CAMPUS Survey: Students support new TMB renovations

Daniel Mayes
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 liked 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 more 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 debit 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.

on CAMPUS

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.

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 efforts to defeat cancer. Blue, an alumna 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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On Thursday, Sept. 6, JSU’s Department of Nursing unveiled its new Nursing Skills Lab at the former RMC-Jack- sonville 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 the largest cohort in school history.

A March tornado forced the closure of Wallace Hall, home of the nursing program. The ongoing repairs and renovations at Wallace Hall allowed the nursing department 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 Brookside beginning at 5:30 pm.

“We’ve worked hard all summer to get this ready,” 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 Brookside beginning at 5:30 pm.

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JSU unveils its new Nursing Skills Lab on Thursday.

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Jacksonville State holds Open House for new Nursing Skills Lab

which was a name to describe those who played under leg- endary 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 en- forcement 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 run- ning/walking to honor him and his family. All proceeds will go to Officer Blue to help with medical and travel ex- penses.”

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 generos- ity in Jacksonville, Piedmont, and the surrounding area.

CAMPUS
JSU hosts Diversity Workforce Recruitment Fair

Quadarius Whiston
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, Jacksonville State University had the pleasure of hosting a Diversity Workforce Recruitment Fair. The event, spon- sored by the Black Alumni Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Associ- ation, brought over 20 different em- ployers to campus to meet students and prospective employees.

Anniston’s Police Department, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Com- pany, and one of America’s favor- ite restaurant chains, Waffle House were among the employers that set up in the TMB Auditorium. Wheth- er students were looking for a ca- reer 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 posi- tions and required very few condi- tions to qualify.

One quality that absolutely every employer was looking for was in- tegrity.

According to Officer Kevin Moore, lead recruiter for the Mem- phis 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 Environ- mental Solutions Group offer intern- ships, Co-ops, and tons of growth opportunities. With their 200 open- ing spaces located across the world, students could find employ- ment in a matter where they end up after college.
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.

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: suicidedepressionlife-line.org

Photo Courtesy of The Mental Health Recovery Institute
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 can’t talk to 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 couple murder out on Storm Creek Road, the stomping grounds of good ol’ Fanglady. Now, you may be asking yourself, “Breih, how does The Fanglady kill her victims?” I’m so glad you asked, dear reader. First, The Fanglady pounces on you, unlike an actual killer 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. Nonetheless, we have The Asylum (of Sharknado, GhostShark, and Snakes on a Train fame) to thank for its release statewide. Despite looking like it was shot on a potato, 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 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.

Rainier Fog is chained down in the middle

**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Breihan Dryden**

**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 insignificantly filler.

It opens strong, with lead single The One You Know and it’s absolutely narry, 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. A&E’s tribute to the Seattle grunge scene is fast paced and has an incredibly 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 Alice 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. Alice 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.
It is no secret that Spider-Man has a huge fanbase. It’s also known that the video games with the wittty web-slinger 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 didn’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 Insomniac 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 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 will future content adds to the experience.

New Spider-man Swings to success
Sean Collier
A&E Writer

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!

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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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Word Scramble!  
Superhero Edition:

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PMNASDIRE            NRLWEEIOV

RHTO                  NDWREO NWOMA

EERGN NTERLAN          NBMATA

KBALC DOWIW          MNAURSPE

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!"
**JSU FOOTBALL**

**JSU dominates MS Valley State in Home Opener**

* Garrett Sanders

Last week, the Gamecocks had a series of matchups against a couple of in-state foes, Troy University and Samford. Not only did JSU lose both, but it also did not win, they also did not

The Gamecocks seemed to have a decent chance for scoring opportunities against a weak Troy Trojan defense. The attack was on point all game long, the offense kept its momentum 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 stats 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 time. Also, add to the fact that she is a Redshirt, Freshman. You’re talking about a pure athlete who has the tremendous athletic ability and will only progress in the future! Even though the Gamecocks did not win, they also did not lose either. The final score for this matchup against the Trojans was a tie of 0-0. With Gamecocks getting two days of rest before their next games, they needed to start that game. This is precisely what they did. Gamecocks tied the second half against a struggling Samford defense.

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**JSU SOCCER**

**SANDERS: Jax State soccer looking to gain momentum**

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JSU FOOTBALL

After a rough trip to the Grand Canyon, JSU volleyball (6-4-1) riveted the ship with a strong showing at the Gamecock Invitational in Gainesville.

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 Kin (12), Addie Halverson (10), Sadie Anderson (10), and Lexie Libs with 10 and Ashley Humphrey with 11, followed by former Brave Jade Kin (15), Mackenzie Rombach (14), Sadie Anderson (10), and Addie Halverson (10). Lexie Libs tallied 51 assists in the match, which went a full five frames after JSU fell set 2-0. Four JSU players also talloted double digit digs. Kaylre 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 Devillettes 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, respective. Libs racked up 51 assists for the second straight match, which is just two shy of the all time JSU record. Brooke Schumacher holds to that record with 53 in 2009. Mackenzie Rombach was named OVC setter of the week, earning the 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.

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JSU SWEEPS GAMECOCK CLASSIC

JP Wood
Sports Writer

The Chanticleer

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 rout of Mississippi Valley State at Burgess-Stowe 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 pinned nine of 11 for the Gamecocks. He is averaging 47.4 yards per punt this season, putting three boinge the 20-yard-line with one touchback. He has also forced two fair catches. Pierce was named Ohio Valley Conference Special Teamer 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 256-782-4899 or visit www.JSUGamecockSports.com Tickets.

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 into a second-place finish in the Golfweek Program Challenge. Sophomore Maximo Portais and junior Thalmayeur each carded rounds of 65 on the par-72, 8,926-yard True Blue Golf Course, while sophomore Jesu 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 OVC tournament for the third-best single round in school history.

JSU catapulted eight spots up the leaderboard to finish second behind Campbell, who finished the season for kills with a total of 19. Kindermann and Anderson also tallied 12 and 10, respective. Libs racked up 51 assists for the second straight match, which is just two shy of the all time JSU record. Brooke Schumacher holds to that record with 53 in 2009. Mackenzie Rombach 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.

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