WEATHER: Sunny, High 60, Low 37

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Graduation

Circle. Among the many things for graduates and guests to be aware of:

Grades should report to Stephenson Hall one hour prior to the ceremony (9 a.m.). Here, you will receive Latin honors cords and your name card from your designated checkout person.

No tickets will be required to attend graduation.

The ceremony will broadcast live on WEAC-TV14 (Television Channel 14) or AC-TV24 (local cable stations) during the ceremony. The storm to come.

The clear bag policy will be in effect for graduation. This is the same policy that was in effect for football games in the fall of 2017. Accessible parking is available on the east side of Memorial Hall parking lot. Accessible seating is located on the east side of the 5th floor of Memorial Hall.

Shuttle services will be providing rides and to and from the stadium beginning at 8 a.m. Shuttles will run from the Pete Mathews Coliseum, the Houts and University Circle.

Graduation Rates for the Freshman Class of 2013 (as of Spring 2017 Ceremony)

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From orientation to graduation

The design of relief: JSU alumnae designs shirt to help hurting community

Lauren Jackson Staff Writer

There were warnings all day that severe weather was possible across Alabama on March 19. Schools released students early, and many businesses closed in preparation for the storm to come. The possibility of tornadoes was projected as early as a week in advance, and throughout the course of the evening, eleven tornadoes broke out across Alabama.

In Jacksonville, at least one tornado was confirmed with winds reaching 140 mph. According to an update provided to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, 559 buildings were damaged. Of those damaged, 42 were destroyed, 146 took major damage and 371 took minor damage.

On the night of March 19, when the EF-3 tornado ripped through Jacksonville, Hannah Green was in Rome, Georgia visiting family. Green recently graduated from Jacksonville State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and was excited to see what it can do for people. Green was in Rome, Georgia visiting family. Green decided to donate the money to the disaster relief funds at the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. All of the money donated to the Community Foundation Disaster Relief funds go directly to the organizations.

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For many generations of Americans, this four-year journey to a college degree was the expectation. A degree at the end of four years of school fit like a period at the end of a sentence. According to JSU’s 2017-2018 fact book, however, Lovelace was a member of an enrollment class made up of around 1,792 students.

This puts Jacksonville State’s 4-year graduation rate at around 75%, and raises the question of what happened to the other 440 students whose take at JSU wasn’t punctuated with a graduation ceremony.

“Graduation rate is not where it should be,” said Dr. Timothy King, the Vice President of Student Affairs at Jacksonville State. According to Dr. King, the most common struggle for students trying to get a degree is financial resources.

“The question ‘How am I going to pay for this semester,’ and the stress that causes can interfere with their well-being and their ability to cope well with their classes and anything else they are trying to do,” said, “That, to me, is the...”

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biggest factor that can have an impact on students whether they are incoming freshman or continuing students.”

Not all students leave JSU for financial reasons though. Cindy Chung started at JSU as a freshman in 2013 as well but transferred to San Francisco to attend pharmacy school. Chung and Auburn make up the only two universities in Alabama that offer pharmacy programs, so for Chung transferring was a requirement for her to pursue the career she wanted.

“My goal is to become a pharmacist,” she said, “so I knew I’d have to go to pharmacy school. There were a lot of classes that I couldn’t have taken at JSU.”

While at JSU, Chung majored in pre-professional biology and took mostly general education courses. “Jacksonville was close to home,” she said about why she chose to take her basic classes at the University, “and I got a really nice scholarship.”

According to Dr. King, scholarships are vital for student success.

“Wealth that a graduate student feels or has been in place since 2011 to ensure quick action after a disaster. The March 19 tornadoes, the Community Foundation set up sub- funds to go directly to communities. The funds to go directly to communities. The funds are still active and shared how the population of students that attend school here, for the most part, don’t have tons of money, scholarships are key for us.”

While some students do end up leaving Jacksonville State for financial reasons, there are a few, like Michael Panik, who just decide that a college degree isn’t necessary for the career they want to pursue.

“I think JSU is a really fantastic place,” he said, “but I’m a staunch believer that college isn’t for everybody.”

Panik stopped attending Jacksonville State in the spring of 2016 after spending five years in school being the chief of technology for Plexamia, a web design company based out of Birmingham, Alabama.

He says that he left his own vision to work for his company full-time, and feels that most of the knowledge he relies on in his field didn’t come from Jacksonville State, but the persistence to teach himself.

“I’ve poured so much money on a degree that I wasn’t going to use,” he said about his time at JSU.

“Long-term recovery can be a long process. It can be a long process. It can take a couple of years. It can take a couple of months. It can be a long process. It can take a couple of years to get contractors where insurance hasn’t paid. ‘Long-term recovery’ doesn’t mean a long process. It can be a long process. It can take a couple of years to get contractors where insurance hasn’t paid.

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Panik also argues that with information in our age being more readily available than it ever has been, paths to a career, especially one that doesn’t include a college degree are becoming more viable.

“Go teach yourself,” he said. “You’ve got to go online every single day, and if you don’t care enough to educate yourself then you’re in the wrong field.

Not everyone has the resolve or the resources to jump right into the workplace without spending time at college. In addition, college classes can help students focus on what they really want to do. Austin Loveless says his experience at JSU was instrumental in helping him determine which field he wanted to go into.

“As a freshman, I came in not knowing what to expect. I was a little bit confused, but after a while, I decided that major that I really found out what I wanted to do.”

Loveless praises JSU’s geography department, and his professors for helping him to figure out what he could do.

“Now a graduate student at Clemson University, studying city and regional planning, Loveless mentioned that he finds himself going back to the knowledge he gained back at JSU often.

“I think I learned a lot at JSU,” he said. “College isn’t easy, but in the end, I knew that they may frown upon you if you don’t have a financial aid package, but you can’t go without them.”

*Alexander Cooper graduated from JSU in December 2017 with a degree in Digital Journalism. This piece was written as part of his Advanced Reporting course*
The first time I hung out with my girlfriend was at a basketball game. That was when I was “courting” her.

If you get a Japanese made car for your brother’s or sister’s son, it’s called a nephewsan.

A lizard who sells bathroom flooring is a reptile who reps tile.

A sign said “author-ized personnel only” so I went and learned how to write a book.

If you already gave a presentation, it’s called a pastation.

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Study Break

Chris’ Random Fact:
When Brad Keselowski, the active leader in career wins at Talladega, won in 2009, he actually drove for James Finch.

Editor’s Hint: Google is still your friend, everyone!

Campus Crossword!
Talladega Superspeedway Edition

Across
4. Who is the youngest driver to win at Talladega?
5. Who was the first driver to reach speeds of over 200 mph?
6. Who holds the record for smallest margin of victory?
7. Who has the fast lap at Talladega?
8. Who recorded a song about Talladega?

Down
1. Who is the oldest driver to win at Talladega?
2. Who holds the record for largest margin of victory?
3. Who has the most career wins at Talladega?

Last Week’s Solution!

This Mayes Is Corny!

... Puns from the collection of:
Sports Editor Daniel Mayes #shootpunsnotguns

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If You Get A Japanese Made Car For Your Brother’s Or Sister’s Son, It’s Called A Nephewsan.

A Lizard Who Sells Bathroom Flooring Is A Reptile Who Reps Tile.

A Sign Said “Author-Ized Personnel Only” So I Went And Learned How To Write A Book.

If You Already Gave A Presentation, It’s Called A Pastation.
Goodbye to “one of a Cline”

Alissa Camplin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

To the fearless Katie Cline,
You have been the brightest light in the office since the first day I stepped into it. Full of witty humor and kindness, you took a new A&E girl in without a blink and made me feel welcome and, most importantly, home. I will never forget the openness that you ensured I was extended from day one. I remember leaving the first time meeting you thinking about how much I hoped you liked me and how I hoped I made a good impression because I thought so highly of you.

There are so many traits you possess that I aspire to be when I grow up: brave, brilliant and altogether beautiful. Your grace and smarts are unmatched. Thank you for the times you didn’t roll your eyes when I had to ask basic grammar questions or when I told you I would be a feeeew minutes past deadline.

Thank you for the times you joined in singing (screaming) Ed Sheeran in the office, and thank you for turning a blind eye to the shenanigans that Tim and I would get ourselves into.

Thank you for an abundance of Taco Tuesdays and tequila. Thank you for the advice I didn’t want to hear and the guidance when I needed it more than anything else in the world. Thank you for the effort you put into making this newspaper a force to be reckoned with the university. I will always be honored to have worked under such an all-around amazing editor-in-chief.

I’m crying as I type this because I am so not ready to let you move on, but I am so excited for your future. Kansas doesn’t know how lucky it is to be earning such a gem of the hills. This office will miss your laugh and I will always wince at the thought of walking in and not seeing you cuddled up in your blanket behind your computer.

Katharine, I love you endlessly. Because you were here, the Chanticleer is a better place. Thank you for being “one of a Cline.” Thank you for being my friend.

Katie and Alissa posing for a photo in between handing out Gamecock Guides at the 2017 GO! Orientations.

Court rules against Madonna, allowing auction house to sell Tupac breakup letter

Kalhan Rosenblatt
NBC News

Several of Madonna’s personal items, including the letter that ended the pop icon’s relationship with rap legend Tupac Shakur, belong to an auction house and can be sold, a Manhattan judge ruled on Monday.

The items were originally up for bid last year, but the singer filed a temporary restraining order against New York auction house Gotta Have Rock and Roll to halt the sale, according to Reuters.

Madonna said in court documents that she was not aware until reading press reports that many of the items listed for auction, including the letter from her former boyfriend Shakur, were no longer in her possession, Reuters reported.

On Monday, Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Gerald Lebovits ruled that Gotta Have Rock had the right to sell the items, including the letter which went for a starting bid of $100,000 in 2017.

“We did substantial due diligence when we took all the Madonna items for auction. We were confident that Madonna had no claim whatsoever, and the judge clearly agreed with us,” said the co-owners of “Gotta Have Rock and Roll,” Ed Kosinski & Pete Siegel.

Other items that can now be auctioned include a pair of Madonna’s panties, an old checkbook, a hairbrush, personal photos and another letter, in which she talked about singer Whitney Houston and actress Sharron Stone.

The items will go back up for sale in July. NBC News was not immediately able to reach representatives for Madonna.

(Right) Madonna attends the Billboard Women in Music 2016 event in New York City. (Left) This is a 1993 file photo of Tupac Shakur.
Barbara and George Bush's love story remembered at her funeral

Rachel Siegel
The Washington Post

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Editor-in-Chief Katie Cline says goodbye

Katie Cline
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As part of a graduating senior exit survey, I was asked if JSU was the friendliest campus in the South. It was one of those generic survey questions often given to students and the one that I’ve tried to view as someone sharing and making an overly optimistic words are failing me. For once, my Chinese proverbs—anything that might the president is not interested in his students’ well-being. He doesn’t care about the money he thinks it will bring to the university as a whole. He continuously presents a “me first” perspective and when interacting with students and does not seem to be discouraged by the fact that only two of the deans (from my personal experience). The administration is almost always condescending toward students, as if they come into an administrative office to ask a question about financial aid or scholarships, etc. It’s a burden on the staff, and, as a student, I get the impression that they would rather “figure it out myself” than ask them to do their job. Many of the administrative workers view them as “perfectionists.” I don’t have to what I would call a servant’s heart and do not seem to want to help the students they are here to assist. During Orientation, incoming students are made to feel like JSU is really about YOU, but once they are asked a question about financial aid/transcripts/office to ask a question about financial aid/transcripts/and center. Like financial aid. And if they to get out. Like housing. Like the rec counseling as if they had had a say in paper routes and who have never told me that my people who have believed in me along whatever success I have had wouldn’t have known that I relate to him or her now. I was appalled. I said, “continued on page 2,” but the correct the Chanticleer with a red pen. The president’s attitude trickles down to the other faculty—do not matter. During Orientation, incoming students are made to feel like JSU is really about YOU, but once they were asked a question about financial aid/transcripts/office to ask a question about financial aid/transcripts/and center. Like financial aid. And if they to get out. Like housing. Like the rec counseling as if they had had a say in paper routes and who have never told me that my people who have believed in me along whatever success I have had wouldn’t have known that I relate to him or her now. I was appalled. I said, “continued on page 2,” but the correct the Chanticleer with a red pen. The president’s attitude trickles down to the other faculty—do not matter. During Orientation, incoming students are made to feel like JSU is really about YOU, but once they were asked a question about financial aid/transcripts/office to ask a question about financial aid/transcripts/and center. Like financial aid. And if they to get out. Like housing. Like the rec counseling as if they had had a say in paper routes and who have never told me that my people who have believed in me along whatever success I have had wouldn’t have known that I relate to him or her now. I was appalled. I said, “continued on page 2,” but the correct the Chanticleer with a red pen.
Freshman duo earns OVC honors

MUSCLE SHOALS – A pair of Jacksonville State freshmen and an OVC Freshman of the Year for the second straight year took home honors this week.

Jesus Dario Montenegro was named the OVC Freshman of the Year and the All-OVC Team, while he and Quint Vidal Mora were each named to the All-OVC Newcomer Team. The Gamecocks were the only team with multiple players on the five-person All-Newcomer squad.

Montenegro becomes the fifth Gamecock to win the OVC Freshman of the Year award but the first since Tomasz Vidal Vidal in 2015. The five Gamecock winners are more than two any other school in the 14-year history of the honor.

He led the Gamecocks with a 73.8 stroke average in the regular season and carried that play over into his first OVC Championship on Monday. He is second on the individual leaderboard after a 2-under 70 in Mondays first round of the event.

Montenegro shot the fifth-lowest round in the OVC this season with a 66 in the second round of the FAU Spring Championship. He had two third-place finishes in the spring, the FAU Spring Championship and the Athchafalaya Intercollegiate, sandwiched around a 10th-place at the Cape Fear National Intercollegiate.

Vidal Mora joined Montenegro on the All-OVC Newcomer Team after finishing second on the team with a 74.1 stroke average in his freshman season. The Barcelona, Spain, native had the second-best round by a Gamecock this season with a 67 in the final round of the East Bay Deli Classic on Oct. 31.

He also had two other rounds in the 60s this season, a 68 at the Gary Koch Invitational and a 69 at the Mobile State Sports Authority Intercollegiate, giving him three of the seven sub-70 rounds by JSU players this season. Vidal Mora carded a 1-under 71 in Monday’s opening round of the OVC Championship and is tied for fifth.

JSU Sportswire
Gamecocks defeat Georgia Tech with 9th-inning walk-off winner

Dan Mayes
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Softball squad took a break from their OVC schedule to take on the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech Tuesday night at Choccolocco Park, and the result was a thriller of a 2-1 walk-off nine-inning win for the Gamecocks.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, JSU sophomore Ryann Luna got an infield single that would score Anna Chisolm and claim the game 2-1 for the Gamecocks. Luna went 2-3 at the plate in the contest with the bases loaded scored one run of the season and an RBI—the game winner. Luna got an infield single that would score Anna Chisolm and claim the game 2-1 for the Gamecocks.

Luna finished the deal for JSU, but the contest was a pitcher’s duel, with the two teams allowing just two total runs and the ninth inning coming just two total hits until the fifth inning. JSU’s Faith Sims would outduel Tech’s Emily Anderson for the win. Sims, who gave up just one run to a team that came in to the contest with 46 home runs on the season, pitched a complete nine innings, allowing just five hits while striking out nine, earning the win, her sixteenth on the year. Anderson held her own for Tech, allowing just seven hits in 8 and 2/3 innings.

JSU finally broke through with their first run, a Hayley Sims RBI double, in the bottom of the fifth, to make the score 1-0. The Yellow Jackets answered their first run, a Hayley Sims RBI double, in the bottom of the fifth, to make the score 1-0. The Yellow Jackets answered with a two-run home run and an RBI single in the seventh, but could not get a key hit to cash in the runs early off the two Hornet pitchers. ASU’s third of four pitchers, Chase Laney, quieted the JSU bats over three of their four innings of work. Laney (5-) pitched four innings out of the bullpen and scattered five hits and allowed the two runs the Gamecocks scored. Laney retired the first six batters he faced and from the third inning until Trent Simpson led off the seventh with a single, ASU pitchers retired 10 in a row. While the ASU pitchers were keeping JSU off the board, the Hornet hitters were taking advantage of four walks by JSU’s five pitchers and a pair of hit batters, coupled with four Gamecock fielding miscues. ASU touched JSU starter Andrew Naismith, who was making his second start of the season against ASU, with single runs in the third and fourth. The Hornet pitchers expanded the lead with a pair of runs off one hit in the fifth after a trio of walks opened the door for a big inning. ASU pushed the lead to 6-0 with a solo home run and an RBI single in the sixth.

Freshman Alex Starchan broke up the shut-out with his third home run of the season and second against ASU. Starchan, who had a home run in the contest at Choccolocco Park last Tuesday, went opposite field for a two-run home run in the seventh. Seniors Clayton Daniel and Taylor Hawkins had two hits each in the loss, while freshman Isaac Alexander added two more hits. With Daniel’s two hits at ASU, he inches closer to the 300 career hits mark. He is four hits shy of becoming just the fourth OVC player all time to have 300 or more hits in a career. JSU’s all-time career hit leader and OVC career leader, Bert Smith has 323 career hits.

The Gamecocks return to action this weekend at Choccolocco Park, hosting Eastern Kentucky in a pivotal OVC weekend series. The series will get underway Friday at 6 p.m. and the series will continue through the weekend with 1 p.m. start times on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free to all JSU students and all fans 18 years old and younger. All three games will be available on the OVC Digital Network and the Gamecock Sports Network.

JSU Sportswire

Gamecocks fall 6-2 to in-state series

MONTGOMERY – Jacksonville State split its two-game series with Alabama State with a 6-2 setback on Tuesday night at the Wheeler-Watkins Baseball Complex. The Gamecocks (22-15) were looking to sweep the in-state Hornets after taking the first meeting of the season Tuesday, 10-5, at Choccolocco Park. The Hornets improved to 22-19 overall.

JSU, riding a four-game winning streak after the midweek win over ASU last Tuesday and a weekend sweep of Belmont in Ohio Valley Conference play, finished with 10 hits with five of them coming in the first three innings, but could not get a key hit to cash in the runs early off the two Hornet pitchers. ASU’s third of four pitchers, Chase Laney, quieted the JSU bats over three of their four innings of work. Laney (5-) pitched four innings out of the bullpen and scattered five hits and allowed the two runs the Gamecocks scored. Laney retired the first six batters he faced and from the third inning until Trent Simpson led off the seventh with a single, ASU pitchers retired 10 in a row. While the ASU pitchers were keeping JSU off the board, the Hornet hitters were taking advantage of four walks by JSU’s five pitchers and a pair of hit batters, coupled with four Gamecock fielding miscues. ASU touched JSU starter Andrew Naismith, who was making his second start of the season against ASU, with single runs in the third and fourth. The Hornet pitchers expanded the lead with a pair of runs off one hit in the fifth after a trio of walks opened the door for a big inning. ASU pushed the lead to 6-0 with a solo home run and an RBI single in the sixth.

Freshman Alex Strachan broke up the shut-out with his third home run of the season and second against ASU. Strachan, who had a home run in the contest at Choccolocco Park last Tuesday, went opposite field for a two-run home run in the seventh. Seniors Clayton Daniel and Taylor Hawkins had two hits each in the loss, while freshman Isaac Alexander added two more hits. With Daniel’s two hits at ASU, he inches closer to the 300 career hits mark. He is four hits shy of becoming just the fourth OVC player all time to have 300 or more hits in a career. JSU’s all-time career hit leader and OVC career leader, Bert Smith has 323 career hits.

The Gamecocks return to action this weekend at Choccolocco Park, hosting Eastern Kentucky in a pivotal OVC weekend series. The series will get underway Friday at 6 p.m. and the series will continue through the weekend with 1 p.m. start times on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free to all JSU students and all fans 18 years old and younger. All three games will be available on the OVC Digital Network and the Gamecock Sports Network.

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Alabama contest moved to Tuscaloosa

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State’s scheduled May 9-10 OVC softball contest with Alabama has been moved to Sewell-Thomas Stadium in Tuscaloosa, both programs announced on Sunday. The contest is set for 6 p.m. on the UA campus.

The game will wrap up the two-game set between the Gamecocks and Crimson Tide. JSU will be looking for its second consecutive series sweep and the fourth consecutive win over UA after shutting out the Southeastern Conference foe, 4-0, in Tuscaloosa on April 3. Last season, Jax State claimed both games against the two-time in-state clubs, 2-1 (10) and 11-8.

For fans who have bought tickets for the contest through the JSU Ticket Office and online at JSUGamecocksports.com, a refund will be credited back to the credit card that was used to purchase tickets for the contest. The JSU Ticket Office and online at JSUGamecocksports.com, a refund will be credited back to the credit card that was used to purchase tickets for the contest.

After completing a weekend sweep of Belmont in OhV, the Gamecocks will travel to Montgomery, Alabama on Tuesday to face Alabama State. First Pitch is set for 6 p.m.

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