Six months after devastating EF-3 tornados whipped through campus and community on March 19, 2018, Jacksonville State University finds itself rebounding, but still recovering.

“Showing the true Gamecock spirit, we rose up to meet every obstacle in our path,” said Jacksonville State University President Beehler. “Now, six months later, we have made substantial progress ahead of schedule with bright and sunny days ahead. JSU is emerging stronger and better than ever!”

According to JSU, damage estimates to University facilities and properties has risen to $70 million, up from early estimates of $42 million. 50 of JSU’s 70 on-campus structures were damaged, and 40 are currently undergoing roof repairs.

Despite the heavily damaged campus, JSU saw no meaningful dip in enrollment this semester.

“Undergraduate student enrollment decreased by 170 students compared to last fall, but this loss was counterbalanced by an increase in graduate and postgraduate enrollment,” said JSU President Richard C. Beehler.

On the flip side, the university’s freshman enrollment increased by 20 students from last year.

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JSU Football vs. Tennessee Tech
Saturday, September 22
6 P.M.
Burgess-Snow Field

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JSU students gathered to watch "Gideon's Trumpet" in celebration of Constitution Day.

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JSU celebrates Constitution Day

Scott Young
Staff Reporter
September 17, 1787: the day our Union became more perfect. Two hundred and thirty-one years ago, delegates to the Constitutional Convention gathered in the Pennsylvania State House, now Independence Hall, to sign the United States Constitution, laying the foundation for our Republic and its enhanced system of government.

Students gathered in the Houston Cole Library to celebrate Constitution Day, marking the 231st anniversary of its signing. The film Gideon’s Trumpet (1980) was shown, which detailed the events leading up to Gideon v. Wainwright, a monumental Supreme Court decision that set a precedent requiring every person in the United States to be provided legal counsel if charged with a crime.

“One of the JSU mission statements is that our students become engaged, informed, and competent global professionals, so I think it’s important for students to pay attention...to know they have a voice and that they can make change,” said Dr. Erin L. Rider, a sociology professor at JSU.

Clarence Earl Gideon was charged in the state of Florida for breaking and entering with intent to commit petty larceny. When sent before a judge, Gideon appeared without a lawyer, as he could not afford one. The jury returned a guilty verdict.

As he served time in a penitentiary, Gideon studied the law more thoroughly and sent a letter to the Supreme Court appealing his verdict, where the decision Gideon v. Wainwright was passed down unanimously by all nine justices.
The devastating storm that hit North and South Carolina has claimed at least 33 lives and has sent approximately 10,000 people to shelters in North Carolina. Authorities have stated that there are roughly still 543,000 people without power in North Carolina, and there is no way of knowing when that conflict will be resolved. It is overwhelming to know that several towns recorded receiving over 30 inches of rain since this past Thursday. Despite some sunshine showing across the Carolinas, the flooding is continuing to damage houses, buildings, and other various properties throughout the states that Florence hit. The area sounded loudly and people from all over the US immediately began taking action. Twenty thousand federal personnel were deployed to help with the terrible destruction that the storm has brought with it. Not only are federal personnel stepping in to lend a helping hand, but several celebrities and giving citizens are contributing as well. Tons of celebrities have used social media to reach out to those affected by the devastation that hurricane Florence has caused. Cher, Stephen Curry, Luke Evans, and many others took to twitter to share their thoughts and prayers for the citizens of North and South Carolina.
Meet the Newbies: A message from new News Editor Breanna Hill

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Write an intro about myself? Oh boy, here we go!

Hey guys! My name’s Breanna Hill and I’m the new News Editor for The Chanticleer. I volunteered for the first time during my freshman year and I absolutely loved it. Being able to take the position as News Editor during my sophomore year is definitely a great opportunity.

Being a part of The Chanticleer staff really is a great experience for me, considering reading and writing are the two biggest hobbies of mine. I love being able to simply get lost in a book and being unable to put it down for hours. A well-written book can make you feel as if you’re in a different world. It’s truly magical. Words are powerful enough to transport you into a different mindset, and that’s why writing is my form of therapy.

This year I want to be able to bring you the biggest news about events going on around campus, and even national news. Keeping you informed, and feeding you the raw, truthful information is my biggest priority. I also hope my Study Break section keeps you entertained on the days you need it most. Who doesn’t like a mind-boggling riddle? Or puns, even if they’re bad puns…

Thanks for all your ongoing support as we, the staff of The Chanticleer, get to do what we love.

Stay cool.

Six Months

Daniel Mayes
Editor-in-Chief

Six months.
Six months since a quiet Monday during spring break morphed into something much worse.
Six months since the warnings from James Spann put fear, and caution, into the minds of all.
Six months since home no longer looked like home.
Six months since the homes of some could no longer be home.
Six months since a lot of lives changed.
Six months since the fact that lives were merely changed and not, thankfully, lost, was the only glimmer of hope for a community and university now thrust into agony.
Six months since March 19 became the new April 27 for Jacksonville, Alabama.
Six months since anyone that ever was connected to Jacksonville State woke up with a feeling of emptiness.

In those six short months, we’ve come a long way.
Sure, the scars are still there. On the campus. On the community. On its people.
We could have let that tornado rip us apart. It certainly did the town and campus. We’ve been left to deal with these problems, and there have been disagreements along the way.

We could complain about the way the University is handling things. About the issues with campus and off-campus housing within the city. We could complain about having to navigate a maze of fences to get to class or having to strain to hear our instructors above the unavoidable noises of construction outside.

But for the most part, we’ve come together to show great patience, understanding, love and compassion in a time of need for so many. We’ve grasped the larger picture. We’ve understood that it could have been so much worse.
We’ve proven time and time again that the reason Jacksonville is “home” is not because of the houses or buildings or land or trees that will never be the same again, but because of the people that the tornado, thankfully, spared.

We really are “GamecockStrong.”
Joystick Junkies

Hosts: Sean Collier, Taylor Mitchell, and Breihan Dryden
Times: Monday-5 p.m.

Joystick Junkies is the brand spanking new radio for the award winning show Arcade Fire. Along with the new name we have also picked up a new Backseat to the performance and allow these shows the technical elements take a backseat to the performance and allow our actors and directors to tell important stories in innovative ways. In addition, this approach makes more original and student driven work. It’s a backseat to the performance and allow these shows the technical elements take a backseat to the performance. With new host Breihan, expect even more hilarity than you have grown to love. We are really proud that we have been able to stick to that core premise and we really hope everyone stays on board with us.

We are perfectly fine I suppose, but hey still give it a try. Thanks for that bro, I needed that. So same time slot so really no excuse I am just forgetting. Either way we are on air Mondays from 5 pm to 6 pm. We also have Taylor playing all the David Bowie he can find on break, if we even at all remember to have one. Each week, and Sean is still there too. We also have Taylor playing all the David Bowie he can find on break, if we even at all remember to have one.

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Ok so real talk for a second here: I love Avatar: The Last Airbender to the point I am willing to say it is the greatest western animated television series ever made. I loved every single moment coming from me. I even like The Legend of Korra, while it’s definitely not as good as the first, it is a perfectly good show that gets destroyed because it gets compared to perfection. Just give the show a break guys its fine for what it is seriously. I am straying from the point here so let me get back on track. I love Avatar. Due to this love when I see people involved with Avatar especially extremely talented directing staff involved in new projects I get excited. Honestly, that is the reason I started watching the new Voltron Entertainment. In casing the original as a kid. This is also what brought me on board to watch The Dragon Prince. The Dragon Prince is an animated web television show made by Wonderstorm, a multimedia production studio founded by pre-existing work head writer and director Aaron Ehasz and the co-director of Uncharted 3 Justin Richmond. Ehasz and Richmond write the show and directing duty is shared by, another Avatar vet, Giancarlo Volpe and Vitali Singsberg. The voice cast includes yet another person from Avatar: Jack DeSenno (Sokka’s voice actor) as the protagonist Prince Nalon. Needless to say knowing all this I sat down, bought up Netflix on the old chromecast, and prepared myself to be amazed. What I found exponential was exactly the hype, but also kind of did at the same time. Our story starts as young princes Callum and Ezran’s lives are interrupted when a group of even assassins are discovered near their castle, with the apparent intent on killing their father. This assassination is a retaliatory strike after their father ordered the death of the King of the Dragons and the apparent destruction of his only egg and heir. During the attack, however, the Princes and one of the assassins name Rayla find the egg untouched and decide to work together to return it to the Dragon Queen and stop all war.

The story is actually very well done. The protagonists have hung up about trusting each other due to the history between the two peoples, and a lot of this first season deals with them working past that and coming closer together as a group. The voice acting has some great moments, sometimes not so-great, at least not in the traditional sense. The film was made with passion, but turned out not so great, at least not in the traditional sense. This film was made with passion to be not-so-great. Poutrygeist is a film that does not give a crap about your feelings or being subtle. It has a flagrant disregard for the politically correct culture that dominates Hollywood and the mainstream media. I hope you like facial stereotypes, ultraviolence, and buckets of blood, guts, gore, and fecal matter, because this film has them by the ton.

So you might be asking yourself, “What kind of story could this film possibly tell that would be worth sitting through this?” Boy, let me tell you. The film starts with our star crossed lovers Arbie and Wendy “celebrating” their high school graduation at their local Ancient Tromahawk Indian Burial Grounds. Arbie is scared of the thought that Wendy will go off to college and become a different person, yet Wendy treasures Arbie that nothing could ever change her feelings for him. It is about this time that their fun is broken up by a voyeuristic, axe wielding homeless man (and my personal favorite) Tromes and Juliet. Unlike last week’s film, which was made with passion, but turned out not so great, at least not in the traditional sense. This film was made with passion to be not-so-great. Poutrygeist is a film that does not give a crap about your feelings or being subtle. It has a flagrant disregard for the politically correct culture that dominates Hollywood and the mainstream media. I hope you like facial stereotypes, ultraviolence, and buckets of blood, guts, gore, and fecal matter, because this film has them by the ton.

I will say that, despite these early issues, I overall enjoyed the series. It has its problems early on, but the writing really helps you through that. When it finally hits its stride about 4 episodes in its greatest the rest of the way through. The few episodes are especially fantastic. It’s a show that needs your patience but is well worth your times.
Word Scramble! Zoo Edition:

- HPLNAEET
- POPHI
- BRAZE
- NILO
- GNAFMILO
- KNOEMY
- FEGFRAI
- LLRGOIA

Did YOU know?

- Donkey Kong got his name because his creator believed ‘donkey’ meant ‘stupid’ in English and wanted to convey the impression that the character was a “stupid ape”.

- There is a McDonald’s in every continent except Antarctica.

- The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

- Bullfrogs do not sleep.

- The “I’m Feeling Lucky” feature in Google search actually cost Google $110 million a year, as 1% of all searches use this feature and bypass all advertising.

Riddle me this...

- This is needed both for courage and hardcover books...

- I lose my head in the morning and regain back it at night. What am I?

- What has a horn but does not work?

- Who spends the day at the window, goes to the table for meals, and hides at night?
JSU FOOTBALL

Gamecocks ready for first OVC matchup

Josh Gilbert
Sports Writer

After their second bye week in only the first month of the season, the football team is looking to continue the momentum they have after putting up record breaking numbers against Mississippi Valley State. “I thought we have handled the wins as best we could. We have gotten better, it is hard to tell because you don’t play on Saturdays,” said head coach John Grass at Monday’s weekly press conference. “We are looking forward to back to back weeks, we are looking forward to opening OVC play this weekend, just playing two more home games in a row is something we haven’t had a lot of recently,” said Grass.

Up next at home for the Gamecocks is Tennessee Tech, a team in which they haven’t had many issues with over the last few years. Although the Golden Eagles have started off the year with a rough patch of games against quality teams, Coach Grass isn’t letting that fool anyone. “I think they are not your typical 0 and 3 team if you look at who they have played. It has been a tough start for them, but they are doing some things fundamentally for the program that will benefit from that in the long run,” said Grass.

Linebacker Jalen Choice also touched on the importance of maintaining the momentum in which the team has carried through the beginning of the season. “I feel like everybody’s buying in to the process and we really believe in our defense now. Everybody’s trying to make the plays that they need to make, not trying to do much.”

“Seeing everything at a home game, seeing cocky, all those things, it’s a special place and it’s great to play at home,” said Grass on the impact of playing at Burgess Snow. “I think we had a packed house the other night, so we want another packed house this week. You just don’t know how much good that does our football team when you run out and the place is packed and you get an atmosphere. It’s something we’re very proud of.”

The Gamecocks kick off Saturday at 6 o’clock in what looks to be another action-packed weekend full of football.

JSU VOLLEYBALL

Jax State volleyball looking to bounce back in start to conference play

JP Wood
Sports Writer

The Gamecocks non-conference slate continued to a disappointing close in Troy this weekend. Jax State (7-6) started strong on day one with a 3-1 win over Florida A&M, but fell to Troy and Kennesaw State on the second day of the tournament.

Against FAMU, Kaylee Frears (19 kills) and Jade Humphrey (17 digs) led the charge, with Frears hitting an impressive .586 on 29 attacks. Kaylie Milton (.435), and Mackenzie Rombach (.357) also tallied impressive hitting marks, as JSU started the tournament on a high note, winning the match 3 sets to none, but fought back to force a decisive fifth set.

The Gamecocks fell behind early 2 sets to none, but fought back to force a decisive fifth set. JSU stayed competitive with the Trojans but ultimately fell 15-11. Romney continued to impress, racking up 7 blocks and 13 kills. Frear also finished with 13 kills, and Kindermann collected 17. Jade Humphrey collected a career high 18 digs in the loss.

Jax State will open Ohio Valley Conference play on Friday the 21st, against Morehead State.
Gamecocks climb five spots in day two of Conference Challenge

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa – The Jacksonville State men’s golf team notched the second-lowest score of the day on Monday to climb five spots into sixth at the Golfweek Conference Challenge.

The Gamecocks carded a second-round 280, second only to leader Arkansas State on the day, and moved into sixth in the 16-team event at the Cedar Rapids Country Club. Sophomore Jesus Darío Montenegro had the best round of the day with a 67 on the par-72 layout, while senior Benedikt Thalmayr shot 69.

JSU’s 36-hole 575 has the Gamecocks in 1-under par with 18 holes to play. They trail San Jose State and Jacksonville in third place by one shot. Arkansas State holds a 12-shot lead over second-place Iowa, the conference opener on Friday night at the Tech Soccer Complex.

The Gamecocks’ dropped to 2-5-2 overall, while the Golden Eagles pushed their mark to 3-3 on the season.

JSU will be idle until Sunday, September 23, when it welcomes the Redhawks of Southeast Missouri State at the A.J. Cook Soccer Complex. The Gamecocks’ dropped to 2-5-2 overall, while the Golden Eagles pushed their mark to 3-3 on the season.

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Gamecocks Fall in OVC Opener at Tennessee Tech

MARTINEZ joined Thomas off the bench to have two shots each. Senior Madison Carruthers added a shot.

Tech’s first half goal came off a set piece from the corner kick in the 15th minute as Molly Kafader timed her jump from the corner to send it in the net. Rachel Blow handled the corner kick for the Golden Eagles. In the second half, Tech’s insurance goal came in the 79th minute out of the foot of Nora Viescas as she completed a give-and-go situation with a finishing shot at the lower left of the goal. TTU’s Chloe Smith was credited with the assist.

Jax State had three opportunities in the final six minutes to get on the scoreboard, but could not find the net. JSU’s Morgan Lerch collected saves, while Tech’s Kari Nordsæter had one save in a shutout outing.

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Conference play for the OVC has finally begun for the JSU Soccer Team! The Gamecocks, who have struggled in the past couple of years, enter conference play in very promising form.

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