Arbor Day celebration is “tree-mendous”

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“Look around this campus. Can you imagine what this campus would look like with-out trees?” Jacksonville mayor Johnny Smith asked the crowd that gathered by Bennett Field. On Thursday, Jacksonville State University celebrated Arbor Day with the planting of an Overcup Oak tree near the newly christened Marching Southerners practice field. “Oak trees are a universal symbol for strength and en-durance,” biology profes-sor and keynote speaker Dr. Jimmy Toplitz said, “and it is my hope that as we move into the future, our commit-ment to care for our envi-ronment and our trees will endure and we will continue to find the strength to play a positive role in the well-be-ing of our planet.” JSU was named a Tree City USA Tree Campus in 2012, and the university has held an annual event each See ARBOR DAY, page 2

JSU marks 25 years of student research

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Jacksonville State University proudly celebrated the 25th year of its Student Research Symposium from February 14-16, 2018. Students from every school participated at both the undergraduate and graduate level, competing for the ulti-mate prize of Best in Show-case. This year was the first year for the Best in Showcase award, and the grand prize went to Joy Pinckard for her creation of the app “Feathered Friends” under the mentorship of Dr. David Thornton, an associ-ate professor of computer science. “Feathered Friends” is a game where users can breed, raise and bond with a pet bird. Players can also dress their birds in clothing they purchase using in-game coins and race their birds in a “Flappy Bird” style mini game. Pinckard, who hopes to go into video game de-velopment, designed the app See RESEARCH, page 2

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NPHC Expo

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The winning design for this year’s Arbor Day contest was created by JSU student John Wippier.

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The JSU Student Symposium/Facebook

Sophomore Amber Smith shows off hydrocarbon mod-els as part of her presentation for the 2018 Student Re-search Symposium.
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year to establish its commitment to a beautiful campus and a healthy environment. Arbor Day began in Nebraska in 1872 as the result of the efforts of Julius Sterling Morton. Morton was the editor of the “Nebraska City News” and advocated for the planting of trees through his articles and editorials. He was later named the Secretary of Agriculture by President Grover Cleveland.

“At Jacksonville State, we’re actually very fortunate to have a vast diversity of tree species,” Tripplet said. “The campus has over 100 different species of trees, including native oaks, maples, pines, magnolias, as well as some non-native species that have been planted around the country and all over the world, and this is a testament to the vision of our university’s administration and the awesome grounds crew. It has truly made this campus a beautiful place to be.”

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To conclude his portion of the program, Tripplet also said that the timber industry employs over 170,000 Alabamians and produces $18 billion in sales, which contributes to the state’s impressive biodiversity. According to Tripplet, 69 percent of Alabama is forested, a fact that helps contribute to the state’s impressive biodiversity. In fact, in a 2019 biodiversity study published in the journal “Biodiversity and Conservation,” Alabama was ranked among the top 10 states for biodiversity, with the fourth-highest number of plant species and the second-highest number of animal species.

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Study Break

Campus Crossword!
U.S. State Capital Edition

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Across
1. Texas
6. New York
8. Kentucky
9. Georgia
10. Missouri

Down
2. Illinois
3. Wyoming
4. Arkansas
5. Alabama
7. Michigan

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

Winter Olympics 2018

Chris’ Random Fact:
The capital of Switzerland is Bern and the official language of the city is German.

Last Week’s Solution!

This Mayes is Corny!
... Puns from the collection of:
Sports Editor Daniel Mayes #shootpunsnotguns

If you take a survey of only women it’s called a ma’am-vey
If something is bad because it rips it is terrible and tearable
Jsu Basketball isn’t doing so great right now, but hopefully they can tourn it on in the Tournament
If you want to halfheartedly excuse someone when they sneeze, say gesund-loose
If you head bad breath in Alabama’s capital, you would chew some mintgummery
Strain has been a integral part of the Gamecock basketball program for the past three seasons. With her dedication and hard work, she has earned a spot on the university honor roll every semester. Her academic achievements have allowed her to focus on both her studies and her athletic career. Strain's academic and basketball success is a testament to her determination and resilience.

The Gamecocks' success on the court is due in large part to the leadership and skills of their star players. Strain, along with her teammates, has been instrumental in the team's recent surge in performance. With their steady play and strong performance, the Gamecocks have a bright future ahead of them.
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JSU falls to Peay for third straight loss

Freshman Cam Martin scored a career-high 18 points in the Gamecocks’ loss to Austin Peay. The pressure to close out the first half with a ten-point lead was too much.

After a missed three by Jamall Gregory, the Governors’ Tre Ivory hit a huge three off of the assist from Zach Glotta on the other end to finish the first half and carry momentum into the second.

Austin Peay’s defensive prowess forced a devastating seven turnovers for the Gamecocks in the second half, cutting potential game-changing runs short.

Neither side excelled in three-point shooting on Saturday, but what separated the two teams was the free throw shooting in the second half. The Gamecocks shot 70%, while the Governors shot 50% from the free throw line while the Governors made 10 of their 27 free throw attempts.

With just over two minutes left, Jacksonville State lost a lead, 60-57. Logan Arnwine made a huge three off of the assist from Zach Glotta on the other end to finish the first half and carry momentum into the second. Jacksonville State could not put them over the top.

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Jacksonville State fell once again to Austin Peay Feb. 17, 57-60 in Cookeville, Tennessee, marking their third straight loss. The Gamecocks continued their slide, dropping two consecutive games and four of the last five.

In each loss, the Gamecocks battled both turnovers and three-point shooting battles with their opponents, who, notably, had 19 turnovers against Tennessee State and 15 against Murray State.

In the last meeting between Jacksonville State and Austin Peay, the Governors defeated the Gamecocks 87-67, Jan. 13.

JSU struggled to defend against Austin Peay’s offense in their first matchup. This time, Jackson- ville State held the Governors to 60 points, 27 less than before, but the Tennessee Tech offense couldn’t put them over the top.

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Jacksonville State
Thursday, Feb. 22, Cookeville State will announce the dedication of the court at Pete Mathews Coliseum as Bill Jones Court. Jones, the legendary Gamecock basketball head coach and student-athlete, will be recognized at halftime of the men’s basketball game against Belmont. Thursday’s game is set to tip at 8 p.m. on ESPNU.

“I am very honored to have the basketball court named after me,” said Jones. “I want to do my best to be a reminder of how much players, trainers, assistants, coaches, and support personnel gave us in order to make the basketball program a success for so many years.

When all our loyal JSU fans see my name on the court, I hope they recall all the great times we had together.

Born September 5, 1944 in Grandviewville, Ala., Jones played collegiate basketball at Snead State Community College before transferring to Jacksonville State. Jones graduated from Jacksonville State’s basketball squad in 1964. At JSU, he is the all-time Gamecocks in scoring in each of his two seasons. His senior year he led in free throw shooting at 84.7 percent and was named to the Alabama College Conference All-Conference Team.

To this day, he is the only JSU men’s basketball player to have his number retired. His No. 14 hangs from the rafters of Pete Mathews Coliseum as Bill Jones Court. Jones, who was inducted into the JSU Sports Hall of Fame, is also a member of the Amateur Softball Hall of Fame and was a charter member of the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame. Jones, who was induct- ed into JSU’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991, joins former Gamecocks Dieter Brock ’92, Don Saltz ’92, Jodie Con- nell ’96, Rudy Abbott ’87, Charley Pell ’11, Eric Davis ’13 and Todd Jones ’17 in the ASHU. JSU Sports
Gamecocks beat Peay, fall to Belmont

Daniel Mayes
Sports Editor

After comeback win over Austin Peay to match the program best OVC win total with 11, the Jacksonville State women’s squad fell hard to Belmont in their final home game of the sea- son.

On Saturday, the Gamecocks went 1-2 to open the fourth quarter deficit of at least seven points for the third consecutive game, taking down Aus- tin Peay 51-30 for their program-best matching win.

After trailing by nine to begin the quarter, Jack- sonville State worked its way back into the game, and, trailing by one with just five seconds left, Tasha Magruder was fouled.

Magruder hit on just 14% of her free throws coming into the game, but she calmly drained both to give the Game- cocks the lead and, eventually, the win.

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