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Ayers Lecture

This year's Ayers Lecturer is Kathleen Parker, an opinion columnist for The Washington Post. The Ayers Lecture will be Thursday, March 1 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library

Greek Week

Greek Week 2017 kicks off on Monday, March 6. There will be activities each day and a weeklong "Penny Wars" event in the TMB lobby to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club of Jacksonville.

SGA Candidate Speeches

Students running for an SGA office will meet and debate on Monday, March 6 from 7-9 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium. Come out, meet the candidates, and be an informed voter on March 9!

Joint Musicale

The sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota and the brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha will join together for a spring musicale on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Admission is free.



JSU VIEW FROM ABOVE

DETAILS ARCHITECTS

JSU Athletics

Renderings for the new Rudy Abbott Field were presented at the October Board of Trustees Meeting. Construction on the stadium begins in Spring 2017, and the facility intends to be ready for the 2018 season.

Homerun! New field in the future for Gamecock Baseball

Grant Benefield
Staff Writer

They say hard work pays off, and for JSU baseball, their hard work has earned them a brand-new stadium.

In July 2016, Jacksonville State University confirmed a \$7.5 million project to completely revamp Rudy Abbott Field.

The massive project will completely change the face of the 22-year-old field, adding many new amenities for the players and coaches, including an indoor training facility for both batting and pitching, a new locker room, a team meeting area, new coaches' offices, a lounge and an ath-

letic training treatment area.

For spectators, the project adds a canopied 1000-seat grandstand, four VIP suites and a new press box.

"The excitement around the baseball program with us building a new stadium right now is probably at an all-time high since I've been

here," said head baseball coach Jim Case. "This is something we felt very strongly that we needed in order to compete at the highest level, and as we've gotten into this process, I feel like the stadium we're going to have is more than we could ever have dreamed."

But the project did not start out as

massive of an undertaking as it is now, not before Jacksonville State received the largest private donation in the university's history.

Jacksonville State Athletic Director Greg Seitz explained how a very small project became what it is now: "A

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JSU named top producer of Fulbright Scholars

JSU Newswire

The US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has named Jacksonville State University a top producing institution of Fulbright Scholars. One of the most prestigious awards in

academia, the Fulbright Scholars program is the US government's flagship international educational exchange program.

JSU received more Fulbright awards in 2016-2017 than any other university in Alabama and was among the top producers in the nation,

with the following three recipients:

Guillermo Francia – A computer science professor, Francia is a recipient of a Fulbright Cyber Security Award from the US-UK Fulbright Commission. He is in London,

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Jacksonville State University
Dr. Guillermo Francia



Steve Latham/JSU
Dr. Russell Lemmons



Jacksonville State University
Dr. Ellen Peck

2017 General Election Candidates

Patrick Yim
Special to the Chanticleer

The following 39 names are those students who have been approved for election to one of the 30 JSU Student Senate seats. The Student Senate acts as the legislative branch of the Student Government Association. They are responsible for creating and amending the JSU Code of Laws. If selected, these students will be responsible for making sure that JSU is a better place for all students.

During the election on March 9, 2017, each student currently registered and taking classes will be allowed to vote for three separate senators.

The choices for Student Senate are as follows:

1. Coleman Amason
2. William Arrington

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couple years ago when I talked with Coach Case, he said that we needed to do some updates at the baseball stadium. As we started talking to some of our potential donors, we had two donors step up and donate \$1 million each. This became the starting point for the project that we have now.”

And with the success that the Gamecock baseball program has had, it’s



JSU Athletics

**Baseball head coach
Jim Case**

no wonder that the project came about. The Gamecocks have had immense success during Coach Case’s 13-year tenure, no doubt earning the program a new stadium. In the past 13 years, Gamecock baseball has been to the Ohio Valley Conference championship tournament game nine times and won six. Coach Case has posted a spectacular 229-125 record during his time as head coach and has won OVC Coach of the Year honors twice.

I asked Seitz if he believes that the project is a result of the program’s success, and he responded, “There’s no doubt.”

“Coach Case has done such an unbelievable job at building on top

of the tradition that Coach Abbott built,” Seitz said.

Rudy Abbott began his coaching career in 1970 on an interim basis and coached 32 seasons for the Gamecocks from 1970 to 2001. In that time, he posted an incredible record of 1003-467. He also led the Gamecocks to two consecutive Division II national championships in 1990-91. Abbott earned Division II Coach of the Year honors both years.

With the new stadium, Case believes he will be able to take the program to even greater heights.

“The new stadium is going to mean so much to our baseball program,” said Case. “It will provide our student-athletes with a first-class facility, while also improving the



JSU Athletics

An aerial view of Rudy Abbott Field as it looks today.

overall fan experience. Obviously, this will also be a great recruiting attraction for future student-athletes.”

With construction for the project now underway, the Gamecocks will not have any “true” home games this year. Instead, Choccolocco Park in Oxford will be the home-away-from-home for JSU

baseball in 2017.

Coach Case has a very positive outlook on what 2017 has in store for Jacksonville State Baseball.

“This year will be a little bit different for us,” said Case, “but we’re so thankful for the city of Oxford. They’re allowing us to use the new facility there, and that’s where we’ll play our home games this

year. We’ll have to travel for all of our games, but that’s just one of those growing pains that we’re definitely happy to go through because of what we’ll have in the 2018 season.”

The Gamecocks’ first “home” game will be Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

For the complete story, go to www.jsu.edu/chanticleer

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for the spring term, working with a group of prominent cyber security experts at Imperial College to perform research on critical infrastructure security. He is part of the first wave of American researchers traveling to the UK as part of the 2015 Obama-Cameron bilateral agreement to strengthen cyber security research collaboration between the US and UK.

Russel Lemmons – A distinguished professor of history, Lemmons will travel to the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich in Germany over the next two springs to research the life of a Jesuit priest, Rupert Mayer, who opposed National Socialism. He plans to spend a great deal of time in the Jesuit archives and the Diocesan archives in Munich. The results of his research will be seen in a biography he is writing about Mayer.

Ellen Peck – An assistant professor of drama, Peck is both a theatre practitioner and a musical theatre historian specializing in the early 20th century. She is currently using her Fulbright award to teach classes in musical theatre and American theatre history at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in Romania.

“JSU’s participation in the Fulbright Scholars program has enabled our faculty to experience international cultures, engage in scholarship with an

expanded world view, teach in universities around the world, and bring those perspectives back to our campus,” said JSU Provost Rebecca Turner. “For a campus our size, located in a small town in rural Alabama, we are proud of our global citizenship emphasis and thank the Fulbright program for as-



sisting us in fulfilling our mission.”

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 370,000 participants – chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential – with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Over 1,100 US college and university faculty and administrators, professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers and independent scholars are awarded Fulbright grants to teach and/or conduct research each year in over 125 countries throughout the world.

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3. Malin Barber
4. Jesse Battles
5. Rebekah Beasley
6. Jenna Bennett
7. Whitney Bennet
8. Mohammed Bouzouba
9. Bailee Bryant
10. Kaitlynn Campbell
11. Evan Clarke
12. William Daniel
13. Tyler Elsberry
14. Laci Gurganus
15. Clay Hardin
16. DeLena Harris
17. Hailye Hatton
18. Gregory Heathcock
19. Ulises Herrera
20. Ethan Jackson
21. Corin Manning
22. Will Milner
23. Hannah Nelson
24. Brad Nevels
25. Olivia Parsons
26. Taylor Register
27. Abbie Shipp
28. Beau Steelman
29. Jonathan Summerlin
30. Desmond Thomas
31. Macy Thomas
32. Philip Tice
33. Ty Tidwell
34. Chase Todd
35. Steven Trotter
36. Rachel Wallace
37. Abby Warren
38. Kyra Watral
39. Anna Whatley

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- Mattie Griffith
- DeLena Harris
- Trinity Poe
- Anna Grace Whitworth

Mr. Friendly

- Beau Steelman
- Chase Todd

Miss Friendly

- Bailee Bryant
- Claire Davis
- Olivia Parsons
- Reyna Ramirez
- Ashley Stephens

Candidates for SGA Executive positions and “Who’s Who” categories are:
SGA President

- Ranger Rumrill

Students can vote online at www.jsu.edu/elections from 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 9.

This article was originally published on Zeta Phi Eta’s Facebook page on February 26, 2017.

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STUDY BREAK

“Mixed Media Water Color Painting” by Katelyn Sims



Sims' painting uses color pencil and ink pen to create depth and texture.



About the Artist: Katelyn is a junior art major who hopes to pursue painting and become a fine artist someday. To see more of Katelyn's art, like her Facebook page, "Katelyn Sims-Artist/Painter (@kreationsbykatelyn)." And for more work by JSU art students follow "JSU Spring '17 Painting Adventure Team" on Facebook!

Campus crime report: 2/23 to 3/1

02/23/2017
 Duty upon striking an unattended vehicle
 Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot

Obstructing governmental operations
 Merrill Hall parking lot

Violation of the student code of conduct
 Campus Inn Apartments

Possession of marijuana
 Campus Inn Apartments

Harassment
 Pete Mathews Coliseum

02/24/2017
 Unlawful Breaking and Entering of a Vehicle
 Paul Carpenter Village

Violation of Student Code of Conduct
 Sparkman Hall parking lot

Violation of Student Code of Conduct
 Campus Inn Apartments

02/26/2017
 Information report
 Colonial Arms Apartments

Unlawful Breaking and Entering of a Vehicle
 Paul Carpenter Village

02/27/2017
 Automobile accident
 Bennett Boulevard

Information report
 Pannell Hall

Automobile accident
 Millican Avenue

02/28/2017
 Medical emergency
 Paul Carpenter Village

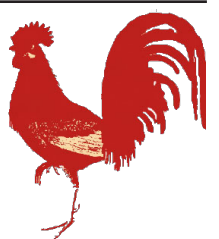
Theft of property & fraudulent use of a debit card
 Meehan Hall

Information report
 Jack Hopper Dining Hall

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CHICKEN SCRATCH



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

One of my top "This Irks Me" things is "all y'all" Why say that when you could just shorten it to "you all" or "all you"? Nooooooo. Here in Alabama we say "All y'all better get in the car, y'all fixin' to get left behind."

Is it still called a shower if you lay down?

"La La Land ignored people of color" says everyone who apparently didn't actually see it or slept through John Legend who's the main, and really only, supporting character.

THERE'S POLLEN ON MY WINDSHIELD. WHY.

I was supposed to go the dentist in January. I finally made an appointment for next week. So at this rate it'll be June before I go to the doctor to have my foot looked at...

Do you ever sneeze so hard it hurts your soul?

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Fleming
Staff Writer

JSU takes capitol

The sound of the nearly 2000 people gathered around the Alabama State House for Higher Education Day on Thursday, February 23 could be heard from the famous Cramton Bowl, nearly four blocks away.

The Jacksonville State University band and the Alabama University band, were both cranking out the tunes that kept the vibrancy of the crowd going for over two hours.

The unifying message: "Fund our universities, fund our future and impact our state economy positively."

Members of the crowd and the speakers chanted the number 20 billion, because 20 billion dollars is the economic impact from the 13 public universities in the state of Alabama.

According to the Higher Education Partnership, the ad-



Sean Collier

vocates for Alabama universities and the organizers of the rally, for every one dollar the state puts into university funding, the state receives \$12.50 back, making education one of the largest contributors to the state economy.

Higher education is the key for economic growth in the state.

On the steps of the legislators' offices, about 150 JSU Gamecocks let their voices be heard. The

students were there to make sure the legislators know how much they depend on higher education.

Higher education is considered to be four-year universities, not two-year colleges. However, two-year colleges are great assets for students everywhere. Most university students have attended a junior college before attending a four-year university.

There are over

180,000 students in the state of Alabama who are currently attending four-year universities. Because of this large number of students, rallies such as Higher Education Day Rally can make an impact on legislation.

Governor Robert Bentley spoke at the rally along with Lt. Governor Kay Ivey; Representative Terri Collins; Representative Craig Ford; Senator Arthur Orr;

R.T. Floyd, Chair of the Higher Education Partnership; Dr. John Stewart, President of the University of Montevallo and Chair of the Higher Education Partnership's University Presidents Council and Josh Crownover, University Student Presidents Council.

If the state does not help the public universities fund their institutions, then a university is forced to come up with

other ways of generating income. Often times, they raise their fees.

The state has cut funding for the public universities from 33 percent to 27 percent of the Public Trust Fund, according to Higher Education Partnership.

"Universities add income to families, economic opportunity to communities, quality of life programming from fine arts to outdoor living and solution oriented thinking for addressing challenges throughout the state," Gordon Stone, Executive Director for Higher Education Partnership, said in a press release.

To contact district representatives, go to www.legislature.state.al.us. <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/aliswww/ISD/House/ALRepsbyDistrict.aspx>

You can't stop the beat: Jazz concert continues despite missing members

Katie Cline
Editor-In-Chief

The JSU Jazz Program performed its Spring Showcase on Tuesday, February 21 in the Mason Hall Performance Center.

A strain of the flu has been making its way around the department, according to the director of the jazz program, Dr. Andy Nevala, and several students were unable to perform.

"At other schools, if there had been this many people out, they would have had to cancel the concert, but here, because these kids are so talented, we can still play music for you," Nevala told the crowd.

Dr. Chris Probst, a trumpet

instructor, joined the trumpet section of Jazz II, Jazz III and Jazz IV, while Dr. Thomas McCutchen, the department head and a percussion instructor, played the drum set for two groups.

"You're going to see a lot of these faces a lot tonight," Nevala joked. "We're just filling the holes where we can."

Students from Jazz I filled in for students in the other ensembles. Each of the five saxophonists in Jazz I had already played with another group by the time their group performed.

In addition to performing with one or more groups, graduate students Zach Nelson and Joel Clevenger and undergraduate

students Caleb Howard, Evan Johnson and Susana Rivas each conducted songs with other ensembles.

The concert included performances by all four jazz bands and the Latin Ensemble. Music selections included "Satin Doll" by Duke Ellington and arranged by Sammy Nestico; "Michael Jackson Medley," arranged by Paul Jennings; "Four" by Miles Davis and arranged by Mark Taylor; "Computer" by Bob Mintzer; "Amazing Grace," arranged by Aaron Whitecamp; "Night in Tunisia" by Charlie Parker and arranged by Michael Mossman and "Fly Me to the Moon" by Bart Howard and arranged by Quincy Jones with

vocalist Austin Waits.

During their performance of "Channel One Suite" by Bill Reddie and arranged by Tom Davis, the members of Jazz II's trombone section took the opportunity to have fun and "dabbed" to the beat during one section of the song.

The jazz ensembles will perform next at the 6th Annual JSU Jazz Festival on March 31 with New Orleans trumpeter Ashlin Parker.

For more information of the jazz program at JSU, go to <http://jsujazz.webs.com/>

This story first appeared on Zeta Phi Eta Beta Kappa's page on February 23, 2017

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“La La Land,” “Moonlight” and “What envelope did I give you?”

Alissa Camplin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The 89th Academy Awards Ceremony took place on February 26 in Los Angeles, California.

It was presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) and was aired on ABC.

The Academy Awards are designed to honor the best movies and films of 2016, and was hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. It lasted for almost four hours and reached 32.9 million people. This presented a 4% drop in viewership since last year's ceremony, and had the lowest amount of watchers since 2008.

During the ceremony, the Oscars are awarded for 24 different categories, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, and Best Actress.

Nominations for the Academy Awards were previously announced on January 24, 2017 on a global live stream. The nominees are voted upon approximately 6000 voting members and hundreds of actors, actresses, directors, cinematographers, editors, composers and more.

An accounting firm named PricewaterhouseCoopers handle the duties of mailing out bal-



The Dairy Beast

lots and tabulating results, and have for over 80 years. The ballots are hand counted and take around 1,7000 hours to conclude nominations alone.

PwC has never experienced a problem until this year.

Presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway went on stage to present the award for Best Picture. However, the envelope that Beatty received was not for Best Picture, which was awarded

to Moonlight. It was for Best Actress, who went to Emma Stone of La La Land.

The cast and crew of La La Land came to accept their award, but after a few minutes, producer Jordan Horowitz stepped onto the stage to apologize for the mix-up. Moonlight eventually made their way to the stage and accepted their award.

The Envelopegate scandal has been

traced to one partner, Brian Cullinan. He handed the backup envelope for Actress in a Leading Role instead of Best Picture. Tim Ryan, U.S. chairman and senior partner at PwC, says he has spoken at length with Cullinan about the incident, saying, “He feels very, very terrible and horrible. He is very upset about this mistake. And it is also my mistake, our mistake, and we all feel very bad,” Ryan told Variety.

The rest of the night was almost dull in comparison.

Damien Chazelle won Best Director for La La Land. At 32 years old, he is the youngest in Oscar history to win in the Directing category. He thanked girlfriend, Olivia Hamilton, and said, “This was a movie about love and I was lucky enough to fall in love while making it...It means the world that you're here sharing this with me.”

The award for Best Documentary went to O.J.: Made in America by Ezra Edelman and Caroline Waterlow became the longest film to win an Academy Award. It was 467 minutes, which surpassed the previous record holder, War and Peace, which came in at 431 minutes. War and Peace won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1969.

Iranian director, Asghar Farhadi, won the Best Foreign Language Film for The Salesman. Due to President Trump's immigration ban, he was unable to attend the event. He went as far as to protest it, saying, “I have decided to not attend the Academy Awards ceremony alongside my fellow members of the cinematic community.

The Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs reacted, saying, “America should always be not a barrier but a beacon and each and every one of us knows that there are some empty chairs in this room which has made academy artists into activists.”

Farhadi's award was accepted on behalf of two prominent Iranian Americans—engineer Anousheh Ansari and Firouz Naderi.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL



As a freshman in college, one of the best things about leaving home is the idea of no longer having to live with your parents and deal with the “my house, “my rules” dynamic that was ever present throughout high school. But what you’re often not prepared for is the fact that you now have to live with someone who is not genetically programmed to love you no matter what. That means that throughout your messes, your late nights that no one

can get onto you for, your extremely loud music, and that group of friends that always seems to be over at your place, there is someone else who has to deal with it in addition to you who is not going to put up with it without getting mad.

Now, most of the time, people can have a really good time with their roommates and have really good luck with picking their roommates throughout their college experience. I, on the other hand, was one of those very few

who have had more crappy roommates than good roommates. My first two years I had the divine pleasure of living with my older sister. Now, there is some sibling love there, of course. But let’s face it, not a single person actually wants to live with their sibling while at college, or in any instance outside of their parents house. It’s just asking for drama and some knock down drag out fights... and that is exactly what we delivered. (Apologies to our neighbors,

even though they’re a few years late.)

Since living with my sister, I ended up with four separate roommates after her. Two were pretty dang good. The other two? It was simply by the grace of God that we ended with the house still standing. Both started out pretty good, but it went downhill pretty quickly.

So if you are one of those people who, like me, have had really bad luck with roommates, let’s see

what we can do to help. For me, I had to realize that I cannot control anyone other than myself. Start with that, and then realize that the only thing that you can control is your reaction to their actions. If you react negatively, then it’s going to continue to start an uproar. If you stop giving them the power of your negative reactions and change the way you react, then you become the controller of the situation, not them

and their actions. Lastly, have a place that you can go to escape. Whether its your room, a friends house, or the top of the mountain, have a place where you can go to relax and to get your mind away from everything and everything will be okay. Having an escape place is crucial so that you can get away when necessary. Do these things and I promise, you will get through that roommate drama!

This is the fourth article in Kristin’s “Reflections” series.

Questionably Accessible

Margaret McCrina
Special to the Chanticleer

So yeah, I’m that girl with two broken legs. And no, there’s no exciting story. My legs were misaligned, so I had corrective surgery to rotate the bones into the proper positions.

My surgery and recovery has taught me a lot, in particular that the term “handicap accessible” is a very loose term that covers a broad range of accessibility. JSU’s Disability Support Service states that their mission is to “ensure equal learning and opportunities [...] by increasing the capacity of Jacksonville State University to eliminate physical, programmatic, policy, informational and attitudinal barriers,”

but how feasible is it really to be physically disabled on a college campus? Below are some of the issues I’ve come across.

When I first returned to campus I had to be driven to all of my classes, which meant acquiring a temporary handicap permit from UPD. Thankfully, UPD has handicapped parking. They also have a door marked “handicap accessible,” but once you go through the door, there is another door labelled “Authorized Personnel Only” and a flight of stairs leading up. So long story short, I had to be carried into the UPD office.

While we’re on the handicap permit thought, JSU only issues their temporary permits for two week periods. I don’t need a permanent permit,

as I’m clearly not permanently disabled, but it is equally clear that I need the permit for much longer than just two weeks. I did manage to work it out with UPD, but it would have been annoying, not to mention difficult, if they had actually made me renew the permit every two weeks.

Handicap parking can also be difficult to find, not because there’s a lack of handicap spaces, but because people blatantly abuse regulations, and there is little enforcement. There have been a few times when handicap parking is full, and then when I finally get up to the door a girl in six inch heels walks to a car parked in handicap parking and drives off.

I have to use the

elevators to get to classes and to work, and all of the elevators in the academic buildings are incredibly dubious. The one in Mason has holes in the floor. The one in Stone had a chunk of the ceiling laying on the floor the other day. And all of them shake and creak ominously. Stone’s elevator actually broke down and was unusable for a day or two last week, which fortunately didn’t happen any earlier in the semester, as I would have either not been able to get to work, or I would have had to have called someone to come wheel me up the sidewalk to the second floor.

In addition to not having well-placed or easily navigable wheelchair ramps, many of the ramps around JSU are in

need of repair. The one on the third floor of Stone has a kind of crater at the bottom, which creates a large pool any time there’s a bit of rain, and, as you can imagine, getting your casts wet and then having them soggy for the rest of the day is not pleasant.

The library is largely inaccessible to anyone who is physically handicapped, as the bookcases are so close together that a wheelchair can’t fit down the aisles.

The weighted doors, particularly in the dorms, are a nightmare. Especially in my wheelchair, I was unable to open the door my room or the door the building. Even after I transitioned to the crutches, it was hard

to do without help from someone else, as I couldn’t hold the door open while swinging my crutches through.

These are the biggest issues I’ve noticed, and clearly, these are based solely off of my own personal experience. I haven’t been in all the buildings, so I can’t speak for handicap access across the whole campus. I’m also blessed in that I’ve always been able walk a little bit, if push came to shove.

For anyone who is permanently handicapped, I imagine that they would have even greater difficulty than me, and they have all of my respect for doing this day in and day out. You guys are truly awe-inspiring.



SPORTS

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

3/2	- Men's Basketball at OVC Tournament vs. SEMO or Tennessee State Nashville, Tenn.	6:30 p.m.
3/3	- Baseball at Dallas Baptist Dallas, Texas	6:30 p.m.
	- Softball vs. Southern Louisiana Knoxville, Tenn.	8:30 a.m.
	- Beach Volleyball at UAB vs. Mercer Birmingham, Ala.	10 a.m. 1 p.m.
3/4	- Beach Volleyball vs. Tulane vs. UL Monroe Birmingham, Ala.	12 p.m. 6 p.m.
	- Soccer at Georgia State Atlanta, Ga.	1 p.m.
	- Softball vs. Ohio at Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn.	1 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
	- Baseball at Dallas Baptist Dallas, Texas	2 p.m.
3/5	- Softball vs. Bradley Knoxville, Tenn.	10:30 a.m.
	- Baseball at Dallas Baptist Dallas, Texas	1 p.m.
3/6	- Beach Volleyball vs. Austin Peay* Jacksonville	10 a.m.
3/7	- Beach Volleyball vs. UNC Wilmington vs. Mercer Atlanta, Ga.	11 a.m. 3 p.m.
	- Baseball vs. Bowling Green Emerson, Ga.	4 p.m.
	- Softball vs. UAB University Field	6 p.m.
3/8	- Baseball vs. Bowling Green Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.	6 p.m.
3/9	- Men's, Women's Tennis vs. Mercer Jacksonville	1 p.m.
	BOLD = Home Event * = OVC Event	
OVC Baseball		
School	OVC	O/R
UT Martin	0-0	5-1
Tennessee Tech	0-0	7-2
Jacksonville State	0-0	5-2
Murray State	0-0	5-2
SEMO	0-0	5-2
Austin Peay	0-0	5-3
Morehead State	0-0	5-3
Belmont	0-0	4-4
SIUE	0-0	4-4
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	3-6
Eastern Illinois	0-0	1-6
OVC Softball		
School	OVC	O/R
Belmont	0-0	11-1
UT Martin	0-0	11-2
SEMO	0-0	8-2
Murray State	0-0	11-4
SIUE	0-0	11-4
Jacksonville State	0-0	9-4
Morehead State	0-0	7-5
Eastern Illinois	0-0	8-6
Austin Peay	0-0	5-4
Tennessee State	0-0	4-9
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	3-7
Tennessee Tech	0-0	4-10

Women's basketball falls to Morehead State

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State University women's basketball team wrapped up their 2016-17 season on Saturday after an 85-82 loss to Morehead State left the Gamecocks just short of a berth in the OVC tournament.

JSU led by as many as 12 at one point over MSU, but the Eagles recovered to knock off the hot-shooting Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State, who finished the year at 13-15, including 6-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference, played their best basketball to finish off the season, winning three straight OVC contests by double digits prior to the loss to Morehead on Saturday, but their late push was not enough to extend their season.

Seniors starred in what would be their final game in a Gamecock uniform, as Briana Benson led the way



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with 21 points, Lacey Buchanan chipped in 11 and two steals and fellow senior Kelly Naughton scored two points in her final game.

JSU equaled a school record in the first half with a 61.5 shooting percentage, a mark that was first set against Auburn in 2005, en route to 42 points and a three-point lead at the break.

A 13-0 Jacksonville State run that began with 4:41

left in the second quarter gave the Gamecocks a seven-point lead, but the Eagles cut the lead to 42-39.

JSU stayed hot to begin the second half and quickly built up a 12-point lead at 56-44 with 4:31 left in the third on the strength of six quick points from Tyler Phelion.

Phelion finished with 20 points and 4 rebounds, and she made 10 of her 12 free throw attempts.

MSU cut the lead to four in the waning moments of the third, but Rayven Pearson's first 3-point attempt of the entire season found the net at the buzzer to make the score 64-57 heading into the fourth.

The Eagles continued chipping away at the JSU lead in the fourth, and Morehead State finally took the lead with 5:41 remaining.

The Gamecocks weren't able to regain the lead, but a Buchanan layup cut the Eagle advantage to 84-82

with only 28 seconds left.

Morehead made the score 85-82 on a Miranda Crockett free throw with 12 seconds left, and Buchanan's game-tying 3-point attempt with 3 seconds remaining missed the mark.

Jacksonville State was outscored 28-18 in the fourth quarter on the way to their 85-82 season-ending defeat.

Benson, Buchanan and Naughton will all depart the Jacksonville State program after finishing up their college careers on Saturday, and senior Destany McLin, who scored over 1,000 points at JSU but missed most of the year due to injury, also sees her career come to an end.

Despite losing McLin as well as Chloe Long and Ki-Ki Patterson early in the season due to injury, head coach Rick Pietri's squad rebounded to finish the season strong despite narrowly missing the OVC Tournament.

Men's, women's tennis falls over the weekend

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team was handed just its first home loss of the season Saturday in a 4-3 defeat by Troy on Sunday, while the women's tennis team fell to UT Chattanooga on Saturday.

Despite the men picking up the doubles points and earning a couple of hard-fought matches, it was Troy that was able to get the one-point winning edge.

Seniors Jaryd Reese and Austin McCormick

along with senior Mathias Chaim and sophomore Andres Gomez combined to earn one point in doubles victories. In single sets, Chaim and freshman Pablo Caffarena tacked on two points each.

"We played a tough match today," head coach Andres Amores said. "It was a neck-and-neck battle with a great rival school. Mathias played very well today, and I liked seeing how hard our guys battled in close sets."

Gomez and fresh-

men Guillermo Agost both pushed their singles matches to three sets, but Troy's Amer Bedwan and Mustapha Belcora were able to outlast the young Gamecocks.

For the women, it was just the second home loss suffered by the Gamecocks this season.

Freshmen Malin Buechner and Alba Conejero won a doubles set, while junior Genevie Ulanday picked up JSU's lone point with a win in the No. 1 position.

"We played some very tough sets today," Amores said. "Genevie had a really nice win over their No. 1, and Diana Monsalve forced a playoff against their No. 2."

The men return to action March 9 at the Jacksonville State Tennis Courts for a 1 p.m. match with Mercer. JSU is set to host Chattanooga the following day, March 10, at 1 p.m. The women return to the court March 9 for a home contest against Mercer at 1 p.m.

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JSU softball falls to Southern Miss, can't avoid sweep

Grant Benefield
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, the Gamecocks looked to avoid a sweep at the hands of Southern Miss, who took both games of their double-header on Saturday, 2-1 and 4-3.

However, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles (9-6) claimed the 6-4 victory over the Gamecocks (9-4), and with it, the weekend sweep.

Although JSU entered the series with only one loss (1-0 vs. South Alabama), and already having beaten Southern Miss 2-0 on Feb. 18, the Golden Eagles were not intimidated.

The Golden Eagles

wasted no time Sunday afternoon, jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first after a walk with bases loaded by Gamecock starting pitcher Faith Sims

would plate one run. Southern Miss' Caitlyn Aldous would follow with a single that scored another run. Before recording a single out in the first inning, JSU would be forced to bring on Kirsten Titus in relief.

JSU would answer with a run in the bottom of the second when Hayley Sims singled to score Jamie McGuire.

Southern Miss struck for three more in the top of the third, with two runs scoring on a Rachel Johnson single.

Another run would cross

via a sacrifice fly by Lauren Holifield, making the score 5-1.

Two home runs by JSU in the bottom half of the inning cut the Golden Eagle lead to 1. Second baseman Anna Chisolm homered to center to lead off the inning, later followed by a 2 RBI blast by McGuire.

McGuire finished her day going 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Hayley Sims and Emily Woodruff would also collect two hits for the Gamecocks.

Following McGuire's home run, Southern Miss would opt to the bullpen, bringing on Jade Lewis in relief.

Southern Miss would

score their final run in the top of the sixth on a home run by catcher Bailey Stokes, making the score 6-4.

Lewis would pitch masterfully in relief, surrendering just two hits and no runs or walks in her 4 and two-thirds innings of work. She would also collect two strikeouts, and go on to earn the pitching win for the Golden Eagles.

Faith Sims would take the pitching loss for the Gamecocks.

JSU now look to rebound in the Tennessee Invitational in Knoxville, Tenn., where they will open tournament play on March 3 against Southeastern Louisiana.

OVC Men's Basketball				OVC Women's Basketball			
School	OVC	O/R		School	OVC	O/R	
EAST							
Belmont	15-1	22-5		Belmont	16-0	24-5	
Morehead State	10-6	14-15		Morehead State	11-5	21-8	
Jacksonville State	9-7	17-14		SIUE	9-7	13-16	
Tennessee State	8-8	17-12		Austin Peay	8-8	14-15	
Tennessee Tech	8-8	12-19		UT Martin	8-8	11-18	
Eastern Kentucky	5-11	12-19		Murray State	7-9	15-14	
WEST							
UT Martin	10-6	20-11		SEMO	7-9	13-16	
SEMO	9-7	14-17		Eastern Kentucky	7-9	10-19	
Murray State	8-8	14-16		Tennessee Tech	7-9	10-19	
Austin Peay	7-9	11-19		Jacksonville State	6-10	13-15	
Eastern Illinois	6-10	14-15		Tennessee State	5-11	10-16	
SIUE	1-15	6-24		Eastern Illinois	5-11	9-19	

Gamecock baseball tops Alabama 2-1 on Tuesday

Timothy Cash
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State (5-2) needed extra innings, but the Gamecocks left Tuscaloosa with a 2-1 win over in-state rival Alabama (3-5).

In the 10th inning, Taylor Hawthorne scored from third base on a wild pitch to give JSU a one-run lead over the Crimson Tide.

Justin Hoyt ended the game for JSU, holding Alabama scoreless in the bottom of the inning to pick up his first win of the season.

The Crimson Tide struck first in the fourth inning.

Chandler Avant scored the game's first run on a single by Cobie Vance.

The Gamecocks answered Alabama in the top of the fifth.

Right fielder Chase Robinson scored JSU's first run on a single to centerfield by Nolan Greckel.

The game remained a one-run tie until the 10th inning.

Colton Pate started the game on

the mound for Jacksonville State, pitching two complete innings before Tyler Wilburn came in relief to start the third.

Cody Dodd was brought in with two outs away in the fourth.

Nate Sylvester became the Gamecocks fourth pitcher when he was brought in with two outs still remaining in the fifth inning.

Hoyt came in relief in with two outs in the eighth.

The Gamecocks pitchers totaled seven strikeouts, one run on six hits, and only walked one batter.

Greckel led the Gamecocks with two hits and a RBI.

Hawthorne and Robinson both recorded a run.

Hawthorne also drew a walk.

Simpson went 2-for-4 and drew a walk.

Hayden White drew three walks, and Payton Young went 2-for-4 at the plate.

For Alabama, Avant scored a run and had three hits.

Vance went 2-for-4 and had a RBI, and Chandler Taylor drew a walk.

Davis Vainer, who entered the game in the seventh inning, lost the game for the Crimson Tide, and falls to 0-1 on the young season.

Garret Rukes started the Game on the mound for Alabama.

Mike Oczypok, Sonny Potter, Zac Rogers, Garrett Suchey, Deacon Medders and Sam Finnerty all pitched for the Crimson Tide.

Jacksonville State continues their 11-game opening road trip when the return to the diamond on Friday at 6:30 p.m. with a three game series against the No. 23 Dallas Baptist in Dallas, Texas.

They will face the Patriots on Saturday at 2 p.m., and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The Gamecocks will open their home schedule on Wednesday March 8 when they host Bowling Green at 6 p.m. at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala.

JSU's golf programs starts spring season on high notes

The Jacksonville State men's golf team got its 2017 spring season off to a good start, claiming a second-place finish at the Frontier Secure Intercollegiate at Heathrow Country Club.

JSU's women's golf team finished 19th after their best score of the tournament, a final-round 293 at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic on Tuesday.

The men's team finished the 54-hole tournament at 1-under after capping the two-day event with a 283 on Tuesday.

Senior Jamie Mist led JSU in the tournament, finishing fourth with a 1-under 212.

Mist led a group of four Gamecocks in the top 13 in the 60-player field that was won by Western Carolina's Mark David Johnson (-7).

Mist entered the day in a tie for sixth and climbed two spots with a final-round 70 on the par-71, 6,846-yard Heathrow Country Club.

He made Tuesday's turn at 1-over but birdied three holes on the back, including two of his final three, to make the charge into the top five.

Fellow senior Bo Hayes finished one shot behind Mist in a tie for fifth, carding an even-par 213 for the tournament.

The Gadsden native shot his third-straight 71 on Tuesday and had to rally to do so.

After a triple bogey on the second hole, Hayes grabbed birdies on the fourth, eighth and 13th holes to get back to even par.

Sophomore Valentina Giraldo, who claimed seventh place at Kiawah Island, turned in a 1-under 71 in Tuesday's final round on the par-72, 5,964-yard Osprey Point Golf Club.

She made birdie on all but one par five on Tuesday, capping a tournament that saw her play the par 5s at 5-under.

Freshman Pia Ohlenbusch and senior Angie Varona each shot 73 on Tuesday for JSU.

Ohlenbusch put the finishing touches on a 228 that tied her for 66th, while Varona tied for 95th with a 231.

College of Charleston's Laura Fuenfstueck won the 232-player event with an 8-under 208 that saw her card three rounds under par.

Coastal Carolina won the 43-team event with a 67-over 870, one shot better than College of Charleston in second.

JSU's golf teams return to action on March 13.

The men's program will travel to North Myrtle Beach S.C. to play in the Bash at the Beach at the Surf Golf Club, while the women's program travels to the Western Kentucky Spring Break Shootout at Lake Jovita Golf Course in Dade City, Fla.

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Gamecocks finish the regular season with a win

Rebekah Hawkins
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The Gamecocks capped off their successful regular season with a 70-61 victory over Morehead State and are officially playoff bound.

Malcolm Drumwright was perfect on his seven free throws, while Norbertas Giga made 7-of-10 of his field goals.

Greg Tucker had the most three-pointers of all the Gamecocks but he only made 3-of-8. He also scored the most points for the Gamecocks with 17.

The first half balanced between them both.

When the score tied at ten Giga hit a tip in to give the Gamecocks a quick lead.

Two free throws from Morehead gave them a small two point lead and from there the score bounced back and forth.

JSU went ahead by one with a three-pointer from Tucker but the Eagles were

quick to go back out ahead by one.

After a tie at 18, MSU managed to make it out ahead by two but the Gamecocks quickly cut it back to one.

A jumper from Andre Statam put them ahead by one and a three-pointer from Erik Durham put JSU up by four.

The 25-21 lead was the Gamecocks' largest so far of the night.

With 1:36 left in the half, the Gamecocks were ahead by eight after a layup by Giga.

MSU cut the lead back down to four at the end of the half.

At the start of the second half the Eagles' hit two layups that tied up the score at 29 and it tied up again at 31 nearly a minute later.

The Gamecocks took off with the lead that they never gave up after the tie.

Durham hit three-pointer at 14:11 to give the Gamecocks a large seven-point

lead 42-39.

The Eagles cut the score back down to two but before long the Gamecocks were back up by six after a layup from Ashton Spears and two free throws from Drumwright.

With 9:35 left in the game the Eagles caught back up and JSU led by one 48-47.

Tucker hit a three-pointer to send the Gamecocks back out ahead by four.

The Eagles stayed close on the Gamecocks' tail as the game dwindled down.

At 5:26 JSU had stretched their lead back out to seven with help from a Tucker field goal. The Eagles cut it back down to five but Drumwright gave the Gamecocks their seven point lead back with a jumper seconds later.

The Eagles managed to come within two toward the end of the game but that was the closest that they came.

Drumwright hit another three-pointer to put them

out ahead by five 66-61.

He hit two free throws then two more came from Tucker to close out the game with the Gamecocks on top.

The Gamecocks end the regular season with a 17-14 overall record and a 9-7 OVC record. They are headed to the OVC Tournament next.



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Bennett, Merritt take first and third in shot put on final day of OVC Championship

CHARLESTON, Ill. – Junior Courtney Bennett's win in the shot put led the Jacksonville State track and field team on the final day of the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Charleston, Ill.

Bennett's winning toss of 49 feet and eight and three-fourth inches was just over a centimeter better than Eastern Illinois' Bryn Buckwalter's throw.

The Gamecocks added another to the podium when freshman Sophie Merritt placed third with a distance of 47 feet and nine inches.

The pole vault competition saw two more Gamecocks post top-5 finishes as junior



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Samantha Patterson and Laura Sewell finished third and fifth.

Patterson's third-place mark 11 feet and nine and one-fourth inches was just a

foot better than Sewell's 10 feet and nine and one-half inches mark.

Austin Peay took the remaining three top-5 spots.

One day after advancing

to the finals in the 200 meter race, junior Kayla Thompson placed fifth overall with a time of 24.77.

She finished just behind a pair of Murray State runners, while Tennessee Tech took the even with a 24.01 mark.

Thompson later joined Gina Carnovale, Jasmine Parham, and Emily Sorrell by running the first leg of the team 4x400 event.

Sorrell brought the team home in the final leg to place sixth (4:00.34) and finish just ahead of Belmont and Eastern Kentucky.

Senior Ju-ells McLeod came in across the line second in her round for the mile run competition, but she

took 13th overall in the event finishing in 5:14.68.

Southeast Missouri's Angie Sumner, who led McLeod in the individual round, placed 11th in the final times list.

As a team, JSU came home seventh overall in the women's indoor championship with a final score of 46.5.

The Gamecocks finished just ahead of SIU Edwardsville, Southeast Missouri and UT Martin to round out the top-10.

Host Eastern Illinois won the team title topping topping Tennessee Tech by 14 points.

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