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JSU buildings get individual addresses

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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 addressess 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 three minutes, depending on where the call originated.

Calls made to the UPD have an average response time of five to six minutes, and calls made to 911 to 911 have an average response time of about three minutes, depending on where the call originated.

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

“I understand as a person how important it is that heather Greene
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Nine years ago, Jack sonville native Thomas "Todd" David Cunningham began his college career at Jacksonville State University. On Fri day, Dec. 16, he traded his baseball hat for a gradu ation cap as he crossed the stage to accept his diploma. However, the road to his degree was not typical, as his studies were completed between his professional baseball contracts. Early on in Cunningham's career, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels in the first round of the 1999 draft, but Cunningham chose to attend Jacksonville State University instead. Cunningham’s decision paid off, as he went on to have a successful professional baseball career, playing for various teams in the minor leagues. Despite the ups and downs, Cunningham remained focused on his education and his passion for learning. Today, he is a testament to the idea that education and professional success can coexist, and he is an inspiration to all who aspire to achieve greatness in both areas of their lives.
when you call 911, you want that police or that ambulance to get to you as soon as possible. The police response time and the ambulance response time 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 universe.

Jacksonville Police and the county 911 board also assigned an address to every university building, according to Chief Shawn Giddy, the director of public safety at JSU. He said the decision was made in case of major emergencies, whereas, as 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.”

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Jenkins said this means all emergency calls made to the university would be answered by the Council County operators, who are highly trained and certified.

Jenkins said calls being answered by the county’s 911 service would benefit the university because it would also reduce response time. He said once a call is answered, one operator will deal with the call. “It would eliminate the middleman which could save time,” Jenkins said.

Another benefit of 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 emer- gency personnel can move as fast as possible.

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According to the JSU police, former Miss JSU winners Heather Whitestone, Maclay, and Tereza Chastain Stricklin placed at the national level in the Miss America competition. Miss Callum was crowned Miss America in 1995 and Stricklin was first runner-up in 1979. In total, five other JSU women continued their pageant journey to become Miss Alabama and compete at the national level: Miss Jenkins Snow, Miss (Miss JSU 1977); Jane Rice Holloway (Miss JSU 1984); and Jamie Langley (Miss JSU 2007). Brown says each of the candidates is “fully capa- ble of representing our university and come from various aspects of campus life.”

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Cunningham’s life, his grand-
parents’ love of the Atlanta Braves kind-
led a passion for baseball in him. To a four-year-old boy admiring the game, catching and batting gloves came from batting gloves as he would try to sit home runs over the hedges in his grandparents’ back-
yard with his t-ball set. Little did they realize then that Cunningham would grow up to go to 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 scholar-
ship. “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 fresh-
man year, he went to Texas to play sum-
mer ball. While there, a JSU teammate was drafted with the St. Louis Cardinals. While he had already signed with Texas for that summer, an offer to play in the minor leagues, Cunningham suddenly found himself with a career decision. Cunningham described that ex-
erience as “a special kind of summer where everything just kind of worked.”

Many of the best collegiate players in the country go there, who is married with one child and resides in Huntsville. Cunningham de-
ded the “ceremo-
nial first pitch,” so to speak, as he was cho-
gen to ring the com-
cencement bell for the 2 p.m. graduation ceremo-
ling the pageant.

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

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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Alpha Psi Omega and the Sociology Club present The Vagina Monologues: Auditions: Thursday, Jan. 19 at 4 PM in the Stone Center Blackbox Theater Performances: Feb. 23 and 24 *more details to come!*

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.
Obama says farewell to White House

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.

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.”
Getting to know, “The People of JSU”

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 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 January at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California. The Golden Globes are known for their red carpet outfits which pass through. For many, this is just as important as the actual awards. Some stars said, and fans down and took home Best Actor in a Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical for his performance in the film “La La Land.” Ryan Gosling didn’t let his teleprompter stop working during his monologue, so he had to improvise, but this didn’t ruin the night! The show went on, as usual, and Blake Lively was some of the most important looks from the night. 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, photographs and fans watched the different gowns and outfits pass through. For many, this is 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 Motion Picture for his role in the film “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. “Atlantic” received the Best Television Series (Musical or Comedy). Bill Bobb Stone took home Outstanding 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 Television Series (Drama) for her role in “The Crown.” The popular series “The People v. O.J. Simpson” received Best TV Movie or Miniseries, and Sarah Paulson was 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, Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy; just win Best Original Score 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.
Financial Aid: or ‘Financial Hindrance’?

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 to survive in this world—but hardly anyone can afford to pay for it out of pocket. So, one takes loans. No one likes being in debt. Trust me, we’d rather not do it, it’s even a fact of life that we have to. Most (I’d say 99%) of students rely on scholarship, federal financial aid or both to afford their education. As students, many struggle to get Financial Aid office to handle all the problems—we don’t have enough people in the Financial Aid office. It’s incredibly understaffed and understaffed 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 solve these problems. I usually get sent on a wild goose chase around Bibb Graves. For example, my roommate and I were able to solve her problem thanks to a secretary and the lovely people in Admissions—on 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 financial aid or both to afford students (I’d say 99%) of students rely on scholarship, federal financial aid or both to afford their education…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.”

Why am I not surprised when I have an outstanding balance on my account or my scholarship disappears? It’s not like 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 have to say that the Financial Aid office is incredibly understaffed and understaffed 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 solve these problems. I usually get sent on a wild goose chase around Bibb Graves. For example, my roommate and I were able to solve her problem thanks to a secretary and the lovely people in Admissions—on 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 financial aid or both to afford students (I’d say 99%) of students rely on scholarship, federal financial aid or both to afford their education…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.”

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 am 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 glam. 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-old majoring in communications with a focus in digital journalism. My family is from Chicago, but 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 crazed 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 thing 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 currentlyMarching Snow 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.

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It was through this paper that I found mine.

Alissa Camplin/The Chanticleer
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 Aus- tin Peay 65-45. The Gamecocks played tough Saturday night. They were 12-17 for free throws overall and were nearly perfect on four free throws made in the sec- ond half going 16-for-12. They were able to score an impres- sive 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 Buchan also contrib- uted with seven baskets off of 13 attempts. Tasha Magruder grabbed the game off for the Gamecocks with a layup. The score tied up two moments later when Austin Peay answered with a layup from Teana Bank. 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 at 12-9. The Gamecocks pulled back ahead by five with help from Bu- chanon’s layup. The Governors closed in within two with 1:14 left in the first quar- ter. The score sat at 14-12 and APSU answered by scoring seven straight to end the quarter ahead 14-12. The Gamecocks continued to ex- tend their lead in the second quarter helped on with layups from Phelion and the addition of Kelly Naugh- ton. 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 33-22, their highest lead of the night so far. APSU attempted to make a come- back 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 Magrud- er got an easy layup to push the Gamecocks’ lead back out to six. Phelion added three more with a 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 pro- pel the Gamecocks ahead by 20. With 3:33 left in the game JSU led by 25, their largest margin of the night. APSU managed to cut the gap down to 20, but the Game- cocks 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.
Sights from Gamecocks vs. Murray State Games

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 shake 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

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 2:46 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 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 overtime, 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 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 defensive 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.