



inTHE NEWS

Student Art Show

The art department's annual student art show will open Thursday, March 15 with a reception and awards at 5 p.m. in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery. The exhibition of student artwork will be open until April 12.

Student Appreciation Day

Campus Safety Week culminates with the 2nd annual UPD/SGA Student Appreciation Day on March 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. It will include food, music, a blue decal drawing and a safety fair hosted by JSU organizations.

Library Lunchtime Lecture

Dr. Myrtice Collins, a JSU faculty member for 44 years and the founder of the JSU Gospel Choir, will share her experience at the Library Lunchtime Lecture from 12-1 p.m. on March 15 in room 10B of the Houston Cole Library. All are invited to attend, and admission is free.

Conflict Resolution

Career Services' Conflict Resolution Workshop will be March 15 from 1-2 p.m. in room 10B of the Houston Cole Library. Admission is free.



Once upon a time: stories in Spanish

Hollie Ivey
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Children's Corner at the Houston Cole Library offered "Había una vez - Stories in Spanish," which featured special videos and books read in both Spanish and English.

"This is a place where the kids can celebrate knowing two languages and can read books in Spanish," said librarian Laurie Heathcock, who organized the event. "This is our first time doing the story time program, but we are going to try and do [the bilingual night] every month"

The Children's Corner, which was established last year, hopes to promote and encourage cultural educa-

tion and literacy within the youth community of Jacksonville and surrounding areas.

Spanish major and Child Development minor Kristen Gentry read two books to the children in attendance, including "Mis Colores, Mi Mundo" and "¿Qué puedes hacer con una paleta?" ("My Colors, My World" and "What Can You Do with a Paleta?")

Gentry studied Spanish at The University of Salamanca in Spain and wants to use her proficiency in the Spanish language to help others.

"Parents at home who don't know English very well can't help their children like they want to, a

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Había una vez: historias en español

Hollie Ivey
Escritora del Personal

El martes, el Children's Corner en la Biblioteca Houston Cole ofreció "Había una vez - Historias en español", que presentaba videos especiales y libros leídos tanto en español como en inglés.

"Este es un lugar donde los niños pueden celebrar sabiendo dos idiomas y pueden leer libros en español", dijo la bibliotecaria Laurie Heathcock, que organizó el evento. "Esta es la primera vez que hacemos el programa, pero vamos a intentar hacer [la noche bilingüe] cada mes"

The Children's Corner, que se estableció el año pasado, espera promover y fomentar la educación cultural y la alfabetización dentro de la comunidad juvenil de Jacksonville y

sus alrededores.

Kristen Gentry, quien se especializa en español y tiene como segunda especialidad el desarrollo infantil, leyó dos libros a los niños que asistieron, entre ellos "Mis Colores, Mi Mundo" y "¿Qué puedes hacer con una paleta?"

Gentry estudió el español en la Universidad de Salamanca en España y quiere usar su dominio del español para ayudar a los demás.

"Los padres en casa que no saben muy bien inglés no pueden ayudar a sus hijos como quieren, y puede ser difícil para los trabajadores de guardería, pero tener a alguien que sea bilingüe o tener una guardería bilingüe puede ayudar a evitar que los niños comiencen la escuela y estar atrasados en la clase," dijo

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Hollie Ivey/The Chanticleer

Kristin Gentry shares Spanish storybooks with children in the Children's Corner on Tuesday, March 13. Kristin Gentry comparte libros de cuentos en español con niños en el Children's Corner el martes 13 de marzo.

Chanticleer survey: balloon releases unpopular at JSU

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

On February 1, The Chanticleer published an opinion piece entitled "Please stop releasing balloons" and received an impressive response from the JSU community. Following the article's publication, The Chanticleer published an online survey asking about opinions on balloon releases.

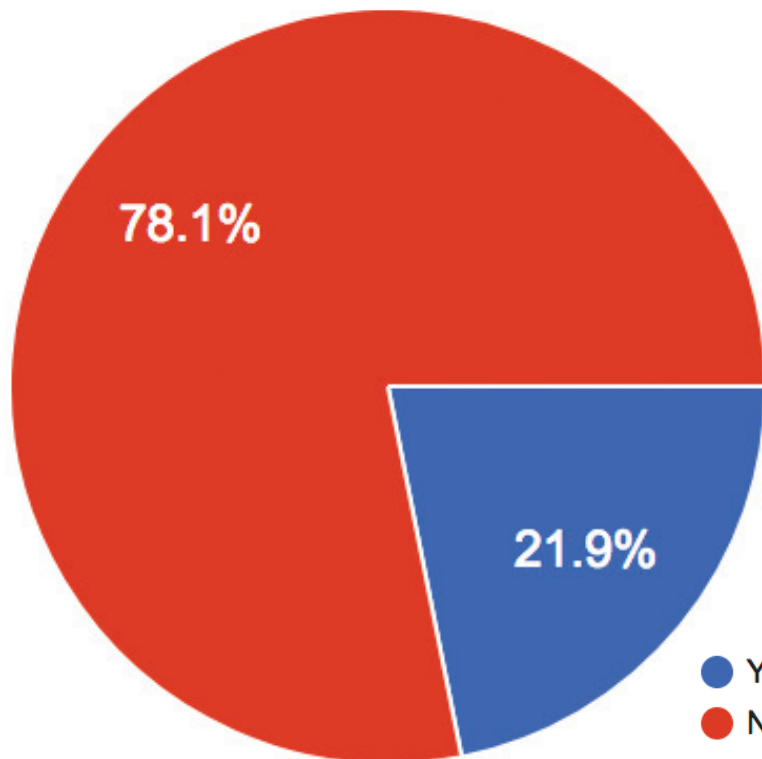
One hundred people filled out the anonymous survey. Of those, 19.2 per cent of respondents indicated that they did not know that the latex balloons released during balloons releases were harmful to the environment, but nearly a third (32.3 per cent) had participated in a balloon release, either at JSU or with an off-campus group.

Students of all classifications, from freshmen to seniors and graduate students, and JSU faculty, staff, alumni, retirees, community members, parents, siblings and friends responded.

Many respondents addressed the environmental impact of balloons.

"Alabama is one of the most biodiverse places in the world, and we're very high on the species

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The Chanticleer

Do you believe that JSU should continue to allow balloon releases to be done on campus?

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extinction rate rankings too. We need to protect our wildlife,” wrote a sophomore double majoring in biology and chemistry.

“Please stop hurting our environment. We are supposed to be the friendliest campus in the south, why can’t we be friendly to the environment?” wrote one respondent, a junior majoring in art and communication.

Over three-fourths of respondents (78.1 per cent) indicated that they did not think balloon releases should be allowed on campus and offered numerous alternatives. Blowing bubbles, releasing biodegradable paper lanterns or throwing eco-friendly confetti were popular suggestions. Other alternatives included lighting candles or luminaries, throwing paint powder, making banners, having public recognitions or moments of silence and planting trees. Some more unique ideas were to “shoot guns off in the air like Yosemite Sam,” put “glitter bombs in Beeher’s mail box” and to “release a rooster into the sky.”

Some were concerned about how practical it would be to eliminate balloon releases.

“Balloons are hazardous to the environment, but on the scale that they are released I doubt it

is making a significant [sic] impact,” wrote a junior majoring in computer information systems. “However, any impact is more than none. There are alternatives, but I doubt the balloon release will go anywhere soon.”

Other respondents hoped that bringing attention to the issue would inspire JSU to make changes.

“I watch the balloon releases while behind a camera during the football games, and I don’t appreciate the idea of releasing balloons for a cause like raising money for a charity, but then add to the problem of hurting our own environment. I hope this survey makes a huge difference for JSU,” a junior drama major wrote.

However, not all respondents believed there was an issue. Over 20 per cent (21.9 per cent) indicated that balloon releases should be allowed to continue.

“Quit being so sensitive,” wrote a senior psychology major. “Balloon releases are fun. Emissions from the cars you drive do more harm than releasing a balloon. The only people that care about this are the ones eating Tide Pods.”

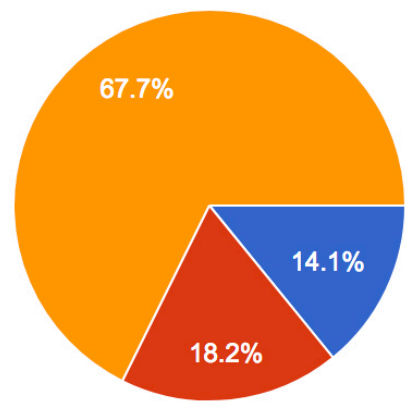
“Literally no one on campus is upset about

this,” wrote one music major.

Balloon releases are popular at Gamecock football games as a pregame festivity. Large student groups stand on the field and release balloons in celebration of a successful fundraiser or as a tribute to those who are fighting or have died from a disease. Balloon releases have been done to honor Children’s Miracle Network, Autism Speaks and breast cancer survivors.

“JSU should take note that the community is rallying behind this article about the dangers of plastics and participate in more recycling programs and decrease their usage of plastics in general,” one alumni commented on the survey.

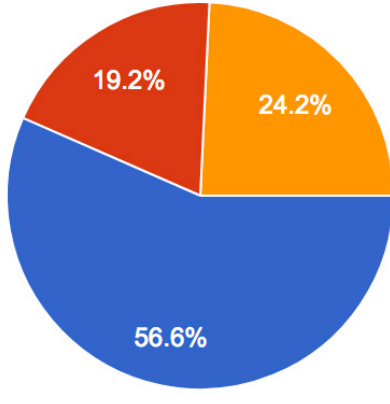
California, Connecticut and Florida have a blanket ban on outdoor balloon releases. California also limits the materials with which any balloon can be made. Additionally, Tennessee and Virginia have a state-imposed limit on the number of balloons that can be released. According to balloonsblow.org, Baltimore and Ocean City, Maryland; Louisville, Kentucky; Huntsville, Alabama and Nantucket and Provincetown, Massachusetts also have city laws regarding balloon releases.



- Yes, I have participated in a balloon release at JSU, as part of a JSU affiliated event, or with a JSU organization
- Yes, but NOT at JSU, as part of a JSU affiliated event, or with a JSU organization (i.e., with an outside group)
- No, I have never participated in a balloon release

The Chanticleer

Have you ever participated in a balloon release?



- Yes, I was aware that latex balloons are harmful to the environment
- No, I was not aware that latex balloons are harmful to the environment
- I did not read the piece

The Chanticleer

If you read the Op-Ed “Please stop releasing balloons,” were you aware of the dangers of latex balloons to the environment before you read the piece?

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Hollie Ivey/The Chanticleer

Kristin Gentry reads a story in Spanish to children and guests at the Houston Cole Library.
Kristin Gentry lee una historia en español para niños y huéspedes de la Biblioteca Houston Cole.

and it can be hard on daycare workers, but having someone who is bilingual or having a bilingual daycare can help prevent the children from starting school and being behind in class,” Gentry said.

Multiple studies show that there are significant benefits for children who grow up bilingual or are exposed to a second language.

Research published in Psychological Science shows children in multilingual households and children exposed to a second language communicate more efficiently from discerning between different social and speech patterns.

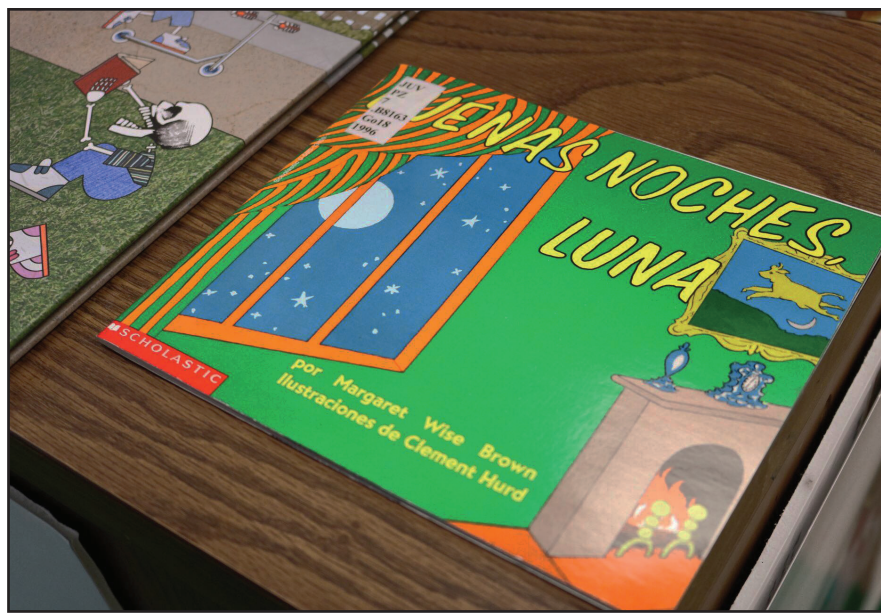
Bilingual children also excel in problem-solving skills and are better able to filter out distractions, according to a study by Strathclyde

University. Feliza Camarillo, a Spanish major, agrees. “I think it is very important, having a bilingual mind. Your mind works a lot faster than a monolingual person, you can deal with things a lot faster, and it is easier to communicate with people.”

The Children’s Corner will next host JSU music professor Dr. James Woodward on March 27. Woodward, musician and author, will be reading his book “When Rebecca Woogie Came to Town.” Children will have the opportunity to play instruments alongside the reading.

Hollie Ivey is a senior majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Spanish. She will be graduating in May 2018. Dr. Eduardo Pacheco, an associate professor of Spanish at JSU, kindly proofed the Spanish translation of this article before it was printed.

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Hollie Ivey/The Chanticleer

El popular libro infantil de 1947 “Buenas Noches, Luna” se ha traducido a 12 idiomas, incluido el español.
The popular 1947 children’s book “Goodnight Moon,” has been translated into 12 languages, including Spanish.

Gentry. Múltiples estudios muestran que existen beneficios significativos para los niños que crecen bilingües o que están expuestos a un segundo idioma.

La investigación publicada en Psychological Science muestra que los niños en hogares plurilingüe y los niños expuestos a un segundo idioma se comunican de manera más eficiente a partir del discernimiento entre los diferentes patrones sociales y del habla.

Los niños bilingües también se destacan en las habilidades de resolución de problemas y son más capaces de filtrar las distracciones, según un estudio de la Universidad de Strathclyde.

Feliza Camarillo, una estudiante

de español, está de acuerdo. “Creo que es muy importante tener una mente bilingüe. Tu mente funciona mucho más rápido que una persona monolingüe, puedes manejar las cosas mucho más rápido y es más fácil comunicarse con la gente.”

El próximo evento de Children’s Corner ofrecerá el profesor de música JSU Dr. James Woodward el 27 de marzo. Woodward, músico y autor, leerá su libro “Cuando Rebecca Woogie llegó a la ciudad”. Los niños tendrán la oportunidad de tocar instrumentos junto con la lectura

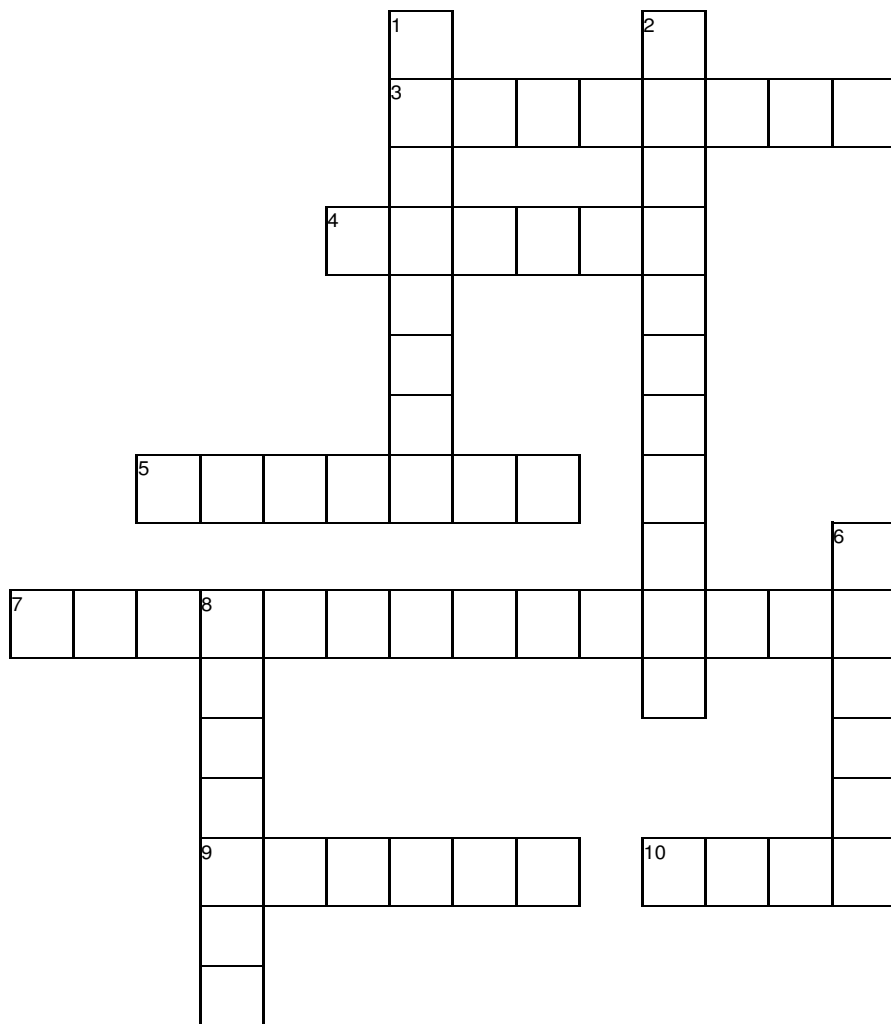
Hollie Ivey tiene una especialización en relaciones públicas con un menor en español. Ella se graduará en mayo de 2018. Profesor Eduardo Pacheco, profesor asociado de español en JSU, amablemente a prueba la traducción al español de este artículo antes de que se imprimiera.

After Spring Break, Alpha Psi Omega invites you to attend its Good vs. Evil Disney-themed Cocky Guerilla Theatre on Thursday March 29 from 10 p.m. to Midnight in the Stone Center Studio Theater Room 338. Tickets are \$3 and snacks and drinks will be available to purchase for \$1. Poets, actors, comedians, singers and other visual artists who would like to perform can email jsu.apo@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 27 to secure a 10-minute time slot.



Study Break

Campus Crossword! March Madness Edition

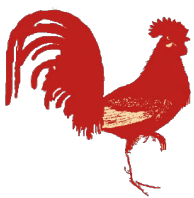


Across

- 3. This team did not have a senior to honor this season for the first time since 1946
- 4. Bill Murray's son is an assistant coach for this team
- 5. This team scored 80-or-more points in 24 games, the most in the country
- 7. This team has only one starter taller than 6-foot-5
- 9. This team was not represented on the All-SEC first team
- 10. This team had eight different players score 20-or-more points in a game this season

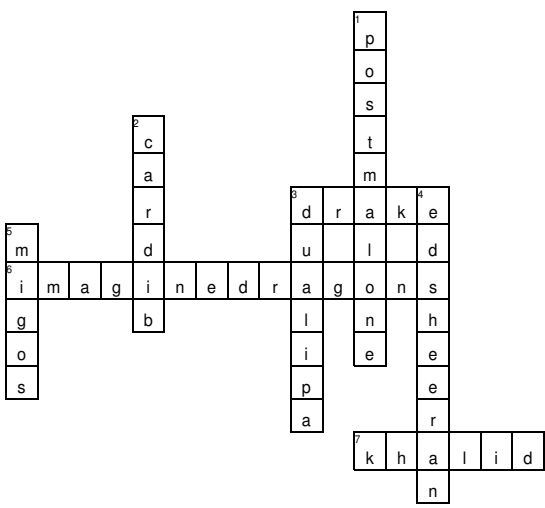
Down

- 1. This team features the nation's leader in scoring and assists averages
- 2. This team beat JSU in the semifinals of the conference tournament
- 6. This team led the nation with 12 different uniform combinations
- 8. This team was one of only two teams to use the same starting lineup the entire season



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

The Hot 100



Chris' Random Fact:

I drank an expired Minute Maid Fruit Punch while designing this page.

- Across**
- 3. God's Plan
 - 6. Thunder
 - 7. Young, Dumb and Broke

- Down**
- 1. Rockstar
 - 2. Bodak Yellow
 - 3. New Rules
 - 4. Perfect
 - 5. Stir Fry

Last Week's Solution!

THIS MAYES IS CORNY!



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

I'M GOOD AT THE LITTLE THINGS—I'M A MAN OF MINI TALENTS.

I CAUGHT SOMEONE TRYING TO STEAL MY POSTERIOR. HE WAS TAKIN' A BACK.

I HAD BACK REPLACEMENT SURGERY. THAT IS THE BACK STORY TO THE PREVIOUS PUN.

I'M NOT GOOD AT FRYING THINGS, BUT I DO LIKE TO BAKE DOUGH.

IF YOU FREAK OUT BECAUSE SOMETHING GROSS IS ON YOUR COOKING VESSEL, IT'S CALLED PAN ICK.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Stephen Hawking died and Twitter is concerned for Sheldon Cooper



People Magazine

TV star, Jim Parsons, poses above with Stephen Hawking. The pair filmed scenes for “The Big Bang Theory” where Parsons’ character, Sheldon, meets with his long-time idol, Hawking.

Jill Vejnaska
AJC

While people all over the world are mourning the death of Stephen Hawking, it’s likely no one is taking it harder than Sheldon Cooper.

No one who’s a fictional character on TV, anyway.

Hawking, who died early Wednesday at 76, was a British theoretical physicist considered by many during his lifetime to be the world’s greatest scientist.

Hawking, who refused to be limited by a 1963 diagnosis of ALS, was also the idol of Cooper, the nerd-meets-annoying-know-it-all character played to Emmy-winning perfection by Jim Parsons.

And so naturally, it was Sheldon whom a lot of people immediately thought of when news of Hawking’s death broke.

Some tweeters were feeling almost as sorry for Sheldon’s fellow scientist, former roommate and best buddy, Leonard:

Not all of the outpouring consisted of sad Tweets, though. Hawking was a fan of the top-rated CBS sitcom and “appeared” on the show at least four times (his voice would be heard on the phone or on a character’s computer). The running joke was that the supremely-confident-in-his-own-brilliance Sheldon could never quite obtain Hawking’s approval.

Not that he didn’t keep trying.

They finally met in person in the Season Five episode, “The Hawking Excitation,” where Hawking points out a math mistake of Sheldon’s. No word from Sheldon himself yet on the loss of his idol (Parsons isn’t on Twitter), but the cast and creators of “The Big Bang Theory” have made clear their affection for Hawking went far beyond the great plot points he inspired.

“The Big Bang Theory” is preempted this Thursday night as CBS airs the first round of March Madness games. But a lot of the show’s fans are figuring the show -- and Sheldon -- will take note of Hawking’s passing in some way.



The Big Bang Theory ✓
@bigbangtheory

In loving memory of Stephen Hawking. It was an honor to have him on The #BigBangTheory. Thank you for inspiring us and the world.

12:13 AM - Mar 14, 2018

Katie x 🙏
@KatieRushe1

Stephen Hawking was a truly great and inspiring man. He will be missed by many, and I hope Sheldon Cooper is gonna be okay!?! @bigbangtheory #stephanhawking 💔💔

1:07 AM - Mar 14, 2018

RUKAIYA
@RUKI_m98

After reading about the death of Stephen Hawking, the very next thing I did...after freezing for a couple of minutes...was to imagine what would happen to Sheldon Cooper.....

11:50 PM - Mar 13, 2018

Indeed, Twitter is expressing nearly as much sympathy and concern for Sheldon as it is for real life folks who knew and loved Hawking.

- Guy .
@Just_Dxvid

This whole Stephen Hawking news , Im legit just worried about Sheldon Cooper .

7:24 AM - Mar 14, 2018

And:

الملكة
@naiimah

It is a very sad day in the life of Sheldon Cooper today as his idol Stephen Hawking dies at age 76.

Sending our sincere thoughts and prayers to him and especially to Leonard because he has to deal with a cranky Sheldon for the foreseeable future

3:25 AM - Mar 14, 2018

Rachel Carter 💕💕🌟
@XoBabyDollXo

Sheldon Cooper will be devastated Stephen Hawking died 💔
🏠 #BigBangTheory will probably make an episode on it

10:59 PM - Mar 13, 2018

COAST TO COAST

Dog dies in overhead bin on United Flight; airline apologizes

Bill Chappell
NPR

A family that flew on United Airlines Monday night is mourning their dog, after the pet died in an overhead bin — an arrangement that a flight attendant had reportedly insisted upon. United says it was “a tragic accident” and that it is investigating.

The incident prompted shock, outrage and sadness, particularly after it emerged that a flight attendant had required the dog, a 10-month-old French bulldog, to be placed into the overhead bin, despite the family having followed all the rules about flying with a pet in an airliner’s cabin — including using a TSA-approved pet carrier.

“Why would the flight attendant force the woman to put her dog there?” wrote passenger Maggie Gremminger, in a tweet. Gremminger, who had been seated near the family, added, “I could have done something. I’m so upset.”

The dog had been traveling with a woman who also had her young baby and her older daughter on the flight with her. The animal died during the more than three-hour trip. Since then, the airline has agreed that the situation never should have unfolded the way it did. In a statement, United said:

“This was a tragic accident that should never have occurred, as pets should never be placed in the overhead bin. We assume full responsibility for this tragedy and express our deepest condolences to the family and are committed to supporting them. We are thoroughly investigating what occurred to prevent this from ever happening again.”

The family was on United Flight 1284, from Houston to New York’s LaGuardia airport. Their flight Monday night lasted 3 hours and 25 minutes, according to an online tracking site. And while passengers said they had heard barking during the trip, the dog’s owners realized the dog had died after retrieving the travel carrier from the bin.

“I just flew into LGA and witnessed a United flight attendant instruct a passenger to put her dog bag in the overhead bin. It was clearly a dog and while the customer was adamant about leaving it under the seat, the attendant pushed her to do so,” Gremminger wrote on Twitter.

“Myself and a fellow passenger felt like that



@MaggieGrem / Twitter

Catalina Robledo, mother, and her two children mourn the death of their 10-month-old dog once their plane touched down.

was NOT a thing. I am not a flight attendant tho. Maybe they have air ventilation in there that I didn’t know about. I tried googling rules about pets on board but didn’t have ample time before [takeoff].”

“At the end of the flight, the woman found her dog, deceased. She sat in the airplane aisle on the floor crying, and all of surrounding passengers were utterly stunned.” “I am disgusted and traumatized,” Gremminger said via Twitter. “Pets are family. How could a trained flight attendant instruct a passenger to place her dog in that bin. It was her job to understand the plane and it’s rules/limitations.”

The plane landed a little before 11 p.m. — but Gremminger said the experience left her unable to sleep. She began sharing the story on Twitter, including a photo of the family who lost their dog. From there, both interest and disbelief snowballed online, along with anger. Gremminger says it all became a blur, as she fielded questions and spread the story.

Gremminger spoke to numerous media outlets on Tuesday, from NBC to CBS to People magazine and Fox News.

It’s the latest black eye for United, which has endured a string of recent public relations nightmares, from passengers being dragged off flights to another case of a dog dying after a

United domestic flight one year ago — in that case, the large animal had flown in a crate in a plane’s hold, and was under the care of United’s PetSafe program.

United says its policies allow for dog carry-on bag, they must pay an extra \$125.

“A pet traveling in cabin must be carried in an approved hard-sided or soft-sided kennel,” United’s policy on animals reads. “The kennel must fit completely under the seat in front of the customer and remain there at all times.”

The airline adds that soft-sided kennels, like the type used by the family on Monday night’s flight, can be slightly larger because they’re able to be compressed without becoming an obstruction.

Gremminger issued a final tweet on Tuesday, saying “the past 24 hours have been insane.”

“My hope was to gain some media attention so that we can collectively raise our awareness about pet safety + travel.”

Thanking those who have helped to spread and amplify the story, Gremminger said she hoped that a “day of shouting to media outlets” will help prevent similar tragedies from happening.

“Everyone loves dogs,” she wrote. “Everyone wanted to hug that family who lost their dog last night. Everyone cares.”



CBS Interactive

Unidentified man steals gumball machine from an animal shelter through the front doggy door.

Candy crook caught on video trying to steal giant gumball machine from animal shelter

Johanna Li
Inside Edition

What’s worse than stealing candy from a baby?

A California crook was caught on an animal shelter’s surveillance video struggling to take off with an entire gumball machine.

The Front Street Animal Shelter in Sacramento released the foot-

age after the break-in last week.

Surveillance first showed the bandit entering the shelter lobby through the doggy door before attempting to push the gumball machine, which stands at least a foot taller than the suspect, through the same entryway.

After many failed attempts, during which time the gumball machine breaks, the thief some-

how manages to remove it from the shelter and tosses it over a barbed wire fence.

“Don’t feel too sorry for this candy crook,” Front Street Animal Shelter wrote on Facebook. “He did just steal from a shelter after all.”

The shelter said the gumball machine was installed at the front of their store as a fundraiser.

There was also a donation box filled with cash across the room from the gumball machine that was left untouched by the thief, the shelter said.

Front Street Animal Shelter is now asking anyone who can identify the thief from the surveillance footage to get in contact with the Sacramento Police Department.

OPINION & EDITORIAL

Man, where's the Sunkist?

Chris Allen Brown
Associate Editor

I'm not really one to complain — a lot — but I need my daily supply of Sunkist. There's only one thing a guy wants after a long, eight-hour work day and that's an iced-cold ... orange soda.

(You thought I was going to say an adult beverage, didn't you?)

But no, I have to settle to an expired Minute Maid Fruit Punch.

Now don't get me wrong, it's a great drink choice, too, but not if the expiration date reads "FEB2618." But today's date is "MAR1218" and there were things floating atop my drink after one gulp.

Maybe it was the "real fruit juice" that Coca-Cola says is in Minute Maid. Maybe it was something that started to grow inside the bottle because it was an expired drink. I don't know, but I guess we'll find out if my byline isn't in *The Chanticleer* in two weeks

(Hello, Spring

Break next week!)

Anyways, for those who don't know, Sunkist is a Buffalo Rock product, which Jacksonville State had a 10-year relationship with prior to giving Coca-Cola vending rights in late 2017. So, since August 2017, there have been no Sunkist bottles in a vending machine around campus.

Speaking of which, my first memory as a JSU student resulted because of a bottle of Sunkist.

I was walking to Martin Hall for a freshman-level Biology class in the Spring of 2012. I was thirsty, because I had to walk a far distance — parking, right — and came across a vending machine with Sunkist. I thought, 'Man, this is perfect. I hope JSU always has Sunkist. I'd enjoy this place so much.'

I inserted my dollar and change then waited. And waited. And waited. And waited.

No bottle rolled out. I wasn't happy.

From then on, I only attempted to

get Sunkist at the café following JSU's weekly football conference on Mondays. However, that changed when I declared as a Communication major and came to Self Hall on a weekly basis. And a weekly basis I bought a Sunkist from the only reliable vending machine on campus.

Me and Sunkist went together like Eli Jenkins and Josh Barge scoring touchdowns on Burgess-Snow Field. Or Whitney Gillespie and strikeouts at University Field. Or Trent Simpson and smashing home runs out of Choccolocco Park.

So, you can understand the heartbreak the first time I went to the vending machine in Self Hall and there were only Coke products. You can feel the pain and agony as I write this and glance down at this red liquid to my right where a Sunkist should be.

Man, I hope my future bride is OK with having a Sunkist foundation at our wedding. That'll be ... delightful.

Is it Team Drizzy versus Swifties or a combination of the two?



Chris Allen Brown
Associate Editor

While singing to myself in the car this week, it struck me like a 95-mph fastball to the shoulder — Taylor Swift and Drake are way too similar.

How?

Let's start with the obvious reason: social media.

No, not the way both artists use Twitter — because both use it differently — but rather the number of tweets with just song lyrics. Think about it for a second, how many times have you read "She say, 'Do you love me?'" I tell her 'Only partly,' I only love my bed

and my momma, I'm sorry" or "I got tired of waiting, wondering if you were ever coming around, my faith in you was fading." For what it's worth, though, both artists do use social media to engage with their fans and tease fans with new music by posting encrypted tweets.

Then there are the singles that BLEW UP and are still played today like "Jumpman" and "You Belong with Me." You guys remembered when "Jumpman" dropped. Man, that was a wild year.

(Also, that song got old way quick because it was on EVERY basketball playlist and "You Belong with Me" was the unofficial song of every single girl who wanted to be with a guy that was dating a girl she didn't like.)

Another reason these two are similar: how many times have you enjoyed an album, one which

bumps in your car years after it was released, then the expectations for a new one is through the roof. However, once the new one is released, it doesn't quite match up and you're extremely disappointed. But, after months and months of forcing yourself to listen to the new stuff, it starts to grow on you and it becomes a never-ending cycle.

For example, Drake's "Take Care" was, technically, followed up with "Nothing Was the Same" and Taylor Swift's "Red" came before "1989."

Now, when NWTS and 1989 was initially dropped, both sounded a lot different than the albums before them, but started to grow as the singles were played more and more on the radio.

Isn't it weird how artists from different genres of music can connect to each other so well

Don't be bullied by the YEET YEET trucks

Alissa Camplin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I have driven in a few major cities in the United States.

Atlanta. Chicago. New Orleans. Heck, I'll even throw in Birmingham for funsies. I've driven in feet of snow, the heat of day, in partial Jacksonville monsoons, and even watched a tornado pass in front of my car on April 27, 2011 when I was on my way to Illinois for a family party.

I can successfully say that I NEVER have I seen worse drivers than in Jacksonville.

Listen, I understand defensive driving.

I get that you have to get out of the long line that forms in Gamecock Village's driveway 15 minutes before class, and sometimes that means cutting people traveling 201 off. It's fine. They'll live...right?

I know your frustration trying to turn onto Trustee Circle by the library and not being able to go on your green arrow due to the

car in front of you going straight because they're going to Dollar General.

I know that there are stop signs ignored all the time (Looking at you, Mountain Street intersection past 10:30 at night) and I totally agree with the rest of the population of Jacksonville that the speed limit on Pelham should be at least 45, not 25.

Those are my complaints on an average day.

When there is questionable weather, however, the drivers around this town earn a whole new set of complaints that make me wonder how any of them actually earned a license.

Harsh weather is scary, especially when the lights on the back half of town are the first to go out and the lights on the other side begin to blink.

That's the part I understand. The part I have prob-

lems with is how everyone seems to ignore basic driving school 101 when it comes to these situations.

But, reader, you may ask, what's all the complaining about? What's the problem?

Because ya'll little butts need to realize that you SHARE the road and that the decisions you make behind the wheel matter.

A few weeks ago, Mountain Street got wrecked by straight-line winds. It was serious and it was scary for a few minutes. I ended up driving home from class in the middle of it. No biggie, I've done worse. Just slow and steady. Just get home.

I approach the 4-way to go home and stop because the light is flashing red (For those who have forgotten, a flashing red light turns that intersection into a 4-way stop).

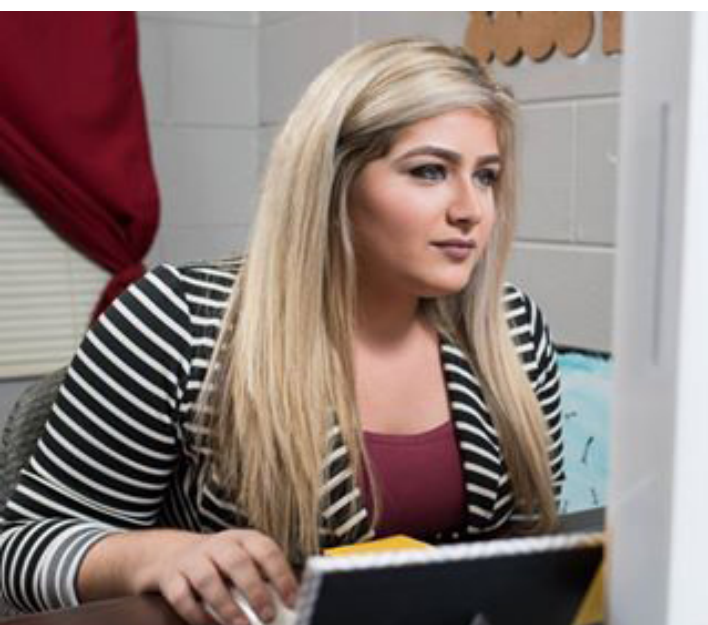
Next thing I know, the little country bumpkin that was behind me in his big YEET YEET truck is zooming past me, yelling at

me because I was had apparently disrupted his driving flow. But in the midst of his temper tantrum, he cut off the people in the lane beside me and zoomed around my car to turn in front of me.

Listen, guys. I drive a Veloster. For those unfamiliar, it's a little hatchback sporty thing with three doors. I will not be bullied by YEET YEET trucks (You know the ones I'm talking about. The ones that were in senior pictures and the cover photos of their FaceBook accounts. Yeah, those). I chased that man into the parking lot of the coliseum and let him HAVE IT. Not my finest moment, but that's not the point.

All in all, know your rules. Don't be the guy that makes me write an entire oped because Spongebob could drive better than you can.

Stay safe out there, friends. And don't let big YEET YEET trucks boss you around.



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Arts & Entertainment Editor Alissa Camplin has some thoughts on the traffic in Jacksonville.

SPORTS

JSU Sports Weekend Schedule

Friday, March 16

Baseball
Game 1 vs. Eastern Illinois*
3:00 p.m.
Charleston, IL

Women's Tennis
vs. Eastern Illinois*
10:00 a.m.
Charleston, IL

Men's Tennis
vs. Eastern Illinois*
2:00 p.m.
Charleston, IL

Softball
vs. Georgetown
2:30 p.m.
Charleston, SC

Women's Track
Yellow Jacket Invite
Atlanta, GA

Saturday, March 17

Baseball
Game 2 vs. Eastern Illinois*
1:00 p.m.
Charleston, IL

Softball
vs. Georgetown, Texas
10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
Charleston, SC

Women's Tennis
vs. SIUE*
10:00 a.m.
Edwardsville, IL

Beach Volleyball
vs. Pepperdine, LSU
11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.

Women's Track
Yellow Jacket Invite
Atlanta, GA

Sunday, March 18

Baseball
Game 3 vs. Eastern Illinois*
1:00 p.m.
Charleston, IL

Softball
vs. College of Charleston
11:15 a.m.
Charleston, SC

Women's Golf
Bobby Nichols
Sevierville, TN

Beach Volleyball
vs. Georgia St., S. Carolina
3:00 p.m., 5 p.m.
Columbia, SC

Bold = Home contest

* = OVC contest

Baseball drops OVC opener

Grant Benefield
Sports Reporter

After opening the 2018 season to a hot 9-3 record, Gamecock baseball stumbled in its first OVC series of the year, dropping two of three to Austin Peay by scores of 7-4, 7-6, before winning the final game 13-0.

Game one of the weekend series started well for the Gamecocks (10-5, 1-2). In the bottom of the third, designated hitter Trent Simpson belted a three-run home run that scored Taylor Hawthorne and Clayton Daniel.

Both teams tallied a run in the fourth, with JSU hitting another home run—this time a solo shot from catcher Nic Gaddis.

The Governors (10-6, 2-1) scored three runs to tie the game in the fifth, and later broke through Gamecock reliever Tyler Wilburn to take the 5-4 lead in the seventh. Wilburn (2-1) would take

the loss, his first of the season.

Two more runs in the eighth would be all the insurance the visitors needed to secure game one of the series.

The Governors would waste no time getting on the board Saturday, scoring runs off of Gamecock starting pitcher Derrick Adams in the first and second inning to take the 2-0 lead.

An RBI single from Gaddis and a two run shot from Simpson gave the Gamecocks a short-lived 3-2 lead in the fourth, before Austin Peay tacked on a tying run in the fifth and took the lead in the sixth off of Gamecock reliever Christian Edwards (0-1).

The Gobs added two more runs in the eighth for some needed insurance, as the Gamecocks would load the bases in bottom of the inning.

Austin Peay found a way out of the jam, surrendering just one run in

the eighth off of a fielder's choice ground ball from Isaac Alexander that brought the score to its 6-4 final, securing the series for the Governors.

But while Austin Peay took the series, the Gamecocks would make sure to leave the visitors with something to remember them by—a 13-0 walloping in game three on Sunday.

The Gamecocks exploded for a season-high 18 hits on their way to the victory.

Trent Simpson kept up his monstrous series performance, going 2-for-4 with 5 RBI including a 3-run blast, his third homer of the series.

Colton Pate (3-1) earned his third win of the season, pitching six scoreless frames with 8 K's and 3 walks.

The Gamecocks will now look to their next OVC series this weekend as they travel to take on Eastern Illinois starting on Friday.



Matt Reynolds/JSU

Colton Pate led JSU to their lone win of the series against Austin Peay.

Chambers blasts JSU to rout in return

MONTGOMERY – Leila Chambers returned to the Jacksonville State lineup in a big way on Tuesday, belting a grand slam and driving in five runs in a 17-1 JSU rout of Alabama State.

Chambers, a senior from Molena, Ga., made her first appearance of the season after missing the first 20 games of the year due to a hand injury. The 2017 First Team All-Ohio Valley Conference pick wasted little time in making an impact, going 2-for-4 with the grand slam and another RBI in leading the Gamecocks (9-12) to the rout of the Hornets (8-17).

JSU opened up an 8-0 lead but blew the game open in the fifth, when the Gamecocks sent 14 batters to the plate en route to scoring the game's final nine runs and ending the game via the mercy rule.

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fense amassed 15 hits, six of which went for extra bases. Senior Emily Woodruff doubled twice and drove in a pair, while juniors Anna Chisolm and Taylor Beshears each tripled in the game. Senior Caitlyn Sapp also had a double and an RBI. Chisolm and fellow junior Hayley Sims each drove in two runs.

Junior Faith Sims (6-5) didn't need much run support in the circle, where she limited ASU

to a run on five hits in her five-inning complete game. The Cordova, Ala., native struck out two and walked two and needed just 82 pitches to dispose of the Hornets.

Skyler Sullivan (3-7) suffered the loss for ASU after allowing three runs on three hits and two walks in two innings of work. Most of JSU's damage was done against reliever Justine Jean, who gave up 12 runs on nine hits and three walks in 2 and 1/3



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Women's Tennis defeats UTM

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. – The Jacksonville State women's tennis team opened its Ohio Valley Conference slate with a 5-2 win over UT Martin at the JSU Tennis Courts on Friday.

The Gamecocks (8-1, 1-0 OVC) swept the doubles point and took four of the six singles matchups en route to their eighth victory of the season.

Following the doubles point, the Skyhawks (0-8, 0-1 OVC) took the first two singles points of the afternoon. Jemima Potter topped Alessia Locati in two sets No. 2 and Malin Buechner fell in two sets to Andrea Plantada at No. 3.

Following the slight slide, JSU went on to win the next four contests to win the match. Genevieve Ulanday won at No. 1 in straight sets, followed by Elena Tendero at No. 3, Diana Monsalve at No. 5 and Alba Conejero at No. 6.

The Gamecocks are back in action March 16 when they continue their OVC schedule at Eastern Illinois.

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innings. Charlene Castro recorded the final two outs and gave up two runs on three hits in the process.

JSU scored three second-inning runs before a four-run third gave the Gamecocks a 7-0 lead. That was stretched to 8-0 in the fourth before the Hornets scored their lone run on a pair of JSU errors in the home half of the fourth, but JSU's nine-run fifth put the game away.

JSU will play its final non-conference weekend of the season this weekend, when it travels to Charleston, S.C., for the Charleston Invitational. The Gamecocks will face Georgetown at 2:30 p.m. on Friday before taking on the Hoyas and Texas on Saturday. The weekend will conclude with a Sunday meeting with host College of Charleston.

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JSU Golf finishes second at Cape Fear

LELAND, N.C. – Jesus Montenegro claimed a top 1 finish and led the Jacksonville State men's golf team to a runner-up finish at the Cape Fear National Intercollegiate on Monday.

The Gamecocks used a final-round 303 on the par-72, 6,850-yard Cape Fear National layout to claim sole possession of second-place. UT Arlington won the 14-team event with a 54-hole score of 858. JSU's 888 edged South Carolina Beaufort for second, while host Appalachian State and Robert Morris rounded out the top five.

Montenegro, a freshman from Buenos Aires, Argentina, carded a final-round 75 on the final day to put the finishing touches on his 54-hole 220. He tied for 10th in the 76-player field at 4-over. VCU's Sachin Kumar won medalist honors with a 3-under 213.

Montenegro used a pair of birdies on Monday to hold on to his top-10 spot on the leaderboard. He finished one shot better than fellow freshman Quim Vidal Mora, whose final-round 75 capped his three-round score of 221 and tied him for 13th.

Vidal Mora, a native of Barcelona, Spain, played his final seven holes at 1-under to climb into the 13th-place spot.

Junior Benedikt Thalmayr had JSU's best round on Monday, a final-round 74 that allowed the Ouching, Germany, native to finish in a tie for 17th with a total score of 224.

Sophomore Max Basler tied for 23rd after his Monday 81 finished a three-round score of 226, while freshman Maximo Portais' 79 on Monday capped a 236 and tied him for 50th.

The Gamecocks' next event is the FAU Slomin Autism Championship in West Palm Beach, Fla., from March 23-25.

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Grass announces new Football staff

JACKSONVILLE – John Grass has completed his coaching staff for the 2018 season, adding new faces to fill three vacancies on the defensive side of the ball.

The fifth-year head coach announced this week the addition of new defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Andrew Warwick, associate head coach and safeties coach Kelvin Sigler and new defensive ends coach Landius Wilkerson. The trio replaces co-defensive coordinators David Blackwell and Brandon Hall and defensive ends coach Nick Gentry, who each left to take a job at the FBS level.

"We are excited to add three great coaches to our staff, but even more important is that we are adding three good men to our program," Grass said after Tuesday morning's practice. "The kids are latching on to them, and I'm excited about the way they're fitting in. All three of them bring something a little different to the table, and it's going really good."

Warwick joined the staff prior to the start of spring practice, while Sigler and Wilkerson more recently completed the process to join the Gamecocks early in the spring schedule.

Grass also announced additional responsibilities for the two returning defensive assistants, William Green and Owen Kilgore. Green, the defensive line coach, will coordinate the team's run defense, while Kilgore will head up the Gamecocks' pass defense efforts.

Warwick comes to JSU from Clemson, where he spent the last six years in different capacities. He was most recently the Tigers' Director

of Defensive Player Development, a position he held for the previous three seasons.

In 2013, he helped the Clemson defense to a top-25 finish in tackles for loss, sacks, total defense and scoring defense. The 2014 Tigers led the nation in total defense, while the 2015 group paced the country in tackles for loss.

He helped the No. 8 defense in the nation lead the 2016 Tigers to the National Championship, a unit that also finished third in tackles for loss and fourth in pass efficiency defense. Another ACC title followed in 2017, thanks to a defense that ranked fourth nationally in total defense, second in scoring defense, fourth in passing defense and fifth in sacks.

Warwick is a 2007 graduate of Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., where he was a three-year starter at tight end and wide out. He won the Mike Cross Award as the team's top receiver in 2006.

The native of Oklahoma City, Okla., began his coaching career in 2008, when he became the defensive backs coach at Thomas More College and helped it to a league title. He spent the 2009 and 2010 seasons at Central Oklahoma, where he coached defensive backs. In 2011, he coached at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Sigler comes to JSU from South Alabama, where he spent two seasons as the Jaguars' cornerbacks coach after a three-year stint at Northern Illinois.

In his first season at USA, Sigler led a Jaguar defense that not only ranked in the top 10 in the nation in pass defense but among the top five schools in the country in most improved scoring defense.

His second season in 2017 saw the Jaguars rank 13th in red zone defense.

In his three seasons at NIU, Sigler worked with cornerbacks as NIU posted a 31-11 (73.8%) overall record and a 21-3 (87.5%) mark in the Mid-American Conference, earned three consecutive postseason bowl berths and claimed the 2014 league championship.

Prior to NIU, Sigler was on the 2012 defensive staff at Alabama, where he helped the Crimson Tide to a 13-1 record and a 42-14 win over Notre Dame in the BCS National Championship Game.

He went to Alabama after serving four seasons as the head coach at Blount High School in Prichard, Ala., where he led the Leopards to four-straight playoff appearances and the school's first 10-win season since 1998 in 2011. He also served as a high school coach at Bob Jones and Greensboro High Schools.

Sigler lettered for four years at Alabama from 1995-98, helping the program to a 10-3 mark as a sophomore; the Tide played in the Southeastern Conference championship game that fall before going on to beat Michigan in the Outback Bowl. He was also part of a squad that played in a bowl game his senior season, while Alabama went 8-3 his first year at the collegiate level. During his career, Sigler intercepted six passes, led the team in tackles as a junior and was one of five permanent team captains his senior year.

Wilkerson joins Grass' staff after a eight-year stint at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, where he most recently served as the Hawks' defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator.

During his eight seasons, Wilkerson helped two of his linemen earn All-American recognition. Defensive tackle D.J. Chappell became the first All-American in program history in 2012 and defensive tackle Heath McCray was named honorable mention All-American in 2015.

During the Hawks' first five seasons as members of the USA South Athletic Conference, Wilkerson's defensive line has produced one USA South Defensive Rookie of the Year (DeAnte' Griffith), six All-Conference performers and 17 Academic All-Conference selections. Wilkerson has also coached six NFF National Honor Society Achievement winners.

From 2015-2017, Wilkerson was part of the most successful three-year run in Huntingdon history as the Hawks won 28 games, three conference titles and their first NCAA playoff game.

Wilkerson earned his B.S. degree in Mathematics Education from Alabama State University, where he played football and ran track. He completed his M.A. degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Tech. He coached for five years at McMinn Central High where he coached both offensive and defensive linemen and served as assistant head coach.

At ASU, Wilkerson was a captain and an All-Conference lineman. A three-year starter on the offensive line, Wilkerson was a member of the 2004 SWAC championship team.

In high school, Wilkerson was a two-time All-State defensive lineman and was selected to play in the Tennessee East-West All-Star game.

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JSU Men's Basketball continued their journey in the CBI Wednesday.

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