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6th Annual JSU Jazz Festival

The 6th annual JSU Jazz Festival is a free, all-day event on Friday, March 31 with jazz performances by JSU jazz ensembles and combos in the Mason Hall Performance Center, Leone Cole Auditorium and the TMB Auditorium

3rd Annual Taco Xi

Alpha Xi Delta's 3rd annual Taco Xi event will be Saturday, April 1 on the Jacksonville Public Square to raise money for Autism Speaks. A taco plate is \$5. Shirts are \$18.

Phi Mu Golf Tournament

Phi Mu's annual golf tournament will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 2 at Silver Lakes Golf Course. The event raises money for Children's Miracle Network.

Multicultural Day

Come out to the Quad from 4-8:30 p.m. to celebrate JSU's cultural diversity with Residence Life and the International Student Organization.

There's no place like Wonderland

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Writer

This April, join JSU's own Alpha Psi Omega (APO) chapter for their whacky performance of Joseph Robinette's "Dorothy Meets Alice." Written in 1990 and based on a musical by Robinette and Karl Jurman, this fun little play mixes the worlds of Wonderland and Oz to take viewers of all ages on a comedic journey to discover the magic of reading.

The hour-long production will be performed 4 times: April 7 at 7:00 pm, April 8 at 2:00 pm and

7:00 pm and April 9 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under.

The play follows a procrastinating young man named Judson (Cheyenne Oliver), who after waiting until the last minute to write a book report, falls asleep and finds himself in a magical world between Lewis Carroll's Wonderland and L. Frank Baum's land of Oz.

Now responsible for untangling the two classics, Judson must help the beloved characters find their proper destinations while avoiding the Wicked Witch (Ebony Antione) and the Queen of Hearts (Georgia Johnson). The cast also includes Dorothy (Halima Kamara),

APO performs Lewis Carroll and L. Frank Baum crossover

Alice (Abby Jaskowski), the White Rabbit (Brooke Elam), Mad Hatter (Tiffany Jenkins), Dormouse (Kyle Robinson), Scarecrow (Audrae Peterson), Tin Man (Larry Mason) and even the Cowardly Lion (Spencer Wheat).

"Dorothy Meets Alice" was chosen this year for its positive messages. Geared toward children, the play highlights the importance of working together and loving one another as well as the importance of reading and theater.

"It is important to expose children to theatre while they are young so that they can grow up with an appreciation for the arts" said director and APO chapter

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Below: Costume designs for Alice, the Red Queen, the Wicked Witch of the West and Dorothy by senior Megan Wise.



Dorothy Meets Alice Costume Designs by Megan Wise

All the world's a classroom

Inside the world of Dr. Carmine DiBiase

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Carmine DiBiase is a college professor, Shakespeare enthusiast and the son of two Italian immigrants.

DiBiase's parents immigrated to Salem, OH from central Italy in the 1950s, shortly after the end of World War II. His father worked as a self-trained industrial photographer and printmaker, and his mother assisted him.

"They came for the reason for reason that so many immigrants come," DiBiase said. "Italy was in a mess. It was quite a wreck after the Second War. So they came here."

But growing up as the children of immigrants wasn't always easy. DiBiase is the second of four sons, and he and his brothers—Tony, Mario, and Virgil—learned English as a second language. The boys were teased throughout school for not speaking English as well as their classmates.

DiBiase recalls one particular incident: "We used to go hunting pheasant in the winter, which

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JSU group spends Spring Break helping others

Allie Cantrell
Staff Writer

"How would you deal with poverty if a homeless person was in front of you right now? What would you do to help them?" That was the question posed to some of JSU's students over Spring Break.

On Saturday, March 17, nine Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) students, campus minister Grant Carroll and intern Matt Duraski, headed South to New Orleans on a mission trip where students learned about the reality of poverty and how to address issues that impoverished people face.

Many of the stu-

dents responded to the above question with solutions such as giving money, supplies and material possessions to the person. However, over the course of the week, they learned that doing so only pacifies the continuing need that people in poverty face.

Giving material things to those in poverty demeans them and lowers their self-worth and how they see themselves.

The real solution is to treat those in poverty like human beings instead of a problem to be solved. People need to talk with them, engage in a meaningful conversation about what they need and what they want out of life

and then point them in the direction they need to go.

One example used was the Chinese proverb "You give a poor man a fish, and you feed him for a day. You teach him to fish, and you will give him an occupation that will feed him for a lifetime."

"It was a privilege to see how St. Roch Church and St. Roch Community Development Corporation has been used by God to bring restoration and renewal to the Eighth Ward of New Orleans," Carroll said. "When people are reconciled with their God through Christ, their relationship with

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was when my older brother's [Tony] lunch started to go missing from his locker. This went on for several weeks before he got the bright idea of freezing a severed pheasant head and placing it in his lunch bag for the thief, who was revealed when all the girls at his lunch table, and some of the boys, too, began to scream in horror as they stared at him. He was himself in a horrified state as he held the head by the beak and the thawing blood dripped out from the severed neck and onto his lunch plate."

Despite initial setbacks, DiBiase remembers his family and childhood fondly and says that his parents were always supportive of their children. "They encouraged all of us to go to school and to get university degrees so we'd have a better life," DiBiase said. "And I thought I had better do something practical, so I went into engineering."

Eventually, he switched to

an English major and finished his Bachelor's degree at Youngstown State University. DiBiase went on to earn a Master's from Wright State University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Before coming to JSU, DiBiase was an adjunct instructor at the University of Tennessee. Here, he met his wife, Susan, and the couple married in March 1995.

"I was happily single, but I hoped to meet somebody, so I asked my friends to keep their eyes open," Susan said. "Our friends threw a party so we could meet. He was really nice and talked about his grandmother."

DiBiase began teaching at JSU in August 1993 and has since become one of the university's two resident "Shakespeare experts."

But DiBiase does more than Shakespeare; a lot of his work focuses on translating the works of Italian authors into English and researching the influence of Italian writ-

ers on English works. Most recently, he has been interested in the life and works of the Italian author, Italo Svevo.

"He continues to impress me with how productive he is with his scholarship," said Dr. Teresa Reed, who has been teaching English at JSU with DiBiase since 1996. "He's doing the levels of work that people at level one research institutions normally do—and they teach many fewer classes and have much more support, so that just goes to show his passion for getting things done."

DiBiase is liked and respected by all his colleagues, but he has a special relationship with Dr. Steve Whitton. Whitton has been teaching at JSU since 1973, and the two veteran professors have struck up an almost brotherly bond in their years together.

Both Whitton and DiBiase grew up with brothers, and their relationship often resembles the playful banter of siblings. Whitton, who was teaching for 20 years

before DiBiase came to JSU, takes the role of older brother.

Whitton told one story of a trip to a book store with DiBiase and a group of friends: "DiBiase was the absolute worst GPS in the world!" Whitton said. "You were there before he finished explaining the directions. But once we got inside, he was encyclopedic in his knowledge of what would be a good purchase and what wouldn't be. Once we were in his rarified world, he was the best guide."

Part of DiBiase's success as a professor and a scholar, Whitton believes, comes from the effort he puts into each class, including how he treats his students.

"He refuses to talk down to them," said Whitton. "He challenges them. He allows them to think and express. And I think that with any good student, they're going to embrace that. He transmits his excitement, and how can you not be caught up in that?"

When he's not

in the classroom, DiBiase has a range of other hobbies, from playing violin to gardening to mountain biking.

DiBiase started playing the violin when he was young, around ten years old. He quit in his early teens, but kept the instrument with him over the years.

"I put it down stupidly because of peer pressure," DiBiase said. "Back then, it wasn't like it is today. Today it's chic to be a nerd. Back then it wasn't. It was hard."

In addition to playing, DiBiase also collects and fixes old violins.

"I scrape away at it," said DiBiase. "I'm not a professional violinist, but it's a joy to play at any level."

DiBiase's other great hobby is bicycling. He started road and mountain biking about ten years ago.

The DiBiases both enjoy biking with friends, because it lets them exercise and be out in nature. They have seen foxes, bald ea-

gles, deer, turkeys, rattlesnakes, armadillos and more while riding on trails.

DiBiase's scholarship has included published books and essays in several journals including the "London Literary Review." DiBiase received the Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award in 2015 and gave a presentation in March 2016 entitled "The Globe and the Nutshell: the Actor and the Traveler in Hamlet."

"I wanted to teach, and I wanted to write," DiBiase said. "I've never wanted the kind of job that carves out eight hours of your day so that you must give those eight hours to some activity that has nothing to do with your life or what you're most passionate about. I thought, 'If that's the way life has to be, I don't care what the paycheck is going to be. It could be \$500,000 a year. I don't want it.' I don't want it, because those are the best hours of your day."

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president Savannah Jones. "I think both



JSU Drama Department

Meg McCrina, a costume shop student worker and active member of the drama department, shows off a pair of rabbit ears prior to "Dorothy Meets Alice."

APO and the department were excited for an opportunity to share our love of theatre with the younger crowd again."

After each performance, children and other audience members can meet and greet with the characters, take photos, and even get

autographs from their favorite fairy tale characters.

The show is produced by the Jacksonville Statue University drama department and Alpha Psi Omega, a national theater honors society.

The JSU chapter, or the Omicron Eta Cast, are a group of "talented and incredibly hard working individuals who fiercely represent the school's drama department," according to Jones. The members work hard to support the department and local theater scenes while "enriching the com-

munity through the art of theater".

APO produces a mainstage show each year. The show is directed and designed entirely by students and APO members. This gives the students and members an "immense amount of responsibility," said Jones.

"From direction, to acting, to design, and even technical direction, everything about this show was produced by students," Jones said. "That's what makes this a super exciting and rewarding experience!"



JSU Drama Department

"Dorothy Meets Alice" costume designer Megan Wise fits Ebony Antoine, who plays the Wicked Witch of the West, for her costume. Both Wise and Antoine are seniors at JSU.

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themselves, others and the rest of creation can be restored. Ben McLeish, director of St. Roch CDC says we should give our life toward the renewal and restoration of our communities: that means our labor, our influence, our Finances and our experience."

Spring Break in New Orleans was an eye opening and humbling experience for these nine students and their mentors.

"I think the best part of the trip was getting to bond with other people in my campus ministry," said Jay Dial, a member of RUF. "A lot of us only see each other once a week at most, and we don't get a chance to interact with everybody all the time. I really enjoyed being able to get to know people and make some friends."

The well-known Smashmouth song "Allstar" was played numerous times during the trip and became a running joke within the group of students. One lyric-- "You'll never know if you don't go"--summed up students'

experiences.

"I enjoyed the trip because of the people that went with me," said Katie Peyton, another RUF member. "Our group worked together well and had a lot of fun."

"Working for and with St. Roch Community Church in New Orleans has changed the way I view helping others," added Molly Cash. "Getting to be in a low-income community and seeing the work that can be done through people's time, love and commitment has made me realize material and monetary gifts are not always the best way of helping others. St. Roch has changed the way I view my church and our outreach into the community around us. It's helped me to be sure my help is not actually hurting others or enabling them to live a life dependent on others. It's made me re-think my approach to nearly every aspect of outreach and missions work, and I believe that change is for the better!"

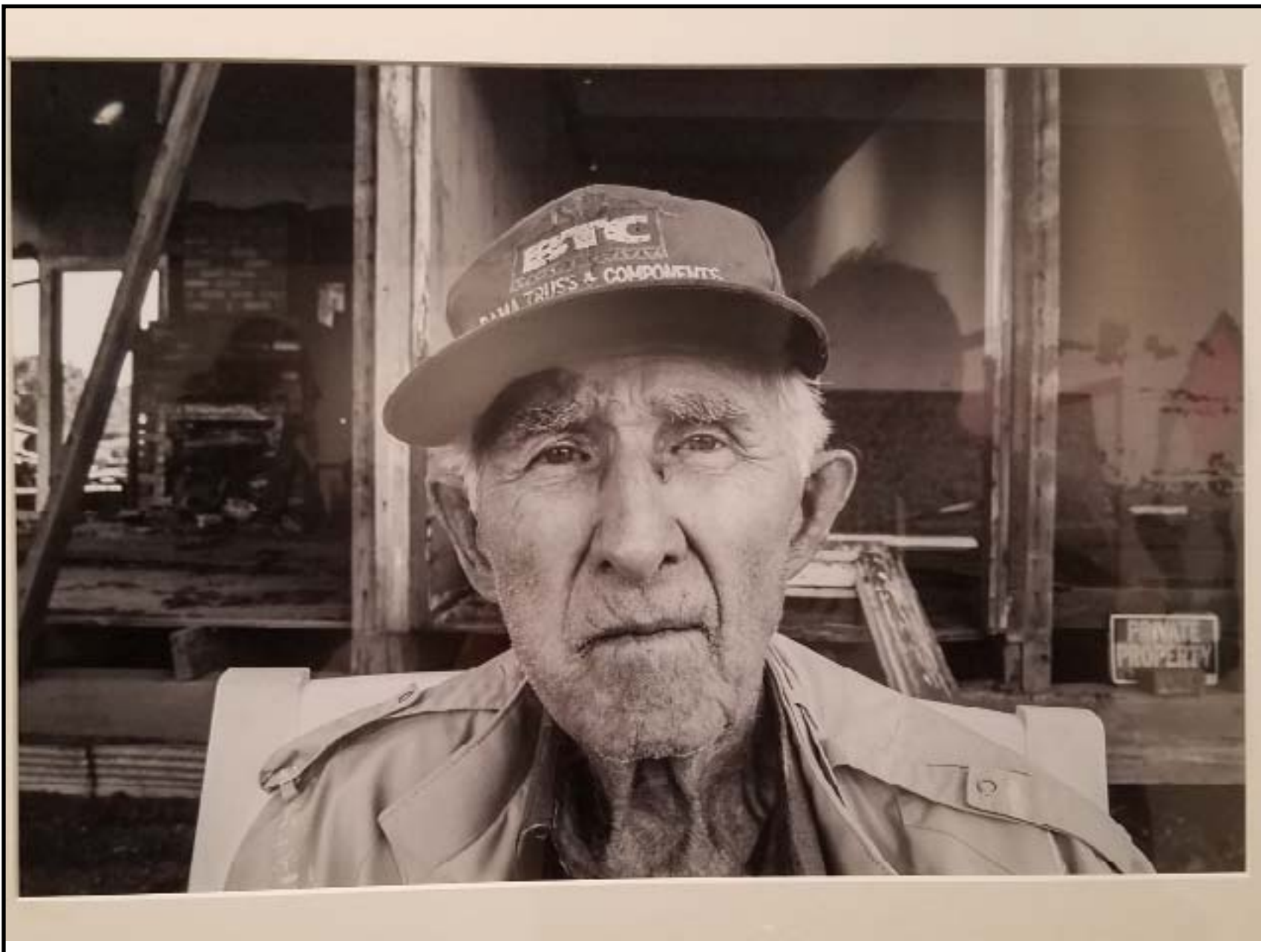


Katie Peyton/Facebook

Claire Stover and Katie Peyton smile in front of St. Roch Community Church.

RUF meets Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in Merrill Hall room 101. The group's motto is "a rest stop for tired Christians and a safe place for skeptics." RUF's next trip will be May 8-13 to Summer Conference, or "SuCo," in Panama City Beach.

STUDY BREAK



*“Time”
by Justin Turner*

About the Artist: Justin is a junior art major focusing on graphic design and photography. The picture above is a photo he took of his grandfather, Frank Turner Sr. Justin hopes to do more with photography in the future. To see more his pictures visit justinclayturner.com.

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03/17/17

Information Report
Paul Carpenter Village

03/19/17

Unlawful Breaking and Entering of
a Vehicle
Paul Carpenter Village

03/22/17

Automobile Accident
Meehan Hall Parking Lot

03/24/17

Unlawful Breaking and Entering a
Vehicle
Meehan Hall Parking Lot

03/26/17

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Meehan Hall Parking Lot



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CHICKEN SCRATCH



Your weekly dose of online humor!

As a girl who grew up with an annoying little sister, the most unrealistic thing about “Frozen” is how Elsa never tried to kill Anna on purpose.

You know what? I’m just gonna go ahead and say it. Boneless wings are just chicken nuggets.

Normal life: “I’ve been wearing the same shirt for a week.”

Packing for Vacation: “I’ll probably change 3x a day so 32 outfits should work.”

Me: Sorry, can’t go out tonight, I have so much to do. *takes quiz to see what kind of pizza I am*

Friend: Be ready I’m almost outside.

Me: *hasn’t even showered* *don’t even know what to wear* *lowkey forgot I even agreed to go out*

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Has anyone ever actually gotten salmonella from eating raw cookie dough or are people just trying to stop me from living my life?

I just ate what I thought was a feta cheese crumble from my salad off my shirt. Turns out it was deodorant. So how’s your day going?

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Hannah Ashford/ The Chanticleer

JSU Steel Band performs in the Performance Center of Stone Center on Tuesday night.

JSU presents Steel Band and Latin Ensemble in concert

Hannah Ashford
Staff Reporter

JSU's Latin Ensemble and Steel Band performed on Tuesday night at the Mason Hall Performance Center. The Latin Ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Andy Nevala and the steel band is under the direction of Dr. Tony McCutchen.

The Steel Band contains varying types of steel drums. These including tenors, double tenors, guitar pans and bass pans. The electric bass and drum set played by Ryan Grider and Colin James are in the ensemble as well.

The Steel Band has practiced for this concert since the beginning of the semester, but while preparing for other events alongside. The ensemble performed at the Black History Month concert in February. In addition, the group will also perform Thursday the 30th at Randall McDonald and DJ Hester's percussion recital.

The Latin Ensemble consisted of several percussionists, as well as other vital instruments. Matt Whitehead and Jared Triggs played trumpet while Devin Hale played the baritone saxophone, and Susana Rivas played the trombone.

Rivas says she loves the way that Latin

Jazz sounds.

"Playing Jazz is whole other world of music. The music written is not what makes Latin Jazz fun, it's the musicality that [a performer] puts behind it that makes it enjoyable," said Rivas.

The Latin Ensemble has performed several times this semester. This includes Jared Triggs's recital, Lincoln High School, and even at Brother's Bar in Jacksonville. They will also be performing on Friday, March 31st for the 6th annual Jazz Festival, featuring several other Jazz ensembles.

The concert started out with the Latin Ensemble playing El Shing-A-Ling by Poncho Sanchez followed by Guantanamera by Jose Fernandez. Several of the wind players and percussionists were featured in solos for these pieces. This included Benji Bess on piano and Danny Moore, Daniel Allen and Parker Niece on several different percussion instruments. They ended their portion of the program with So What by Miles Davis.

The Steel Band performed next. Their portion started off with the famous piece called, "William Tell" by Gioachino Rossini. They also played familiar pieces like "Knee Deep" by the Zac Brown Band. This was arranged by Kramer Smith, a tenor steel

drum player.

The Latin Ensemble and the Steel Band joined forces later in the program to create a combined and unique sound. The combined band played two songs, which included "Another Star" by Stevie Wonder and "Jungle Boogie" by Kool and the Gang.

The concert ended by the replaying "William Tell," but this time, it was slightly different. It was given more of a rock vibe by letting Colin James play the drum set. At the end of the piece, James played a fast and energetic drum solo. When he concluded, the audience erupted with cheers and gave a standing ovation.

The concert was a success. The musicians were happy with their performance. Kevin Geeter, a steel band performer, loves what he does and described it as, "It doesn't feel like another ensemble. It feels like I have time to relax and have fun doing something different than normal," said Geeter.

Other performers, like Shelby Hudgins love the freedom being in Steel Band provides.

The energy in the room was unimaginable and the audience agreed that it was an entertaining concert to watch. Both ensembles have performances left in the semester and all are encouraged to join.



Hannah Ashford/ The Chanticleer

JSU Latin Jazz performs in the Performance Center of Stone Center on Tuesday night.



DisneyMovies.net

Disney asks to “Be Our Guest” with live-action remake of “Beauty and the Beast”

Lauren Jackson
Staff Writer

A tale as old as time made great new strides in Box Office success following the March 17th release date of “Beauty and the Beast.” Director Bill Condon’s live-action “Beauty and the Beast” brought in \$170 million in the opening weekend alone according to Business Insider. With ratings such as 7.8 out of 10 stars on IMDB and 70% on Rotten Tomatoes, the film has proved to be a generally successful rendition of the Disney 1991 classic.

The 129-minute film features Emma Watson as Belle, and Dan Steven as the Beast. Other notable portrayals include Luke Evans as Gaston, and Josh Gad as LeFou.

The cast and screenwriters Stephen Chbosky and Evan Spiliotopoulos aimed to capture the beauty of the original film while providing a new twist.

Watson, in particular, was excited for the new “Beauty and the Beast” according to IMDB. She played a major role in the development of the film and even released her casting as Belle before it was official. Watson had previously turned down a role in “La La Land,” the same role that won Emma Stone an Oscar, according ABC7 New York.

ABC7 New York goes on to quote Watson, saying, “It was kind of a decision like I knew I really needed to really fully commit to make this movie what it needed to be. I love this

story, and I knew I had to do right by it.”

ABC7 New York goes on to say that Watson loved the movie as a child, watching it until her parents could not stand it any longer.

According to IMDB, there are three new musical scores to accompany the originals, additional lyrics in the original scores, added characters, and expanded characters to help create an original approach to the story.

The result was mostly praised such as the review of Sandie Angulo Chen with Common Sense Media. Chen said, “Watson is an ideal Belle in this wonderful remake that’s at once nostalgic and new, brining to life the music for kids and life-long adult fans.”

Despite the overall popularity, there are some complaints such as from Owen Gleiberman with Variety.com.

According to Gleiberman, “The new ‘Beauty and the Beast’ is a touching, eminently watchable, at times slightly awkward experience that justifies its existence yet never fully convinces you it’s a movie the world was waiting for.”

Locally, the movie was met with great enthusiasm. Joshua Lee, a JSU junior, enjoyed the movie, saying, “ I love Emma Watson as Belle, she basically became the Hermione Granger of the Disney universe, and the whole movie is just really good.”

The production of the film had a \$160 million budget according to Variety.com. Since the opening week, “Beauty and the Beast” has

brought in \$710.5 million globally according to Forbes.com. The movie has also remained the number one movie in the world for two weeks in a row according to the “Beauty and the Beast” official Facebook page. This coming weekend will help determine if it will last three weeks at the top.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL



I Love Basketball



Following JSU's run to the NCAA Tournament

Daniel Mayes
Staff Writer

I am a big fan of all sports and consume sports media at a somewhat-maybe-probably unhealthy level, but something about basketball sets it apart from the others for me. However, as a 5-foot-9-inch, unathletic student at Fyffe High School (yes, it is a real place), my basketball playing dreams led me to the frustrating experience of being just good enough to remain on the team but not quite good enough to crack the normal rotation. I stuck it out and remained on the team because I just loved being in a basketball gym everyday. Plus, I always told myself, all these long hours of practice, getting yelled at and suicide sprints will be worth it for those few games a year when my team was up by 20 in the fourth quarter (thanks Ider), and I would get to go in the game.

So, after I played (or didn't play in) my final high school game in Jacksonville State's own Pete Mathews Coliseum in the Regional Final, I was depressed. Not just the normal, my-team-lost-a-big-game-depressed, but basketball-is-over-and-I'll-never-get-to-do-this-again-depressed. Which is true. I'll never get a chance to be on a basketball team like that (barring an unforeseen late growth spurt of about a foot and a half). But, now that I'm in college at JSU, I've found a different way to remain around the game I love.

Coming in to my Freshman year at Jacksonville State, I had no idea what I wanted to study in college. I was the kid that always answered "Daniel Mayes, undecided" when we had to introduce ourselves on the first day of class and the professor would always be like "It's okay, you have time to decide." I really stressed over the decision to declare a major and I didn't have one until the very end of my freshman year. Sure, I could have just picked something



Photo Courtesy of Daniel Mayes/The Chanticleer

and changed it later, but I am the type of person that wants to be really positively sure about something before I commit to something. I knew all along that I wanted to do something with my life that would keep me in close contact with sports in some context but I just didn't know how I wanted to accomplish that. I've always had somewhat of a talent for writing (I think anyway), and being the huge sports-media nerd that I am, I began to look at sports journalism as a possible career path. I worried and debated and deliberated over the decision for a long time, but, finally, I decided on a major of communication with a concentration in digital journalism.

Not long after that, my friend Katie Cline was hired as the Editor-in-Chief of The Chanticleer. She asked me if I wanted to write for the newspaper and I agreed. In Fall 2016, I began writing sports stories for The Chanticleer. I covered football, soccer and volleyball games, but what I was looking forward to the most was covering basketball. I had been to a few men's basketball games during the 2015-16 season, but found it tough to get excited and invested in the program with the perpetual cycle of losing the team had been under for the past few years (the team finished 8-23 last season). I had heard great things about JSU's new coach, Ray Harper, and I had high hopes for the future of the Gamecock basketball program, but I had no idea the incredible

journey the 2016-17 Jacksonville State basketball season would take me on.

The Gamecocks started the season off with 16 of their first 17 games on the road, so I didn't get a chance to watch them much in person, but I caught them as much as I could whenever they were broadcast on TV or streamed online, and I could already tell I liked what I saw. The difference in attitude and intensity coach Harper had instilled in the team in such a short time since taking over the job was just amazing to me, and this was only reinforced when they finally returned to Pete Mathews Coliseum for some games. I was covering the games for The Chanticleer and because of that, I was issued a press pass and allowed to sit on press row for the games. I thought that was just ridiculously cool in and of itself. Growing up watching an absurd number of basketball games on TV, I always was envious of the people that had such access to the sport like that, and, now, here was ya boy Daniel Mayes, sitting there, getting to take games in up close and write about the sport I loved.

The Gamecocks continued to improve throughout the season, and finished out the regular season with a 17-14 record (9-7 OVC), good enough for a four seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, which JSU had not even qualified for since 2011-12. The Tournament was held in Nashville, and, after I was issued a credential, suddenly I

was off to cover the team's journey in the tourney. The Gamecocks opened with a win over Southeast Missouri State, but I was more in awe of the atmosphere of the whole event. I got to sit at the press table, write about the game and even attend the postgame press conference which was still just so ridiculously cool for me.

On the next night, the Gamecocks were slated to take on regular season OVC champs Belmont in the semifinals, and, prior to the game, not many, including carefully hopeful me, gave Jacksonville State much of a chance. Belmont had finished the season with a 15-1 record in the OVC and had beaten JSU fairly handily twice. However, just like for me, the basketball season was about making what seemed possible a reality for Jacksonville State, and they took down the Bruins. Despite my supposed journalistic impartiality, I found it really difficult to stop smiling as I sat in the press room after the game listening to coach Harper de-

scribe the victory.

In the finals, Jacksonville State took on UT Martin, and, despite some lead changes early, the Gamecocks took control late in the first half and cruised to their first OVC Championship and berth in "The Big Dance," the NCAA Tournament. As I stood on the court taking pictures as the players celebrated their victory, it did not even dawn on me yet that I might get to attend and sit at press row and cover an actual legit March Madness game.

However, (thanks to the driving of Chanticleer Sports Editor Tim Cash), I found myself in Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as the Gamecocks took on Louisville. In the NCAA Tournament. With nearly 20,000 people there. In a game that 2.4 million watched on TV because it was being broadcasted on actual CBS. Despite a 78-63 loss, I was extremely proud of Jacksonville State University. Despite being overmatched against a great Lou-

isville squad, they came out and played their hardest and even lead 8-0 to start off the game. After the game, as I sat in the bowels of the arena in the media workroom, I found myself feeling sad. Not a my-team-lost-a-big-game-sad, but basketball-is-over-but-thankfully-I'll-only-have-to-wait-until-next-year-to-do-this-again-sad.

The old saying is "Do what you love, and you'll never work another day in your life." I know I'm just starting out in my (hopefully long and successful) career in the field of sports journalism, but I don't see how the experiences I have been through in the past few months could ever possibly get old or boring or tedious. I'd like to thank JSU, the basketball team and The Chanticleer for turning what was just a mere pipe dream a few short weeks ago into a reality. I know it may not seem like a big deal to some people but, for someone like me, the journey I have just been on truly was a dream come true.

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SPORTS

Gamecock Side Bar

JSU's game against Louisville can be seen on CBS. The game is scheduled to start at 1:45 p.m. central time

Upcoming Gamecock Action

3/31
- Men's, Women's Tennis at Eastern Kentucky* 1 p.m. Richmond, Ky.

- **Baseball** at Murray State* 6 p.m. Murray, Ky.

4/1
- **Track and Field** at **Choccolocco Challenge** **Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.**

- Beach Volleyball vs. Austin Peay* 8:30 a.m. vs. LSU 4 p.m. Atlanta, Ga.

- **Softball** vs. **Murray State** **University Field** 1 p.m.

- Baseball at Murray State* 2 p.m. Murray, Ky.

4/2
- Beach Volleyball vs. Lincoln Memorial 11:30 a.m. vs. Georgia State 6 p.m. Atlanta, Ga.

- Baseball at Murray State* 1 p.m. Murray, Ky.

4/4
- Women's Tennis at Birmingham-Southern 4 p.m. Birmingham, Ala.

- **Baseball** vs. **UAB** **Choccolocco Park, Oxford, Ala.** 6 p.m.

- Softball at UAB 6 p.m. Birmingham, Ala.

4/5
- Baseball at UAB 6:30 p.m. Birmingham, Ala.

4/6
- Men's Tennis at Tennessee Tech* 1 p.m. Cookeville, Tenn.

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School	OVC	O/R
Tennessee Tech	9-0	20-7
Morehead State	8-1	18-6
Murray State	5-4	14-10
Belmont	5-4	10-14
SIUE	4-5	13-10
SEMO	4-5	1-10
Austin Peay	4-5	11-12
Jacksonville State	2-4	12-10
Eastern Illinois	2-4	4-19
Eastern Kentucky	1-5	14-12
UT Martin	1-8	9-12

OVC Softball

School	OVC	O/R
SIUE	3-1	25-6
UT Martin	3-1	23-8
Jacksonville State	3-1	22-9
Eastern Illinois	3-1	17-15
Murray State	2-1	25-9
Eastern Kentucky	2-1	13-17
Belmont	2-2	25-8
Morehead State	2-2	19-9
Tennessee Tech	2-2	9-19
Austin Peay	1-3	11-17
SEMO	0-4	15-14
Tennessee State	0-4	8-19

Standings do not reflect games play on Wednesday of after

Men's tennis improve tp 2-0 in OVC

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team snagged its second Ohio Valley Conference victory of the season Saturday with a 5-2 win over Austin Peay on the road.

The Gamecocks improved

to 2-0 in conference play and extended their winning streak to three matches.

JSU took the doubles point and four of the six singles points over the Govs. Pablo Caffarena, Mathias Chaim, Polo Cucalon and Guillermo Agost were each

victorious in the singles flight, while Caffarena, Andres Gomez, Jaryd Reese and Austin McCormick combined to take doubles.

Jacksonville State returns to action today at 1 p.m. at Eastern Kentucky

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Pico leads men's golf to second place

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Junior Daniel Pico fired a 68 in Sunday's final round to claim medalist honors and guide the Jacksonville State men's golf team to a second-place finish at the Florida Atlantic Slomin Autism Invite.

Pico, a native of Bucaramanga, Colombia, notched his first career victory by edging UCF's Manuel Elvira by one shot in the 54-hole tournament.

Pico rounded out the three-day event with a 7-under 209 on the par-72, 6,523-yard layout at The Squire Course at PGA National.

The Gamecocks had their best day as a team in the tournament on Sunday, shooting the lowest score of any team during the event in the form of a 4-under 284.

It put the finishing touches on a 54-hole 874, while UCF won the 13-team event with an 867.

It marks the seventh-straight top-five finish for the Gamecocks this season.

Pico entered the tournament without a collegiate round in the 60s and turned in two over the three rounds to win the 74-player tournament.

He opened the event with a 69 on Friday before an even par 72 on Saturday set the stage for his low round on Sunday.

That career low round featured a stretch of eight holes that he played at minus-6, thanks to his second eagle in as many days on the par-5 first hole.

A string of three-straight birdies on holes 15-17 and another on No. 4 set the stage for his round.

Senior Jamie Mist tied for 18th in the event after a final-round 74 capped a 54-hole 223.

Senior's Camilo Aguado and Bo Hayes tied for 30th with three-day

scores of 227. Aguado shot 73 on Sunday, While Hayes carded a 75.

Senior Pablo Torres had a big bounce-back round of 69 on Sunday, rallying after struggling on Saturday.

Four birdies for the Bogota, Colombia, native on Sunday finished a 228 that saw him climb 25 spots in 24 hours to tie for 36th.

The Gamecocks have just one tournament remaining before the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

They will play in the Gary Koch Invitational on April 10-11 at the Gaston Country Club in Gaston, N.C.

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Rain cuts track and field meet short

MONTEVALLO – The Jacksonville State Track and Field team saw their time at Saturday's Falcon Invitational cut short due to inclement weather.

Prior to later events being canceled, the Gamecocks had highlighting performances on the track and in the field with short distance and throwing events.

Kayla Thompson won the 100-meter dash with a season-best time of 12.13, breaking the previous Falcon Invitational meet record of 12.29.

She later turned in the top time of 24.77 in the 200-meter dash, again breaking the old meet record.

However the event was not finalized due to

the premature conclusion of the meet as storms moved into the area.

Courtney Bennet took the hammer throw title with a career-best effort of 166 feet 6 inches, breaking the old meet record (144 feet 1 inch) by more than twenty feet.

Kelsey Walling tied her career-best with a leap of 10 feet 6 inches to earn the runner-up finish in the pole vault.

The Gamecock duo of Selena Tarvin and Baylee Porch finished fourth and fifth respectively in the heptathlon as each recorded career-best efforts of 4065 and 4022 points respectively.

"I wish we could have gotten the entire meet in,

but the welfare and safety of the student-athletes and the fans must always come first, so, it is what it is," JSU head coach Steve Ray said.

"There'll be other days and other meets, we'll get them in.

It was a little drawn out and stressful situation in some of the events, but all in all I suppose we can be excited about what we did get accomplished this weekend".

Next up for the Gamecocks will be another home meet on Saturday, April 1 at the Choccolocco Challenge in Oxford, Ala.

Hammer throw begins at 10 a.m. with the remaining events scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

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Gamecocks fall short in matchup against Eckerd

Hannah Grant
Staff Reporter

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – The Jacksonville State beach volleyball team completed their "Battle on the Bay" tournament falling 5o host Eckerd College 4-1 on Saturday.

The Gamecocks fought hard to the finish, having one of the best day's in programs history, cutting it short a couple of sets of defeating the Tritons in the day's finale at Northshore Beach.

Junior duo started the day Hannah Kirk and Charis Ludtke took over the No. 2 position with a 21-17 and 21- 19 sweep.

Three pair Maddie Cloutier and Sadie Anderson shook the crowd with a close rally before trailing at the end.

Meanwhile, Ekred College took a 21-12 defeat by sophomore pair Jae-Lynn Visscher and Katie Will. The duo eventually came up short to EC's 21-16 15-11

victories.

Visscher and Will left a big impression within the venue as the combination faced 16-ranked Florida International.

The pair took the Panthers into extra points in a winner-take-all third game.

The Gamecocks won 21-18 in game one only to give up the second.

The Finale was a point-for-point matchup with FIU ending in a Gamecock 17-15 defeat.

In the remaining duals, Hailey Hughes remained partnered with Shayla Schmidt at the fourth position, while Mackenzie Rombach slid back into the fifth spot for both of Saturday's matches alongside Ashley Clingan.

The Gamecocks make the trek back home after a 10-day, 13-match journey through the Sunshine State during spring break.

JSU will travel next to Atlanta, Ga., April 1 and 2 to compete in Georgia State's Diggins' Duals Tournament.

Football prepares for spring's J-Day game

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State football team returned to its spring practice schedule Tuesday morning following a week off for spring break.

The Gamecocks were greeted at Burgess-Snow Field with overcast skies that provided a cool practice on the turf.

Tuesday's practice was the seventh of the spring, pulling the JSU squad within eight more practices of J-Day.

J-Day marks the final of three scrimmages and is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 13.

Admission to the spring finale is free,

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Back to back OVC losses for Women's Tennis

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – The Jacksonville State women's tennis team dropped back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference matches on the road Friday and Saturday at Murray State and Austin Peay, falling 5-2 and 6-1, respectively.

Diana Monslave and Alba Conejero each earned individual victories over the Racers, but the pair of points were not enough to fend off a strong showing by the home team.

Murray State picked up the doubles point and took four of the single flight's possible six points.

Austin Peay got the best of Jacksonville State the following afternoon in Clarksville, Tenn.

Conejero found her way into the winner's column for the second day in a row with a 6-1, 6-0 defeat of the Govs' Helena Kuppig, but it would be the only point the Gamecocks could muster in the five-point defeat.

The Gamecocks' lineup was at full strength for the first time since February.

Since competing in the Alabama State Invitational in February, JSU had not fielded a full lineup of six.

Jacksonville State returns to action today at 1 p.m. at Eastern Kentucky.

It is the third of a six-match road stint.

The Gamecocks return home April 14 to take on Belmont at 9 a.m.

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JSU's Pico wins OVC Golfer of the Week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – For the second-straight week, and the third time in five weeks, the Adidas Ohio Valley Conference Male Golfer of the Week is from Jacksonville State.

Junior Daniel Pico was named the latest winner of the league's weekly award on Wednesday, fresh off of his medalist finish at the Florida Atlantic Slomin Autism Invite on Sunday.

He wins the award a week after senior Camilo Aguado and five weeks after senior Jamie Mist.

Pico, a native of Bucaramanga, Colombia, notched his first career victory by edging UCF's Manuel Elvira by one shot in the 54-hole tournament.

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Valentina leads women's golf at Morehead State's Spring Citrus Classic

SORRENTO, Fla. – The Jacksonville State women's golf team closed the Morehead State Spring Citrus Classic with a 308 on Tuesday and finished seventh.

The Gamecocks were led by sophomore Valentina Giraldo, who shot a final-round 73 on the par-72 Red-Tail Golf Club to turn in the lowest score of all Gamecocks for the third-straight day.

The Ibague, Colombia, native finished third in the 85-player field, leading JSU to the seventh-place spot on 14-team leaderboard.

Murray State won the 54-hole team event with an 892, just ahead of second-place Florida Gulf Coast.

The Gamecocks finished one shot behind Akron in sixth and one ahead of eighth-place Marshall.

Giraldo, posted her second 73 in three rounds on Tuesday and sandwiched a Monday 72 between them.

She wrapped up the three-day tournament with a score of 218.

Freshman Pia Ohlenbusch finished 15th for JSU, thanks to a 54-hole score of 225.

She shot her best score of the tournament on Tuesday, a 2-over 74 that followed a Sunday 75 and a Monday 76.

Sophomore Paula Vega tied for 40th with a 235 after a final-round 83, while freshman Layne Dyar shot a 78 on Tuesday to cap a 243 and tie for 59th.

Senior Angie Varona wrapped up JSU's lineup in a tie for 63rd after a final-round 83.

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Gamecocks handle business against SEMO

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

The Gamecocks took care of SEMO in a sweep doubleheader on Sunday.

The skies were cloudy and the day was warm at University Field Sunday when Southeast Missouri came to town.

The Gamecocks were on just their second set of OVC Conference matchups but boasting a 19-9 overall record.

Three Gamecocks scored runs en route to the 3-1 victory in the first game.

Jamie McGuire was 2-for-2 and had a home-run in the fourth inning that gave the Gamecocks their final run.

Taylor Sloan was 2-for-3 and Anna Chisolm was 1-for-2.

Both she and Leila Chamber contributed to the final score with one run apiece.

Chisolm opened the bottom of the first with a triple that put her on

third.

After Cadi Oliver grounded out and Alexus Jimmerson went out at first, Chisolm headed home to put the Gamecocks ahead by one.

The Gamecocks second run came at the bottom of the second.

With bases loaded McGuire singled and sent Chambers home for her first and only run of the game.

The Gamecocks' and SEMO went scoreless in the third inning, but at the bottom of the fourth the Gamecocks sealed the deal with their last run.

McGuire homered to center and took it home for the Gamecocks.

Three scoreless innings later and the Gamecocks took their second conference victory and readied for their evening rematch.

SEMO came prepared for game two.

The Gamecocks scored four early in the first two innings and opened it up to score

five in the fifth inning.

While SEMO managed five runs, three in the final inning, it was too little too late and the Gamecocks ultimately took the game and the sweep 9-5.

Eight different Gamecocks scored runs including Stephanie Lewis who was at bat four times and had two runs and two hits.

Sloan was 2-for-4 and Chambers was 2-for-3.

Between the three pitchers for the Gamecocks they had five strikeouts.

The Gamecocks started their scoring early in the bottom of the first with a Jimmerson run that was helped by McGuire's single and Lewis' double.

After Sloan singled on the next pitch, both Lewis and McGuire ran home and put the Gamecocks ahead 3-1.

SEMO scored their first run of the day of a homer at the top of the

second.

The Gamecocks answered in the bottom with a homer by Chisolm that gave the Gamecocks a 4-1 lead.

The third and fourth innings were scoreless for both teams but then the fifth came around. SEMO managed their second run in the top but it was the bottom inning that impressed.

Torre Roberts sat on second after a Lewis single. When Sloan tripled the next pitch, both Lewis and Roberts ran for home and put the Gamecocks up 6-4.

Sloan, Hayley Sims and Chambers scored consecutively to give the Gamecocks their nine for the game.

SEMO managed three more on a home run in the top of the seventh, but it was done.

The Gamecocks swept the series at home.

They will play Murray State in their next OVC series on April 1.

Baseball wins two against SIU

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

Carbondale, Ill - The Jacksonville State Baseball team won a weekend series two games to one over Southern Illinois in Carbondale, Ill.

The Gamecocks took the first game 8-6 on Friday before the Salukis rallied to steal game two by a score of 5-4 to even up the series.

With the series tied at a game apiece, Jacksonville State shutout Southern in Itchy Jones Stadium, claiming victory in the game and the series by a score of 7-0.

The Gamecocks used a stellar pitching performance from Joe McGuire and the hot bat of Trent Simpson to blank SIU in the final game.

McGuire, who was named Co-OVC Pitcher of the Week, pitched seven innings, only al-

lowed two hits on 24 plate appearances and striking out five.

Before McGuire saw the mound on Sunday, the Gamecocks already possessed a 3-0 lead thanks to a three-run homer by Simpson in the top of the first inning.

Simpson, who added two more RBIs with a double in the fourth to increase the Gamecock lead to 5-0, had a hot bat all series against the Salukis, finishing with two home runs and eight RBIs on the weekend.

A single from Nic Gaddis in the fifth brought two more Gamecocks home and finished out the scoring for the day.

In the initial game, the two teams played to a scoreless tie until the bottom of the fifth inning, when JSU pitcher walked in SIU's Ryan Sabo to allow the Salu-

kis to tally the first run of the series.

The Gamecocks quickly answered back in the sixth when junior Taylor Hawthorne tripled to right field, scoring Nolan Greckel.

After holding SIU scoreless in the sixth, the Gamecock bats were on fire in the seventh.

With the bases loaded, McGuire hit a ground rule double to get the scoring in the inning started off, and Simpson blasted a three-run homer to make it a clean seven runs in the seventh inning.

JSU held an 8-1 advantage, but were unable to get anymore offense going throughout the contest.

An SIU homer in the bottom of the ninth cut the margin to 8-6, but the Gamecocks were able to fend off the Saluki comeback attempt

and took the game by the same score.

In the second game, SIU held a 2-0 lead before another big seventh inning for JSU saw the Gamecocks take a 4-2 lead off of RBIs from Greckel, Hayden White, Andrew Naismith and Chase Robinson.

Once again, the Gamecocks were unable to drive home anymore runs, and an SIU run in the bottom of the seventh followed by two more in the eighth led the Salukis to the 5-4 win.

After the series, Jacksonville State's record now stands at 12-10. The Gamecocks will be in action again with another road weekend series, this time against conference foe Murray State.

The first game will be Friday at 6 p.m. in Murray, KY.



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