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AL POLITICS

Hagan, Rogers face off for congress seat

Scott Young
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Eight months ago, Mallory Hagan, Miss America 2013, announced her run for Alabama's 3rd Congressional District as a Democrat. A graduate of Opelika High School, Hagan spent most of her childhood in Opelika and studied biomedical science at Auburn University before moving to Brooklyn in 2008. Prior to her run for Congress, she was an evening news anchor for WLTZ-TV in Columbus, Georgia.

Hagan is running on a plat-

form of campaign finance reform, allowing students to refinance student loans, expanding Medicaid in Alabama, conserving the environment and universal background checks for gun sales. In hopes of emulating the victory of Sen. Doug Jones, Hagan plans to visit Jacksonville State's campus sponsored by Zeta Phi Eta on October 23rd at 7 pm. The event will be held in room 236 inside Self Hall.

"I think it's really important for our representatives to be seen in public and to be willing to take questions in public,"

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A graduate of Jacksonville State University, Congressman Mike Rogers has represented Alabama's 3rd Congressional District since 2003, bringing a conservative voice to Washington. Prior to his service in the House of Representatives, Rogers served in the Alabama House of Representatives, representing constituents in Calhoun, Talladega, and St. Clair counties.

Rogers has been a vocal supporter for many of President

Trump's policies, including tariffs on foreign goods, a border wall on the southern border, and establishing a Space Force as a sixth branch of the military. In his re-election campaign, Rogers has touted the performance of the economy since the President's election in 2016.

"We have reduced regulations, we have cut taxes, we have started stripping back the oppressive burden of Dodd-Frank on the financial systems," says Rogers. "Now you see the economy is white hot and growing."

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NATION

Hurricane Michael leaves thousands without power

JP Wood
Staff Reporter

Thousands remain without power in the Florida Panhandle, Wiregrass, and southeast Georgia just one week after the devastating Hurricane Michael tore through the area.

Recovery efforts are still just getting off the ground, as crews from all around the country pour in to the region to assist the locals with help. Among the hardest hit communities are Mexico Beach, Panama City, Marianna and Dothan.

"We are dealing with an overwhelming amount of damage," Dothan fire chief Larry Williams said. In Mexico Beach, pictures of the horrifying damage began to surface almost immediately. Aerial photos showed that almost no structure survived the landfall of the category 4 storm. President Trump arrived in the Panama City area on Monday to survey the damage of an area that may take years to recover, if at all. As of Tuesday morning, the death toll had risen to 12.

In the wake of the destruction left by the fourth stron-



Photo Courtesy of The Dothan Eagle

gest storm to make landfall in the modern era, the national response was overwhelming. Bucket trucks and lineman crews set up a staging area at Dothan's National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, with hundreds of trucks lined up ready to immediately head to the Florida Panhandle. Ambulance convoys from all over raced down US Highway

231. Even the NYPD was seen speeding through Dothan on their way to assist the recovery efforts.

If you would like to help recovery, please consider finding a reputable charity, such as the American Red Cross, to donate to. Bay County officials have asked that people stay away from the beaches until further notice.





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said Hagan, when asked about her future campaign event. “We want to energize young people to get involved in the political process.”

During a visit to the Auburn University College Republicans, Congressman Mike Rogers attacked Hagan for her age, saying “my opponent, on the other hand, is 29 years old...almost nobody knows who she is.”

“No, I think young people are more energized and more capable than ever,” said Hagan, when asked if Roger’s comments dissuade young voters to get involved politi-

cally. “The Parkland students have proven time and time again that age does not hinder you from sharing your voice and being a part of a process that creates change.”

If re-elected, Rogers will have been elected to nine consecutive terms to the House of Representatives, having served since 2003.

The election for this race, Governor, the state legislature, and many other statewide offices is on November 6. The deadline for voter registration is October 22.

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Many Democrats have argued that the economy has improved even before President Trump’s election, citing consistently lowering unemployment figures since 2010 and a reduction in deficit spending toward the end of President Obama’s term. During a speech at the University of Illinois, Obama told the crowd to “remember when this recovery started.”

“That’s idiotic and laughable,” said Rogers in response to those claims. “The guy was President for eight years and it was a nightmare. Trump comes in. Don’t believe me, go and look at it; the stock market started going up in November after he was elected.”

Since the President’s inauguration, the unemployment rate has dropped by 1.1 percent, the Dow Jones has risen by about 28 percent and the economy grew at a pace of 4.1percent in the second quarter of 2018. The specific assignment of who is responsible for the economy is a polarizing issue that many people disagree on.

Mike Rogers, the incumbent Republican, and his challenger, Mallory Hagan, the Democratic nominee, will face off in the midterm election on Tuesday, November 6. Students are encouraged to register to vote before the deadline of October 22 and cast their vote in the midterms.

FIND IT ONLINE!



The Chanticleer’s full interviews with Mallory Hagan and Mike Rogers can be found on our website!

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CAMPUS

Losing home doesn’t stop professor from promoting JSU

Joseph Scott Morgan will never again have pine trees in his yard.

Following the EF-3 tornado that tore through Jacksonville on March 19, Morgan, his wife and their two dogs emerged from the bathroom where they sought shelter to find five “monstrous” pine trees had destroyed their home.

“When we walked out that morning, the smell of pine permeated everything,” Morgan said. “It was everywhere. We couldn’t escape it. I used to associate the smell of pine with Christmas, but never again. Now, it’ll always remind me of the tornado.”

Having served as forensic investigator with the Jefferson Parish Coroner’s Office in New Orleans for six years- prior to serving as senior investigator for the Fulton County Medical Examiner’s Office in Atlanta for 14 years – Morgan had ridden out numerous hurricanes, but tornados are a different beast altogether.

“That’ll get you right with God real quick,” he said. “When James Spann said something was ‘interesting,’ that caught my attention. James Spann saved our lives that night.”

As Distinguished Scholar of Applied Forensics with JSU’s Center for Applied Forensics, Morgan often appears on CNN and Law and Crime Network, providing expert insight into the true crime cases grabbing headlines. But only hours after the tornado, Morgan was on TV giving his perspective on a different kind of devastation – live Skyping with CNN anchor Carol Costello.

“That was hard, very, very hard,” Morgan said. “I’ve always tried to get the word out about JSU and our forensics depart-



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ment, but this was different. I was in pain - traumatized, showing it - we lost everything.”

Morgan even served as guest speaker for the Rotary Club in Fort Payne less than a week after the tornado, wearing a pair of donated dress shoes.

“Rotary has been a part of my life since I was a teenager,” he said, “so whenever they call, I’m there. But this time, we didn’t even really talk about forensics or true crime. They wanted to know what had happened in Jacksonville and how the recovery was going. I’m always happy to be a conduit for JSU anyway that I can.”

Morgan has become a familiar voice in the maelstrom of true crime TV shows and their associated podcasts. He is a frequent guest of both Nancy Grace and Ashleigh

Banfield, appearing via Skype from his living room, which he calls “JSU Studio 1-A,” and in the background is the ever-present blue banner promoting JSU’s Center for Applied Forensics.

Whether he’s discussing famous cold cases like Jon Benet Ramsey or more grisly murders like the “Womb Raider” (don’t ask), Morgan gives his expert opinion for free with only one caveat.

“They have to mention JSU,” he said. “JSU and Jacksonville will forever be my home. When I’m on TV, whether it’s with Nancy Grace or Ashleigh Banfield, I always stick within the boundaries of good science, which is what we champion at JSU. I’m honored to be a part of helping to spread the word about that.”

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Viewpoints

The seriousness of anxiety

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Anxiety disorders are known to be the most common mental illness in the United States. Statistics show that over 40 million adults are unfortunately suffering from anxiety. There are a number of anxiety disorders—OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), Panic Disorder, Social Anxiety Disorder, Phobias, GAD (Generalized Anxiety Disorder) and more.

Tons of things can trigger anxiety. One might find themselves growing anxious when it comes to speaking in front of large groups of people or when going in for a job interview. Everybody at one point in his or her life feels anxious. Those who suffer from anxiety disorders face this issue more often than not, unfortunately.

Each form of anxiety disorder has their own set of reactions and symptoms; all of the

different types of anxiety disorders do have quite a number of common symptoms such as an accelerated heart rate and chest pains.

Luckily, there are a few known ways to relax a bit and ease your mind, which, in turn, reduces anxiety.

1. Learning to induce your Relaxation Response:

It is a known fact that if you take at least ten minutes out of your busy, hectic day to partake in some form of relaxation therapy, it can reduce your anxiety a great amount. For example, every morning get up out of bed, stretch and listen to calming music. Focusing on your Relaxation Response is known to slow your heart rate and decrease your blood pressure.

2. Breathe:

As silly as it sounds, just breathe. When people are in very anxious, and uncomfortable situations they tend to begin breathing a bit more shallowly. Whenever in a situa-

tion that causes your breathing to become a bit abnormal, make sure to stop and try to even out your breathing. Simply controlling your breathing, and forcing it to become a bit more even and natural, can cause your anxiety levels to decrease.

3. Write out your worries and fears:

It's proven that writing down things that bother you are a form of decompression. Setting aside 15 minutes or so each day to write down your feelings about difficult situations you're going through at the time is very beneficial. Not only can it calm you down, but you can always look back at your writing and realize that you made it through difficult situations and times and see how strong you have become.

Dealing with anxiety is never easy, but following these tips might help in certain situations. Try them out; you might just find a sure-fire way to help not only yourself out, but others as well.

Celebrating Our Differences: Diversity at JSU

Brett Buckner
JSU News

Diversity – a single word that encompasses everything.

Diversity is about our differences. It's about race and religion, gender and ethnicity, sexual orientation and economic background. Diversity is about bringing those differences together and giving all people a place to belong.

The antithesis of diversity is segregation, but it might as well be ignorance. We learn more from those who are different than those who are the same. We learn more about ourselves in the process.

JSU is in the business of education. But education doesn't always come strictly from homework, class projects and final exams. That is why JSU is embracing a variety of diversity initiatives in order to make its campus, its classrooms and every facet of the university more inclusive.

“Our goal is to expand the definition of diversity,” said Dr. Heidi Louisy, JSU's Chief Human Resources and Diversity Officer. “I'm not thinking just about race and gender, but all areas of potential impact.”

According to its Commitment to Diversity statement, JSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion “seeks a campus climate that embraces, celebrates and promotes respect for the entire variety of human experience.”

To accomplish this, JSU's newly formed Diversity and Inclusion Committee initiated the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan for 2017-2022, in an effort to become a “national leader and model for the institutional integration of diversity, inclusion and acceptance in higher education for the 21st century.”

The committee established a series of goals to bring this promise to fruition:

Goal 1

Develop and implement educational opportunities for the JSU community about the importance of diversity, inclusivity and cultural sensitivity

- Develop ongoing training opportunities for current employees
- Provide diversity and inclusion awareness during the onboarding stage of all new employees
- Promote the tenets of Diversity and Inclusion to all students.

Goal 2

Cultivate an Inclusive Campus Climate

- Recruit and retain diverse and engaged workforce
- Recruit, retain and graduate a diverse and engaged student body
- Provide an accessible environment with appropriate resources

Goal 3

Develop an exemplary Diversity and Inclusion program

- Promote and participate in community partnerships
- Present the JSU Diversity & Inclusion Program to other universities and affiliates.
- Identify means/resources to offer diversity focused grants.

Role Model

Since 1995, Minority Access, Inc. has assisted colleges and universities in becoming more diversified. The organization recently named JSU to its annual list of Institutions Committed to Diversity.

If there is a human embodiment for JSU's diversity aspirations, it would be biology professor Mijitaba Hamissou who was named a Minority Access Role Model, which honors those who expand the pool of minorities in fields underrepresented by minorities.

“Jacksonville State University is among the institutions that supports diversity and inclusion,” Hamissou said. “One of my roles as a faculty member is to help JSU in that aspect. JSU is a good learning environment that has diverse faculty and staff, and we want to make sure students know that all are welcome here at JSU.”

During his 16 years at JSU, Hamissou has worked with numerous organizations, including Quality for Minorities, a forum organized by the National Science Foundation to inspire minority students' involvement in science. He serves as the advisor for the Japanese student organization, Sakura-Union, which taught him the value of diversity firsthand.

“When students noticed that there is someone like them in a setting – be it a class, a student organization – they tend to feel included and become successful,” he said. “Working with Sakura, I learned that irrespective of their geographic origin, students are more academically engaging when the environment is composed of diverse individuals.”



Matt Reynolds/JSU

‘Pictures speak’

Diversity is based on perspective. Perhaps this is best illustrated in nursing.

“Diversity to me is defined contextually,” said Dr. Christie Shelton, dean of the School of Health Professions and Wellness. “If you're in an area like nursing, which is largely female, then diversity would be improved by having men of any social or ethnic background because there are so few. But that's certainly not what diversity looks like in the business world.”

JSU's Department of Nursing is addressing diversity by putting more male nurses “front and center” on its various marketing efforts – websites, brochures, etc.

“Pictures speak,” Shelton said. “Being a nurse, working with the variety of patients we see in the hospital, it's helpful to have diversity. Being a nurse isn't about being male or female, and men in nursing isn't a new concept, but moving the needle forward has been difficult.”

The needle is moving. According to the Alabama Health Action Coalition (AL HAC), JSU's Department of Nursing had “significantly higher percentages of diversity” in ethnicity and number of male students. With 42 male students enrolled in the fall of 2015, JSU's male population made up 17.5 percent of its nursing student population, compared with less than 12 percent among other schools. For the fall of 2016, that number increased to 44 students – 18.8 percent.

Several factors contributed to this, according to Dr. Betsy Gullede, head of the JSU nursing department and associate dean of the School of Health Professions and Wellness.

“We have a commitment to mentoring, remediating and maintaining as many students as we can,” Gullede said. “Our NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) pass rate is high but our graduation rate is also high when usually those are inversely related. Many of our students are first generation college students, and we have a commitment to mentoring and helping those students.”

Transformational experience

Exposure to diversity is a transformational experience with the potential for a far-reaching impact.

According to the American Association of State Colleges and University's Diversity statement, “Our economic future, democracy and global standing will suffer if the next generation is not ready to engage and work with people whose backgrounds, experiences and perspectives are different from their own.”

As vice president for student affairs, Dr. Tim King believes current students, with few exceptions, are more receptive of diversity than previous generations.

“For the most part, this generation gets it better than any generation has before them,” he said. “With regards to JSU's current level of diversity, I believe we are representative of our community. Nevertheless, we always want to improve and do more.”

The Office of Student Affairs will soon open a Multicultural Center in the basement of the International House.

“My hope,” King said, “is that students from diverse backgrounds will see the Multicultural Center as JSU's commitment to promoting diversity among our students.”

The overarching goal is to make JSU a destination for all students.

“One of the things we need to continue to do is to tell our story – not just locally or regionally, but nationally,” Louisy said. “We're not just a gem, we're a hidden gem, so we're working to get the word out – at national conferences and events – about our plans and goals.”

By getting the word out, JSU will attract the best and brightest employees and students, Louisy said.

“We don't cast our nets in shallow waters when we are recruiting,” she said. “We cast a large net in deep waters. We're not where we want to be, but we're working hard to get there.”



FILM REVIEW

A clock that keeps ticking

James King
A&E Writer

I was curious about this movie. I had seen a preview earlier this year in one of the many superhero movies, and it looked pretty interesting for a kids movie. It was a period piece movie reminding me of the magic of the *Harry Potter* franchise and the general creepy oddness of *The Addams Family* franchise. The advertising even got me. The mystery with the clock that the trailer sets up had me a little bit intrigued. What was going on with the house and what was the clock ticking down to? I had also heard stories of kids legitimately being scared out of the theatres that were showing *The House with a Clock in the Walls*.

I wanted to see if all this was warranted. If this movie was creepy, bad, or a new diamond in the rough. I went in with low expectations and I was not disappointed. In fact, it was a lot better than I thought it would be. The movie involves a kid named Lewis being dropped off at his uncle's house. He soon finds out the house and his uncle are more than what they seem. The story kind of feels generic because of this set-up. The subplot of Lewis trying to make friends felt a little unneeded and really just feels like padding. It also does a bad job of making the kids believable, as they tend to feel like stereotypes or a little too much like Mary Sues. However, there are a few story beats and scenes that keep it from feeling completely predictable.

It does have a few issues. A few jokes drag on for way too long or repeated way too much. The story feels like a made for tv movie, like it was not interested in taking many risks beyond the parts where the movie gets scary. The movie does get legitimately scary, with generally creepy atmosphere and a lot of creepy subtext, but beyond a few jump scares it thankfully doesn't get too creepy. It does get pretty dark at times for a kids movie though. I can completely understand if some younger kids might be frightened of this movie in the same way the final villain reveal in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* scared me as a little kid.

In a more technical sense this movie has some issues. The CGI goes from pretty good in some scenes to pretty bad in a scene when the movie tries to do CGI characters. This movie was directed by



Courtesy of IMDB.com

Eli Roth, who has been a producer for a lot of action and horror movies, especially gory ones like *Hostel* and *Grindhouse*. You can definitely see some of the DNA of those kinds of movies in this one. There are parts of the movie that creeped me out, but tonally it jumps between horror and family comedy, and that can be pretty jarring at times.

I do definitely recommend *The House*

with a Clock in the Walls. It's a strange little movie and it knows it. I wouldn't bring any little kids to the movie. I do think that older kids will love this. Fans of something like *Gravity Falls* or *The Addams Family* movies should like this. The movie is not a masterpiece, but it brings just enough magic to it make it's run time an enjoyable one.



Courtesy of IMDB.com

Jack Black as Jonathan Barnavelt in *The House with a Clock in its Walls*



FILM REVIEW

Venom: not good, but fun

Sean Collier
A&E writer

(Note from the Editor: You may have noticed that we ran a review of *Venom* by our staff writer and critic James King last week. After reading that article, Sean came to me saying he had a different opinion and offered to write a review himself. In the name of due diligence and providing our readers we varied opinions, we are publishing this article this week. Hope you enjoy it- Taylor Mitchell A&E Editor)

When you ask someone about the movie *Venom*, chances are you are going to get a wide array of answers. Whether or not the movie is “good” has been a huge argument that brings up the question: What makes a movie good? This is highly dependent on personal preference. In my opinion, there are two factors that should be taken into account: The quality and practicality of the work put into the movie (Camera work, script, acting, etc.) and the entertainment value of the movie. A movie can be badly made, but still be considered a good movie. *Venom* is somewhere in the middle for me.

In the sense of filmmaking, there are decisions made in the making of *Venom* that should not work. The script takes a strange pace and the character’s actions don’t feel believable or are too convenient for the plot. The story seems like the fight in the end was written first and everything else was planned around it. Also, the movie seemingly has a hard time deciding what it wants to be: a thriller/horror movie or a dark comedy. Also, there are confusing shots and some of the actions are hard to follow. That doesn’t mean all of the shots are bad. There are a lot of really interesting shots sprinkled in with all the other generic, confusing ones. My personal gripes don’t have to do with the movie as a whole but rather direction and the weak points of the script. The script lacks having a meaning behind a character’s actions at certain points. Things just...happen, and you are expected to be okay with it.

On the flip side, *Venom* is a very entertaining movie. It has a lot of really funny moments and awesome action sequences. It is definitely the best portrayal of Venom on the big screen. The moments with Venom and Eddie are interesting enough to keep you invested. Eddie isn’t a throw away character, we get to know him in a very relatable way. It’s shown clearly in the beginning that Eddie has his own moral beliefs and it gets in the way of his career and his relationship. The movie also shows in moments how alike Venom and Eddie are. The symbiotes are not underused either, you are shown what they are and how they function. The movie shows you what Venom is capable of, including some graphic, spine-tingling moments. The primary antagonist of the movie, Carlton Drake, isn’t very memorable, but, then again, he shouldn’t be. When Riot enters the picture, the movie implies how insignificant Drake is in Riot’s eyes. He’s just a tool just like the other people he bonded with. Drake’s beliefs weren’t some half-baked environmental statement either, he had a god complex. Which is shown even with his first monologue. Riot as a villain is more memorable, even if slightly underused. The fight in



Courtesy of IMDB.com

the end is a conceptual masterpiece in regards to the symbiotes and fans of their ilk. I personally am a fan, and it was awesome.

Venom is definitely a movie that doesn’t outright give you all the story context you need on a silver platter. Some things take a deeper look. If every movie gave you every piece of information on what people are feeling or blatantly go out their way to tell you what is happening like you haven’t been watching the movie at all, NO ONE would enjoy it.

So my verdict is ultimately to go in with an open mind ready for a laugh. It isn’t the best movie ever, but it will satiate your hunger for people and tater tots. With all that being said, this is my opinion. If you disagree with me, that’s totally fine. I’ll respect your opinion if you back it up. In the meantime I’ll go on my merry way and enjoy my “critically bad but entertaining” movie self.

FILM REVIEW

Terrified: an obscure Halloween delight

Breihan Dryden
A&E Writer

So, this was not the film that I was originally going to review this week, but holy hell, what a doozy it is. While *Satan’s Slaves* will get its time to shine in the near future, I just had to talk about this Argentinian creepfest. Currently streaming on Shudder (hands down the best streaming site besides Amazon Prime, which you can subscribe to Shudder through) *Terrified* tells the tale of three paranormal researchers investigating a neighborhood that has been experiencing some pretty scary stuff. Kids are dying, neighbors are disappearing, and people are hearing voices in their sinks. What exactly is going on? Well, you never really find out and that really plays to the strengths of the scares themselves. You don’t know what’s going on, where it’s going, or how we got here and no one else does, both from an audience perspective and the characters perspective. While you won’t leave this film pondering the meaning of a well thought out ending, the scares that this film produces will be imprinted in your head long after you’ve decided to switch over to bingeing *Kitchen Nightmares* as a palate cleanser.

Let’s talk about some of those scares, shall we? This movie gets straight to the point within the first ten minutes, showing off its very *blunt* horror. One of my favorite scenes involved a detective and one of the researchers investigating a son coming home to his mother. Problem

is, he’s been dead for the past two days, with the detective even having gone to his funeral and having a previous relationship to him and his mother. Another scene that caught me off guard happens exactly seven minutes into the film. Let me set the scene: A wife has been hearing voices from her sink drain all day saying that they want to kill her. Later on in the night, after both she and her husband have gone to bed, the wife wakes up and decides to go take a shower. After the husband hears sporadic knocking (which he initially mistakes for his neighbors constant remodeling), he notices that it’s coming from the bathroom. I’ll leave it at that, so you can experience what comes next.

I just love it when a film slips under my radar and I just happen to come across it with little to no knowledge of its existence. That’s exactly what happened here. The only thing I knew about this film going into it was a creepy looking screenshot and the promise that it was a no-holds-barred horror film. Not only is it frighteningly intense, but it’s directed well, shot wonderfully, has fantastic sound design, and is performed impeccably. I honestly had no idea that this was the level of horror coming out of Argentina, and now I’m absolutely stoked to see what else I can find.

Terrified done did me a spook, and, if you know me, you would also know that it is very, very hard to get the kind of reaction that this film got out of me. So do yourself a favor and get the free trial of Shudder just so you can experience this, dare I say, *terrifying* gem. It’s bound to become a Halloween staple and a film that I torture my friends, family, and fiancé within the next two weeks.



Study Break



Word Scramble! Sweets Edition:

HTAOOCECL

CIE RMAEC

KRCEUS

KCCUAEP

KEAC

TNTOCO DNYAC

Did YOU know?



The average person spends 6 months of their lifetime waiting on a red light to turn green.

A single cloud can weight more than 1 million pounds.

The average person walks the equivalent of three times around the world in a lifetime.

You cannot snore and dream at the same time.



A Few Sick Punz...

Why don't aliens visit our planet? Terrible ratings. One star.

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

With great reflexes comes great response ability.

Riddle me this...



There is a house with four walls. All of the walls are facing south. A bear is circling the house. What color is the bear?



Sports

2018 JSU Football Schedule

Aug. 25
North Carolina A&T
Montgomery, Ala.
6 p.m.
LOSS

Sept. 8
Mississippi Valley State
6 p.m.
WIN

Sept. 22
*Tennessee Tech
6 p.m.
WIN

Sept. 29
*Austin Peay
(Homecoming)
3 p.m.
WIN

Oct. 6
*at Eastern Kentucky
3 p.m.
WIN

Oct. 13
*Eastern Illinois
3 p.m.
WIN

Oct. 20
*at Southeast Missouri State
1 p.m.

Oct. 27
*at Murray State
3 p.m.

Nov. 3
*UT Martin
1 p.m.

Nov. 10
*at Tennessee State
2 p.m.

Nov. 17
at Kenesaw State (SunTrust Park)
TBA

*-OVC Game
All times Central

JSU FOOTBALL

Gamecocks back in top five of both polls

JACKSONVILLE – After a convincing win over Eastern Illinois on Saturday, the Jacksonville State football team has moved into the Top Five in both the AFCA Coaches Poll and the STATS FCS Top 25.

The Gamecocks (5-1, 4-0 Ohio Valley Conference) cruised to a 49-22 win over the Panthers on Saturday, while three teams ahead of them in each poll fell. The voters responded by moving JSU to fourth in the AFCA Coaches Poll and fifth in the STATS Top 25.

Back in the top five for the first time since the end of the 2017 regular season, it's the fifth-straight week that JSU has been in the Top 10 and the 65th time in the past 67 weeks the Gamecocks have been there. They've been in the polls for 67 weeks in a row, the third-longest active streak in the nation



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right now behind North Dakota State (113) and South Dakota State (85).

JSU's win over the Panthers extends the longest active conference win streak in all of Division I football to 36 games. The longest streak in JSU and OVC history is just three away from the FCS record of 39-straight conference wins by Duquesne of the Metro Atlantic

Conference from 1996-2006.

The Gamecocks are the lone Ohio Valley Conference team in both polls, while Murray State is receiving one vote in the STATS Poll.

Defending champion North Dakota State sits atop both polls, while Kenesaw State is second in the Coaches and South Dakota State second in the STATS polls. James

Madison is fourth in the STATS Top 25, while the Dukes trail JSU by a spot in the Coaches Poll. JSU has been high-powered on both sides of the ball so far this season and currently ranks second nationally in total defense and total offense. So far, the Gamecocks are limiting their foes to just 245.5 yards per game, while they are racking up 552.5 yards per out-

ing.

The Gamecocks begin a daunting road stretch on Saturday, when they travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to face Southeast Missouri. The game will begin a string of four road games over the team's final five contests. The game at SEMO will be aired on the Gamecock Radio Network and televised on ESPN+.

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JSU SOCCER

Morehead State rallies past Gamecocks



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MOREHEAD, Ky. – Morehead State rallied with three goals in the final 15 minutes to take a 3-1 decision over Jacksonville State on Sunday afternoon at Jayne Stadium.

The MSU match wrapped up Jax State's 2018 road slate and its trip to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Gamecocks will enter the final regular season weekend with a 3-11-2 overall record and 1-7 in league play. JSU will host Eastern Illinois on Friday, Oct. 19 before SIU Edwardsville treks to campus on Sunday, Oct. 21. The soccer program will honor its two seniors—Claire Petersen and Madison Carruthers—prior to the 7 p.m. match with the Panthers. MSU moved to 5-11 overall and 4-4 in the

OVC.

Junior Emma Meadows broke a scoreless deadlock after the first 52 minutes with goal off of a rebound in the 53rd minute. Junior Rachel Blanding was credited with the assist, the first of the season for the Snellville, Georgia native. Meadows now has two goals on the season.

The play of Meadows and Petersen stood out to head coach Neil Macdonald.

"I thought Emma (Meadows) and Claire (Petersen) were excellent today," said Macdonald. "As a team, we played well and dominated possession."

"The Eagles were a plus-seven in total shots, 14-7, in the contest, but

most of those came late and after Jax State took the lead. MSU equalized in the 75th minute with a goal by Colleen Swift. Swift completed a cross from right on the backside to send it in to the back of the net. MSU posted the go-ahead goal in the 83rd minute with a goal by Makenna Lavatori. Her goal was off of a rebound of a shot from the right side.

MSU was awarded a penalty kick in the 86th minute, which was taken by Dani Wilson.

Carruthers, who had two shots to lead JSU, was one of six different Gamecocks to have a shot in the match. Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Morgan Lerch finished with four saves.



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JSU FOOTBALL

Gamecocks topple EIU, set eyes on Southeast Missouri



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This past Saturday the JSU Gamecocks sailed past Eastern Illinois in their fourth Ohio Valley Conference game, defeating the Panthers 49-22. The game was the fourth straight OVC contest out of eight for the Gamecocks.

With the victory, the Gamecocks add another win in the column and another win to the streak that has now moved to 36 consecutive wins in OVC play.

Saturday the Gamecocks put up amazing offensive numbers. They compiled 592 total yards on offense and only committed one turnover.

However, this week the Game-

cocks showed a little more of the penalty issues that plagued JSU against North Carolina A&T in the opening game of the year.

The team suffered 14 penalties for 123 yards.

The Gamecocks took home their sixth straight win despite the penalties.

The Gamecocks are now 6-1 on the season, including 4-0 in OVC play. That boosts the confidence of the Gamecocks as they head out on the road for the next two weeks.

The first stop of their two away games is Southeast Missouri.

The Redhawks this season are 4-2 and only 2-1 in OVC play. Their OVC loss came at the hands of Eastern Kentucky 23-14, who the Gamecocks took

down 56-7.

However, the Redhawks have put up a total of 2,779 yards of offense and are averaging 463.2 per game.

One player who is ready to take the field again is Gamecock receiver Josh Pearson.

Pearson tied the single season touchdown reception record against EIU, having hauled in his 11th touchdown reception. Pearson ties Josh Barge who set the record at 11 back in 2015.

Pearson will look to break the record, and he and the rest of the Gamecocks will look to extend their OVC win streak this Saturday against the SEMO Redhawks at 1 P.M. on Houck Field in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

JSU VOLLEYBALL

JSU falls to EIU, but handles SIUE



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Jacksonville State's Volleyball squad emerged from a tough weekend schedule at 11-10 (4-4 OVC), after home matches against Eastern Illinois and SIUE.

The Gamecocks were swept by Eastern Illinois, 7-15 (2-5 OVC) in three close sets, though they held one of the top offenses in the conference to just a .106 attack percentage.

Kaylee Frear led the way with nine kills, and Mackenzie Rombach and Addie Halverson each added seven. Halverson and Jade Humphrey each added nine digs, followed by Ashley Clingan's six.

Jade Humphrey and Sadie Anderson made return appearances from injury in the game, while junior Shayla Schmidt made her season debut after fighting a lingering preseason injury.

On Saturday night, it was JSU's turn to sweep someone.

Jax State handled SIUE easily en route to their first win over the Cougars since 2014. SIUE was held to just 25 kills and a -0.24 attack percentage over the three sets, which is the second time this season a Gamecocks opponent has hit negatives in attack percentage.

Halverson led the charge against the Cougars with 13 kills, followed by Rombach with seven. Lexie Libbs registered 30 assists, while Dani Steele registered nine digs. The Gamecocks return to the road next week against Murray State and Austin Peay.

JSU CROSS COUNTRY

Nereo's personal best leads JSU at Little Rock



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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Jacksonville State's Chumetai Nereo led the Gamecocks with a fifth-place finish in a field of 157 competitors at the Little Rock Cross Country Invitational. The sophomore from Kericho, Kenya, set a new personal best with a time of 17:54.0 across the

5K route at the Rebsamen Golf Course. She cut more than a minute off her previous 5k best that came in her last outing two weeks ago at the JSU Foothills Invitational. Nereo's high mark, followed by Emily Sorrell (37), Jazmin Ortega (44) and Autumn Rich who finished 63rd guide the

Gamecock women to a seventh-place team finish among the 19 teams. Georgia State edged Central Arkansas for the team title with three of the top ten finishers, while the host Trojans of Little Rock came home fourth.

The Gamecocks scored an 11th-place team finish in

the men's 8K race, led by junior Corey Champion's 27:07.6 time.

JSU's next meet will be the Ohio Valley Conference championship on October 27 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., hosted by Southeast Missouri.

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