

**inTHE NEWS**

**International House Presentation: United Kingdom**

Students from the United Kingdom will present on their home country on Thursday, January 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the International House. Admission is free to all.

**Student Symposium**

Submissions for the 2018 Student Research Symposium are due Thursday, February 1. Any student may participate. Submit a short abstract online and be prepared to list a faculty sponsor. See the Facebook event for more information.

**Accepted Students Day**

Students who have been accepted to JSU as incoming freshmen for fall 2018 or as transfer students will be on campus on Friday, February 2 to experience JSU with meetings with their departments, lunch in the Caf and campus tours.

**SGA Blood Drive**

The SGA will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium.



Steve Latham/JSU

Charlcie Pettway Vann helps Cocky in the Houston Cole Library. Vann was honored in the National Library Week's Librarians Creating Communities of Kindness contest in 2015.

## In the books ...an interview with librarian Charlcie Pettway Vann

**Brittany Robertson**  
Staff Writer

Charlcie Pettway Vann works on the 2nd floor of the Houston Cole Library. The 2nd floor houses subjects on Psychology and Philosophy, General Studies, Library Science and Religion. Vann has been a Houston Cole Librarian for 12 years.

*BR: What were you before you became a librarian?*

VANN: "I am originally from New Jersey, but I had family here in Alabama. I have an Associate degree in Public Policy

and a Bachelor's in Urban Studies. I came here to Jacksonville State University when I learned that they had a job opening for a librarian. At the time, I was living in Florida with my husband and daughter, looking for a job in Atlanta. I have family there. However, I almost did not take the job because my husband had his own job offer elsewhere. When things did not work out, I had to have a slice of humble pie and ask if the position was still available. But I am glad I came here. Everyone has been so kind to me, almost like family."

*BR: What is the best part about being a librarian?*

VANN: "Helping people, finding information for students. There is this stigma of fear when it comes to being in the library, so I see my job as making students feel comfortable when researching."

*BR: When you are not here at the library, what do you enjoy doing?*

VANN: "I'm honestly on duty all the time. If I'm not at work, I have family or friends calling me up and asking if they can help

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## Fighting the flu at JSU

Katie Cline, Editor-in-Chief and Daniel Mayes, Sports Editor

This year's aggressive flu season led Governor Kay Ivey to declare a state of emergency on January 11. By that date, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) was investigating 44 cases of influenza-associated deaths and one confirmed case of influenza-associated pediatric death. Of those 44 deaths, ten occurred in the northeastern region where Calhoun County is located. This is the second highest death total in the state behind the northern region with 14 deaths.

"We have a crisis situation going on," said Scott Harris, the acting state health officer said in a press conference. "This is the normal season of the flu, [and it is] nothing out of ordinary in the type ... but we are seeing large numbers."

On January 12, the Montgomery Advertiser reported that seven public health districts in Alabama reported hospitals with more than 90 percent of their beds filled.

The question now is how to keep the illness from spreading further.

On Tuesday, the JSU Office of Public Relations sent out an email with tips for preventing the flu and treating symptoms once it has been contracted.

Basic tips for preventing flu include: washing your hands frequently with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth; avoiding close contact with sick people; practicing good health habits like getting plenty of sleep and exercise, managing stress, drinking plenty of fluids, and eating healthy; and covering your nose or mouth with a tissue after sneezing.

"We encourage the children to wash their hands," said Brenda Cline, who has been the teacher's aide and primary preschool teacher at JSU's Cynthia H. Harper Child Study Center for 17 years. "Tissues are one-use, and then they throw them away and wash their hands. We're teaching them to cover their mouths and to cough or sneeze into their elbow. Then we use disinfectants to clean our tables, and we wash stuffed animals and other fabrics. We spray down the big toys and playsets with

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## The green standard Recycling at JSU below state goal

**Dustin Fox**  
Special to the Chanticleer

Recycling is one of the most popular ways for people to feel they are having a positive impact on the environment. Many cities offer curbside pickup of plastics, papers and other materials that can be processed and reused by recycling plants.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management set forth a goal for the state to recycle 25% of its waste. In 2016, only 8.28% was recycled. Despite initiatives geared towards increasing that percentage, many places have seen little improvement.

In February 2016, Jacksonville State University began its own recycling program, which began with the installment of six recycling bins on campus.

The program was funded by a grant provided by the Alabama Department of Environmental

Management through the Calhoun County Extension Office. The nearly \$40,000 grant went to fund the six bins - which themselves are made from recycled milk cartons - and a utility trailer used to store collected recyclables. The trailer is then transported once or twice a month to the Calhoun County Recycling Center, depending on how quickly it fills up.

Once it is dropped off, the material collected on JSU's campus is added to the nearly 362 tons of recyclables collected throughout the county each year. 362 tons is a massive amount, and saving that much from winding up in landfills has significant benefits.

However, when compared to the 102,500 tons of trash that is still tossed in a landfill in the county, the amount of recycling shows signs of needed improvement.

Calhoun County offers curbside recycling pickup alongside trash

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Jacksonville State University

Cocky does his part by recycling a plastic water bottle in Bibb Graves Hall.



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Steve Latham/JSU

**Charlcie Pettway Vann (pictured back row, second from right) stands with the 2008 library staff.**

them find something. When I do get a break, I love watching movies, walking, cycling. I love to shop, too.”

*BR: Coffee or Tea? Poetry or Prose?*

VANN: “Poetry. As for my drink, I say both. I have to be in the mood for coffee, and tea I’ll drink when I’m feeling under the weather.”

*BR: Favorite book?*

VANN: “The Mis-education of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson. It’s a very good book, very powerful.”

*BR: Do you think librarians are still relevant? Why?*

VANN: “Of course.

Librarians have this art of being able to search for information that is needed at the time. These days, with access to computers, that does not mean that people are more knowledgeable. Just because you have a device like a computer or a tablet does not mean that all the knowledge is there. I feel like being able to process information in small parts and using critical thinking skills is very important. That is part of my job as a librarian is to teach these skills to students.”

*BR: If you were not a librarian, what would you be?*

VANN: “I would volunteer for a nonprofit

that helps women dress and prepare for job interviews. As I said earlier I love to shop, so being able to help women look their best would be something I would enjoy doing.”

*BR: It has been great getting to know you. My final question for you is do you have any advice to give to students?*

VANN: “Have a plan. I would tell anyone to have some kind of plan for where they are going. Maybe go continue your education, maybe go straight into the workforce. Just have a plan and be flexible. See every goal you have to the very end.”

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Lysol after the children go home, and we have Germ-X for the adults to use that we encourage them to use it after they help a child.”

The campus preschool has not had any confirmed cases of flu among its students, but some siblings have contracted it. This year’s flu strain is especially harmful to children. As of January 13, the CDC reported that 30 children nationwide have died of the flu.

“Children spread these illnesses because their fingers are constantly in their mouths, and then they touch things or they sneeze and cough, and they’re just learning to cover their mouths and, sometimes they don’t. So that spreads it,” Cline said. “And they’re just in very close contact with each other. If one child plays with a toy, another one can come right behind them and pick it up.”

Both ADPH and JSU recommend the flu shot. Though it is less effective than in past years, those who contract the flu after receiving the flu shot often experience less severe symptoms than those who did not receive the shot. This year’s quadrivalent vaccine protects against four strains of flu and is the only vaccine to protect against Influenza B, according to the ADPH.

The JSU health center is of-

fering the flu shot free of charge to students and employees while supplies last. Health professionals note that it takes the human body approximately two weeks after receiving the shot to build up an immunity.

Symptoms of the flu include a cough and/or sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, headaches and/or body aches, chills and fatigue. Persons with the flu can run a fever of 100 degrees or higher, but this is not always the case. Many children also experience nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, but this symptom can also appear in adults.

Once a person contracts the flu, treatment options include the prescription anti-viral, oral medication Tamiflu or a regimen of Tylenol, Motrin and steady hydration.

ADPH and JSU urge those who are showing symptoms of the flu to stay home from work and school to avoid spreading the illness. Those who have been exposed to the flu should take preventative actions.

“Our policy is that if a child is symptomatic—if they’ve had vomiting, fever or diarrhea in the last 24 hours don’t send them to school,” Cline said. “It’s hard to find a time in winter when they don’t have a runny or stuffy nose, but if the drainage is green or yellow or very thick, that’s usually a sign of infection, and they need to stay home. If parents know their child is showing symptoms of flu, they need to take them to a pediatrician.”

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trash services, which gives residents the opportunity to put less of their waste in landfills. On JSU’s campus, which is populated by more than 8,500 students, recycling is limited to only six bins.

Those bins, which are located in the Theron Montgomery Building, Houston Cole Library, Bibb Graves, Martin, Brewer and Meehan Halls are only tiny blips on a map that covers 318 acres with 53 buildings, many of which are multi-story and have many entrances.

In the library, the recycling bin sits next to a trash can in Jazzman’s Cafe on the first floor. For students coming into the library from the rear parking lot, the green bin situated next to the nondescript trash can just inside the entrance is hard to miss. But for those who enter the library through the two entrances on the front, the bin goes unnoticed. Additionally, the library consists of 12 floors. For a student who finishes a drink in a plastic bottle anywhere in the library besides the café on the first floor, recycling that bottle would require a conscious choice to take it all the way to the bin, passing numerous trash cans on each floor.

Even for students passionate about recycling, making a special trip to a central location in a building is sometimes impracti-

cal. Abbie Patterson, who studies political science at JSU, said that she sometimes tosses a bottle in the trash between classes on the upper floors of Brewer Hall because there is not enough time to take it all the way to the first-floor lobby, where the bin is located.

Patterson does this despite considering herself very pro-recycling. When asked how important recycling is, she replied, “On a scale of one to 10? 10.”

While in Brewer hall twice a week, Patterson uses the recycling bin as much as possible, depositing empty bottles on her way to class and index cards she has used to study for a test on the way out. She makes it a point to go further than that, though. Patterson lives in an apartment complex on campus that does not offer recycling pick-up, so she separates her recyclables into a box that she brings to drop off in the on-campus bins once or twice a month. She said she does not think many students would go through that much trouble to recycle waste.

Courtney Lawrence, a social work student at the university, said she actively recycles at her off-campus home in Jacksonville because she has curbside pickup. It’s important to take care of the earth and keep as much waste out of landfills as possible, she said,



Dylan Kyser/Facebook

**To kick off the recycling project in 2016, JSU’s E.A.R.T.H. Club gave out free T-shirts and Frisbees in the TMB lobby to students who took the recycling pledge.**

but added that convenience is a big factor in recycling.

“Unfortunately, without the convenience of city pickup, I don’t believe I would use the bins [on campus] often,” Lawrence said.

Prior to 2016, students on campus had virtually no access to recycling. The installation of the six bins on campus were a starting point, though. The plan for JSU began through the Calhoun County Extension Office and the E.A.R.T.H. Club on campus. The bins were placed around campus and monitored for the first year.

“The data for the first year was reported to the Department of Environmental Management, but nothing has been recorded since then,” said Heather Mulvehill, an

agent at the Calhoun County Extension Office.

That data was collected by the Capital Planning and Facilities department on campus. After being reported to the Extension Office and ADEM for the first year, the program became a routine part of custodial services at JSU.

Keisha Gresham at the Calhoun County Recycling Center said the recycling brought to the center from the university is not weighed, but she estimates that each trailer weighs seven or eight tons. Most of that weight comes from paper products, which she said greatly outweighs plastics.

The Calhoun County Extension Office no longer has the data collected during the pilot year of the program,

which included records of how frequently the bins on campus were filled and how involved the student body was with the program.

The Capital Planning and Facilities department did not respond to a request for the information from the pilot year. Still, the recycling bins on campus are emptied on a regular basis, and Gresham says the Recycling Center picks up the collection trailer once or twice a month.

The small number of available recycling bins and frequency of pickup do indicate, however, that the program at JSU does not meet the state recycling goal of 25%. With 48 other buildings and countless other places to install recycling bins, though, JSU has the poten-

tial to make recycling easier for students and faculty.

“I believe that students would be more aware of recycling and more likely to use the bins if they are convenient,” Lawrence said.

Patterson echoed that sentiment, saying more students, including herself, would recycle more if bins were installed in more buildings and on multiple floors.

After all, the issue of recycling weighs heavy on a list of importance for some students at JSU and the ADEM. For now, though, the weight of what’s actually recycled on campus doesn’t seem to match that scale.

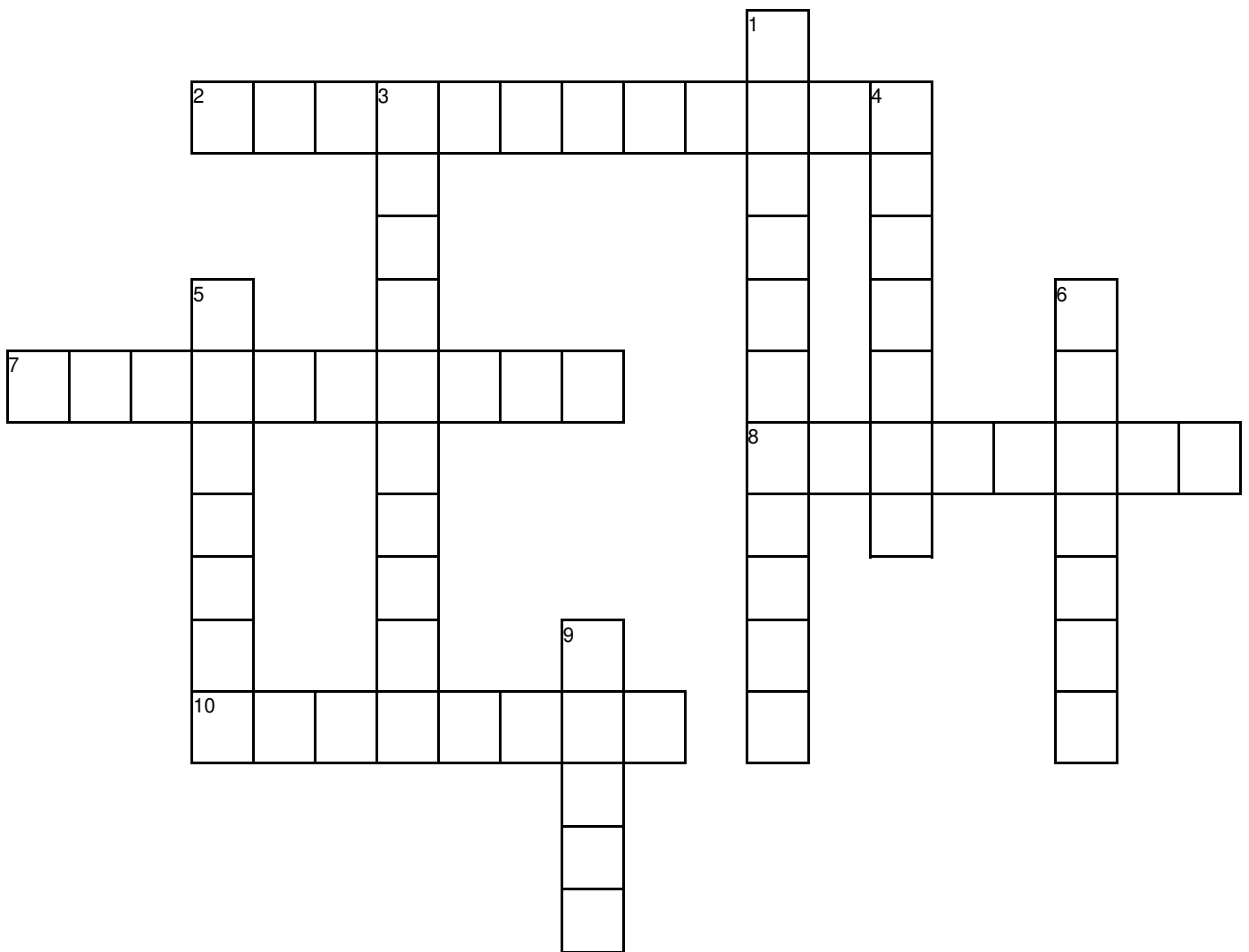
*\*Dustin Fox graduated from Jacksonville State University in December 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in communications.\**



# Study Break

## Campus Crossword! Super Bowl Edition

### Super Bowl Sunday

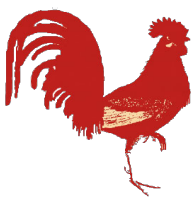


**Across**

- 2. host city in 2020
- 7. host city in 2021
- 8. most Super Bowl appearances
- 10. most Super Bowl wins

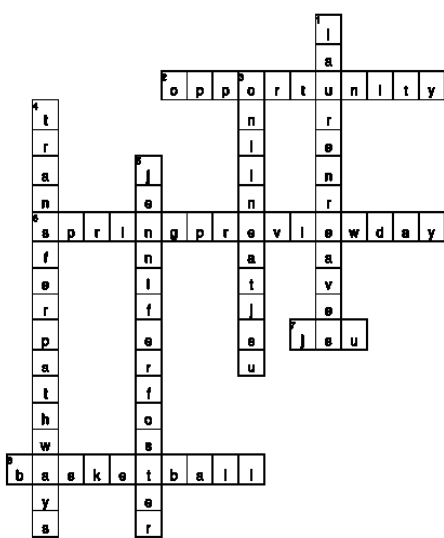
**Down**

- 1. host city in 2018
- 3. halftime performer
- 4. host city in 2019
- 5. won the first Super Bowl
- 6. most Super Bowl losses
- 9. last year's MVP



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

Welcome back! Answers can be found on the JSU website homepage!



- Across**
- 2. According to the homepage, what lies before you? You can hear it calling.
  - 6. Take place on March 8, 2018
  - 7. What is known as the "Friendliest Campus in the South?"
  - 8. Sport currently ongoing, new Claretcocks can catch a game at Pete Mathews Coliseum
- Down**
- 1. Crowned Miss JSU
  - 3. "Cheese are starting and we're saving you a seat"
  - 4. Program that recently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on our anniversary
  - 5. Currently in the faculty spotlight

Last Week's Solution!

**Chris' Random Fact:**

**This page was designed while listening to the Frozen soundtrack.**

# THIS MAYES IS CORNY!



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

Why isn't Post Malone called Mail Malone in America?

The Restaurant Shoney's used to be called Show-ankle's, but they got a little more bold

I'm not really a procrastinator, but I'd consider myself an amateur-crastinator

If you have one parachute, it's called achute

My mom likes puns too, so I must've had a dominant pun trait from her in my pun-it square

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Redbox & chill?

**Rebekah Hawkins**

*Special to the Chanticleer*

“Have you seen the new so-and-so movie yet?”

Actually Susan, no I haven't been to the movies in a while. Thanks for reminding me that I never actually leave my house.

You have to admit, you honestly can't remember the last time you went out for the

evening to see a movie. Maybe it was because the last time you saw a movie the kid behind you kept his feet firmly planted in your back, or because the woman next to you insisted on peeing and getting refreshments for the entire duration of the two-and-a-half hour movie. There's always Netflix, well when they add new things, which is almost never.

So what's next? Sure, there are tons of streaming sites to choose from but not everyone has those options. But, there's the

next best thing. The nearest Redbox. For the low price of \$1.50 a day, \$2.00 for Blu-Ray, you can rent a new release movie or perhaps something else and return it the next day to any available Redbox kiosk.

But the biggest conundrum is what to rent. A horror movie? Comedy? Romance? Action? So many possibilities.

Here are a few options to consider currently at Redbox:



Videotron.com

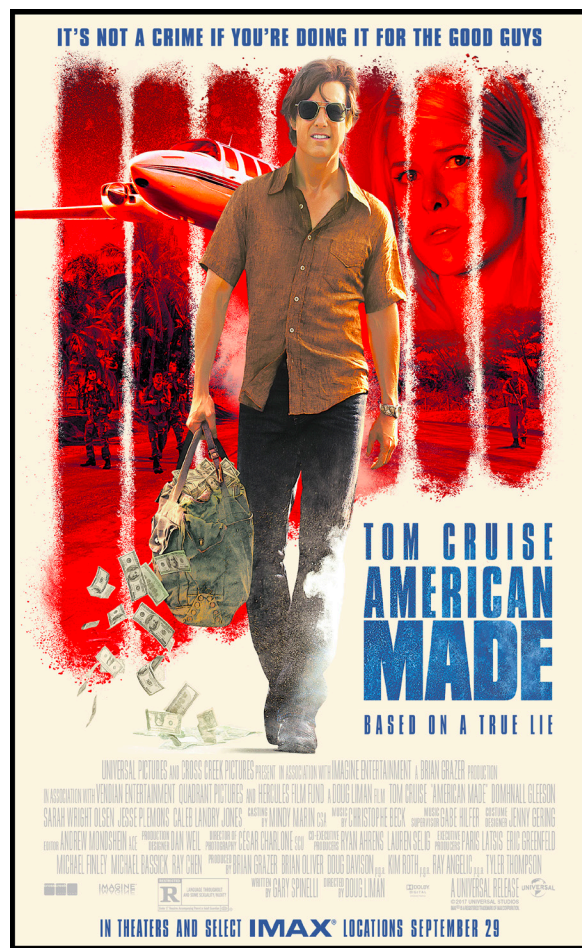
**Logan Lucky**  
 Rated PG-13  
 Genre: Comedy/Crime

The story of a devoted father named Jimmy Logan (Channing Tatum) who teams up with one-armed brother Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) and sister Mellie Logan (Riley Keough) to steal money from the Charlotte Motor Speedway during the biggest race of the year. With the help of incarcerated demolitions expert Joe Bang (Daniel Craig), they work to pull off the heist after a mix-up throws a dent in the plans.

**Redbox and Chill Rating: 5 out of 5**

I saw this movie in theaters, and would have seen it again because I loved it that much. It was funny, endearing, the characters were lovable and fleshed out. Also Daniel Craig is hilarious outside of his James Bond persona playing a jailed country bomber. If you're looking for something light-hearted and not too hard to follow, this is the one for you.

So there you have it, a few options for a night in. Jacksonville has several Redbox locations. Dollar



IMDB.com

**American Made**  
 Rated R  
 Genre: Drama/Crime

Tom Cruise plays Barry Seal, a TWA pilot who ends up being recruited by the CIA to provide recon in Central America during the communist threat. In the process, the infamous Medellin drug Cartel is created and the Reagan White House nearly comes crashing down amid the lies and deception.

**Redbox and Chill Rating: 5 out of 5**

I'll be the first to admit that I am not a fan of Tom Cruise. He's just a weird guy and all that has left a bad taste in my mouth when it comes to his movies. That being said, I saw this with my boyfriend, and loved it. It kept me on the edge of my seat and made me want to do more research into what actually happened and how much President Reagan was involved. This movie is full of action and has a solid story. It's a little more hard-core than Logan Lucky, pretty violent and you need to pay attention to the story to follow it.

General on Nisbet St has one, the Walgreen's has two kiosks, Winn Dixie has one and Wal-Mart has two indoor kiosks.



Tumblr.com

**It**  
 Rated R  
 Genre Horror/Thriller

Stephen King's classic novel heads to the big screen in this adaptation starring Bill Skarsgard as the notorious Pennywise the Dancing Clown who terrorizes seven outcasts in the small town of Derry, Maine over the course of a summer. Together they must overcome their fears and work to destroy him.

**Redbox and Chill Rating: 5 out of 5**

I'm a huge horror movie fan, so when I saw advertisements for the new It, I knew I would be first in line to see it. No one can replace Tim Curry in my heart as Pennywise, but Bill Skarsgard does a fine job of trying. He is frightening and convincing as the murderous clown, and the kids work well together as a group. The movie is full of jump-scares as well as regular scares, and the opening sequence is well-done and every bit as memorable as the original. It is intense, and obviously horror so this is a movie made for a cold, stormy evening at home.

If you need specific directions, check [redbox.com/locations](http://redbox.com/locations).





# “Glee” actor, Mark Salling, dead at 35 from suicide

Alissa Camplin

Arts & Entertainment Editor

According to TMZ, law enforcement found 35 year-old “Glee” star Mark Salling hanging from a tree on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

His legal trouble began in Jan. 2013 when his girlfriend, Roxanne Gorzela, claimed sexual battery when the actor refused to use a condom during the times they had consensual sex. When confronted later, Gorzela claims that Salling pushed her down. Later, the two settled for \$2.7 million and the charges were dropped.

His child pornography case began in Dec. 2015 when he was arrested for possessing disturbing images of prepubescent children on a tip from an ex-girlfriend.

Salling was charged with a second count of receiving and possessing child pornography in May 2016, five months after his initial arrest.

He surrendered himself to police a week later.

October 2016 brought forward a rape allegation from an ex of Salling saying that he raped her after months of them dating. The L.A. County District Attorney rejected the case due to the fact that the woman waited too long to report the incident.

Salling attempted suicide in Aug. 2017 by slashing his wrists, according to TMZ.

It was months before his scheduled trial where he faced prison time for his crimes.

After, he was taken to a rehab facility following a psychiatric evaluation at the hospital.

In October 2017, Salling agreed to take a plea deal that would give him a sentence 4-to-7-year prison sentence for possessing pornographic images rather than the about 20 years he was previously looking at.

Additionally, he was ordered to stay away from school yards, parks, public swimming pools, playgrounds, youth centers or anywhere else primarily used by persons under the age of 18.

In December 2017, Salling officially plead guilty to possessing child porn and was ordered to register as a sex offender, undergo treatment, and pay \$50,000 in restitution to each of his victims as part of the accepted plea deal.

At the time, the U.S. Attorney’s office said it would be at least three months before Salling received his official sentence.

While awaiting his sentencing, Salling decided to take his own life in the Sunland area of Los Angeles by hanging himself in a baseball field, according to law enforcement sources.

In a statement issued by his lawyer, Salling’s family said he was “doing his best” to atone for his mistakes.



thesun.co.uk

Salling played Noah “Puck” Puckerman on “Glee.” He recently pleaded guilty to two child pornography offences.

## COAST-TO-COAST



Steve Scanlon / Space.com

Astrophotographer Steve Scanlon captured this photo of the Super Blue Blood Moon.

### Super Blue Blood Moon eclipse thrills globally

The second full moon of January passed through Earth’s shadow in a Super Blue Blood Moon eclipse [yesterday] (Jan. 31), a rare lunar sight visible to millions of observers around the world.

[Yesterday’s] lunar eclipse was the first to coincide with a Blue Moon – a second full moon in one month – in North America in over 150 years. It was also the second “supermoon” of 2018, with the moon appearing slightly bigger and brighter than usual due to its closeness to Earth. And to top it off, the supermoon passed through Earth’s shadow this morning, casting a reddish hue on the lunar surface for more than 4 hours.

This lunar eclipse was visible in all 50 U.S. states as well as Australia and eastern Asia. Skywatchers in the western U.S. had the best view of the eclipse. Farther east, the moon set beneath the horizon before the eclipse came to an end. Clouds also obstructed the view in much of the U.S., but skywatchers and astrophotographers still managed to catch a glimpse of the “blood moon” from across the country.

The eclipse began at 5:51 a.m. EST (1051 GMT), when the moon began to enter the outer portion of Earth’s shadow, known as the penumbra. During the penumbral phase of the eclipse, which lasted about an hour, the moon began to darken as the shadow slowly moved across its surface.

At 6:48 a.m. ET (1148 GMT), the moon began to enter the darker, inner portion of Earth’s shadow, or the umbra. This phase of the eclipse, known as a partial eclipse, is when the moon began to appear red. That red tint is the result of sunlight scattering in Earth’s atmosphere, the same effect that causes sunsets and sunrises to appear red.

By 7:51 a.m. EST (1251 GMT), the moon was totally submerged in Earth’s umbral shadow, marking the beginning of the total lunar eclipse. During a live webcast by the Slooh community observatory, astronomer Paul Cox said that this lunar eclipse was “by far the best one I’ve ever seen.” While skywatchers along the U.S. East Coast were not able to see this phase of the eclipse, as the moon had already set, spectators along

the West Coast had an incredible view of the celestial sight.

Space.com’s Calla Cofield witnessed the eclipse with hundreds of eager skywatchers at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles. E. C. Krupp, director of the Griffith Observatory, provided occasional commentary during the eclipse. When the moon was only seconds away from emerging from Earth’s inner shadow (the umbra), marking the end of totality, Krupp talked briefly about how various ancient cultures believed that lunar eclipses occurred because a being or creature was swallowing the moon.

In some of those cultures, people chanted and made loud noises to scare the creature away, and free the moon. In honor of those ancient stories, Krupp led the crowd in a chant of “Dragon, be gone!” After about a minute, when a sliver of the full moon had emerged from the umbral shadow, Krupp announced to the crowd that the chant had been a success.

“Griffith observatory is all about putting people ‘eyeballs to the universe,’” Krupp said. “And it is in fact the best piece of public observatory real estate on the planet. Not every eclipse is visible from Griffith Observatory and the weather is not always cooperative when it is. But tonight, for this waaaay past your bedtime ‘super blue blood total eclipse’ we’ve got ideal conditions and a big group of people early in the morning.”

The moon completely emerged from the dark, red shadow at 10:11 a.m. EST (1511 GMT), after which it spent about another hour once again making its way through the penumbra. During this time, the darker-than-usual moon slowly began to return to its normal level of brightness.

Today’s total lunar eclipse was the only one that will be visible in North America all year. However, another total lunar eclipse on July 27 will be visible from South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. The next total lunar eclipse in North America will happen on Jan. 21, 2019.

### A brief history of female politicians being told to smile

Jennifer Hansler

CNN

Special to the Chanticleer

In a Wednesday morning interview on CNN’s “New Day,” White House press secretary Sarah Sanders suggested that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi “should smile a lot more.”

“I think she should smile a lot more often. I think the country would be better for it,” Sanders said of Pelosi’s stony expression during President Donald Trump’s State of the Union address.

The remark was far from the first time that a woman in a powerful leadership role has been given the suggestion to “smile more,” a directive that is regarded by many as sexist.

Here’s a brief look back at the times that female politicians on both sides of the aisle have been told to smile:

#### Hillary Clinton

Following Hillary Clinton’s primary victories in March 2016, NBC’s Joe Scarborough was lambasted for a tweet telling Clinton to “Smile. You just had a big night.”

In early September 2016, then-Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus criticized Clinton’s demeanor during a national security forum. In a tweet, Priebus slammed Clinton for seeming angry and not smiling more during the event. At the first presidential debate against then-candidate Donald Trump weeks later, some on social media suggested that Clinton smile less.

Clinton addressed the issue in an interview with CNN’s Anderson Cooper in March 2016. Asked if she believed that being told to smile more was sexist, she responded, “Well let me say, I don’t hear anybody say that about men.”

“And I’ve seen a lot of male candidates who don’t smile very much and who talk pretty loud. So I guess I’ll just leave it at that,” Clinton said.

#### Carly Fiorina

Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina hit back at her detractors during an October 2015 primary debate. Asked by the moderators what her biggest weakness was, she replied: “Gee, after the last debate, I was told that I didn’t smile enough.”

Her comments came after Trump suggested her appearance made her unelectable.

#### Maria Cantwell, Sarah Palin, Patty Murray

A 2005 Seattle Times column describes how Sen. Maria Cantwell had earned the nickname “Maria Can’t-Smile” due to what the writer described as a “serious, almost cold, personal demeanor.”

Wayne Anthony Ross, who had been nominated by then-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as state attorney general, said in his confirmation hearing in 2009 that Palin “needs to smile more,” according to The New York Times.

Last week, former television host Rosie O’Donnell tweeted a picture of Democratic Sen. Patty Murray, along with the caption “who is that woman and why is she always frowning.” Twitter users were quick to admonish O’Donnell, replying with highlights Murray’s achievements in Congress.



# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Hoping Case is the biggest beneficiary of JSU's stadium upgrade

Editorial Board of The Chanticleer



Matt Reynolds/JSU

Decades before Eli Jenkins and Josh Barge helped fill Burgess-Snow Stadium. Or Whitney Gillespie and Taylor West mowed down opposing batters at University Field. Even before Ray Harper returned glory to the men's basketball program.

There was Rudy Abbott and Jacksonville State's baseball program carrying the torch.

Abbott coached in 1,470 games from 1970 to 2000 and led the Gamecocks to 1,003 wins and posting a program-best 43-7 mark in 1979. He also led JSU to back-to-back Division II in 1990 and '91.

The level of success was established. So, when Jim Case took the program in 2001, the expectations were set. And he hasn't disappointed in his 16 seasons as the head coach of the Gamecocks.

As head coach at Jacksonville State, Case has accumulated over 500 career wins, 14 straight Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Championship tournament appearances, four NCAA Division I Regional appearances and a two-time OVC Coach of the Year. The Game-

cocks have never failed to make the conference's post-season tournament and have a 64.1 winning percentage against OVC opponents under Case.

However, talk with legendary Jacksonville State radio announcer Mike Parris about one of the more remarkable things he's witnessed surrounding the Gamecocks' baseball program and the answer is simple — the 2014 OVC tournament.

After falling to Eastern Illinois 2-1 to start the tournament, the Gamecocks went on to become the first team in OVC history to win six-straight elimination games — knocking off SIUE (7-5), EIU (13-2), Morehead State (7-1), SEMO (6-2), Tennessee Tech (10-7) and the Golden Eagles, again, (4-2) — to win the school's fourth conference tournament championship.

Another statistic Parris is quick to fire off is the 23-4 record in OVC play during the 2008 season, which featured two-time OVC Player of the Year Clay Whittemore and future Major League Baseball player Todd Cunningham. It was

one of three 20-win seasons for the Gamecocks in league play under Case.

In those 16 seasons, Jacksonville State has only had a sub-.500 record twice — 2002 (23-31) and 2012 (28-30). But has also coached 14 All-Americans, including Whittemore, Cunningham, Donovan Hand, Clayton Daniel, Travis Stout, Paschal Petrongolo and a guy by the name of Coty Blanchard.

So, while Burgess-Snow Stadium, which went through a \$47 million expansion prior to the 2010 football season, and Pete Mathews Coliseum, which also saw a face lift this decade, are seeing a very sharp attendance increase because of the renovations, one can't help but wonder the reaction by the veteran head coach when the \$7.5 million stadium finally opens.

If the attention the Jacksonville State football and basketball teams have received as a result of the facility upgrade is an indication, then Case and the baseball team will begin to receive the respect that is long overdue.

## Please stop releasing balloons

Katie Cline  
Editor-in-Chief

Every year, hundreds of well-meaning groups and organizations across the nation use balloon releases to honor lost loved ones, celebrate survivors and announce funds that have been raised. But sometimes these "well-meaning" gestures overshadow the bigger issue: balloons are bad for the environment, and our "celebrations" often damage an already fragile ecosystem. Why do we, a college of forward-thinking young adults, still let this happen?

The cheap, latex balloons usually used for these releases are not biodegradable, meaning that after they float out of sight, they come back down to Earth...and stay there. Often times, they get washed into rivers, lakes, ponds and oceans, and they can seriously harm or kill native wildlife, particularly turtles and sea birds.

One of a sea turtle's food sources is jellyfish, and, to a turtle, balloons floating on the surface look like jellyfish. If

a turtle eats one of these balloons, it can get stuck in its throat and keep the turtle from eating, causing it to slowly starve to death.

For birds, the danger comes while the balloons are still in the air. Sea birds like gulls and pelicans can get tangled in balloon strings while flying, and those strings can get tangled in trees or power lines and essentially hang the bird.

It's true that Jacksonville is miles from the nearest beach, but we still have local lakes and creeks that attract water fowl. We still have fish and turtles that could eat a stray balloon. And distance doesn't always limit impact. It's like they say in "Finding Nemo": "All drains [and, in this case, streams] lead to the ocean." It's not impossible for a balloon released in Jacksonville, Ala. to end up in the Gulf of Mexico.

I am the daughter of a biologist. I've lived my entire life knowing the dangers plastics and pollut-

ants to the environment. It's something that's always on my mind. So it hurts me to see people disregard the impact they have on the environment for the sake of cute pictures. Surely there are better ways to make your point known. How much good are you really doing if you support a charity but harm the environment? And it especially makes me sad to see this kind of disregard and apathy on a college campus, where we're supposed to be learning and growing and making the world a better place.

Milestones deserve acknowledgement. Life deserves celebrating. Accomplishments deserve recognition. But all of these amazing things are dulled by the unnecessary disrespect shown to the environment. So, could we please come up with a better way?

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, things aren't going to get better. They're not." — Dr. Suess, *The Lorax*

## No better place for Chipper Jones than Cooperstown

Chris Allen Brown  
Associate Editor

It was a Sunday night.

Philadelphia Phillies closing pitcher Jonathan Papelbon had a history of blown saves against the Atlanta Braves. But this time ... this time there was more.

With the Braves trailing 7-5 with two runners on and two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Jones, a switch hitter batting from the left side of the plate against the right-handed Papelbon, drove a fastball nearly three-fourths up the stands in right-center field. It was the 75th win for a playoff-bound Braves team — one which would eventually be swept in three games by the Pittsburgh Pirates a month later.

But those weren't

the only fireworks for Atlanta during Jones' 19-year career with the Braves.

After missing the 1994 season recovering from an injury, Jones launched his first career home run on May 9, 1995 en route to a 3-2 Braves win over the New York Mets.

Fast forward 13 years and Jones became just the third switch-hitter all-time to hit 400 career home runs when he took right-hander Ricky Nolasco deep. By the end of the 2012 season, Jones had 468 career home runs, which would surpass Eddie Murray for the most by a switch-hitter in the National League.

With 8,984 at bats, Jones finished his career with more walks

(1,512) than strikeouts (1,409). From 1995 to 2012, he recorded 12 seasons with more walks than strikeouts, including a span of six straight from 1998 to 2003. Jones remains one of just three players, who primarily played third base, to drive in more than 1,500 runs. He also hit above .300 from both sides of the plate en route to finishing his career with 2,724 hits.

With last Wednesday's announcement of Jones joining the MLB Hall of Fame, there's no bigger satisfaction to those who follow professional baseball than seeing one of the all-time greatest switch-hitters take his rightful place among the best players to play.



# SPORTS

## Gamecocks right the ship against SEMO

**Grant Benefield**  
Staff Sports Reporter

After dropping their two previous OVC matches against Eastern Kentucky and UT Martin, the Jacksonville State women's basketball team got back in the win column with a 55-48 victory over Southeast Missouri at home on Saturday.

Their thirteenth win of the season is an important milestone for the Gamecocks (13-8, 7-3 OVC), as it matches their previous season's win total (13-15). The team still has eight remaining regular season games to further improve on last year's performance.

With the win, the Gamecocks remain tied with Morehead State for the third place spot in Ohio Valley Conference standings. SIUE holds second place at 8-2, and Belmont sits atop the crowd at a perfect 10-0.



Matt Reynolds/JSU

**JSU freshman guard Taylor Hawks scored 13 points to lead the Gamecocks past SEMO 55-48 on Saturday.**

As for Saturday's match with the Redhawks, the Gamecocks were boosted by a strong performance from freshman guard Taylor Hawks. The Gainesville, GA, native collected 13 points and shot 4-for-9 from the field, including a 3-point basket and a 4-for-4 mark from the charity line.

The Redhawks struggled offensively, tallying a 27% field goal percentage.

Despite leading most of the match, the Gamecocks could never build a comfortable lead against SEMO, with their largest lead standing at just nine. Two late 3-point baskets from Gamecock guard Gretchen Patterson would be enough the

put away the Redhawks down the stretch.

Senior forward Tyler Phelion had a terrific performance off the bench for the home team, contributing eight points on 3-for-8 shooting and a pair of rebounds and blocks.

Patterson and Kiana Johnson both added seven points, with Patterson knocking down two shots from outside the arc and Johnson grabbing four boards.

Sophomore forward Chloe Long was the most active on the glass for the Gamecocks, grabbing eight rebounds and also collecting five points.

The Gamecocks now go into an important two-game conference road series, starting with a match on Thursday against Eastern Illinois and ending with Saturday's match against second place Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.



Matt Reynolds/JSU

**JSU guard Marlon Hunter lead the Gamecocks past SEMO with a career-high 22 points.**

## Jax State cruises past Redhawks

**Daniel Mayes**  
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks returned to their winning ways Saturday night with a 78-60 takedown of Southeast Missouri State at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The bounce-back win came after a disappointing loss Thursday night in which the Gamecocks (16-7, 7-3 OVC) overcame a 10-point halftime deficit only to fall late against UT Martin.

In Saturday's affair, the Gamecocks played like a team that was unwilling to lose two in a row.

After back-and-forth play to tipoff the contest, an Ashton Spears 3-pointer at the 11:33 mark of the first half gave JSU an 18-16 lead, and the Gamecocks never looked back.

Jax State built the lead to a 12-point margin at the break.

Early in the second

half, an 8-0 Gamecock run, which included two buckets from Marlon Hunter, ended thoughts of a SEMO comeback relatively quickly.

Hunter set a new career high with 22 points in the game, which bested his previous total of 21 from the Jan. 11 victory over Murray State. 14 of Hunter's total came in the second half, helping to keep the Redhawks at arms length and secure the 78-60 victory for Jacksonville State.

The victory is the seventh conference victory of the season for the Gamecocks. Jax State picked up just nine OVC victories all of last season, and there are six remaining contests for the Gamecocks to match or surpass their previous total.

Christian Cunningham also chipped in a double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds, his team-leading sixth game in double figures

in both statistical categories this season.

Malcolm Drumwright and Jason Burnell contributed 11 points apiece, while Jamall Gregory scored 12 and dished out six assists.

Drumwright's scoring output snaps a bit of a hot scoring streak, as the senior point guard had put up 20 or more points in four of the previous five contests.

Jacksonville State will now embark on a two-game road trip to face two teams near the bottom of the OVC Standings.

The Gamecocks will take on Eastern Illinois Thursday, Feb. 1 before travelling to Edwardsville, Illinois to take on SIUE on Saturday. Both teams currently have a 3-7 record in OVC contests.

Jax State will return to Pete Mathews Coliseum on Thursday, Feb. 8 to take on Tennessee Tech.

## Men's Tennis downs two on road

VICKSBURG, Miss. – The Jacksonville State men's tennis team downed Alcorn State and Jackson State on Sunday to improve to 3-0 on the season. The Gamecocks shut down Alcorn 5-0 and topped Jackson 4-1.

Aljaz Kaplja, Joaquin Vallejo and Guillermo Agost each claimed wins in straight sets over Alcorn State. Pablo Caffarena's match with Jonathan Parat was on its way to a third set before the competition was cut short. Paolo Cucalon's match went unfinished, as well. The teams of Kaplja/Andres Gomez and Agost/Jordi Blanchar claimed the doubles point 5-4 and 6-2, respectively.

Jackson State was able to claim one point from the Gamecocks, but Jacksonville State took the doubles point and three of the available four singles points. Kaplja, Caffarena and Vallejo won at slots No. 1-3, while the Tigers' Styliano Gkotsaris won at No. 4. Jackson State took one doubles set, but Joaquin Vallejo/Caffarena and Marc Roura/Alexander Vishnevskiy secured the doubles point to claim the three-point victory.

Agost improved to 2-0 for the season while Vallejo is now 3-0 in singles action. Kaplja, in the No. 1 position, is undefeated at 3-0. The Gamecocks are perfect at 7-0 in doubles competition.

The Gamecocks remain the road for their next matches, competing in the Alabama State Invitational Feb. 17 and 18 in Montgomery, Ala. JSU returns home Feb. 20 for a noon match against Kennesaw State.

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### JSU Sports Upcoming Events

**2/1**

Women's Basketball  
At Eastern Illinois\*  
5:15 p.m. Charleston, Ill.

Men's Basketball  
At Eastern Illinois\*  
7:30 p.m. Charleston, Ill.

**2/2**

Men's Tennis  
At Xavier University of Louisiana  
2:00 p.m. New Orleans, LA.

**2/3**

Men's Tennis  
At Lamar University  
11:00 a.m. Beaumont, TX.

Men's Basketball  
vs. SIUE\*  
1:00 p.m. Edwardsville, Ill.

Women's Basketball  
vs. SIUE\*  
6:00 p.m. Edwardsville, Ill.

Rifle  
OVC Championship\*  
Murray, Ky.

**2/4**

Rifle  
OVC Championship\*  
Murray, Ky.

**JSU Softball Fan Day**  
**2:00 p.m. University Field,**

**Bold = Home contest**

\* = OVC contest

#### OVC Men's Basketball

School	OVC	O/R
Belmont	9-1	17-6
Murray State	8-2	16-5
Jacksonville State	7-3	16-7
Tennessee Tech	7-3	15-8
Austin Peay	7-3	12-10
Tennessee State	5-5	10-11
Southeast Missouri	4-6	10-13
UT Martin	3-7	8-15
Eastern Illinois	3-7	7-14
SIUE	3-7	7-14
Eastern Kentucky	2-8	8-15
Morehead State	2-8	6-15

#### OVC Women's Basketball

School	OVC	O/R
Belmont	10-0	20-3
SIUE	8-2	11-10
Morehead State	7-3	16-7
Jacksonville State	7-3	13-8
UT Martin	6-4	10-12
Austin Peay	5-5	12-9
Southeast Missouri	5-5	10-12
Murray State	4-6	8-13
Eastern Kentucky	4-6	7-12
Tennessee State	2-8	4-15
Tennessee Tech	1-9	4-17
Eastern Illinois	1-9	2-19

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





Katy Nowak/JSU

The Jacksonville State softball team will look to defend their 2017 OVC title when the season begins on February 9, 2018

# Softball squad gears up for 2018 season

**Hannah Grant,**  
*Staff Sports Writer*

If you do not already know the six-time Ohio Valley Conference Softball champions, you may want to learn.

As predicted, the 2018 OVC Preseason polls have Jacksonville State returning to the number one spot yet again with 15 first-place votes. The polls are voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

But before the OVC favorites take on the season, the Gamecocks will host their annual Fan Day Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m. at University Field.

Softball fans from all over are welcome to join the team with opportunities to win free prizes while enjoying complimentary popcorn and drinks. Attendees will be able to meet the 2018 team and take home signed posters.

The Jax State squad is ready to begin hopefully another historic season after their back-to-back OVC titles and NCAA Regional appearances in the previous two.

The seven departed Gamecock seniors definitely left their mark on the team with a combined 3 OVC Championships, 161 wins and only 59 losses.

Whitney Gillespie

was dominant in the pitching circle yet again in 2017, as she earned All-Region honors by the NFCA for the second straight year. She added the achievement to her extensive collection of All-OVC honors and her OVC Tournament MVP nod.

Catcher Jamie McGuire joined Gillespie by also earning All-Region honors by the NFCA for the first time, adding to her second-straight First Team All-OVC mention and OVC All-Tournament Team. To top off her senior season, McGuire was selected to join Alabama Stars to play in exhibition games against the USA

Women's National Team in both Tuscaloosa and Auburn.

In the outfield was the unstoppable Stephanie Lewis, who not only dominated in the field, but also in the batter's box. Lewis appeared in every game as a starter along with fellow senior Taylor Sloan, who showed her dominance as a utility player and catcher.

Emily Church, Jordan Sims, Taylor West and Cadi Oliver are the remaining seniors that left their legacy at University Field.

Coach Jana McGinnis and her team have lost some powerhouse players, but

the retooled squad is just as motivated to return to another historic season.

Familiar faces around the diamond are returning this year along with some new ones, but the team still has the same goal—win an OVC Championship.

JSU has added six new Gamecocks to the 2018 roster.

Lex Hull, a junior Louisville, Kentucky native, comes to JSU as a junior previously from the University of South Carolina.

Accompanying Hull is another pair of transfers. Anika Barbosa, the junior native of El Paso, Texas from Navarro (Texas) College and Taylor

Beshears, a junior from Trussville who played previously at Wallace State Community College.

Hannah stays a Weaver from Pisgah, Alabama, Jada Terry from Trinity, Alabama and Nicole Rodriguez from Fort Myers, Florida are the three freshman additions this year.

After Fan Day, six-time OVC Coach of the Year Jana McGinnis and her new squad will open up the season on Feb. 9 in Jacksonville, Florida as part of the River City Leadoff.

The Gamecocks will make their home debut on Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. against Samford at University Field.



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## Women's Tennis beats Alcorn, Jackson State

VICKSBURG, Miss. — The Jacksonville State women's tennis team improved to 3-0 with wins over Alcorn State and Jackson State on Sunday. The Gamecocks shut out Alcorn State 4-0 before downing Jackson State 4-2 in the day's final match.

JSU took two of three sets in doubles play to claim the doubles point and took all three finished matches in singles competition to complete the perfect score. Alissa Locati, Diana Monsalve and Marine Alberteau each took singles victories in two sets, while the teams of Genevieve Ulanday/Elena Tendero and Alberteau/Monsalve secured the doubles points over the Braves.

Alcorn State was only able to muster one doubles set win, and three singles matches went unfinished.

The Gamecocks then downed Jackson State in

the 3 p.m. match, but the Tigers did not go as quietly as Alcorn. Jacksonville State picked up two singles wins at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions, but the bottom half of the JSU order was able to secure the season's third win.

Tendero won a three-set match over Nina Zhang, while Monsalve and Alberteau each won in two. Jackson State's Tyler Smith and Lucia Solis, the victors at No. 1 and No. 2 in singles play, teamed up to win a doubles set, but the combinations of Malin Buechner/Alba Conejero and Monsalve/Albertaine helped lay claim to the doubles point.

The Gamecocks remain the road for their next matches, competing in the Alabama State Invitational Feb. 17 and 18 in Montgomery, Ala. JSU returns home Feb. 20 for a noon match against Kennesaw State.

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# Gamecock athletes have record-setting semester in classroom

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville State Athletics Department saw success both on and off the courts and fields of play during the 2017 fall semester.

In the classroom, the Gamecocks boasted a record-setting 3.236 cumulative grade point average, the highest in the athletic department's history. It marked the 13th-straight semester Jax State has posted a department average above a 3.0, with 15 of JSU's 17 varsity programs achieving 3.0 or higher team averages.

Individually, 219 of the 324 (68 percent) student-athletes enrolled at JSU last fall, registered a 3.0, with 128 making the Dean's list of 3.5 or higher. 54 Gamecocks were announced to the President's list with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

"This past fall was another outstanding semester for our student-

athletes, both on the field and in the classroom," Athletic Director Greg Seitz said. "I couldn't be more proud of the effort that our student-athletes put forth to be great representatives of Jacksonville State University in competition, the classroom and the community."

Women's cross country led all JSU programs with a 3.741. In addition to cross country, head coach Steve Ray's women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams registered the third-best mark among Gamecock teams with a 3.572. Women's tennis recorded the second-best team GPA with a 3.673 during the fall.

Women's golf was fourth on the list with a 3.554, followed by softball (3.512), volleyball (3.435) and soccer that posted a 3.407.

"Our student-athletes put in a lot of hours to meet the high standards that come with wearing

Sport	GPA
Women's Cross Country	3.741
Women's Tennis	3.673
Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field	3.572
Women's Golf	3.554
Softball	3.512
Volleyball/Beach Volleyball	3.435
Soccer	3.407
Men's Tennis	3.294
Men's Golf	3.199
Men's Cross Country	3.145
Baseball	3.117
Women's Basketball	3.116
Football	3.101
Rifle	2.993
Men's Basketball	2.709
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.236</b>

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that Gamecock logo on their uniforms and I want to congratulate them for their hard work in the classroom," Seitz added. "It is also a testament to the hard work of our coaching staffs and the academic staff we have to help our student-athletes be successful."

Student-athletes with a 3.0 or higher GPAs during the fall semester, along with OVC Academic Medal of Honor recipients from the 2016-17 year, were recognized at halftime of the men's basketball contest on Thursday night against UT Martin.

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