Black History Month celebrated with banquet

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JSU concluded its celebration of Black History Month with a banquet in Leon Cole Auditorium on Tuesday, February 27. The banquet was well attended by a diverse group of students, faculty, community members and special guests. The event was planned and organized by JSU Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the SGA.

The evening began with a moving performance by the JSU Gospel Choir. Afterwards, Braxton Moore, Vice President of Student Government Association and Master of Ceremonies set the tone for the evening by saying, “This evening the JSU Gospel Choir, in cooperation with the JSU Student Government, will be taking on the task of presenting Black History Month to every student, faculty member, and guest present. The JSU Gospel Choir, in the tradition of our past, will celebrate the present and embrace the future.”

After Moore’s opening remarks, President John M. Beehler gave a short speech on the importance of diversity and inclusion. Vinson Houston, Earl Warren, Clemo Lemon, San- dra Sudduth and Tracy Broom stand with JSU President Dr. John M. Beehler.

“JSU is a diverse university that embraces diversity and inclusion. Ev- ery organization at JSU is better and makes better decisions if it in- cludes all races, colors, creeds and nations,” said Beehler.

After Beehlers short speech, the Alpha G-Phi Alpha, Xi Xi Chapter, Khiry Smith presented Black History Month to the spoken word. The performance included a few quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Campus ministry shows lecture series

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The Canterbury Club Episcopal campus min- istry at JSU is taking part in Values in Action, a partner site for the Trinity Institute’s 47th National Theological Conference. Using on-demand vid- eos, the ministry will offer four segments of the conference on Sundays – February 25, March 4, 11 and 18 from 3-5 p.m. at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church parish hall, on the corner of Church Ave- nue and Drayton Street in Jacksonville.

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do you bring your values to bear on making decisions?" said Gay.

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The Vagina Monologues is part of the V-Day movement which is an international movement to end violence against women. The proceeds from JSU’s event will be benefiting local and international charities. Second Chance, Inc. will be receiving 90% of the profit and the other 10% will be directed towards the V-Day campaign to continue hosting events like "The Vagina Monologues." Second Chance is based in Anniston and is a local domestic violence and sexual assault prevention center. According to their website, their programs include 24-hour crisis hotlines, legal advocacy, groups and counseling services among other things. All services are free to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.

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Study Break

Campus Crossword!
Disney Movie Edition

Disney Movies

Across
4. You Got a Friend in Me
5. Can’t Wait to be King
6. When Will My Life Begin
8. I Can Go the Distance
10. Just Around the River Bend

Down
1. Love is an Open Door
2. Under the Sea
3. A Dream is a Wish
7. I’ll Make a Man Out of You
9. You’re Welcome

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

Chris’ Random Fact:
There’s a hidden Mickey Mouse head in every Disney movie, per Corey McAllister.

Last Week’s Solution!

**IF YOU TAKE A SURVEY OF ONLY WOMEN IT’S CALLED A MAAM-VÉY**
**IF SOMETHING IS BAD BECAUSE IT RIPS IT IS TERRIBLE AND TEARABLE**
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**Editor’s note:**

The Chanticleer staff extends our hearts and condolences to those are mourning the loss of the 17 incredible students and teachers due to the horrible act of violence in Parkland, Fla. at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14, 2018. We vow to always remember and honor the legacy they leave in their absence.

*All information and photographs taken from the New York Times article “The Names and Faces of the Florida School Shooting Victims” written by Amy Harmon, Jess Bidgood and Mitch Smith.*
In two quick years, Ray Harper has helped take the Jacksonville State men's basketball program to heights unseen in over 20 years. So, it's not crazy to say last Thursday's 78-67 win over Belmont was the biggest of his short tenure, right?

Yes, the trio of wins against Southeast Missouri, Belmont and UT Martin in the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference tournament were remarkable, especially beating the Bruins and Skyhawks — the tournament's top two seeds — on back-to-back nights, but people didn't really expect the Gamecocks to win those games.

But back to last week's victory. Think about all the extra storylines surrounding the game: dedicating the court to Bill Jones (who won the school's only basketball national championship in 1985), celebrating a trio of seniors (Des Curry, Norbertas Giga and all-time great Malcolm Drumwright) — the tournament's top two seeds — on back-to-back nights, but people didn't really expect the Gamecocks to win those games.

They needed to see Giga hyping up the crowd during the second half.

They needed to see Drumwright sinking the dagger 3-point basket late in the game.

They needed to see this game.

Speaking of things people needed, who better to need the win than the players.

It had been 14 days since JSU beat Tennessee Tech 82-65 in Jacksonville. Within two weeks, the Gamecocks dropped a home game against Tennessee State (47-65), at Murray State (60-68) and at Austin Peay (57-60). The players needed confidence heading into this past weekend's regular-season finale in Cookeville, Tenn. Boy, did they get that against the Bruins.

Harper at Western Kentucky, followed his 21-point performance against Belmont with 14 against the Golden Eagles. Christian Cunningham finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds Saturday after having eight and seven Thursday night. Jason Burnett, after having 10 points and 10 rebounds against the Bruins, had 12 and four over the weekend. Oh, and that Drumwright kid, had eight points and four assists against TTU, which came after posting 11 and nine in the final home game of his JSU career.

Combining everyone's performances resulted in JSU earning the No. 4 seed in the 2018 OVC Tournament with a 66-57 win at Tennessee Tech.

All far as having everyone's attention, the Gamecocks are 5-4 in games played on ESPN3, ESPNU, SEC Network+, Fox Sports Midwest, CBS Sports Network, Pac-12 Network and NBC Sports Washington.

Only time will tell how much impact the Belmont and Tennessee Tech wins will factor into JSU's postseason run this year, but if there are any clues, if the Gamecocks win the conference tournament, again, no one will be surprised.
JSU Sports

Upcoming Events

The Chanticleer School

* = OVC contest

Bold = Home contest

Troy, Ala.
3:00 p.m.
Nicholls State
Men’s Tennis

Georgia, Radford
Softball

New Orleans, La.
11 a.m., 2 p.m.
Georgia, Radford

Spring Hill, Houston Baptist
Athens, Ga.
9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
UNC Greensboro, Georgia

Evansville, Indiana
3/1
Tennessee Tech

Eastern Kentucky

SEMO

6. Austin Peay

3. SIUE

5. Tennessee Tech

4. Jacksonville State

2. Belmont

1. Murray State

7. Evansville, Indiana

Tennessee State

4/14-18 21

38.3% shooting percentage

Morehead State is

Gary Wulff

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The win came in form of a comeback, as the Gamecocks built an 8-2 lead after 4:34 of the second half, but a layup by JSU’s Nordertas Giga would extend the Gamecock lead back to seven points.

The Gamecocks also outscored the Golden Eagles this season, but fell to SIUE 75-67 in their only contest.

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The Gamecocks will play fifth-seeded Morehead State (21-10, 12-6 OVC) in the quarterfinals.

JSU defeated Morehead State in each of their matchups in the regular season, 70-64 and 65-67, respectively. In both competitions, JSU’s bench outscored Morehead State’s bench by a large margin.

Morehead State is coming off a victory against Eastern Ken
tucky 62-51. Their matchup in the OVC championship tournament will be played on March 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Evansville, Indi
na. It can be watched on ESPN3 or the OVC Digital Network. The winner will move on to face the winner of the game between first-seeded Belmont (18-0 OVC) and eight
th-ranked Murray State (7-11 OVC).


The Gamecocks will take the basketball court Saturday after a 2:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

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In that time frame, the Gamecocks built back up a 13-point lead and did not slow down from there. In the final three minutes of their final game of the regula
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Taylor Hawks’ thirteenth quarter.

The Jacksonville State men’s basketball team (20-11, 12-6 OVC) took a 66-57 win over Tennessee Tech in their final regular season game on Saturday, clinching the No. 4 seed in the upcoming Ohio Valley Conference Championship and earning its second con
secutive 20-win season.

Former Head Coach Bill Jones was the last coach to lead the Gamecocks to back-to-back 20-win seas

Senior Nordertas Giga added the first points to the board Saturday after a foul by TTU’s Mason Ramsey.

After a 2:30 quarter Mar

Jackson, Tennessee Tech’s Shaq Calhoun tied the game 3-3 at the 16:25 mark.

A short range shot from Cucumber at 15:28 plus the Gamecocks back a lead that would not reli
quish for the remainder of the game.

Maurice Dunlap earned the first points for the JSU with 4:21 remaining, and JSU led 26-19 at the half thanks to a 35.71% shooting aver
age over TTU’s 24.14%.

The Gamecocks got out to a good start and two from a layup lead just prior to half.

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Men’s OVC Tournament Seeding

School

OVC O/R

Murray State
16-2 24-5

Belmont
15-3 23-8

Austin Peay
12-6 17-14

Jacksonville State
17-2 20-17

Tennessee Tech
10-8 18-13

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10-8 15-14

Eastern Illinois
7-11 16-14

SIUE
5-13 9-20

SEMO
8-10 14-17

Eastern Kentucky
5-13 11-20

UT Martin
5-13 10-21

Morehead State
4-14 18-21

*SEMO is ineligible for APR violation.

Women’s OVC Tournament Seeding

School

OVC O/R

Belmont
18-0 28-13

UT Martin
13-5 17-14

Jacksonville State
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Jacksonville State
12-6 18-11

Morehead State
12-6 21-14

Austin Peay
9-9 16-11

SEMO
9-9 14-16

Morehead State
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Eastern Kentucky
5-3 13-19

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4-14 7-22

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2-16 3-26

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Tyler ‘Cocoa’ Phelion tallied 20 points and eight rebounds in the Gamecock win over TTU.

The Gamecocks won to finish regular season

The Chase for the OVC Newcomer of the Week

Marlon Hunter earned OVC Newcomer of the Week for his performances against Belmont and TTU.

Following a foul from Burnell, the Golden E

gles’ Courier Alexander earned the first two points of the second half, but a layup by JSU’s Nordertas Giga would extend the Gamecock lead back to seven points.

TTU managed to pull within three points of Jack

sonville’s lead at the 7:56 mark of the second half.

The Gamecock defense reacted by preventing TTU from making any field goals for the next five min
utes of play, but the Golden Eagles kept the deficit slim by converting on six free throws.

The Gamecock lead stayed under 10 for the re
minder of the game, but as soon as Tennes
see Tech made a three point basket Giga would extend the lead. Hunt
er, who played well in the second half and led the team to its 66-57 victory, was a three point basket.

The Gamecocks will face off against the winner of the first-round game be

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Malcolm Drumwright creates legacy at JSU

Daniel Mayer  
Sports Editor

Forty-nine seconds left. Gamecocks clinging to a five-point lead over OVC juggernaut Belmont. Malcolm Drumwright, as he has so many times in a Gamecocks uniform, rose up and released a huge shot. As has happened so many times in Drumwright’s career, svsh. JSU 75, Belmont 67. Bruns cannot recover. Jacksonville State wins.

That said was Malcolm Drumwright’s last in Pete Mathews Coliseum. The senior, who has been through so much team turmoil and spectacular success in his four-year career in Jacksonville, knew his team needed him to make a play in his last home game, on senior night, with tournament seeding on the line, and he delivered.

“I just try to stay confident. I just shoot the shots I normally shoot.” That’s what Malcolm told me just hours before that shot. I was curious about his mindset in game-ending situations. Drumwright is such a calm, quiet, confident guy in general, it is easy to see why shots like this don’t faze him. Malcolm Drumwright grew up the youngest of four brothers in Rancho Cucamonga, California, a suburban city some thirty miles from downtown Los Angeles. In his youth, Malcolm says his basketball career didn’t exactly start off on the right foot.

“It wasn’t that good as a kid I don’t think, but I kept working. If you put in work, good stuff happens.”

Drumwright’s hard work paid off, and, in his last year at Rancho Cucamonga High School, he averaged 20.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.5 steals. However, Drumwright didn’t yet have any scholarship offers to play basketball, and he attended LA College Prep.

That’s when he got a phone call from former Jacksonville State assistant coach Eugene Harris.

“That’s when I first really heard of JSU,” Drumwright said. “I thought I was in Florida at first, I had to look it up.”

Jacksonville State eventually offered Drumwright a scholarship, and he decided to take it.

“It was my only offer, so I’m going to take it. I’ve got to make the most of every opportunity.”

Drumwright arrived on campus for the 2014-15 season ready to reward Jacksonville State for giving him that opportunity. Drumwright saw his role slowly grow as he proved himself as a freshman. He came on strong as the season rolled along toward conference play. Finally earning a starting job for six of the final seven games of the season.

The Gamecocks, however, didn’t enjoy much team success. Jacksonville State finished just 12-19, including a 5-11 mark in the OVC. Malcolm, however, headed into his sophomore season ready to prove himself, and, on an individual level, he did. Drumwright upped his scoring from six points per game to 14, but the Gamecocks’ record nose-dived even further, plunging to 8-23. Malcolm injured his shoulder against Belmont late in the season and missed the final seven games, all of which Jacksonville State lost.

Malcolm says it was tough playing through those first two seasons with such a poor team performance. But he never thought of leaving.

“It was rough, but we stayed the course, and I knew that anything could happen. I was going to stay regardless.”

Ester Ray Harper. Jacksonville State let Coach James Greenaway go after 2015-16, and in came the coach that had national championships, albeit on the Division II level, on his resume. Harper helped instill a winning culture at Jacksonville State, and Malcolm Drumwright spearheaded the revolution for the Gamecocks on the court.

Drumwright’s scoring took a slight dip to 12.5 points per game, but he became a steady, consistent force for the Gamecocks. Drumwright, leading them in scoring, but also setting the table for his teammates as a point guard, and team leader should.

Under Harper and Drumwright, Jacksonville State led a program turnaround and a regular season finish of 17-14.

Drumwright says that the rough beginning to his career in a JSU uniform made the success of the 2016-17 season even sweeter. “We weren’t so good to begin with, and then we just kept building and kept growing. It felt good. It felt really good.”

The story, if it had ended there, would have been nice. A team that had been toiling in the doldrums of mediocrity for years had a good, winning season. However, as JSU fans well know, Drumwright and the Gamecocks weren’t done yet.

Jacksonville State was picked to finish 12th out of 12 teams at OVC Media Day prior to the 2016-17 season, but, when the Gamecocks rolled into Nashville for the OVC tournament last March, they were on a mission to prove that claim ridiculous. An opening win over Southeast Missouri, a shocking upset over Belmont in the Semis and a takedown of UT Martin in the Finals later, and the Gamecocks stood as OVC Champions. Drumwright was named Tournament MVP, and the University was set to make its first trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Gamecocks fell to Louisville in their opening game, but they acquitted themselves well.

“Drumwright, as calmly as he always does, put up 12 points and six assists as the Gamecocks’ spectacular season ended.”

Malcolm Drumwright’s career may not have ended as the Gamecocks’ would have hoped, but it sure did end well. He’ll be remembered as one of the greatest Gamecocks to ever take the court in Pete Mathews.

Earlier this season, he broke the 1000 points scored barrier, and he’ll finish first in Gamecock Division History in games played and started and second in career scoring.

He’ll be remembered as the player that led Jacksonville State to their first OVC Tournament, and, if Malcolm has anything to say about it in the tournament this weekend, maybe their second. Pretty good for a kid with only one scholarship offer.