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## inTHE NEWS

### Pottery Sale

The JSU Potters Guild's annual pottery holiday sale will be Thursday, November 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the Quad

### Third Thursday Workshop

Career Services is hosting this month's Third Thursday workshop on professionalism and work ethic. The workshop will be Thursday, November 16 from 1-2 p.m. in room 10B of the library.

### Pink by Libby Rowe lecture and exhibition

Guest artist Libby Rowe, a professor of photography at the University of Texas San Antonio, will discuss her work "Pink" and the social definitions of "feminine," "womanhood" and "equality" in a lecture from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, November 16 in the Anders Hall Roundhouse. The lecture will be followed by a closing reception for "Pink" in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery from 5-7 p.m.

### International Movie Night

Join the students of the International House for a movie night on Thursday, November 16 from 8-11 p.m. at the International House. All JSU students are invited to attend.



## Gamecocks hold off UT Martin for fourth consecutive OVC title

Timothy Cash  
Sports Editor

No 2 Jacksonville State claimed their fourth-straight Ohio Valley Conference championship Saturday, squeaking by UT Martin 14-7.

The Gamecocks also extended their OVC-win streak to 31, and picked up the OVC's automatic FCS playoff birth.

"I'm proud of this team for getting us right where we want to be at the end of the season," head coach John Grass said after the game.

"Proud of all the guys who've come before them to make this four in a row happen.

It's pretty special when you look back at it. But right now, we don't have time to look back at it - we have to get ready for Tennessee State."

Jacksonville State's (9-1, 7-0) ground game punched in two first half touchdowns via Roc Thomas, while the Gamecocks defense limited UT Martin to only 83 offensive yards.

However, the Gamecocks had to fight off a second-half resurgence by UTM to secure the win.

Linebacker Joseph Roberts secured the win for JSU when he landed on a fumble by Skyhawks' quarterback Dresser Winn with 1:09 remaining in the contest.

"It's a great win on the road. We knew it was going to be tough coming up here," Grass said.

"We didn't make enough plays to get the ball in the end zone. A few scores were left out there

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Photos by Matt Reynolds/JSU

**TOP:** The Gamecocks celebrate their fourth consecutive OVC National Championship title in the locker room following their 14-7 win over UT Martin on Saturday, November 11.

**ABOVE:** Defensive end Darius Jackson (40) gets a moment with the 2017 OVC National Championship trophy. Jackson has started in all four of JSU's winning seasons after sitting out the 2013 season as a redshirt.

**BELOW:** JSU Athletic Director Greg Seitz (left) presents Coach John Grass (right) with the 2017 OVC Championship trophy after the Gamecocks' win over UT Martin.



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# Chilean Chef brings flavors of Chile to the Caf

**Brannon Cahela**  
Staff Writer

JSU students and faculty were treated to a unique dining experience on Friday, November 10 at Jack Hopper Dining Hall. In addition to the typical fare served at the Caf, students were granted the opportunity to sample a variety of Chilean dishes prepared by acclaimed Chef Mauricio Alejandro Arteaga Campos.

Chef Mauricio paid a visit to the JSU

dining hall as part of Sodexo's Global Chef program, sharing his Chilean cuisine with America. This tour allows people to experience the flavors of Chilean cuisine, which is unfamiliar to many American palates.

"Every day we try to provide diners with a unique experience," Said Chef Mauricio. "Food is experience. Although our food is simply prepared, we prepare it with love and we believe the end result reflects that."

There were many staple dishes of Chilean cuisine available including a skewer with chicken, pork and peppers; chicken cooked in Cognac; barley risotto with onion and tomato and a salad with shredded beef and caramelized onions.

Chilean cuisine is simply prepared with fresh, quality ingredients and stems from many Spanish influences. Chile has a diverse agricultural climate, making many

fresh fruits and vegetables essential in Chilean cuisine.

For more than 20 years, Chef Mauricio has delighted thousands of Sodexo guests with his culinary specialties. He has served more than 3,100 guests per day at the historic Banco de Chile in Santiago and more than 7,000 daily meals as Executive Chef at Minera Escondido, the world's largest copper producing mine in the northern Chilean city of Antofa-

gasta.

Chef Mauricio's interest in cooking began as a child, when he saw his father cooking with wood and flame. His interest then developed farther as he became more classically trained.

After studying International Technical Gastronomy at El Instituto de Capacitacion Profesional de Chile, Chef Mauricio trained at Hotel Carrera in Santiago. He then joined the culinary teams at Paseo

San Damian Mexican Restaurant, Restaurant Branigo Gourmet Pub, and Hotel Hyatt, and catered kosher food events for more than 12 years.

"It has been an amazing experience to be able to share the food of my country with the people of America. It is so awesome when people come to me and tell me how delicious my food was and how much it meant to them to try Chilean cuisine," Chef Mauricio said.

# JSU Greek community strives for hazing-free campus

**JSU Newswire**

With hazing incidents on college campuses making headlines across the nation this fall, JSU's Greek community has been working proactively to ensure the university remains a safe place for students to enjoy fraternity and sorority life.

In September, the Dean of Students Office presented National Hazing Prevention Week. Dr. Lori Hart, a hazing prevention and risk reduction expert, visited campus and led nearly 600 students in a discussion that viewed hazing through many different lenses and challenged students to be better brothers/sisters.

"Dr. Hart gave us great examples of issues facing fraternity and sorority life and demonstrated how clear communication, simple solutions and non-complacent leaders give us the edge in mak-

ing fraternity and sorority life successful at JSU," said Kyle Burt, Interfraternity Council President.

The JSU student handbook defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created - recklessly or intentionally - to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, ridicule, or possibly cause mental or physical harm or injury to any person on or off the university campus." Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense. In fact, allowing oneself to be hazed is a violation of university policy.

Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to the following:

- \*Tests of endurance
- \*Physical abuse
- \*Psychological abuse
- \*Morally degrading or humiliating activities
- \*Forced ingestion of any substance
- \*Forced attire expecta-

tions that do not apply to the entire chapter

\*Activities that interfere with academic pursuits

\*Paddling in any form

\*Use of alcohol

\*Servitude

Hazing is typically associated with membership selection and initiation into an organization. It is possible for hazing to occur before, during, and after membership selection and initiation. No chapter, colony, student or alumnus may conduct or condone hazing activities.

For more information, contact Josh Robinson, assistant dean of students, at 256-782-8492 or jrobinson6@jsu.edu.

*\*This article first appeared on JSU's website on Monday, November 6. Jacksonville State University takes hazing very seriously. Report any instances of hazing to the Office of Student Life.\**



Alpha Xi Delta at JSU/Facebook

Members of Alpha Xi Delta at JSU participate in an anti-hazing campaign in September 2015. Their hands read, "We don't need hazing to be 'amaXing'," with a play on the Greek letter "Xi."

# Tuesday Talk spotlights Arts and Humanities

**Nick Adrian**  
Staff Writer

JSU held another session of Tuesday Talks meeting on November 14, this time catering to the School of Arts and Humanities. Students who were interested in Drama, English, or Art were invited to come out and learn what it takes to be successful in those fields. The speakers at the panel were made up of three JSU alumni ready to give their stories and talk about where they are in the field today.

The panelists were as follows: Mrs. Laura Wheale, a 2010 graduate with a B.A. in Drama who is the founder and owner of

Wheale Law Group in Atlanta and an experienced actress, having appeared in Clint Eastwood's Sully and Ang Lee's Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk in 2016; Mrs. Gena Christopher, a 1979 graduate with a B.A. in English who is now the Director of Faculty Commons at JSU and Mr. Mark du Pont, a 2013 graduate with a B.A. in Photography who is now the Scholarships Coordinator at JSU as well as the official photographer for the Marching Southerners.

A big theme of the conversation encouraged students to follow their dreams and do what they love, something that occurred to

the panelists during their schooling.

Wheale came to JSU on a tennis scholarship and initially considered majoring in Biology until deciding it was not for her. After being advised to simply do what she loved to do, she changed her major to Drama. After graduating, she went on to Cumberland School of Law, but soon started to miss her true love: acting. She began auditioning and landed roles in Lee and Eastwood's films. Billy Lynn was her first onscreen acting role and she was initially nervous, worrying that since she was new, she might not be good enough to be cast.

"When I look back

on it," Wheale recalled, "I just said, 'You're there for a reason.' You know, you get hired for a reason. That's acting; that's whatever you want to go into."

Wheale was honored as the JSU's 2017 Young Alum of the Year at the homecoming game in October.

Christopher, like Wheale, had a change of heart. Christopher was set on being a doctor ever since she was a little girl, even being offered a full ride to Emory University, but she realized it was not for her.

"Somebody told me the other day, they said, 'Man plans and God laughs,'" Christopher joked as she talked about opting to attend

JSU for a year until she figured out what she truly wanted to do.

After a short stint as a Math major, a few of her English teachers told her she should consider their field, claiming that it fit her personality. She first started as a high school teacher eventually gravitating back to JSU to teach English.

"I truly believe I got the job teaching at JSU because the people I knew from the past knew that whatever it was that I was going to do, I would work really hard," she said, claiming her work ethic and punctuality did not hurt.

Du Pont had originally gotten a job as a telephone operator at a

young age and gradually moved higher and higher in the business. He dropped out of JSU to pursue his job, but eventually decided to re-enroll in 2008 and focus on his first love: photography. While he loves working as the Scholarship Coordinator at JSU, being able to photograph the Southerners as well as working on his own photography is his real passion: "Make yourself happy," was his simple yet effective advice.

Wheale ended the talk by saying, "Follow your passion and make it your own dream," which is truly sound advice for anyone, no matter what career they are pursuing.



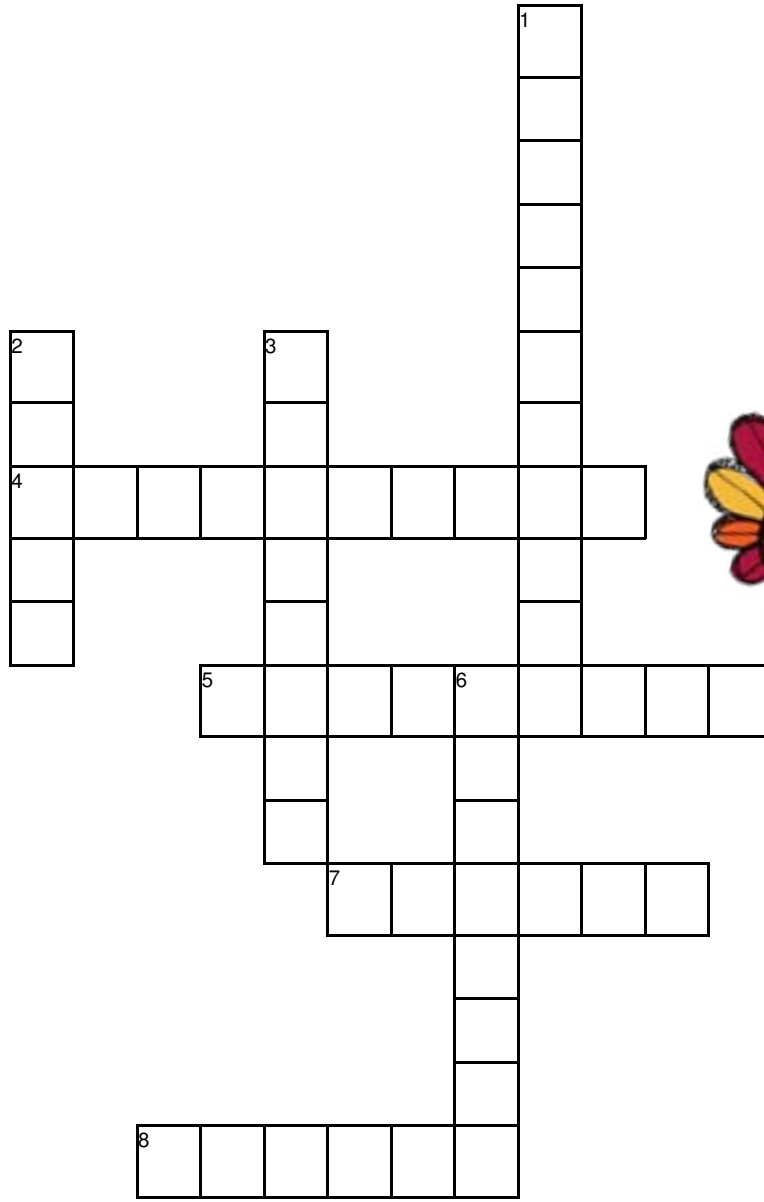


# STUDY BREAK



## Campus Crossword Turkey Edition! Week 11

Happy Thanksgiving!



**Across**

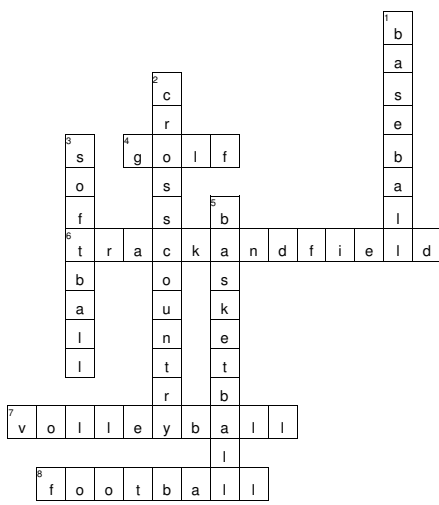
- 4. A cone shaped item filled with food, usually a centerpiece
- 5. This is how much Guinness Book of World Records says the fattest turkey weighed
- 7. The President traditionally issues this to two turkeys on Thanksgiving
- 8. Traditionally the bird of choice for dinner on Thanksgiving

**Down**

- 1. The shopping day that falls on the day after Thanksgiving
- 2. This department store is known for their Thanksgiving Day parade
- 3. A favorite food that is usually "stuffed" into the turkey
- 6. Thanksgiving falls on the fourth this of the month

Editor's Hint: Google is your friend everyone!

**JSU Sports**



**Across**

- 4. Fore!!!
- 6. Sprints, hurdles, pole vaults, discus, shot put, hammerthrow!
- 7. Set, bump, spike!
- 8. Played with a pigskin, currently on a 30-game OVC win streak

**Down**

- 1. Played with a small white ball, homerun!
- 2. Run, run, run offered for men and women
- 3. Played with a slightly smaller highlighter green or yellow ball, homerun!
- 5. Played with a large orange ball, offered for men and women

Last Week's Solution!

From all the editors and staff at the Chanticleer, we want to wish our readers a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



# THIS MAYES IS THANKFUL!



Thanksgiving Puns from the collection of:  
Staff Writer Daniel Mayes #shootpunsnotguns



They're called Dinosaurs, but if they were still around they would have to be called Live-nosaurs.

She is a brunette and so is her mom. She must have in-hair-ited that color.

Superman and Batman run a sno-cone stand called Just-ice League.

Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis run a hardware store where they have a promotion sometimes when customers can duplicate keys at no cost. They call it Free-Key Friday.



# COAST-TO-COAST



Rocco Fazzari/International Consortium of Investigative Journalists

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) released information, dubbed the “Paradise Papers” revealing that many high-profile people and businesses, including members of the Trump Administration and Apple, may be avoiding tax payments.

## Paradise Lost: the House tax plan in the shadow of the Paradise Papers

**JoAnna Mitchell**  
Staff Reporter

Recently, a cooperative effort involving over 380 investigative journalists worldwide uncovered an expansive trove of documents exposing how the wealthiest people in the world, alongside large multi-national corporations, manage to avoid paying taxes on their vast collections of wealth. The papers, dubbed the Paradise Papers, show how the elite maneuver their finances and store obscene amounts of money in offshore accounts in order to dance around paying taxes that should be going back to benefit the

communities they profit from.

Many large international companies such as Nike and Apple, have been exposed as tax dodgers, as well as members of President Donald J. Trump’s administration. The administration has been pushing Trump’s new tax plan, claiming that it will help working class citizens and “make America great again.” This new tax plan will, in fact, cut taxes to the wealthiest, including many members of the Trump administration, and potentially Trump himself.

According to the New York Times, the plan “will deliver a significant tax cut

for corporations.” The bill favors businesses over the citizens of the United States, with \$1 trillion in cuts going to corporations, over two-thirds of the total. The plan also proposes a permanent 15% tax cut for businesses, bringing them from 35% to 20%. This change is estimated to reduce federal revenue by \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years.

To make up for the loss of revenue from the business cuts and those to the wealthier citizens, lawmakers want to repeal tax breaks for things like medical expenses, moving expenses, student loan interest and adoption. The bill

also proposes to cut Medicaid and Social Security to help recover lost revenue from corporate tax cuts.

According to the Washington Post, “Mr. Trump, in particular, might benefit from the elimination of the alternative minimum tax (AMT), which prevents taxpayers from using deductions and loopholes to avoid paying at least a minimum amount to the federal government.”

According to CNBC, a recently amended version of the plan would “effectively repeal the Obamacare individual mandate, which requires most Americans to have health

insurance or pay a penalty. Senators say doing so will save more than \$300 billion to give Republicans more budget flexibility. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that it will lead to 13 million more people uninsured by 2027 and increase average Obamacare premiums.”

The New York Times states that the bill “repeals certain tax credits, including a 15 percent credit for individuals aged 65 or over or who are retired on disability. Right now, those individuals can claim up to \$7,500 for a joint return, \$5,000 for a single individual, or \$3,750 for a married individual

filing a joint return.”

This would see a tax decrease for 76% of American families, but it would increase taxes on a large portion of middle class Americans. While some within the socio-economic class will see some modest cuts, many will see an increase, while they lose tax breaks that cushion some larger expenditures.

In a nation with a shrinking middle-class and growing income inequality, ultra-rich individuals and corporations are receiving cuts that will allow them to gain more wealth while the meat of the American populace will shoulder the burden.



Fox News



Alastair Grant/AP

Over a dozen of President Trump’s advisers, Cabinet members and major donors were implicated in the Paradise Papers, including the Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross (above left). Other high-profile people were reported to have offshore accounts, including Queen Elizabeth II (above right) and pop singers Madonna and Bono.





# OPINION & EDITORIAL



## Pictures on the Mantle: Memories of Thanksgiving

**Rebekah Hawkins**  
*Associate Editor*

There's a lot of argument as to whether or not we transition too fast between Halloween and Christmas.

And to be fair, there's some merit in those statements. When Halloween has barely ended and I'm already hearing "Holly, Jolly Christmas" on the radio, or seeing Christmas trees gracing the Garden Center in Wal Mart, maybe it IS too early for all that.

Personally, I'm one of those people that starts planning for Christmas when Halloween ends. I spend all of October planning a perfect Halloween, then when November starts you might as well call me St. Nick and dress me all in red because I am ready for Christmas.

I love the trees and the lights and the decorations. I love the corny Christmas music and cheesy Christmas specials. I love the movies and the caroling. All of it. And I aim to start it as soon as possible so I can enjoy it longer. But sometimes I do wonder if I'm forgetting about Thanksgiving.

Sometimes when I look deep into my childhood memories I can't remember a lot of Thanksgivings. They seem like a blur that turns into Christmas. I see a lot of pictures from Christmases past, but we don't often take pictures on Thanksgiving. It's mostly just a, "Hi, how are you? Haven't seen you all year. Oh yay food! Okay, bye. See you in a month at Christmas."

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two of the only days of the year that I see all of my family. I see my grandparents on my dad's side more because they live right around the corner from me, but the rest of my family, on both sides, I'm lucky if I see more than just those two designated days in the winter.



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Hawkins

**Rebekah's grandfather Jack Norton who died November 1, 2014.**

It's sad isn't it?

I was always taught that Thanksgiving was a time to be grateful for all the things that we have. All the things that we share. I wish that I had more memories of Thanksgiving than just the ones that blur into Christmas. But there are some memories that stand out.

I do remember the table cloth with the leaf pattern that draped over the long table. I remember how it used to just be just one long table, then it became two as the family grew. I remember the sausage balls carefully placed into a basket with an orange napkin, festive as my grandmother is, and I remember being told by my mother not to eat too many before lunch.

I remember my grandfather falling asleep in his chair and pretending like he wasn't.

I remember being disappointed that the only dessert offered on Thanksgiving was a jam cake, and I hated jam cakes. I remember my dad hiding out in the corner by the TV so he could watch the Thanksgiving NFL games.

I remember going to my dad's parents' house and getting what was left over of Thanksgiving dinner before going home. I remember dad always saying that he was full and then standing in the kitchen and making him-

self a plate anyway.

I remember my grandfather standing in front of the small kitchen window, him as tall as the window itself, and scrubbing the dishes carefully and methodically like he always has.

I remember my grandmother asking my dad if he wanted her to wrap up anything for him, and him always saying no before changing his mind and asking if she wouldn't mind.

I remember my mom reading the Black Friday ads that were strewn on the couch and wondering aloud to my grandmother why anyone would bother getting out in all that mess.

And the sweet tea. I remember the Red Diamond sweet tea.

There are memories like those that make me smile. Memories that I can clearly see, and that



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Hawkins

**Rebekah's family with her grandparents. Left to right: Paula, Dan, Janie Sue, Micki, Jack, and Brenda.**

still go on to this day. And there are others that I sometimes wish I could forget.

I remember the first Thanksgiving after my grandfather died. He had died on November 1, and everyone was still processing it when our first holiday without him came. I remember the house decked out in its usual Thanksgiving décor, yet slightly sad and less than. I remember his pictures being up all over the house, a reminder of him so we wouldn't forget. As if we could.

I remember his chair being empty for most of the night, until my grandmother sat in it herself, as if to say, "This is where he would have been. This is where I wish he still was."

I remember the tears when my dad said the prayer. When he said, "This family is hurting right now. Because we lost someone important. But we're still here.



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Hawkins

**An early family Thanksgiving. Top row: Steve Hawkins, Harold Lipscomb, Dan Norton Middle row: Paula Hawkins, Micki Lipscomb, Selina Norton and Brenda Norton. Bottom row: Jack Norton holding baby Kacee, Janie Sue Norton holding baby Ashleigh.**

We're still a family."

I remember all that.

I remember all the Thanksgivings after. How the house has lightened, how we've processed and how we've done our best to move on. How life has changed for us all, but how those pictures still remain where they were that first Thanksgiving without him. How he remains.

I remember Thanksgiving.

In the midst of planning for Black Friday shopping or planning for Christmas as early as I can because life is so busy, I'm going to try to remember Thanksgiving.

Remember the memories I have, and the ones that are still to come.

Remember that leaf covered table cloth, the jam cake and sausage balls, my grandfather washing dishes in the kitchen, the leftovers dad swore he didn't want and those pictures on the mantle.

Rest in forever peace PawPaw.



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Hawkins

**Rebekah's parents with her grandfather Jack Norton. From left to right: Paula, Jack, and Steve.**



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 51st annual Country Music Awards grace Nashville

**Alissa Camplin**

*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

The 51st annual Country Music Association Awards were presented on Wednesday, November 8th by ABC Network. This ceremony recognizes some of the best country music released during the period of July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Stars flooded to the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville to celebrate “Country’s biggest night” of the year. It was co-hosted by Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood, who have hosted the CMAs together for the past ten years. The ceremony has been held at this location for the past twelve years.

The night’s opening number began with a solo acoustic rendition of “Amazing Grace,” which allowed Eric Church to show his condolences to those affected by the horrific act in

Las Vegas that shook America a month ago.

The tone shifted as more country icons took turns in singing, “Hold My Hand.” Stars included Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.

Other artists graced the stage before the night was over, Kelsea Ballerini, Dierks Bentley, Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan, Dan + Shay and Lady Antebellum.

Categories of the night included, “Entertainer of the Year,” “Single of the Year,” “New Artist of the Year,” and the best male and female “Vocalist of the Year.”

Nominations were announced on September 4, 2017, on Good Morning America by Lauren Alaina, Dustin Lynch and Brothers Osborne.

The nominees and winners are decided by a board of 6,3000 in-

dustry professional members of CMA, according to their official website. This committee was established in 1958 and was the first trade organization to celebrate a specific genre of music.

Miranda Lambert received the most nominations at 5, followed by Keith Urban and Little Big Town with 4 a piece.

The most prestigious category of the night, “Entertainer of the Year,” was awarded to Garth Brooks. This is the sixth time in his career that he has won this category.

Brooks accepted the award graciously and thanked God, the CMAs, and the people who came to see his tour. He ended his speech, in triumph, saying, “We are so...lucky to be a part of this thing called country music.”

Keith Urban took home the award for “Single of the Year” for his hit, “Blue Ain’t Your

Color.” “Pitch Perfect” stars Brittany Snow and Ruby Rose presented the award to Urban, which marks his first win in the category. He beat out fellow nominees Little Big Town for “Better Man,” Sam Hunt’s “Body Like a Back Road,” “Dirt on My Boots” by Jon Pardi and Miranda Lambert’s single “Tin Man.”

Newcomer Jon Pardi was presented the award for the “New Artist of the Year,” and was humbled to hear his name. “Thank you to all my friends... you are awesome,” he began his speech. “Thank you everybody, and here’s to a great night of country!”

It was a great night that honored the legacy that country music has created over the past fifty-one years through the CMAs and its yearly award show.

# Blake Shelton is this year’s Sexiest Man Alive

**Melody Chiu and Julie Jordan**

*People Magazine Special to the Chanticleer*

Country superstar Blake Shelton might have made a name for himself as a coach on NBC’s hit series, *The Voice*, but he’s got another title now: 2017’s Sexiest Man Alive!

So what went through his mind when he first heard the news? “That y’all must be running out of people,” he tells PEOPLE in this week’s cover story. “Like, wow, we’re down to somebody who is somewhat symmetrical.”

All kidding aside, Shelton, 41, credits his girlfriend of two years, Gwen Stefani, for convincing him to embrace the crown. “She goes, ‘Listen to me, you’re going to regret this for the rest of your life if you don’t take this gift and just live

in the moment,’” Shelton says of his “You Make It Feel Like Christmas” duet partner.

But a bigger incentive for the singer was being able to stick it to his fellow coach (and 2013 Sexiest Man Alive) Adam Levine. “I can’t wait to shove this up Adam’s a--,” Shelton adds. “As proud as I am and honored that you guys asked me, that’s really the only thing I care about.”

Despite being a heartthrob with a fan base of millions, the 6’5” Oklahoma-bred Shelton — whose latest album, *Texo-*

ma Shore, hit No. 1 on the Billboard

while growing up. “I think to describe

ple say I haven’t changed since

before I made it. And I’m still fat today. That’s proof!”

Shelton does try to stay in shape by exercising on the treadmill and eating as healthy as possible, though all bets are off when he’s home in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. “It could be 2 o’clock in the afternoon before I eat and then I realize

I’m starving, so then it’s a bag of Cheetos,” he says. “And there’s a Sonic in town, they got jalapeno poppers.

myself as a child, one word comes to mind. And that’s fat,” he says. “Peo-

And then I’m not hungry again until 10 o’clock, well what’s in there? Fishsticks. And like a big pickle, those pickles that come in its own package with juice? It is really bad.”

Even with his weakness over food (he calls his love for chips and dips “a problem”), Shelton says his new title is “like a confirmation” that he’ll enjoy for the rest of his life.

“It’s going to be used in every conversation, whether it’s at *The Voice*, or at the feed in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, or in a conversation with a doctor,” he says. “When [people] would say to Adam, ‘Mr. Sexy,’ you’d always see him go, ‘Well, aw-  
www...’ If you say that to me, it’s going to be, ‘You’re dang right, I’m Mr. Sexy! I’ve been ugly my whole life, if I can be sexy for a year, I’m taking it. I’m taking it.’”



Shelton on the cover of *People Magazine* as the Sexiest Man Alive in 2017.

Top Country Albums this week— insists he had a few awkward phases

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# SPORTS

## Gamecock Side Bar

### Upcoming Jacksonville State Gamecock Action

**11/16**  
 -Volleyball at Murray State\*  
 First round - OVC Volleyball Championship  
 Clarksville, Tenn. 7 p.m.  
 OVC Digital Network

-Football vs. Tennessee State\*  
 "The Pete" 6 p.m.  
 TV24, OVC Digital Network  
 JSU Radio Network

**11/17**  
 -Rifle vs. Gamecock Invitational  
 Gamecock Rifle Range

**11/20**  
 -Men's Basketball vs. Savannah State  
 Chattanooga, Tenn. 4 p.m.  
 WLJS, WVOK

-Women's Basketball vs. Rhode Island  
 "The Pete" 7 p.m.

**11/21**  
 -Men's Basketball vs. Chattanooga  
 vs. Alabama State  
 Chattanooga, Tenn. TBA  
 WLJS, WVOK TBA

**11/25**  
 -Women's Basketball vs. East Carolina  
 South Orange, N. J. 1:30 p.m.

**11/26**  
 -Women's Basketball vs. TBD  
 (Rider/Seton Hall)  
 South Orange, N. J. 11 a.m.

-Men's Basketball at Mississippi State  
 Starkville, Miss. 2 p.m.  
 SEC Network+  
 WLJS, WVOK

**11/30**  
 -Men's Basketball vs. Alabama State  
 "The Pete" 7 p.m.  
 OVC Digital Network  
 WLJS, WVOK

-Women's Basketball at New Orleans  
 New Orleans, La. 7 p.m.

**BOLD = Home Event \* = OVC Event**

OVC Football Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>9-1</b>
Austin Peay	6-1	7-4
Eastern Illinois	5-2	6-4
UT Martin	3-4	5-5
Eastern Kentucky	3-5	3-7
Tennessee State	2-4	6-4
Murray State	2-4	3-7
SEMO	2-5	2-8
Tennessee Tech	1-6	1-9

OVC Volleyball Standings		
School	OVC	O/R
Austin Peay	14-2	27-5
SIUE	13-3	23-5
Murray State	12-4	20-8
Eastern Kentucky	10-6	12-18
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>23-12</b>
Belmont	9-7	14-14
Eastern Illinois	8-8	14-14
SEMO	6-10	11-19
Morehead State	5-11	14-15
UT Martin	5-11	11-18
Tennessee State	3-13	7-23
Tennessee Tech	2-14	4-24

*Standings and Polls do not reflect changes made on or after Wednesday*



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## Gamecocks remain No. 2 after clinching OVC title

After holding off UT Martin in a defensive battle on Saturday, the Jacksonville State football team held onto the No. 2 spot in both polls on Monday.

The Gamecocks (9-1, 7-0 OVC) limited the Skyhawks to just 176 yards of total offense and only 48 rushing yards to pull off a 14-7 win and clinch their fourth-straight OVC title on Saturday.

It marks the second-straight week that JSU has been ranked second in both the STATS FCS Top 25 and the FCS Coaches Poll.

JSU tied the OVC record for consecutive championships, joining Middle Tennessee (1956-59), Tennessee Tech (1958-61) and Eastern Kentucky (1981-84) as the only programs in league history with four titles in a row.

With their win over the Skyhawks on Saturday, the

Gamecocks extended their OVC-record conference win streak to 31 games.

It is the longest active conference-win streak in all of Division I football.

It is the second-longest conference win streak in FCS history behind Duquesne's 39-straight Metro Atlantic wins from 1999-2006.

The latest rankings put the Gamecocks in the Top 10 for the 57th-straight week, a stretch that dates back to the final polls of the 2013 season.

JSU has been in the Top six in at least one of the polls for 39-straight weeks now, dating back to the first week of the 2015 season.

North Dakota State is the only other team to join JSU in both of those streaks.

Defending national champion James Madison remained No. 1.

Central Arkansas is No. 3

in both, while Sam Houston State is fourth in the Coaches and fifth in the STATS.

NDSU is fourth in the STATS poll and sixth in the Coaches, while South Dakota State is fifth in the Coaches Poll and sixth in the STATS Top 25.

JSU is the only OVC team ranked in either poll, while Austin Peay is each receiving votes both polls.

The Gamecocks return home for a Thursday night showdown with Tennessee State this week.

The OVC Game of the Week will kick off at 6 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on ESPN3.

It will be Senior Night for the Gamecocks, who will honor their senior class prior to the game. The senior class has a combined record of 42-7 in four years, including an OVC record of 31-0.

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## Baseball inks seven in fall signing period

Jacksonville State baseball and head coach Jim Case announced on Wednesday a stellar group of seven newcomers for the 2019 season.

Case, along with assistant coaches

Evan Bush and Mike Murphree, bolstered the future roster by adding five high school signees and two junior college transfers.

The JSU staff concentrated on in-state talent as

all seven newcomers are from the state of Alabama.

Brook Bran-non (Tuscaloosa), Taylor Craven (Wadley), Carson Crowe (Tuscaloosa), Michael Gilliland (Boaz), Isaiah Magwood

(Hazel Green), Jackson Tavel (Corner) and Evan Veal (Hoover) all returned official paperwork back to JSU during the NCAA signing period that began on Wednesday.

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... but it was just a good, solid win." late in the third quarter.

Jacksonville State's first score came on a 75-yard eight-play drive that was capped off with Thomas finding his way into the end zone on second-and-goal from the one-yard line.

Three Gamecock drives late, Jacksonville State found pay dirt again on a four-play drive that lasted less than a minute that saw Thomas picked up his second score on a 14-yard run.

The Skyhawks' (5-5, 3-4) lone scoring drive came

late in the third quarter. Staring at their own six-yard line, Peyton Logan weaved his way through the defense for a 51-yard gallop to the Gamecocks' 42-yard line.

Two plays later, Winn connected with Devonte Howard for a 32-yard touchdown. Thomas finished with 52 rushing yards on 14 carries.

Tramel Terry found 61 rushing yards, and picked up 19 receiving yards on three receptions.

Bryant Horn passed for 92 yards

on eight completions, and led the gamecocks with 86 yards on the ground.

Trae Barry led the Gamecocks' receiving corps with 34 yards on two receptions.

Marlon Bridges and Quan Stou-demire led Jax State with eight tackles apiece. Jonathan Hagler picked up seven tackles.

Darius Jackson forced two sacks for a loss of 18 yards, and had five total tackles.

Logan led the Skyhawks with 54 rushing yards. Landarius Gal-

loway found 31 rushing yards. Winn completed 13 passes for 128 yards.

Howards found 37-yards on two catches.

Jacksonville State now turns their attention to Tennessee State for the final game of the 2017 regular season.

Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 16.

Streaming is available on ESPN3 and Watch ESPN.

Coverage can also be heard on the JSU Radio Network.

## Gamecocks ranked in national polls

### FCS Committee Top-10

1. James Madison
2. Jacksonville State
3. Central Arkansas
4. North Dakota State
5. Sam Houston State
6. Elon
7. South Dakota State
8. Wofford
9. South Dakota
10. North Carolina A&T

### STATS FCS Poll

1. James Madison
2. Jacksonville State
3. Central Arkansas
4. North Dakota State
5. Sam Houston State
6. South Dakota State
7. Wofford
8. North Carolina A&T
9. Western Illinois
10. Stony Brook
11. Elon
12. Weber State
13. Grambling State
14. Southern Utah
15. South Dakota
16. New Hampshire
17. Samford
18. Eastern Washington
19. McNeese
20. Furman
21. Illinois State
22. Kennesaw State
23. Northern Arizona
24. Northern Iowa
25. Nicholls

### FCS Coaches Poll

1. James Madison
2. Jacksonville State
3. Central Arkansas
4. Sam Houston State
5. South Dakota State
6. North Dakota State
7. North Carolina A&T
8. Wofford
9. Weber State
10. Western Illinois
11. Grambling State
12. Stony Brook
13. Samford
14. New Hampshire
15. Elon
16. South Dakota
17. Nicholls
18. Southern Utah
19. McNeese
20. Eastern Washington
21. Kennesaw State
22. Monmouth
23. Northern Arizona
24. Furman
25. Illinois State

### NCAA Rifle Poll (CRCA)

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



# JSU stomps Spiders to earn 2-0 start

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*Chanty Sports Reporter*

Dominating. That's the word that best describes the start to the 2017-18 season for the Jacksonville State Men's basketball squad.

The Gamecocks downed Tennessee Wesleyan 100-42 in the regular season opener on Friday night, marking the first time Jacksonville State scored 100 or more points in the regular season since a 112-94 victory over Shorter on Nov. 23, 2004.

JSU then followed that up with a 94-61 shellacking of the Richmond Spiders on the road on Monday.

The 33-point margin is good for the largest true-road victory in

Jacksonville State's Division I history.

After scoring bursts from both teams left the game knotted at 15 nearly eight minutes into the contest, Jacksonville State took control of the game and never looked back, building a half-time lead of 50-29 that would grow as large as 35 in the second half.

The Spiders finished last season at 22-13 and made it to the quarterfinal round of the National Invitational Tournament, advancing past Alabama in the first round with a 71-64 victory in Coleman Coliseum.

Jacksonville State used a hot-shooting day and a dominant effort on the glass to romp past Richmond.

JSU knocked down 57 percent of their shots

on the day to Richmond's 39 percent.

The Gamecocks collected 42 rebounds to the Spiders' 20, led by junior forward Christian Cunningham's 11.

Cunningham stuffed the stat sheet for JSU, tallying 16 points on 6-8 shooting, two steals and four blocks to go along with his 11 boards, marking the eighth career double-double for the Albuquerque, N. M. native.

After just tallying four points in the season opener, JSU star center Norbertas Giga rebounded in a big way against the Spiders.

Giga had 10 first half points to help the Gamecocks to their big halftime advantage, then finished with 18, which led all scorers, and five rebounds.

The Lithuanian seven-footer knocked



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**Christian Cunningham led the Gamecocks over Richmond Monday morning, scoring 16 of JSU's 94 points.**

down two of his three attempted three-pointers.

Marlon Hunter and Jamall Gregory joined Cunningham and Giga in double-figures with 11 and 10 respectively. Maurice Dunlap led the Gamecocks with four assists.

Tyrik Edwards

pitched in nine points off the bench to help lead the Gamecocks to a 31-6 advantage in bench points.

The Richmond game is the first in a five game road trip for JSU. The Gamecocks take on Buffalo on Wednesday before a Thanksgiving Tourna-

ment in Chattanooga and a trip to Starkville to take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs on Nov. 26.

The Gamecocks return to action in Pete Mathews Coliseum on Thursday November 30, at 7 p.m. in a matchup against Alabama State.



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## Jackson named STATS National Player of the Week

After an impressive performance against UT Martin on Saturday, Jacksonville State defensive end Darius Jackson was named the National Defensive Player of the Week by STATS on Monday.

The 6-foot-3 senior from Bessemer, was honored on Sunday as the Ohio Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the

Week and then received the honor on the national level on Monday afternoon.

Jackson led a defensive effort that held UT Martin to just 176 yards of total offense.

The senior had five tackles, 2.5 for a loss and two sacks for a total loss of 20 yards.

The defensive end also forced a fumble and re-

corded two quarterback hurries.

He ran his season TFL total to 18.0, one away from his own school record and third-most in a season in school history.

Behind Jackson, JSU clinched its fourth-straight OVC title, its 22nd overall conference title and its seventh OVC title with the win.

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## Richardson, Haynes lead rifle against Morehead State

The nationally-ranked Jacksonville State rifle team finished all squared with Ohio Valley Conference foe Morehead State at the Gamecock Rifle Range.

JSU and MSU both posted aggregate scores of 4645 and both clubs had identical marks in small-bore and air rifle as they accumulated a 2312 in smallbore and 2333 in air rifle.

Individually, two Gamecocks claimed

the top-two spots individually. Junior Mekenna Richardson turned in the best overall mark with an 1169.

She edged teammate junior Trace Haynes by six marks.

Richardson tallied a 589 in air rifle and a 580 in smallbore.

Haynes finished with a 583 in smallbore and 580 in air rifle.

JSU junior David Sink rounded out the top-five individual spots with an 1157.

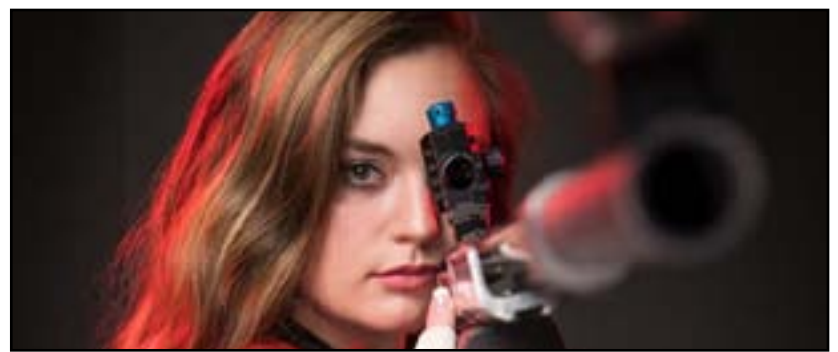
Sink registered a 581 in smallbore and a 576 in air rifle.

Senior Brandon Henson and sophomore Zach Schmidt carded top-10 finishes.

Henson had an aggregate score of 1155 for seventh place, while Schmidt was a mark back of him at 1154 for eighth.

Jax State returns to home action on Nov. 17-19, hosting the annual Gamecock Invitational.

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## Gamecocks can't hang late with 'Noles

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JSU women's basketball faced their first of two Power-five opponents on the 2017-18 docket Sunday, and fell 75-51 to the visiting 18th-ranked Florida State Seminoles.

Despite the loss, the Gamecocks (1-1) gave the 'Noles (2-0) all they could handle in the first half of play, and even led FSU 17-13 after the first period.

Much of the Gamecocks' first half success was thanks to a stellar shooting perfor-

mance by guard Gretchen Morrison.

The senior from South Lake, Texas, hit six-of-seven from beyond the arc and added a two-point basket for 20 first half points.

The Seminoles won the second period of play, but led by just three going into halftime.

The Gamecock offense fell silent in the second half, failing to score in the third period and shooting just five-for-29 in the half.

And while JSU went cold, Florida State only got hotter in the second half, shooting 15-

for-33 from the field to finish off the Gamecocks 75-51.

Senior forward from Sylacauga, Shakayla Thomas, led Florida State with 23 points.

Seminoles' Nicki Ekhomu and AJ Alix also reached double digits with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Outside of Morrison's 20 points, no other Gamecocks reached double digits, with Rayven Pearson having the next most with 7.

Pearson led JSU on the boards with eight rebounds.

Tyler Phelion and Tasha Magruder followed with

seven and five, respectively.

Phelion also dished four assists.

The Seminoles also led JSU in turnovers, with 11 to the Gamecocks' 17.

JSU women's basketball remains without a win against an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent in the program's history, but they will have another chance this season when the Gamecocks travel to Clemson on December 17.

The Gamecocks continue their homestand Monday, November 20, when they host Rhode Island at 7 p.m.



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## Jackson, Kelly earn Player of the Week honors

Jacksonville State defensive end Darius Jackson and punter Dean Kelly were named Ohio Valley Conference Players of the Week Sunday, following the Gamecocks 14-7 win at UT Martin to claim their fourth consecu-

tive league title.

The league's sports information directors named Jackson the Defensive Player of the Week, while Kelly was deemed Specialist of the Week.

Jackson led a defensive effort that held UT Martin to

just 176 yards of total offense.

Kelly had a great day punting the ball for JSU, putting three inside the 10 in a field-position game.

Specifically, he had three inside the six – at the six, the five and the four.

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