



JSU FOOTBALL



Mark Mahnke/SEMO

Marquis Terry (center) and the SEMO Warhawks snapped JSU's streak of 36-straight OVC victories on Saturday.

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Streak Snapped

Gamecocks lose in OVC for first time since 2013

Daniel Mayes
Editor-in-Chief

The streak has been snapped. After nearly five years and 36 straight Ohio Valley Conference wins, the Jacksonville State Football team finally lost a conference game, ending their run with a 37-14 loss at Southeast Missouri State on

Saturday. The Gamecocks were just three wins shy of tying the mark of 39 conference wins in a row by Duquesne in the MAAC from 1999-2006.

The Gamecocks' streak started on November 23, 2013 with a win over SEMO, and the Redhawks brought an end to the streak that saw its be-

ginning against them.

It took turnovers and special teams mistakes for JSU's streak to come tumbling down.

"You have five turnovers and a blocked field goal for a touchdown," Coach John Grass said. "You just can't win games doing that."

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International House Presentation: Native Americans Thursday, October 25, 11am International House

Come learn more about Native Americans from one of our JSU students!

Photo Club Meeting Thursday, October 25, 3:30pm Carlisle Fine Arts Facility

Club meeting and photo share with pizza. At this meeting we'll be sharing images from our recent excursion to the Calhoun County Fair, and looking at work by Madison Prince.

COMMUNITY

'Hybrid' restaurant to open in Jacksonville

Quadarius Whitson
Staff Reporter

Have you ever heard of a "hybrid" restaurant before?

Owners Aurella and Shane Gowens are looking to bring this nonfamiliar concept to the Jacksonville Area with the opening of their restaurant, Heirloom Taco. Heirloom Taco is a Mexican inspired food truck and traditional restaurant hybrid that is currently being built inside the old fire station located on the square in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Gowens, a JSU alumna, says she hopes to build a place where college kids as well as other people in the community feel welcomed.

"It feels like there is something missing to tie the entire community together," Gowens said. "I feel like this could be the perfect medium for the community."

Although opening for this restaurant isn't set in stone, the owners estimate it opening sometime in mid to late November. The Gowens are extremely excited for open-



@heirloomtaco/instagram

Heirloom Taco shares progress on their new food truck/restaurant hybrid, which they say will open in November.

ing day and are eager to take a shot at this interesting concept.

"We're going to have some seating outside when the weather's nice and have the garage doors open. It's just going to be a stand-alone truck with a venue," Mrs. Gowens said.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowens give all the credit to their families when it comes to their love for food service and for opening their food truck. The name "Heirloom" refers to the fam-

ily atmosphere that they say they want to be at the core of their restaurant.

"For me, I am always trying to build something or just create anything, so cooking is a good outlet for me," Mr. Gowens said.

"Cada mano tiene su sazón" or "every hand has its seasoning" is the motto that the owners have come up with for their restaurant. "Everybody cooks differently and you have to appreciate every different thing for what it is."



CAMPUS

JSU Students for Equality holds second annual Cocky Pride Parade

Scott Young
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, October 17, Jacksonville State University students gathered in front of the TMB to participate in the 2nd Annual LGBTQ+ Cocky Pride Parade organized by the JSU Students for Equality.

With glowsticks in hand and rainbow flags flying, students marched around Trustee Circle in what many participants said was a proud demonstration of who they are.

“There was something richly fulfilling about that night,” said Anh Nguyen. “Being part of the small, yet rambunctious, crowd just celebrating everyone’s company.”

As folks marched around the circle, many students sang along to music and cheered as they marched confidently around campus. Among

many, their reason for attending was to unapologetically show to the world that they are happy to be in the LGBT community.

“I believe that, in this day and age, it’s very important to express one’s sexuality to let people know that we are here and we’re not going anywhere,” said Matthew Reeves. “The expression of your sexuality is who you are; it’s your voice. We will not be erased, and we will not be silenced.”

JSU Students for Equality is an organization, according to the JSU website, that is “committed to diversity and inclusion through providing resources and advocacy for students from historically marginalized populations.”

Sandra Elliot, co-President of JSU Students for Equality encourages students to attend the show She Kills Monsters, where her organization will have a table for the event October 26 and October 29.



Scott Young/The Chanticleer

JSU Students gather for a group picture at the 2nd Annual LGBTQ+ Cocky Pride Parade

CAMPUS

Honors Program to hold Hunger Banquet

Katie Peyton
Special to The Chanticleer

This year, the Honors Program at JSU is very excited to be hosting a Hunger Banquet. Sponsored through a non-profit organization called Oxfam, a Hunger Banquet raises awareness about the realities of world hunger. The Hunger Banquet will take place on Tuesday, November 27th at 6:00PM at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

The event itself is a dinner, but unlike most banquet dinners, guests won’t be sure whether or not they’ll get enough to eat.

Each participant will buy a ticket prior to the event. When the night of the event arrives, participants will be randomly put into groups. These groups directly reflect the breakdown of the world’s poverty population. Then, each person will receive a meal typical of someone who lives in the poverty level that their group represents. Some people may eat pasta at tables while others eat rice on the floor—it’s all determined by luck of the draw.

Throughout the dinner, seats shift as situations arise. A narrator will continue to present



Photo Courtesy of the JSU Honors Program

imaginary circumstances for participants that very well might affect someone living in poverty around the world. Just as no one knows where they will be seated in the beginning, no one knows what might change as the night goes on. By the end of the event, participants have been educated about world hunger through experience. This event allows people to see a glimpse of what life is like for those living in poverty—not by walking a mile in their shoes, but by eating a meal at their table.

Anyone who wishes to attend

the Hunger Banquet can buy a ticket for \$10 (either through PayPal or with cash in Room 104 Martin Hall at JSU; Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30). Those who purchase tickets online must keep the receipt/screenshot of the payment in order to participate in the Hunger Banquet. Those who purchase tickets with cash will receive a physical ticket, which they must bring on the night of the event.

All of the proceeds from this event will go toward Oxfam’s efforts to fight hunger in communities around the world.

CAMPUS

JSU BOO: Halloween Happenings

Get into the “spirit” of the season on JSU’s campus at one of many Halloween events scheduled for 2018.

Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat, 5-8 p.m., in the parking lot of the International House, organized by the International Student Organization and the Multicultural Student Center. The free public event will feature games, music, face painting, cotton candy, drinks, popcorn and candy. There will be a contest for the best decorated trunk. Donate candy to the event in the Housing Office.

Oct. 26: International Student Organization Halloween Party, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the International House, featuring a costume contest and free food.

Oct. 26-29: “She Kills Monsters,” an action-adventure presented by JSU Drama.

Oct. 29: Harvest Festival, 5-7 p.m., on the Quad. The SGA invites JSU student groups to table at this annual community event, where children enjoy fun, games, and trick or treating. Enjoy a Halloween themed dinner in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall, 4:30-7 p.m.

Oct. 29: Carnival Night at the Cafe’, 4:30-7 p.m., Jack Hopper Dining Hall. Enjoy a Halloween carnival themed menu at this all-you-can-eat, family friendly buffet.

Oct. 29: Halloween Photo Booth, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Anders Hall (Roundhouse). To help raise funds to attend a conference in the spring, the Photo Club is hosting a photo booth with fun Halloween backgrounds and props. For \$5, have your photos taken and receive one 4x6 inch print. Additional prints are \$2. Cash preferred.

Oct. 30: 10th Annual Tubaween, 7:30 p.m., 5th floor of Meehan Hall. The beloved annual musical event spotlight the talents of the JSU Tuba Euphonium Ensemble, ENCORE! show choir and the JSU Steel Band. During intermission, a costume contest will be held with the categories of best overall costume, scariest, funniest and most creative. Candy will be dispersed to children who want to trick or treat.

Oct. 30: Movie Night, featuring “Halloweentown” and “The Nun,” at 7 p.m. at the Kappa Sigma House. This fundraiser, held in support of Military Heroes, is open to everyone. Movie Only: \$3; Movie and Popcorn, \$5; Movie, Popcorn and Drinks, \$7; Hotdogs, \$2. Everyone is welcome.

Oct. 31: Level Up Halloween Game Night, 6 p.m. to Midnight, in the Ayers Hall student lounge. Six game rooms will be set up with all kinds of games - including multiplayer, horror and PC. Wear your favorite costume and come out for a night of food and fun.

Oct. 31: Costume Competition, Games and Movie Night featuring “Halloween” at 6 p.m. at the Kappa Sigma House. This fundraiser, held in support of Military Heroes, is open to everyone. Movie Only: \$3; Movie and Popcorn, \$5; Movie, Popcorn and Drinks, \$7; Hotdogs, \$2. The costume contest winner will receive \$25.

Oct. 31: The Dead Presidents Ball, presented by the History Club, 6-10 p.m., on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library. Enjoy refreshments, games, trivia and a costume contest. Everyone is welcome.

Door Decorating Contest: Housing residents are invited to participate in a fall door decorating contest through noon on Oct. 29. To enter, post a photo of your door to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using #LiveCocky and tagging @jsuhousing. All entries will be posted to an album on Facebook and the photo with the most “likes” wins a prize pack.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Pick up a free pumpkin at Jack Hopper Dining Hall, decorate it, and bring it back for judging by Oct. 30. First Place will win \$50 in FLEX Dollars, Second Place will win \$25 in FLEX Dollars, and Third Place will win \$15 in FLEX dollars. Winners will be announced on Halloween.



Viewpoints

Teachers Deserve More

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Teachers deserve more. Teachers deserve more recognition, benefits and respect. Students of all ages, students like you and I, have had different types of teachers throughout our schooling experience. We've all had the type of teacher who pushes us and urges us to do our best, and they're willing to go above and beyond because they crave our success as much as we do. We've also had the teacher, at least once, who we've failed to understand, whether that be with their teaching methods or their beliefs.

Despite the differences that students have had with certain teachers, they still deserve more.

The amount a teacher gets paid varies depending on the state, but in Alabama statistics have shown that teachers made on average a little over \$48,000 a year. Think about that.

Both of my parents are teachers, and, over the years, I've come to realize how much work they truly put in. Of course teachers work five days a week, typically from 8 a.m. to about 3 p.m., then they go home and take a load off, right? Wrong. Ever since my parents began their teaching jobs, they have spent hours after school drawing up lesson plans, tutoring, grading and much more. Sure, teachers get the summers off, but I can recall many times that my mom and dad have gone to the school during the summer to prepare their classrooms and get ready for the upcoming students in their classes.

Most students at some point in their schooling find that incredible teacher who inspires them and ignites something within them. I found mine early on in high school. He urged me to do better and to work hard in order to accomplish every single one of my goals. He believed in me, and I'm thankful to have had him as a teacher.



Photo Credit: howtobecome.org

He was more than a teacher, though, he was an inspiration.

Teachers put an endless amount of both time and effort into what they do, and most of them do more than just teach. They contribute to our lives by guiding us and sending us in the right direction. They encourage us and help us believe in ourselves.

The next time you find yourself annoyed by a teacher just think about what they do for you, and always remember that teachers deserve more.

Democracy Relies on Our Participation; Go Vote on November 6

Scott Young
Staff Reporter

Often times, particularly among younger generations, people use excuses like "Politics don't matter to me" or "My vote doesn't matter" as a reason to not vote. These statements couldn't be further from the truth. Politics affect your everyday life across a slew of important issues such as student loans, healthcare, taxation, child care and much more. When making the decision not to vote, you are abdicating your voice as an American citizen and choosing to give it to a group with a minority (and possibly dangerous) opinion.

The right to vote for all Americans is one that has been fought for decades. Many have died fighting for a right that several Americans throw in the trash.

In 1964, three men by the names of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner worked for the Freedom Summer campaign to help African Americans in Mississippi register to vote. In an act of civil disobedience, the campaign's mission was to contest the state's policies that disenfranchised many African American voters. After being released from the local jail for

a traffic violation, the activists were followed around town by a group of Klansmen and law enforcement officers. When they caught up with the three, they beat Chaney to death with chains and then shot both Goodman and Schwerner.

These three men had the courage to go to a volatile place in the Southern United States, anger members of the Klan, and risk their lives, all so that African Americans could have the right to vote. As a result, the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965 which outlawed many discriminatory voting practices used in the South.

In 1917, a group of women named the "Silent Sentinels"

protested in front of the White House to fight for women's right to vote. These protests occurred six days a week from January 10, 1917 until June 4, 1919, when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, securing women's right to vote. On one particular night, known as the "Night of Terror", several women were imprisoned at a Virginia prison known as the Occoquan Workhouse. The superintendent of the prison ordered the women to be beaten, kicked, pinched, and choked. Numerous accounts came out of the prison from women including Dorothy Day who says that her head was repeatedly slammed against the back of

an iron bench.

So please, spare me the nonsensical excuses for not voting. When you're too complacent with government and seem to find every reason to forfeit your civic duty, remember the people who were beaten, kicked, tortured, and even killed to protect a right that many so carelessly squander.

This November 6, regardless of your party or which candidates you plan to support, honor those that bled and died to give you the right to vote. Go out and elect candidates that represent your values and can affect meaningful change in your community.

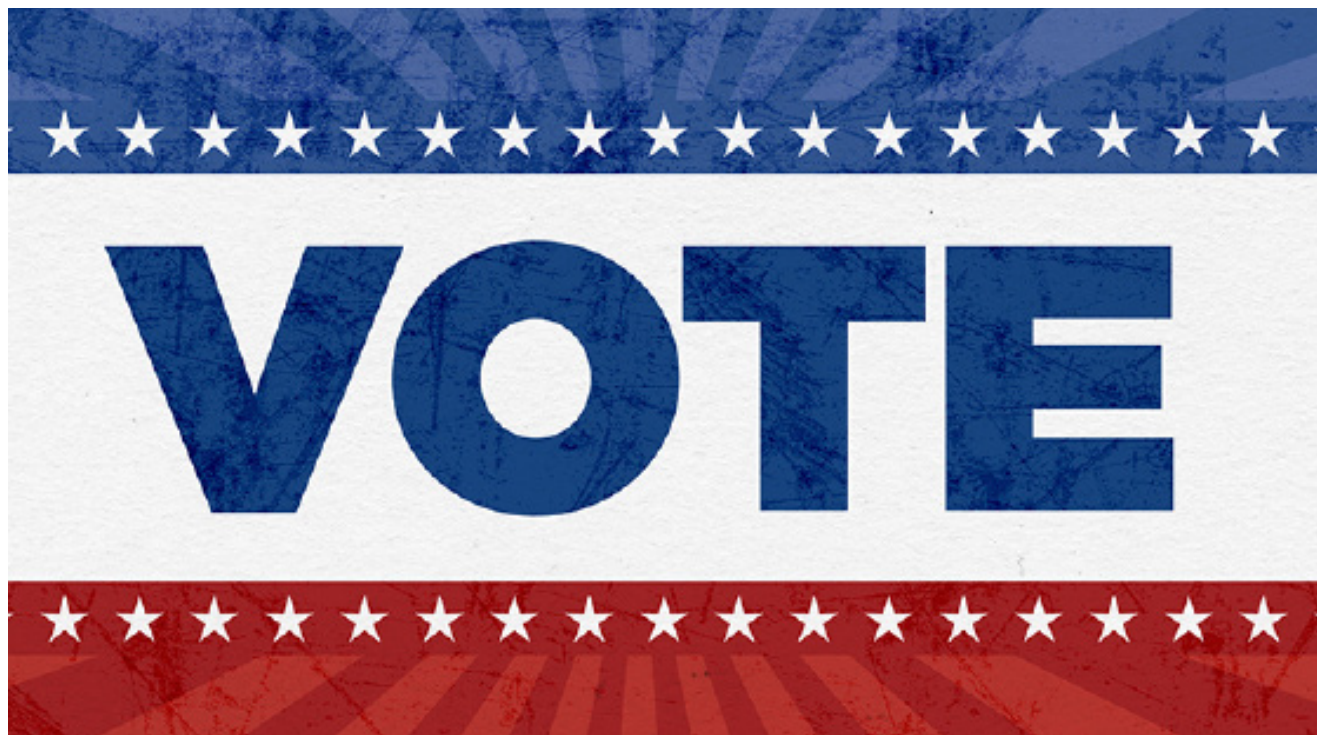


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Arts & Entertainment

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JSU prepares for production of *She Kills Monsters*

Sydney Spencer
A&E Reporter

The Drama Department of Jacksonville State University will be hosting a highly anticipated play this semester. The play is called *She Kills Monsters* by Qui Nguyen and will be directed by Dr. Michael Boynton in the Stone Center. There will be four opportunities to go see it from October 26-29 and all shows start at 7:30 p.m. except for the Sunday showing at 2:30 p.m.

This is a new, contemporary and cutting-edge play. It is very popular amongst high school and college students due to its highly relatable subject matter and the genre of the play. The play is part wacky comedy and part adventure. It is set in the 1990's and at its core is about two sisters. The older sister leads an average life as English teacher in her mid-twenties, while the younger sister is a super nerd. The younger sister ends up passing away in a car accident and the older sister realizes she was not as close to her as she could have been and starts to feel guilty.

The older sister gets the idea of playing a D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) game that her sister created to get to know her better. Her younger sister is a character in the game, and she lives it out in her fantasy that she gets to fight monsters alongside her. This is how both sisters begin to bond and get to know each other better. Along the way, comedy ensues with them be-friending a dark elf, a demon queen and a master of the underworld. They also fight monsters and evil cheerleaders while progressing through the game.

Factors that play a part are the key stereotypes of nerds and gamers. There are a lot of women involved as well. The majority of the play is an empowering message for women. All women in the play had to work out, train, and some even had to learn how to use a sword. The fight scenes are displayed with a lot of action involved as well.

When interviewed, Dr. Boynton explains how the play is "one of the most technically complicated shows we've ever done."

The production is overwhelmed with all they have to get done from puppetry, sound effects, original composed music, videography and other special effects. Between actors and the production crew, they all have put in forty hours a week to perfect their craft and prepare to make this play the best one yet. Tickets are on sale at www.jsu.edu/drama.



Courtesy of JSU Drama

Above: The stage set up for *She Kills Monsters*

Below: from left to right: Tilly Evens played by Chloe Barnes, Lilith/Lily played by Tiffany Jenkins, Kaliope/Kelly played by Anika Corsi and Agnes Evans played Allison Lawley



Courtesy of JSU Drama



Arts & Entertainment

FILM OP-ED

Upgrade vs. Venom

How similar concepts compare

Sean Collier

A&E Writer

So you are probably thinking “how many times am I going to see an article talking about the *Venom* movie?”. Well don’t worry, this is the last time I plan on writing about that movie... Probably. The main reason why I want to talk about it again is, whether or not you’ve seen it, people that talk about *Venom* have been comparing it to the movie *Upgrade*. I personally compared the two movies myself at first and so, here we are. I’m going to tell you why people compare these movies and give you my analysis on it.

Before I go any further I want to point out that I think *Upgrade* is a far superior movie. The stakes are high and you feel for Grey and what he goes through. Both of the movies are highly entertaining, but *Upgrade* was unexpectedly more high concept than I thought it would be. *Venom* is a fun movie to watch, but you don’t really have anything to take from it. *Upgrade* shows the degradation of human society as technology continuously gets more advanced. What does *Venom* give us? Confusion as to whether or not it’s a good movie... Oh, and the need to have the image of Venom and Eddie making out purged from your mind.

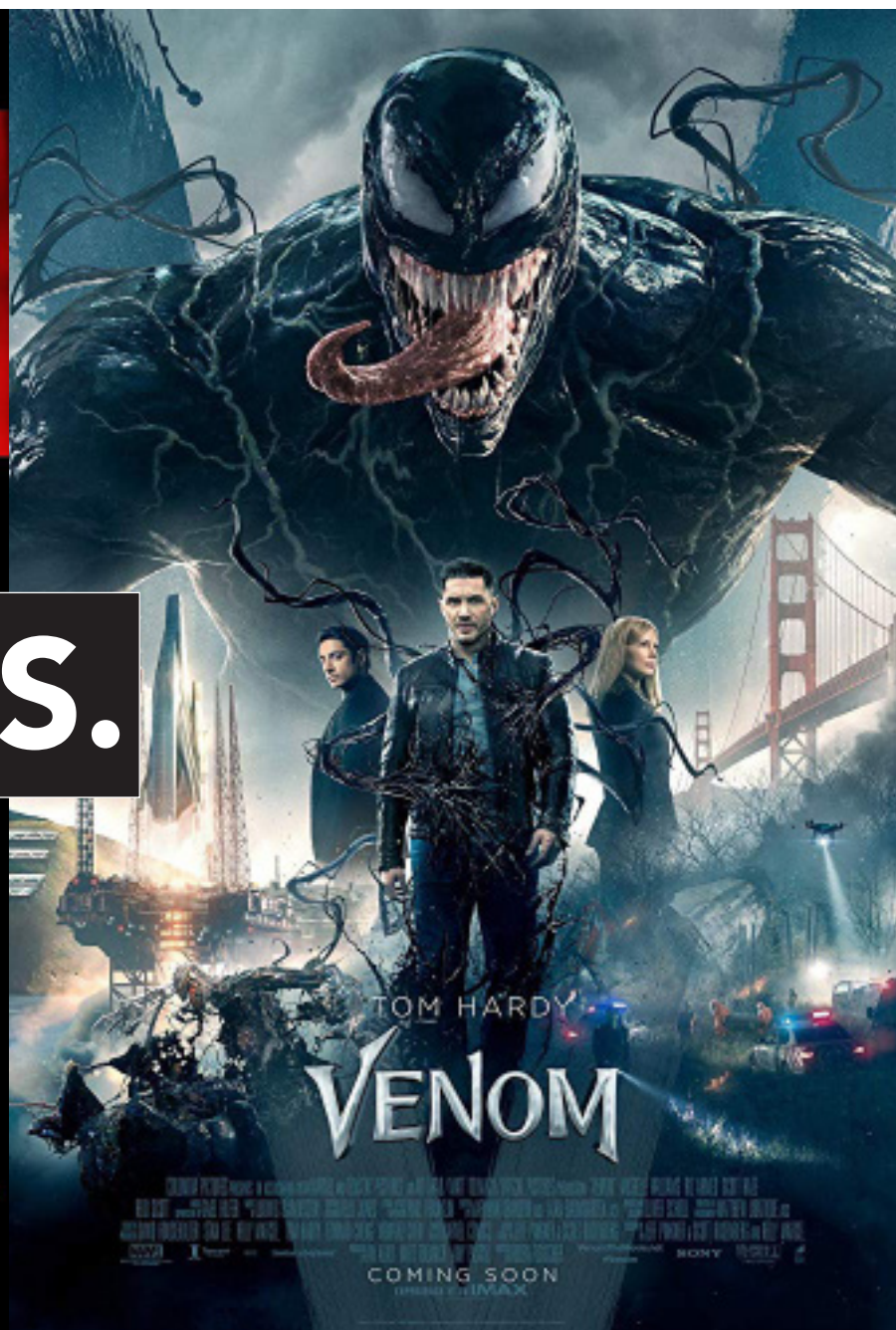
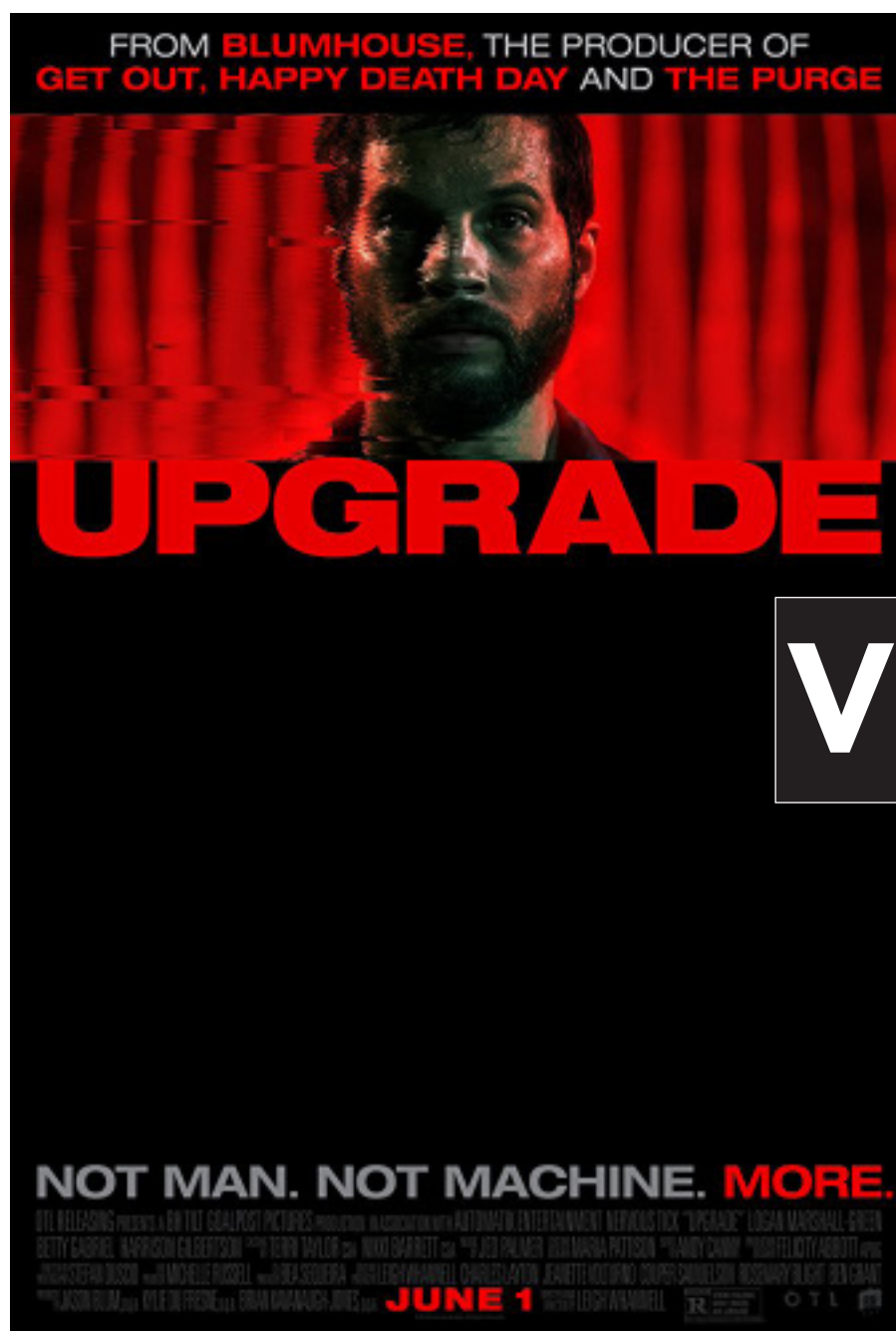
Both of the movies have a male protagonist who, by strange a turn of events, end up having something in their body that gives them enhanced abilities and someone to talk to in their head. (Eddie Brock gets a symbiotic bond with Venom, and Grey gets the A.I. chip, STEM imbedded in his spinal cord.) They both use this to go after the bad guys and kick butt. The protagonist in *Upgrade*, Grey, has a stronger motive due to his wife being murdered in front of him. Whereas Eddie in *Venom* simply wants payback and to bring down the villain for the greater good. Both movies definitely have some spine tingling moments and have a dark tone with humor peppered in. In the movies, both protagonists *technically* kill the bad guys. In *Venom* it is more censored due to its PG-13 rating, whereas *Upgrade* didn’t pull any punches when showing those poor baddies being brutalized.

Both movies have a similar set up and somewhat of a similar feel at first. However, when you actually watch them, they are worlds apart. *Upgrade* not only gives the audience an epic action movie, but also some things to think about and possibly scare them. *Upgrade* gives you the tone and runs with it. *Venom* doesn’t feel like it knows where it wants to be between horror or dark comedy along with the action. Both of the movies are pretty predictable, however the end of *Upgrade* more than makes up for any disappointment in that aspect.

With all that being said, here are some things I think *Upgrade* did that would’ve made *Venom* better. First of all, the R rating. *Venom* would’ve definitely been better if it didn’t hold back. The stakes would’ve been higher and it would have more impact on the audience. In the same vein, I feel like the villain should’ve had more impact on Eddie in general. It would give more reason behind Eddie’s actions and make the audience feel for him.

In *Upgrade*, Grey’s wife is murdered. If something like that happened to Eddie’s fiancé in the beginning, it would have meant more in general. Also, both of the protagonists don’t really want to kill anyone. Their partner, whether it is Venom or STEM, doesn’t mind killing. *Venom* would have been better if they ran with the dark, horror tone and had Eddie going after the bad guys for payback. He could go after all of the people involved and then finally get the main baddie. THEN we’d see Riot in action. It would make it more of a twist and make the audience have an “oh crap” moment that you get plenty of in *Upgrade*.

Now I know it probably isn’t totally fair to compare these movies since *Venom* is a comic book movie. However, I’ve been hearing them be compared so often and people completely disregard how different *Upgrade* actually is and how much more impactful the story is. *Venom* is a very entertaining movie, but *Upgrade* is probably one of the best action movies I’ve seen so far this year. Even though they are similar in various aspects, at the end of the day STEM wins. STEM always wins...



VS.



Study Break



Word Scramble! Halloween Edition:

CDAARLU

PMVIAER

NKPPMUI

HCWTI

SUMTECO

YADNC

TBAS

DHUNATE UEOSH

DPSIDRE

NWCLO

Horror Movie Trivia:



- If you are a teenager living on Elm Street what should you never do?
 - Go to sleep
 - Play with dolls
 - Go to the prom
- In this 1970s book and novel, a mother believes her child (played by Linda Blair in the movie) is what?
 - An alien
 - The devil
 - Possessed by a demon
- “If They Hear You, They Hunt You” is the tagline for this suspenseful 2018 horror thriller. Which one of these films is it?
 - Behind The Walls
 - Living Among Us
 - A Quiet Place



Halloween Facts:

The word “witch” actually comes from an old English word that means “wise woman”.

In Scotland and Ireland, young people would go guising, a tradition in which they dressed in costume and visited houses. If they performed a “trick” such as a dance or song, they would be given fruit, nuts, or coins as treats.

In the 1940s, trick or treating was halted because war-time rationing had curtailed the use of sugar.

50% of children prefer to receive chocolate on Halloween over other types of treats. 24% of children like candy, and 10% would choose gum.



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.
LOSS

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 (Sun-Trust Park)
TBA

*-OVC Game

JSU BASKETBALL

JSU Men, Women tabbed for third in OVC



EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The 2018-19 Ohio Valley Conference basketball season officially kicked off on Tuesday with the league's annual Media Day held in Evansville, Indiana, site of the OVC tournament for the second consecutive year.

Last year's inaugural season tournament, held inside Evansville's Ford Center, saw Jacksonville State's women's basketball program return to postseason action for the first time in three seasons. The Gamecocks weren't just there for a visit, winning their first postseason game since 2014 after earning the No. 4 seed following a 12-6 league record.

On the heels of a 19-12 overall season in 2017-18, which tied JSU's Division I school record for wins in a single season, the Gamecocks have caught the attention of the rest of the conference. It was announced at Tuesday's basketball media day that Jax State was predicted to finish third in the preseason OVC poll voted on

by the league's head coaches and sports information directors. It marks the highest JSU has ever been selected in the preseason predicted order of finish in the coaches' poll. The Gamecocks were tabbed third in the 2015-16 media poll, but fourth by the coaches that season.

In third place, JSU was slotted just behind Belmont and UT Martin, the two programs that have combined to win each of the last five OVC titles. Belmont received 20 of the 24 first-place votes tallying 240 points. UT Martin was voted runner-up with 204 points and three first-place votes, followed by the Gamecocks with 180 points. Morehead State, who JSU beat in all three meetings a season ago, including the first round tournament matchup at the Ford Center last March, was voted fourth just one point behind JSU with 179. Southeast Missouri rounded out the top five, followed by SIUE who received the one final first-place vote.



EVANSVILLE, Ind. – The Jacksonville State men's basketball team is predicted to finish third in the Ohio Valley Conference, as announced Tuesday morning at the league's annual basketball media day at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind. – the site of the 2019 OVC Basketball Championships for the second season in a row.

As voted on by the conference's head coaches and sports information directors, the Gamecocks received seven first-place votes in the preseason tally. This coming just four days after being voted to finish third in the OVC's Preseason Media Poll, as well.

In addition to the team's predicted order of finish, behind Belmont and Murray State, respectively, seniors Christian Cunningham and Jason Burnell were each named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team. The pair of forwards were two of 12

to receive the honor. It is Cunningham's first appearance on an all-league team, while Burnell was named to the conference's all-newcomer team last season.

In two years under Ray Harper, Jacksonville State has reached the 20-win plateau twice, including a school Division I record 23 victories a season ago. After winning the OVC Tournament Championship in 2017, the Gamecocks advanced to the semifinals a year ago and later advanced to play in the College Basketball Invitational (CBI), just the second Division I national postseason tournament for the program.

Jacksonville State begins the season Nov. 9 at Samford with a 6:30 p.m. matchup in Birmingham. The Gamecocks return to Evansville's Ford Center on Dec. 15 for a 1 p.m. game against Evansville. The OVC Basketball Championships run March 6-9 at the Ford Center.

JSU SOCCER

Gamecocks shutout SIUE in season finale

JACKSONVILLE – Jacksonville State capped off the soccer season in fine fashion with a 2-0 blanking of SIU Edwardsville on a brisk Sunday afternoon at the JSU Soccer Field.

The Gamecocks finish the season at 4-11-2 overall and 2-7-1 in the OVC, while the Cougars fell to 5-9-1 on the season and 4-5-1 in league play. The loss hampered SIUE's 2018 OVC Tournament standing with the setback as it dropped from third place to a tie for fifth with Belmont. JSU finishes the final weekend at 1-0-1 after recording a scoreless draw on Friday against Eastern Illinois.

Jax State carried momentum from the hard-fought outing on Friday in to the Sunday's finale and it paid off with a goal in the 16th minute and added an insurance goal in the second half. The program honored its two seniors – Madison Carruthers and Claire Petersen on Friday night prior to the EIU match and it was fitting that one of the two leaders score the first goal of the game. Carruthers, from Frankford, Ontario, Canada, scored her second goal of the season in the 16th minute after sophomore Alicia Pallister



Josh Gilbert/The Chanticleer

JSU Soccer got a victory in their season finale against SIUE

directed the ball from the right side of the pitch to the left for Carruthers to put it away in front of the SIUE goalkeeper.

"It was a great finish and a very difficult angle to finish from," said head coach Neil Macdonald. "I think the keeper miss-timed the ball and it was a great finish for Madison."

The Gamecocks would carry that advantage through the halftime break, finishing with eight shots in the opening half. JSU turned in 11 total shots, while SIUE had 13 on the day.

SIUE had opportunities early in the second half to

equalize, but was denied in the box with the play of the JSU backline and goalkeeper Morgan Lerch. Lerch, playing the program from her backyard of Collinsville, Illinois, turned in six stops on the day. The redshirt freshman collected 81 saves in her first season in goal.

JSU tacked on the second goal in the 51st minute with Chloe Doherty's team-leading fourth goal of the season. Doherty finished off a pass in to the box from junior Rachel Blanding. Doherty was on the opposite side to send it in to the back of the net.

The Gamecocks will look to build for next year off the final result of the season, a season in which they were hindered by injuries throughout the season.

"We played with ton of commitment and worked really hard, which was fantastic," mention Macdonald. "I think we fully deserved this result and we will look back on the year with frustration with all the injuries we have had throughout. I think the girls showed their quality and commitment level especially when things got difficult."

JSU Sportwire



Sports

JSU VOLLEYBALL

Gamecocks fall short in weekend matches at Austin Peay, Murray State

JP Wood
Sports Writer

Jacksonville State dropped two in a row on the road this past week to two tough opponents in volleyball action. The Gamecocks, who are now 11-12 (4-6 OVC), fell to defending champs Austin Peay on Friday night and conference heavyweight Murray State on Saturday.

Austin Peay showed why they are the favorite to win the conference yet again in a 3-1 match against JSU. Addie Halverson led the Gamecocks offensively with 16 kills, followed by Kaylee Frear with nine. Kaylie Milton, Lena Kindermann, and Sadie Anderson each finished with 6 kills apiece. Dani Steele set a career best with 17 digs, while Lexie Libs and Jade Humphrey followed up with 16 and 14 respectively. JSU dropped the first two sets, and, although they dominated the third set 25-14, could not overcome the Governors' .382 hitting percentage in the fourth set, losing 25-13.



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JSU pushed another conference power to their absolute limits on Saturday. Multiple Gamecocks set records in the thrilling five set match, which saw Murray State steal one from the Gamecocks. Frear collected a season high 19 kills, and hit a perfect 1.000 clip in the opening set. Milton finished with 16 kills, while Anderson matched her career high with 14 kills. Libs led the offense with a career best 61 assists, the most by a Gamecock since Jennifer Hart in 2014. For the second day in a

row, Steele contributed 17 digs, while Halverson and Ashley Clingan added 11 and nine respectively. As a team, Jax State collected 68 total digs.

Going in to set number four down 2-1, JSU found themselves trailing 22-16. JSU began a 9-1 comeback to win the set 25-23, led by Frear and Anderson. JSU dropped a rough fifth set 15-10.

The Gamecocks will take a quick break from OVC play in a contest against the other JSU, Jackson State, and then will

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The blocked field goal came early in the second quarter, with a Stinnett field goal attempt that would have given the Gamecocks the lead at 10-0. Instead, SEMO seized the lead and the momentum, turning a 14-7 game into 30-7 by the end of the third.

Quarterback Zerrick Cooper threw for 323 yards and two touchdowns as the Gamecocks made their comeback attempt, but also threw three costly interceptions.

"It's pretty amazing that we've played well enough to win 36 in a row." Grass said at his press conference on Monday. "The reason I don't talk about it ever is it doesn't affect this football team. The streak has nothing to do with how we play. If we grow as much from this loss as we did from the opening loss of the year, then this team is going to play a lot more football."

Saturday's loss is the first conference defeat for Grass since he took the helm at Jacksonville State beginning in the 2014 season. Grass was the Offensive Coordinator on the Bill Clark-led 2013 squad that last lost to Jimmy Garoppolo and the Eastern Illinois Panthers 52-14 on November 16, 2013. Grass and current Assistant Head Football Coach Jimmy Ogle are the only individuals—staff members or players—that were at JSU in their current capacity during the last loss.

Saturday's loss puts the Gamecocks' other notable OVC streak, their four straight conference championships, in jeopardy.

Murray State currently leads the OVC with their 4-0 conference record, and SEMO joins JSU with one OVC loss. The Redhawks will hold a tiebreaker over JSU with the head-to-head win, however. The Gamecocks will likely need to win the remainder of their games and have SEMO drop another game for the "five-peat" to happen.

The Gamecocks start their post-streak life with a road game at OVC-leading Murray State this Saturday. Kickoff against the Racers is at 3 p.m.

For the first time in the John Grass Era in Jacksonville, it's do-or-die time in the OVC.



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Lerch named OVC goalkeeper of the week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Jacksonville State goalkeeper Morgan Lerch was named the Ohio Valley Conference Goalkeeper of the Week after a stellar weekend in goal, announced by the league office on Tuesday.

The redshirt freshman did not allow a goal in either match over the weekend as the Gamecocks wrapped up the season on a high note with a scoreless draw on Friday night and blanking SIU Edwardsville, 2-0, on Sunday.

Lerch, from Collinsville, Illinois faced 11 total shots on the weekend and saved each attempt. She turned in five stops in the EIU contest and six against SIUE, a program that is near her hometown. With her two shutouts, Le-



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Morgan Lerch took home the honor of OVC goalkeeper of the week for her play.

rch finished her first season in goal with six shutouts, which is the fourth-most in a single season at Jax State. Four other Gamecock keepers have finished a campaign with five with

the most recent one being Caroline Robinson in 2015.

With her six shutouts this season, she now ranks sixth all-time in career shutouts by a Gamecock. Lerch is listed second

among OVC keepers in shutouts this season behind EIU's Sara Teateak (8). She moved to the top of the conference in saves this season with 81.

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