial arts. This taught me the importance of holding my ground.

That didn’t stick for long since I’m not someone who is excited by order, rules or structure.

Today, I’m a twenty-one-year junior majoring in communications with a focus in digital journalism. My family is from Chicago, but I mostly grew up in Rainbow City, Ala. (a small suburb of Gadsden, if you will). I graduated from Southside High School in 2014 with big dreams and high hopes for a future that I, truthfully, hadn’t quite figured out yet.

I came to college knowing three things for sure.

The first is that I love to write. My frazzled thoughts only made sense when I put pen to paper and wrote them down. I found it fascinating how strands of words could provoke feelings and thoughts. It’s the best high I’ve ever had.

The second is that I am a performer at heart. I was involved in color guard and winter guard throughout my entire high school career, and that is still a hobby of mine that I am deeply in love with. I’m a current Marching Southerner and my decision to audition was the best of my life. I’m my happiest when I’m on a floor or on a field, and I am so thankful that I found my second home through Burgess-Snow.

The third is that I had no idea what I wanted to be when I “grew up.”

Before becoming an editor, I was a regular writer for *The Chanticleer* and quickly realized that I had found my niche. It was through the incredible former and present editors of *The Chanticleer* that I had a safe place to write. I hope that during my time as the Arts and Entertainment editor, someone else can find their own “place.” Their own “home.”

It was through this paper that I found mine.



Alissa Camplin/The Chanticleer



Happy New Year!

May 2017 bring you good times and a great GPA!

The Chanticleer Staff



SPORTS

Gamecocks down Austin Peay for first Ohio Valley Conference win

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Reporter

After a disappointing three game losing streak in the OVC, the Gamecocks capped their short stay back home with their first OVC win against the Governors of Austin Peay 65-45.

The Gamecocks played tough Saturday night.

They were 12-of-17 for free throws overall and were nearly perfect on free throws made in the second half going 10-for-12.

They were able to score an impressive 22 points off of turnovers from the Governors.

Tyler Phelion led the way for the Gamecocks on scoring with her ten baskets off of 16 attempted.

She also made five of her six free throws.

Lacey Buchanon also contributed with seven baskets off of 13 attempts.

Tasha Magruder started the game off for the Gamecocks with a layup.

The score tied up at two moments later when Austin Peay answered with a layup from Tearra Banks.

It was one of only two times the entire game that the score was tied

between the two teams.

Banks sank another layup and pushed APSU ahead by two.

Buchanon hit a jumper to tie it up at four.

It was the last time the score would be tied and the last time APSU would come close to going ahead.

The Gamecocks began building their lead beginning with a jumper from Phelion.

APSU attempted to catch up with the Gamecocks and came within three when the score sat at 12-9.

The Gamecocks moved back out ahead by five with help from Buchanon's layup.

The Governors closed in within two with 1:14 left in the first quarter.

The score sat at 14-12 and JSU answered by scoring seven straight to end the quarter ahead 19-12.

The Gamecocks continued to extend their lead in the second quarter helped on with layups from Phelion and the addition of Kelly Naughton.

She hit a three-pointer with 1:15 left in the half to give JSU a nine-point lead.

With three seconds left before

halftime she nailed a layup that put the Gamecocks ahead by 33-22, their highest lead of the night so far.

APSU attempted to make a comeback in the third quarter.

They came within four at around the seven-minute mark at 35-29.

But a turnover gave the ball back to the Gamecocks and Magruder got an easy layup to push the Gamecocks' lead back out to six.

Phelion added three more with a layup and free throw.

Another turnover helped the Gamecocks continue to extend their lead.

By the end of the third quarter the Gamecocks were ahead 47-33, a 14-point margin, with no signs of slowing down.

In the final quarter two free throws by Gretchen Morrison helped propel the Gamecocks ahead by 20.

With 3:30 left in the game JSU led by 25, their largest margin of the night.

APSU managed to cut the gap back down to 20, but the Gamecocks walked away with the win.

JSU sits at 8-8 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

They head to Cookeville, Tenn. to play Tennessee Tech on Jan. 14.



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Tyler Phelion (LEFT) led the Gamecocks with 25 points in their first Ohio Valley Conference win against Austin Peay State University Saturday. Phelion and Gretchen Morrison (CENTER) were both five-for-six in free throw attempts. Tasha Magruder (RIGHT) chipped in with nine points in the win over APSU.

Football team ranked 6th, 7th in final FCS polls

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State rounds out the 2016 football season in a familiar place, the Top 10 in both major FCS polls.

The Gamecocks (10-2, 7-0 Ohio Valley Conference) found themselves sixth in the final FCS Coaches Poll and seventh in the final STATS FCS Top 25, which were both released on Monday.

It marks the fourth-straight year that JSU has been ranked in the Top 10 in at least one of the final polls and extends

its streak of consecutive weeks in the Top 10 to 43.

Nation Champions James Madison was the unanimous No. 1 in both polls, while National Runner-Up Youngstown State was second in both.

After failing to win the national title for the first time in five years, North Dakota State was third in both polls, while Eastern Washington and Sam Houston State were fourth and fifth, respectively.

JSU was ahead of

South Dakota State in the Coaches Poll, while the Jackrabbits were one spot ahead of the Gamecocks in the STATS Poll.

The Gamecocks were the first team in OVC history to go unbeaten and untied for three-straight seasons and claimed the No. 3 seed in the FCS Playoffs.

They were upset by Youngstown State, who rallied to make the championship game after defeating JSU.

JSU is the lone OVC team in either poll, while

UT Martin received votes in both.

Tennessee State picked up five votes in the STATS Poll.

The release of the final polls marks the 43rd 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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Final FCS top 10s

STATS POLL

1. James Madison
2. Youngstown State
3. North Dakota State
4. Eastern Washington
5. Sam Houston State
6. South Dakota State
7. Jacksonville State
8. Richmond
9. Wofford
10. Citadel

FCS Coaches Poll

1. James Madison
2. Youngstown State
3. North Dakota State
4. Eastern Washington
5. Sam Houston State
6. Jacksonville State
7. South Dakota State
8. Richmond
9. The Citadel
10. Chattanooga

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

1/14
-Rifle
at Air Force Academy/ Ohio State
USAF Academy, Co.

-Track and Field
at UAB Blazer Invite
Birmingham, Ala.

-Women's Basketball
at Tennessee Tech*
Cookeville, Tenn. 5:30 p.m.

-Men's Basketball
at Tennessee Tech*
Cookeville, Tenn. 7:30 p.m.

1/16
-Rifle
at Air Force Academy/ Ohio State
USAF Academy, Co.

1/18
-Women's Basketball
vs. Belmont*
"The Pete" 7 p.m.

1/19
-Men's Basketball
at Belmont*
Nashville, Tenn. 7 p.m.

BOLD = Home Event * = OVC Event

OVC Men's Basketball

School	OVC	O/R
EAST		
Belmont	3-0	9-4
Tennessee Tech	3-0	7-11
Jacksonville State	3-1	10-8
Tennessee State	2-1	11-5
Morehead State	2-1	6-10
Eastern Kentucky	1-2	8-10
WEST		
Murray State	2-1	8-9
Eastern Illinois	1-2	9-7
SEMO	1-2	6-12
UT Martin	1-3	11-8
SIUE	0-3	5-12
Austin Peay	0-3	4-13

OVC Women's Basketball

School	OVC	O/R
Morehead State	4-0	14-3
Belmont	4-0	12-5
Eastern Kentucky	3-0	6-10
Murray State	2-1	10-6
Tennessee Tech	2-2	5-12
Tennessee State	1-2	6-7
SIUE	1-2	5-11
Jacksonville State	1-3	8-8
Austin Peay	1-3	7-10
SEMO	1-3	7-10
Eastern Illinois	1-3	5-11
UT Martin	1-3	4-13

NCAA Rifle Top 20

1. Texas Christian
2. West Virginia
3. Murray State
4. Air Force
5. Kentucky
6. Ohio State
7. Alaska
8. Nebraska
9. Nevada
10. Memphis
11. NC State
12. Army
13. Ole Miss
14. Jacksonville State
15. Akron
16. Navy
17. UTEP
18. Morehead
19. UTM
20. North Georgia

Sights from Gamecocks vs. Murray State Games



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Tyler Phelion (LEFT TOP) scored 19 points in the women's 64-71 loss against the Murray State Racers. She was five-for-six in free throw attempts and had a total of 10 rebounds. Malcolm Drumwright (RIGHT TOP) recorded 12 points against the Racers in the JSU loss. Greg Tucker (RIGHT CENTER) and Derrick Green (RIGHT BOTTOM) look to shack of Murray State Defenders. Women's coach Rick Pietri (LEFT BOTTOM) looks on as his team looks for a chance to score. Christian Cunningham (LEFT CENTER) scored 11 points for the Gamecocks. He also had eight rebounds and went three-for-four from the free throw line.

Men's team gets big wins over APSU, FVSU

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

After dropping their OVC home opener to Murray State last Thursday night, the Gamecock men's basketball team rebounded in a big way, coming away with a thrilling, 71-68 victory over Austin Peay on Saturday followed by an 81-69 defeat of Fort Valley State on Tuesday.

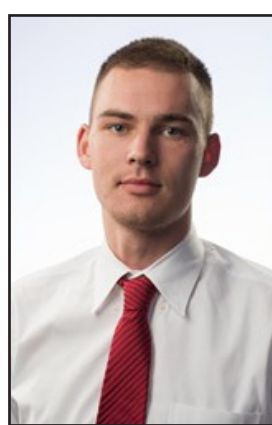
The win over the Austin Peay State Governors brings Jacksonville State's conference record to 3-1 to start in OVC play for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

Senior guard Malcolm Drumwright starred for Jacksonville State in the victory against APSU, as he scored a season-high 25 points to lead the Gamecocks over the Governors.

JSU trailed the Governors for much of the first half, but the Gamecocks battled back to take a brief lead with 3:46 remaining before APSU seized back the advantage and led 31-30 heading into the break.

The second half saw the two squads locked in a close battle, with neither team leading by more than 6 at any point in the period.

With JSU trailing by 1 point and less than thirty seconds remaining in



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Malcolm Drumwright (LEFT) scored 25 points to help the Gamecocks defeat Austin Peay State University. Erik Durham (CENTER) lifted the men's team over the Governors with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game. Norbertas Giga (RIGHT) guaranteed the Gamecocks victory with a pair of perfect free throws with six seconds remaining.

the game, Erik Durham drove into the lane and connected on a short bank-shot to give JSU a 69-68 advantage.

On the ensuing possession, APSU's John Murray missed a jumper and then fouled Gamecock center Norbertas Giga while attempting to secure the rebound, sending Giga to the free-throw line with a chance to give JSU a 3-point lead with only 8 seconds left.

The Kaunas, Lithuania native sunk both free-throws, the Governors were unable to connect on a 3-pointer that would have sent the game into over-

time, and Jacksonville State came out on top, 71-68.

The Gamecock victory was thanks in large part to their foul-shooting, as they connected on 90.9% of their free throws, including going 11-12 down the stretch in the second half, while Austin Peay only managed to shoot 55.6% on their own.

Drumwright played a key role against Fort Valley State as well, following his season-high scoring output with 14 points and a career-high 12 assists against FVSU.

Durham and Christian Cunningham also recorded double-doubles against the Wildcats, marking the first time that three separate Gamecocks have each recorded a double-double in the same game since a February 2009 game against Eastern Kentucky.

The Gamecocks got off to a sluggish start offensively against Fort Valley State, but still managed to build a comfortable lead in the first half as Durham hit 3 out of 4 of his 3-point attempts and led JSU in scoring at the break with 9 points.

Thanks to some hot shooting from FVSU's Dareial Franklin, who scored 12 of his 15 points after halftime, the Wildcats kept within striking distance throughout the second frame, but the size of the Gamecocks proved to be too much for Fort Valley State to handle.

Jacksonville State out-rebounded FVSU 24-14 in the second half, and Cunningham pulled down 7 offensive boards and scored 11 points in the second stanza alone to ensure an 81-69 victory for the Gamecocks in their last non-conference affair of the season.

Jacksonville State's record now stands at 11-8 as they get set to resume conference play on the road at Tennessee Tech on Saturday.



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