



## CAMPUS

# Survey: Students support new TMB renovations

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Editor-in-Chief

The Food Court inside the Theron Montgomery Building at JSU received some updates and renovations over the summer, and, according to a survey conducted by The Chanticleer, the majority of JSU students are in favor of the changes.

Among the new changes to the TMB are an updated Chick-fil-a with a more traditional restaurant style layout, some added menu options at Freshens Fresh Food Studio, and new retail location Mein Bowl.

Of students who responded to the survey, 60.6% said they either liked or strongly liked the new renovations, with 22.5% saying they disliked or strongly disliked the changes. 16.9% said they were indifferent.

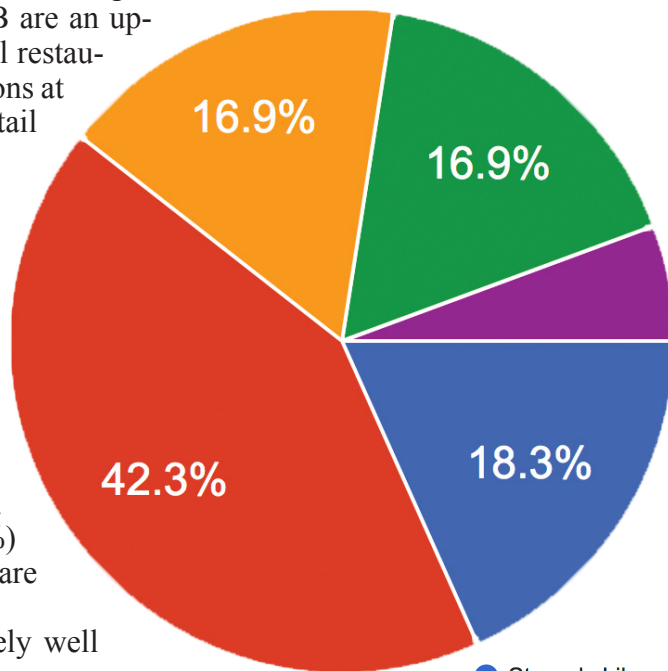
The new Coke Freestyle machines are one of the most popular additions to the TMB, with 67.2% of students saying they liked the new beverage options. The updated layout at Chick-fil-a (56.9%) and new tables and floor setup (63.8%) are also among the most popular changes.

However, the changes weren't entirely well received among JSU students.

While most students said they like the new addition of Mein Bowl, they didn't want to give up Baja Express or the Simply to Go in exchange. 66.2% of students said they did not like the absence of Baja, and one even wrote "#BringBackBaja" when given the chance to provide an additional comment on the survey.

"While the TMB looks much ore nice and modern, it's convenience and ease was lost. The full-service Chick-fil-a is great but the amount of time and length of the line is always very long," one student responded. "Especially since only one register does debt cards. I don't feel the upgraded look was worth the inconvenience."

While Students are divided on some aspects of the new changes to the TMB, most agree that, overall, the new renovations will be something students can be proud of for years to come.



- Strongly Like
- Like
- Indifferent
- Dislike
- Strongly Dislike

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**SGA Blood Drive**  
Thursday,  
September 13,  
10am  
TMB

On Thursday, September 13th the SGA will be hosting a blood drive. It will be in the TMB Auditorium from 10 am - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and snacks will be provided.

**Constitution and Citizenship Celebration**  
Monday,  
September 17,  
4:30 - 6:30pm  
Houston Cole Library

In celebration of Constitution and Citizenship Day, the film Gideon's Trumpet will be shown to demonstrate the impact the actions of one person can have on society.



Scott Young/ The Chanticleer

Olio's Doughnuts hosted a fundraiser on Saturday for officer Kevin Blue, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

## COMMUNITY

# #BackOurBlue: Olio's hosts fundraiser for Police Officer battling cancer

**Scott Young**  
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday, Jacksonville family-owned business Olio's Doughnuts organized a fundraiser to help Piedmont Police Officer Kevin Blue's effort to defeat cancer. Blue, an alumnus of Jacksonville State, was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer known as glioblastoma.

"Come enjoy a hot fresh doughnut Saturday and help #backourblue. 100% of all doughnut sales will be contributed to the Kevin Blue recovery fund," was tweeted on the Olio's Doughnut Twitter account, @Oliosdoughnuts.

"Officer Blue has been a great help to the community...he's a great mentor to young men, and just a great mentor to everybody," said Pam Young, one of the owners of Olio's Doughnuts.

A resident of Alexandria, Officer Blue frequently visited Olio's Doughnuts, dressed in his uniform. "We've had a lot of response today," Mrs. Young said, regarding the support of Officer Blue on Saturday. "Not only have they purchased the doughnuts, but we have an envelope, and people just put money in the envelope."

Officer Blue played on the Jacksonville State football team, a member of the "Burgess Boys", see OLIO'S page 2





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Scottt Young/The Chanticleer

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which was a name to describe those who played under legendary JSU Head Coach Bill Burgess. Blue and his team led Jacksonville State to a national championship game in 1989. He graduated with a degree in criminal justice to pursue his career in law enforcement as an officer of the Piedmont Police Department.

The city of Piedmont is hosting a "Blue's Hero Run" on September 22, where there will be raffles to win prizes in an effort to raise money for

Blue. The event website says "Let's show support by running/walking to honor him and his family. All proceeds will go to Officer Blue to help with medical and travel expenses."

Our community showed their tremendous ability to come together after the tornadoes devastated Jacksonville on March 19, and the support of Officer Blue's cause shows a continuation of that generosity in Jacksonville, Piedmont, and the surrounding area.

## CAMPUS

# JSU hosts Diversity Workforce Recruitment Fair

Quadarius Whitson  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, Jacksonville State University had the pleasure of hosting a Diversity Workforce Recruitment Fair. The event, sponsored by the Black Alumni Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Association, brought over 20 different employers to campus to meet students and prospective employees.

Anniston's Police Department, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and one of America's favorite restaurant chains, Waffle House were among the employers that set up in the TMB Auditorium. Whether students were looking for a career in security, education or even information technology, the fair had something for everyone.

Opportunities were presented to everyone that attended, as most of the positions the employers were looking to fill were entry-level positions and required very few conditions to qualify.

One quality that absolutely every employer was looking for was integrity.

According to Officer Kevin Moore, lead recruiter for the Memphis Police Department, employers are less focused on qualifications than an individual's motivation.

"We are simply looking for those individuals that have the passion and the desire to do this job and do it effectively," Moore Said.

It's a very rare sight to see such a huge gathering of recruiters that are offering the positions, benefits, and life-long careers that they were. Of course, these vary from company to company, but most were looking for part time, full time, and seasonal hires.

Some companies like the Environmental Solutions Group offer internships, Co-ops, and tons of growth opportunities. With their 200 operating companies located across the world, students could find employment no matter where they end up after college.



JSU News

JSU unveiled its new Nursing Skills Lab on Thursday.

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# Jacksonville State holds Open House for new Nursing Skills Lab

On Thursday, Sept. 6, JSU's Department of Nursing unveiled its new Nursing Skills Lab at the former RMC-Jacksonville Hospital by hosting an open house and browsing session from 2-7 p.m. for the local and campus communities.

The open house provided the department with the chance to demonstrate how RMC's generous donation is being used to meet an unprecedented need at the university.

"We are an expanding program having just admitted the largest cohort in school history," said Dr. Windon Edge, coordinator of collaborative affairs. "We needed this skills lab to provide a greater learning space for our students."

The Nursing Skills Lab, also referred to as the Nursing Arts Lab, provides an arena where nursing students can practice everything from taking vital signs, sterile techniques, changing dressings, inserting Foley catheters, assessment

techniques, and NG tubes to name a few.

"It's a lot bigger lab and allows for more learning opportunities," Edge said. "Being able to create a new nursing skills lab in an actual hospital environment is a tremendous opportunity. We'll be able to offer students the chance to improve their basic skills in ways that were never available to us before. It truly is a gift."

RMC donated the 104-bed hospital after it closed in June. The gift made JSU one of only three nursing programs in Alabama to have access to such a facility, alongside the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of South Alabama.

"We want to make good use of this tremendous gift that RMC made," Windon said. "We want to make it into something that JSU and the Jacksonville community will be proud of."

The gift was an unexpected

blessing amid so much chaos. A March tornado forced the closure of Wallace Hall, home of the nursing program. The ongoing repairs and renovations at Wallace Hall allowed for larger classrooms, and the donation of the hospital has made it possible for JSU nursing to increase its enrollment by 45 percent.

Normally, the nursing program admits upwards of 70 new students each spring and fall semester but starting this semester that number has increased to 120 students.

In addition to the open house for the Nursing Skills Lab, the nursing department is also inviting people to tour its high-fidelity simulation lab next door at Brookstone beginning at 5:30 pm.

"We've worked hard all summer to get this ready," Windon said. "We're proud of these labs and want people to see what we're offering."

JSU News





# Viewpoints

## Meet the Newbies: A message from new Sports Editor Baylee Morris

**Baylee Morris**  
Sports Editor

Are you ready for some football, basketball, baseball, softball and more? Well I'm your girl. I guess I should introduce myself before I get too carried away.

The name is Baylee Brett Morris and I'm the new sports editor for The Chanticleer. I'm a senior in the communication department here at Jacksonville State University. My days are never dull, from class, to writing sports articles, or editing for TV 24. Sports have been a part of my life since I was born. My focus is in broadcasting where one day I hope all of you beautiful people can see me on ESPN, Fox Sports, or even the NFL Network.

When I am not on campus at JSU, I am down at TV 24 in Oxford where I'm the Editor of the news. Also, on Friday nights I go out and shoot multiple football games. After those games, I run the audio board for the Pigskin Roundup, one of the best post game football shows in the state of Alabama. (Okay I may be a little biased)

This year I hope to write the sports as they are meant to be reported as well as bringing light to the less popular sports such as volleyball, soccer, golf, and track. Because, ladies and gentlemen, I'll tell you there are some diamonds in the rough, and they need the spotlight as well. So be sure to pick up a copy or go to our Facebook page every Thursday to check out the latest in Jacksonville State sports news.



## Register to Vote in the TMB!

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be accepting applications for voter registration on October 17 in the TMB Lobby from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.!

- Citizen of the U.S.
- Resident of Calhoun County AL
- Must not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or must have had your civil rights restored
- Must be at least 18 years old on or before election day

For more information or to register online, go to [alabamavotes.org](http://alabamavotes.org)

## National Suicide Awareness Week

**Breanna Hill**  
News Editor

Every September, people strive to bring awareness to the delicate subject of suicide. Unfortunately, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the US for all ages, and it takes the lives of over 40,000 Americans each year. Suffering from certain mental health disorders such as depression can lead to suicidal thoughts and tendencies. With the growing amount of deaths resulting from suicide, many people are trying to find ways to help detect these thoughts before they can turn into actions.

Helpful physicians have managed to come up with possible signs of suicidal thoughts, which include, but are not limited to, increasing use of alcohol or drugs; acting anxious, agitated, or reckless; sleeping too much or too little; withdrawing or feeling isolated; mood swings, showing rage, or talking about feeling hopeless.

Noticing these signs

in someone you know is deeply concerning, but simply providing support can make a difference. Showing support includes becoming well-educated on the subject, being an active listener and constantly providing positive thoughts and compliments, along with being prepared for anything and everything.

If you know of anyone who is going through an emotional crisis

that may lead them down a dark road and into the thought process where they are contemplating suicide, please reach out to them. Share the suicide prevention hotline number; let them know you are there; support them.

Smile at strangers as you pass by them, say hello to classmates, ask how someone's day is going—a small difference is still a difference.

Suicide Prevention Hotline Number: 1-800-273-8255

Suicide Prevention Website: [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

### SUICIDE: Protective factors against suicide.

**Protective Factors** THE FOLLOWING FACTORS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SUICIDE:

<p><b>FEELING CONNECTED TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, SOCIAL NETWORKS</b></p>  <p>The person may be less depressed as a result of these connections, and they may also feel a responsibility to them, or a desire not to let them down or hurt them.</p>	<p><b>SPIRITUALITY AND SENSE OF PURPOSE</b></p>  <p>These can provide the person with a reason for continuing their life, as well as a sense of being connected.</p>	<p><b>CARING FOR CHILDREN</b></p>  <p>The responsibility of caring for children may protect the person from suicide because they do not want to leave their children without a carer.</p>
<p><b>BELIEF THAT SUICIDE IS WRONG</b></p>  <p>While this belief can cause some anxiety for the person considering suicide, it may also make it less likely that they will follow through with any suicidal thoughts.</p>	<p><b>SIGNIFICANT OTHER</b></p>  <p>Having someone special can help a person feel less lonely and isolated, and therefore reduce suicidal thoughts. Also, the person may not want to hurt their significant other by their suicide.</p>	<p><b>RESILIENCE AND PROBLEM SOLVING</b></p>  <p>The ability to bounce back from difficult situations and to problem solve challenges that life brings can reduce the risk of suicide, as the person is able to find other solutions.</p>
<p><b>NO ACCESS TO MEANS</b></p>  <p>If the person cannot access the items they need to suicide in the way they choose, then suicide is less likely to occur. For example, if the person thinks that using a gun would be best, but they cannot access a gun, then suicide is less likely.</p>	<p><b>PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH</b></p>  <p>Good physical and mental health reduces the risk of suicide because the person is less likely to have a reason to want to end their life.</p>	<p><b>EARLY IDENTIFICATION &amp; TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS</b></p>  <p>Generally speaking, the earlier mental illness is treated, the better the outcome, which makes suicide less likely.</p>

**WHERE TO GET HELP**

If you're concerned that you or someone you know may be at risk of suicide, please call one of these numbers:

<p><b>AUSTRALIA</b> Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467</p>	<p><b>UNITED STATES</b> National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)</p>	<p><b>CANADA</b> Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-888-353-2273</p>
<p><b>NEW ZEALAND</b> Suicide Crisis Helpline 0508 828 865</p>	<p><b>UK &amp; REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</b> Suicide Prevention Hotline +44 (0) 8457 90 90 90</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> 24hr Helpline 0800 12 13 14</p>

To get your staff trained to respond to a mental health emergency, contact The MHRI.



**THE MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY INSTITUTE**  
[themhri.com](http://themhri.com)

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## FILM REVIEW

# The Fanglys is so bad its good

## Dryden delivers exactly what was asked

**Breihan Dryden**  
A&E Writer

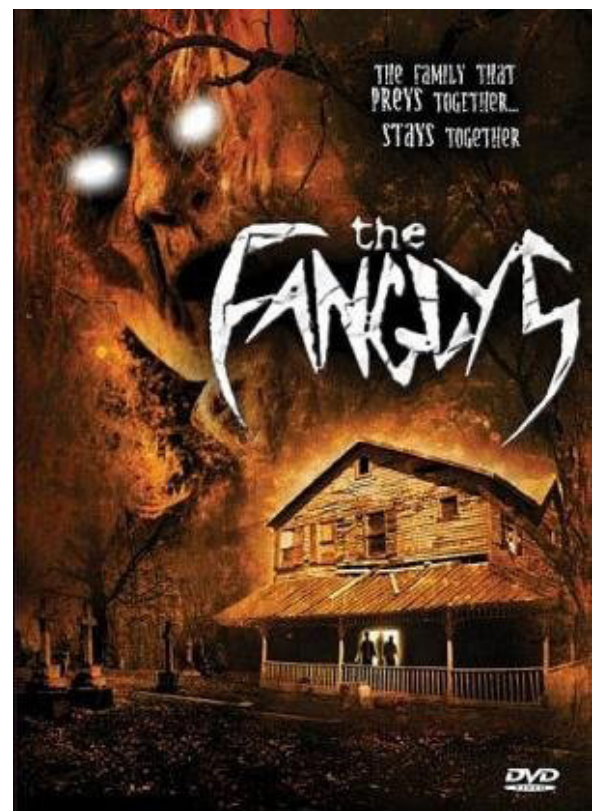
So, it's come to this, has it? You people just can't stay away. Always needing another fix, a bigger dose, a stronger *film*. Well when you ask, you shall receive. You see, when our lord and savior Taylor Mitchell came to me, he demanded a certain request. Films that are bad. Not just regular old bad, *but so bad that they break through the threshold of quality and rise like a motherloving phoenix*. For the next four weeks, I will be infecting your mind with these films. Tainting (HA) your mind and exposing you to things that will probably put you on someone's watch list. Forget B-movies, these are Z-movies, and I ain't talkin' bout zombies. Ladies and Gents, boils and ghouls, may I introduce you to... *The Fanglys*.

We begin our journey in the town of Layton, Texas where we see our protagonist Mark businessing it up at his business job. It's Halloween and my dude just wants to get home to his wife (?) Kelly so he can eat some candy and scare some kids. Unfortunately, that's not on the agenda as his friend Chubb (played brilliantly by the film's director Christopher Abram) convinces their small group to go looking for the local legend "The Fanglady". It is here where we cut to the B-plot of the film, which involves the Sheriff of Layton investigating a couples murder out on Storm Creek Road, the stomping grounds of good

ole' Fanglady. Now, you may be asking yourself, "Breihan, how does The Fanglady kill her victims?" I'm so glad you asked, dear reader. First, The Fanglady pounces on you, not unlike an evil spider monkey. Then, once she has you underneath her, she proceeds to suck the soul-loogie from your face with digital lens flares exploding all around you. I could go into further detail, but that would be ruining the fun of this wondrous experience. Instead, let's talk about how this film was made.

*The Fanglys* was unleashed onto the unsuspecting masses on June 8th, 2004. It was direct to DVD (obviously) here in the states and apparently had a theatrical run in Greece of all places. The director mentions this in the "making of..." on the DVD and there is a Greek translation of the name on IMDB (it's *Krymmena Fantasmata* for those wondering), but I am highly suspect of this claim, as the film would have obviously shot into the stratosphere and become a staple of Greek cinema alongside *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 1 & 2*. Nevertheless, we have The Asylum (of *Sharknado*, *GhostShark*, and *Snakes on a Train* fame) to thank for its release stateside. Despite looking like it was shot on a potato, *The Fanglys* had a budget of \$75,000 and was mostly funded out of pocket by its director, which is something I have to give props for.

Now, we've had a lot of laughs here today at the expense of this wonderful film, but to be serious for a minute, I genuinely respect



Courtesy of IMDb.com

**You tell me this doesn't look like a masterpiece- signed the editor**

the crap out of Christopher Abram and enjoy his movie. He wanted to make a film, so he went out and did it. If it weren't for him, my father and I would have never found this at movie gallery in 2004, and I wouldn't be here writing this today. So remember kids, follow your dreams and make that movie you always wanted to. Someone will love it.

## ALBUM REVIEW

# Rainier Fog is chained down in the middle

**JP Wood**  
A&E Writer

Alice In Chains' *Rainier Fog* is their long awaited sixth studio album, and the follow up to 2013's *The Devil Put Dinosaurs Here*. Released just three days after what would've been original vocalist Layne Staley's 51st birthday, it is their third album with replacement co-vocalist William Duvall. *Rainier Fog* delivers more of the Duvall-era Alice in Chains sound that we've come to expect, while retaining the vintage Alice In Chains sound that they've had since their heyday in the early 90s. I had to listen to this album through a few times to really get a read on it, mostly because a large chunk of the album is insignificant filler.

It opens strong, with lead single *The One You Know* and it's absolutely nasty, grungy, sludgy opening riff and some really great vocal harmonies between Duvall and Jerry Cantrell in the chorus. This track is Alice in Chains at their best. The title track, *Rainier Fog* is up next. AiC's tribute to the Seattle grunge scene is fast paced and has an infectiously catchy verse. *Red Giant* is track number 3 and rounds out the album's strong start. One of the better songs on the album, *Red Giant* features great vocals, lyrics and guitar.

From there, the album really takes a dip in memorable songs. It does have its moments through the middle though. *Fly* and *Drone* is more vintage AiC and will appeal to the more hardcore fans but the tracks really start to run together here. However, the album provides a nice, strong 3 track close-out starting with what may be the best song on the album, *So Far Under*. This song is heavy, grungy, and has an insanely memorable chorus. *Never Fade* follows, and is William Duvall's tribute to Chris Cornell, Layne Staley, and his own grandmother. *Never Fade* is one of the more up-tempo songs on the album. Cantrell and Duvall trade vocalist duties and the song turns out as one of the few really stand out moments of the album. *All I Am* closes the album with a slow, 7 minute showcase of strong songwriting, guitar and vocals that does it's job as an album closer and nothing more.

Overall, Alice In Chains did a great job at releasing a grunge album in a year where grunge is essentially long gone. AiC and grunge fans overall will like this album, because it certainly isn't bad. Those first 3 tracks, as well as *Never Fade*, and *So Far Under* really bring something great to the overall Alice In Chains catalog. But as a whole, *Rainier Fog* is way too chained down by forgettable filler.



courtesy of aliceinchains.com



courtesy of metalheadzone.com





# Arts & Entertainment

## GAME REVIEW

# New Spider-Man Swings to success

Sean Collier  
A&E Writer

It is no secret that Spider-Man has a huge fanbase. It's also known that the video games with the witty webslinger are hit or miss with the fans as well. In 2016, Insomniac Games announced that they were making a brand new Spider-Man game exclusively for the Playstation 4. Many people were excited, but it also raised concerns. Due to previous games such as *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*, people didn't want to deal with poorly executed mechanics and weak storytelling. They don't just want to play as Spider-Man or Peter Parker. They want to **be** them. Insomniac Games are known for their previous games such as *Sunset Overdrive* and another Playstation exclusive, *Ratchet and Clank*. They have been praised for making such unique and colorful games. With the release of Spider-Man on September 7, 2018, We can finally answer the question: How did they do? **They nailed it.**

At the start of the game you are introduced to a Peter Parker who is already established as Spider-Man. He also has a job in science rather than photography. This isn't the Peter people are probably most familiar with, but he is still everything that makes Spider-Man who he is. Without giving away any spoilers, the story is very endearing and thoughtful. Being Peter feels just as important as being Spider-Man, which is a feeling no previous game had mastered. There is also so many references and surprises that fans will appreciate and love.

The movement and controls in the game are very fluid. Momentum is a key in maneuvering the city and it has been crafted



Courtesy of Playstatiolifestyle.net

in such a great way. It is so fun and relaxing to just swing through the city that you can find yourself traversing the city for hours instead of making actual progress.

The combat is made to cater to your tastes. You can fight the various thugs of New York in any way you want with the combos and gadgets at your disposal: including web shooting gadgets, suit powers, and suit mods. Not only do you get to unlock various awesome suits for Spidey, but each one comes with a unique power that, once unlocked, can be applied to any suit you want. You can play as the Spider-Man you want to be.

On top of feeling like the best Spider-Man game to date, it is the most visually stunning and colorful one by far. There are so many small details and polish to this game where I repeatedly said "Wow I can't believe they thought of that." The city is so full of

life and events, it's almost overwhelming. From interacting with citizens on the streets or stopping criminals in a police chase, this is the most living New York City ever to be in a game.

The attention to detail in the characters, including the random citizens on the streets, is jaw dropping. The game is stylized in a colorful and vibrant way, but still looks and feels like it is real. The details on them are so well done, it makes each character more unique and in some cases just seem more real.

Not only is it great to have a great Spider-Man game, but also just a great superhero game. I have greatly enjoyed the game so far and if you are a Spider-Man fan this is a must play. I can't wait to see where the rest of the story goes and how well future content adds to the experience.

## WLJS SPOTLIGHT

# The Gridiron Review

Host: Garrett Sanders

Friday night's from 10 PM – 12 AM Midnight Saturday morning

The Gridiron Review is a sports podcast dedicated to the most passionate, dedicated sports fans in the country. With Host Garrett Sanders giving you breaking news of the best stories in sports, opinions on the hottest topics you won't get anywhere else, picks and analysis of the best matchups, and a podcast where you, the fans, have a voice, there is no wonder why The Gridiron Review is right for you!

Previously airing back in the Fall of 2016, The Gridiron Review was a huge success with having over thousands of sports fans tuning in every week. From the most popular, famous segment "Terry's Upset of the Week", to having special guest pickers every week, and a great team of sports podcast junkies talking sports, The Gridiron Review was must a listen podcast to sports fans everywhere!

However, due to certain conflict and circumstances, The Gridiron Review was unfortunately discontinued and off the air for a long period of time. But after a year and a half of being off the air, The Gridiron Review is making a comeback and will be better than it ever has been!

The Gridiron Review now has a new phone system! Call the Toll-Free Number at 855-243-GRID! Also make sure to give The Gridiron Review a Like on Facebook and a follow on Twitter and Instagram @GridRevPodcast! You can also find The Gridiron Review on almost any podcasting format you can think of! Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, SoundCloud, etc. you name it, The Gridiron Review is there!

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Matt Reynolds/JSU







# Study Break

## Word Scramble! Superhero Edition:



PITAACN MERCAAI

KHUL

PMNASDIRE

NRLWEEIOV

RHTO

NDWREO NWOMA

EERGN NTERLAN

NBMATA

KBALC DOWIW

MNAURSPER



## Did YOU know?...

You can buy square watermelons in Japan. (They're made that way to stack better).

There are a million ants for every person on the Earth.

You use 72 different muscles while speaking.

The most common disease is tooth decay.

India has over 50 million monkeys.

## Punz...



Why didn't the cat go to the vet?...He was feline fine!

What should a lawyer wear to court?...A good lawsuit!

I wanted to take pictures of the fog this morning...but I mist my chance.

I became a vegetarian...Huge missed-steak.

I saw an ad for burial plots and thought..."That's the last thing I need!"



# 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.

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

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

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

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 Kennesaw State (Sun-Trust Park)  
TBA

\*-OVC  
Game  
All times  
Central



## JSU FOOTBALL

# JSU dominates MS Valley State in Home Opener

**JACKSONVILLE** – No. 12 Jacksonville State tied a school record with eight rushing touchdowns and allowed the fewest rushing yards in history in its 71-0 rout of Mississippi Valley State Saturday night.

The Gamecocks (1-1) dominated the Southwestern Athletic Conference visitors from the opening series.

Jacksonville State recorded the second-highest total yardage in school history (654) and limited the Delta Devils to minus-8 yards rushing on 24 attempts to establish a new school mark before a Band Day crowd of 21,864 at Burgess-Snow Field.

The 71-point margin of victory was the largest of the school's modern football era; the 1928 Gamecocks defeated Bowdon 75-0.

"I thought we got off to a good start in both the first quarter and the third quarter," said Jacksonville State head coach John Grass. "Both sides of the ball, and the kicking game, played well early. It set the tone for the game.

"We didn't have any turnovers and we cleaned up the penalties. I was very, very pleased."

The Gamecocks' eight rushing TDs

equaled the record set in 2001 in a 72-10 win over Cumberland.

Jacksonville State scored touchdowns on 10 of its 14 possessions. Backup running back Uriah West ran for three second-half TDs, quarterback Zerrick Cooper continued his hot start with a pair of long touchdown passes to Josh Pearson, and Michael Matthews added two rushing TDs.

The Gamecocks' 654 total yards came with one of tying the most productive outing in JSU history.

MVSU (0-2) was limited to 133 total yards. The minus-8 yards allowed by Jacksonville State's defense eclipsed the previous mark of minus-3 set in 2017 versus Murray State.

Cooper – one of three JSU quarterbacks to see action – completed 12 of 17 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns while running four times for 27 yards, including a 1-yard quarterback sneak into the end zone just before halftime.

Pearson was on the receiving end of Cooper's two touchdown passes, a 75-yard strike midway through the second quarter and a 38-yard TD reception late in the first quarter. The junior receiver from Decatur now

has three touchdowns and 260 yards through two games.

Backup quarterback Zion Webb saw extensive playing time as well. He completed four of nine throws for 73 yards and added another 59 yards on seven carries. Third-stringer QB Chappelle Wade got in the game in the fourth and attempted two passes, completing one.

Jaelen Greene led the Gamecocks' ground attack with 87 yards on 11 rushes. Eight different players ran it as Jacksonville State rolled up 368 rushing yards on 55 carries (6.7 yards per run).

Linebacker Jalen Choice recorded six tackles to lead Jacksonville State's defense in that category for the second straight game.

Traco Williams had the Gamecocks' only interception, returning it 45 yards to set up JSU's third touchdown.

Jacksonville State has another open date next Saturday and starts its Ohio Valley Conference slate on Sept. 22 at home against Tennessee Tech. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

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## JSU SOCCER

# SANDERS: Jax State soccer looking to gain momentum

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Last week, the Gamecocks had a series of matchups against a couple of in-state foes, Troy University and Samford University. Not only did JSU have that, but they also had a road to trip to Macon, Georgia to take Mercer University. Despite the busy weekend for the JSU Soccer team, it looked like things would be in their favor. This team had favorable matchups against all three of their opponents. Unfortunately for the Gamecocks, this week's outcome did not end in their support.

The Gamecocks seemed to have a decent chance for plenty of scoring opportunities against a weak Troy Trojan defense. The attack was on point all game long. However, the superb goalkeeping in this game saved the Trojans (and Gamecocks) from a high scoring affair. The Gamecocks goalkeeper, Morgan Lerch, proved that she is a future superstar in the making.

The impressive stat here for Lerch is that against Troy, she recorded a shutout. What is even more impressive about this stat is that this is not her first, or second, but the third shutout! Also, add to the fact that she is a Redshirt, Freshmen... You're talking about a pure athlete who has the tremendous athletic ability and will only progress into the future!

Even though the Gamecocks did not win, they also did not

lose either. The final score for this matchup against the Trojans would be a tie of 0-0.

With the Gamecocks getting two days of rest before their next matchup, they needed to start out strong. That is precisely what they did tie heading into the second half against a struggling Samford team.

Six minutes into the second half, the Gamecock Offensive attack came firing at all cylinders. The play was first set up by Sophomore Lindsay Albani. Albani passed the ball to Freshmen Abigail Martinez. Martinez then saw the team leader, Senior Madison Carruthers with an opportunity to score. Martinez crossed the ball to Carruthers. Carruthers, who had not scored a goal all season, knew this was her chance. Being the leader that she is, Carruthers stepped up to the plate, and delivered a strike!

The goal was encouraging not only the Gamecocks but for Carruthers as well. But the momentum for the Gamecocks did not last long. Even though the Gamecocks scored first, that didn't seem to rattle the Bulldogs. Samford's Offense came to play. The Bulldogs were in the Gamecocks defensive zone all night long.

Samford outshot the Gamecocks in a big 23 to 6 shot attempts. With the shots coming, you know that the Bulldogs would eventually get something on the board. In the 73rd minute, Korrie Sauder for Samford found

her way past the net.

After that, the two teams stayed in the Gamecock defense for pretty much the rest of the night. 90 minutes was not enough to decide this matchup. But for the Gamecocks, it didn't get any better. The Bulldogs found themselves with six opportunities to score in the two overtime periods. With short time remaining, Korrie Sauder struck the net again.

The Gamecocks had an off night. When it seemed to go right, it didn't end up that The Gamecocks, lost this matchup, 2-1.

JSU at this point was desperate for a win. Heading into just one day later of rest, against the Mercer Bears, they knew they could make a statement. Win, and the Gamecocks confidence would rise.

The Bears, however, were on a hot streak heading into this game. Just 23 seconds into the match, it showed. The Bears quickly came out of the gate and found themselves with a scoring opportunity. Abigail Zoeller for the Bears made a strike to the back of the net past Morgan Lerch. Just like that, the Bears had the momentum.

The Gamecocks knew they had to stay focused and upright. In the 18th minute, teamwork found this Gamecock squad back in business.

Junior Emma Meadows had the ball in Bears territory. As she looked for a pass, she found a perfect opportunity for an as-

sist. Another team leader, Senior Claire Petersen was open. Meadows passed the ball to Petersen. Petersen did what she does best. Score. This goal would be Petersen's third goal of the season. Petersen is only proving why her experience matters. This is one of the reasons why she is one of the leaders in this JSU squad.

But unfortunately for the Gamecocks, like against Samford, Mercer was in the Gamecock defensive zone all game long. The Bears had 28 shots to JSU's 11. Even though the Gamecock Defense played hard and long all game long, the Bears found their mojo in Overtime.

In the 93rd minute, Caroline Smith for the Bears seized the moment. She found her way to put the ball past Morgan Lerch. The Bears would prevail and find their way past the Gamecocks.

Even though the Gamecocks did not perform well this week, they should be encouraged. This is a team that fights to the wire. The Gamecocks have been in four overtime matchups this season. This is a young squad with loads of potential.

The next game JSU has on their schedule is against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. This is a team that also lost to North Alabama, but not as bad. It will be a road trip to Cookeville, Tennessee for the Gamecocks. This is a game that Gamecocks can salvage their season. Win, and they will have momentum.





# Sports



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The JSU Volleyball team celebrates during the Gamecock Classic.

## JSU VOLLEYBALL

# JSU sweeps Gamecock Classic

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After a rough trip to the Grand Canyon, JSU volleyball (6-4) righted the ship with a strong showing at the Gamecock Invitational in Gadsden.

An exciting match Friday morning versus the Bradley Braves resulted in the Gamecocks handing them only their second loss of the season. Four Gamecocks tallied double digit kills: Lena Kindermann(15), Mackenzie Rombach(14), Sadie Anderson(10), and Addie Halverson(10). Lexie Libs totaled 51 assists in the match, which went a full five frames after JSU fell behind 2-0. Four JSU

players also totaled double digit digs. Kaylie Milton led with 18, followed by former Brave Jade Humphrey with 11, followed by Lexie Libs with 10 and Ashley Clingan with 9.

JSU also made quick work of the Devilletes of Miss. Valley State, improving to 6-0 against them all time. JSU swept the match 25-18, 25-10, and 25-18 in what wasn't even the worst thrashing handed to MVSU by the Jax St athletic department this weekend.

On Saturday, JSU defeated Western Carolina in a 4 game set (25-22, 18-25, 25-22, 25-19) to finish the tournament unscathed. Addie Halverson set the team record on the season for kills with a total of 19. Kindermann and Anderson

also tallied 12 and 10, respectively. Libs racked up 51 assists for the second straight match, which is just two shy of the all time JSU record. Brooke Schumacher holds on to that record with 53 in 2009.

Mackenzie Rombach was named tournament MVP, and Clingan and Kindermann also made the all-tournament team. Lexie Libs was named OVC setter of the week (JSU's first since Jennifer Hart in 2014). She finished the tournament with an insane 122 assists, averaging over 11 per set.

JSU's final non-conference tournament of the season will be September 14-15 in Troy, where the Gamecocks will face Kennesaw State, Florida A&M, and Troy.

## JSU GOLF

# Gamecocks earn second place finish in opener

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – The Jacksonville State men's golf team shot the third-lowest round in school history on Tuesday, making a charge up the leaderboard and into a second-place finish in the Golfweek Program Challenge.

Sophomore Maximo Portais and senior Benedikt Thalmayr each carded rounds of 65 on the par-72, 6,926-yard True Blue Golf Course, while sophomore Jesus Dario Montenegro shot 66 to pace a final-round 271 by the Gamecocks. The round tied the final round of the 2014 Golfweek Program Challenge and the opening round of the 2003 Chattanooga Intercollegiate for the third-best single round in school history.

JSU catapulted eight spots up the leaderboard to finish second in the 14-team event, behind Campbell in first place. The 271 was the second-best team round of the week by any team.

Portais was JSU's top individual in the event by tying for eighth in the 75-player field. His final-round 65 tied for the sixth-best single round in program history and capped a 54-hole 210. His 7-under round is the fifth-best round vs. par in school history. The Buenos Aires, Argentina, native played a bogey-free final round that saw him make five birdies and an eagle on the par-5 fourth hole.

Thalmayr also shot a career best with his 65 on Tuesday, making the biggest jump of any player in the field in the final round. The Ouching, Germany, native jumped 37 spots into a tie for 15th after recording eight birdies and just one bogey in the round. He birdied four of his final five holes in the round to cap a 54-hole score of 213.

Sophomore Quim Vidal Mora tied for 24th after a final-round 76 capped a 215.

Montenegro birdied eight holes on Tuesday to tie his career low and climb 29 spots into a tie for 29th. He shot a 54-hole score of 216 in the event. Junior J. Michael Riley's final-round 75 put the finishing touches on a 228 that tied him for 64th.

Junior Thomas Burchmann competed as an individual and entered the final round in second-place on the individual leaderboard. He shot 76 on Tuesday to wrap up a 211 that tied him for 10th place.

The Gamecocks will return to action on Sunday at the Golfweek Conference Challenge at Cedar Rapids Country Club in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## JSU FOOTBALL

# Pierce receives conference, national honors

**JACKSONVILLE** – Jacksonville State punter Jason Pierce received Honorable Mention for STATS FCS Football National Freshman of the Week, as announced by the publication on Monday.

Pierce booted three punts Saturday night during the Gamecocks' 71-0 routing of Mississippi Valley State at Burgess-Snow Field. He averaged 47.7 yards per punt, pinning two inside the 20-yard line. The one punt that did not place the Delta Devil offense behind the 20 was a booming, 61-yard punt that now stands as the longest punt of his career.

The freshman hails from Powder Springs, Ga., and appeared in his second consecutive game on Saturday. In two games, Pierce has punted nine of 11 for the Gamecocks. He is averaging 38.4 yards per punt this season, putting three being the 20-yard line with



one touchback. He has also forced two fair catches.

Pierce was named Ohio Valley Conference Specialist of the Week on Sunday, and is the first Gamecock to receive mention for a national award this season. Weber State running back

Josh Davis won the national award with 177 rushing yards and two touchdowns in his first career start.

Jacksonville State has another open date next Saturday and starts its Ohio Valley Conference slate on Sept. 22 at home against

Tennessee Tech. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. For ticket information, contact the JSU Ticket Office at (256) 782-8499 or visit [www.JSUGamecockSports.com/Tickets](http://www.JSUGamecockSports.com/Tickets).

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