The Chanticleer conducted a survey of JSU students and faculty to gauge response to Jacksonville State’s new Recreation and Fitness Center.

CAMPUS

Scott Young
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State now has ownership of the former Reserve Apartments—renamed to ‘The Pointe@ JSU’—which were significantly damaged in the March 19 tornadoes.

The property has been fully renovated and repaired following the university entering into a management agreement with the owners of the complex, now operating it as student residences.

The Pointe, which consists of four-bedroom, four-bath units owned apartments, is open to upperclassman and consists of four-bedroom, four bath units that are furnished and include amenities such as fully furnished bedrooms and common area, washer and dryer, balcony, pool access, exercise gym, Gamecock Express stop, gated entry, and other athletic facilities.

For students wishing to live at The Pointe, the cost is $2,700 per student per semester, including utilities, and a meal plan is not required.

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Sub-Aquatics Club opens on campus

Keeley Tibbitts
Staff Writer

JSU Student Aaron Risher has started a new club for those that like to be in the water.

The club, which allows JSU students to group together in an activity they love, make friends and go on fun trips to dive and snorkel.

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“Normally certification costs $395, but through the club it will cost $345. The price includes all class sessions, all pool work, and the use of the equipment,” said Valdes.

The club’s next meeting is February 25 from six to eight in room 130 of Martin hall. Meetings will carry on Mondays every other week, and activities like swimming and games at the pool will take place every other Monday.

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“You realize there is a whole other world out there that is so unique,” Risher said.

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Alabama Clay Conference Presents’ Exhibition

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What to do if you’re without a Valentine this year
Of the participants who responded to the survey, 58.6 percent said that they had a positive or highly positive view of the new facility, and 58.6 percent said that their feelings toward the rec center became more positive after experiencing the amenities of the new center. “I think it’s an awesome addition to the campus!” one anonymous participant commented. “People complain about the fee, but I think it’s somewhat reasonable for what all it has to offer.”

While the sentiment around the opening of the RFC is certainly echoed by some students around campus and is evidenced by the droves of people that are already utilizing the new space at most hours of the day, the new center has been subjected to its fair share of criticism since plans were first announced. Of the responders, 47.1 percent complain about the fee but I think JSU will eventually have to always be a point of contention. I believe this was an unnecessary charge. I have been touched after being damaged by the tornado. I think the campus priorities should be a different option for online only students. So, there should be a different option for those students.”

Most students share a similar viewpoint that the fee are not unreasonable, but the inability to opt out of them is a problem, especially for students who will not use the RFC 5 days a week, I think it’s an amazing price for all that is offered. I just know many students will probably not use it one time (especially commuters/online students). So, there should be a different option for those students.”

Prociuk says, “Students and Student Government have been involved in the planning, fee decision, and decision-making processes for the Recreation and Fitness Center since the project’s beginning in 2016. Input from thousands of students was collected via surveys, focus groups, and meetings.”

Prociuk says that the University is dedicated to involving the community in decisions to fund the center, and encourages all forms of feedback as the RFC continues to serve students. “We will continue to work with students as we expand our programs and operations.”

The 2019 JSU Student Symposium will be held Feb 14-15 in Houston Cole Library, room 110C, and the2019 JSU Student Symposium will be held in the Recreation and Fitness Center. There are many buildings on campus with droves of construction workers, fences and equipment surrounding its perimeter. Still other students raised additional legitimate concerns about the Recreation and Fitness Center in their comments. “I think the fee should have been announced to incoming freshmen,” said one comment. “Everyone talked about the new Rec center and how unselfish and hardworking they are, I don’t think JSU will eventually have to always be a point of contention.”

Prociuk says, “Every year, there are at least a dozen talks that just blow me away,” Case said, explaining that when students are in front of a friendly audience, they are genuinely interested in their project, it motivates them to continue their research. “That’s really part of the goal - getting stu- dents to feel comfortable and confident in a professional setting,” said Case. After 13 years, this will be Case’s final Symposium serving as director. “These students really restore my hope in the future,” she said. “We hear so many negatives about young people, but seeing these students, how unselfish and hardworking they are, I don’t worry about the future. In their hands – they’re going kill it.”

The symposium will feature 42 presentations, most of which will involve multiple students. Demonstrations can include anything from robotics to computer games to sculpture to film shorts. Prizes for graduate and undergraduate entries are given in Best of Show, Best of School, Best Paper, Best Poster. The first time Jan Case was a virtual reality lead- er she'd never forget. "It blew my mind," she said, a mathematics pro- fessor at JSU. "And this was before we were using them." This mind-altering experience took place during the annual JSU Student Symposium, for which Case has served as director for 15 years. “That’s what’s great about the symposium,” she said. “You never know what you’re going to see or hear.”

The 2019 JSU Student Symposium will be held Feb 14-15 in Houston Cole Library, room 110C. "This event gives students the opportu- nity to step outside the confines of the classroom and share their research projects in a profes- sional setting. "There’s so much good work going on at JSU, and this event gives students the opportunity to share outside the confines of the classroom and share their research projects in a professional setting. "These students really restore my hope in the future," she said. "We hear so many negatives about young people, but seeing these students, how unselfish and hardworking they are, I don’t worry about the future. In their hands – they’re going kill it."
No Valentine? No Problem...

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Are you going without a Valentine this year? Feel a bit bummed out? There’s no need! There are plenty of “pros” when it comes to not having a Valentine.

For those looking for love, you have plenty of opportunities to find a date. Whether it’s going on a date or staying in and watching a romantic movie, there are plenty of options.

For those who are not looking for a partner, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy Valentine’s Day. From the many restaurants offering special Valentine’s Day menus to the many stores offering Valentine’s Day gifts, there are plenty of options.

For those who are looking for a way to express their love, there are plenty of options. Whether it’s sending a card or writing a letter, there are plenty of options.

In conclusion, Valentine’s Day is not just for couples. It’s a day to express love and appreciation to those you care about. So, go out and have fun, and enjoy the day!

Happy Valentine’s Day!
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Manchester is a sad masterpiece

Devin Carter
A&E Writer

Movies can do a lot of things. They can inspire, depress, elate. They can also give us a break from the mundane, from life, or challenge them in numerous new ways. And then there are films, such as Manchester by the Sea, that remind us of the sorts of things life is all about, showing both the good and the bad. This is a film that in turn, is a special emphasis on the bad. There is a sense of despair throughout the movie, and this heavy emotion is presented to us in slow increments. And all the while we get a sense that these characters are walking an emotional tightrope, just trying to make it to safer ground. Sometimes they fall to the side, and let their pain come out, and other times they are able to keep their balance, and press on with life.

The film ultimately concerns itself with loss, and how to cope with it. It opens with a death. And it helps us. I have seen an actor show heart and a battered soul. It is a beautiful, as well as others, that hang over our characters as they try to pick up the pieces. And, as you will see, some have an easier time with it than others. Manchester asks a question no other film I have ever seen has dared to ask. What if you can’t move on after you lose a loved one? What if you are so filled with desolation, that all that awaits you from here is superficial happiness? It is much easier to make an inspirational movie about perseverance, but it is another thing entirely to make a movie such as this.

But the film is too good to simply ask these heavy-handed questions and place them in the foreground. Despite the overwhelming feeling of sorrow, the characters mostly continue living, and we experience much of their everyday lives as they try to come to terms with things. In this movie, we have strange, fascinating scenes, such as a man making funeral arrangements while eating cereal with the deceased person’s son, a young man named Patrick who is played brilliantly by Lucas Hedges. Keeping true to the film’s purpose to show how life goes on, Patrick does not let the death of a parent get in the way of his sexual endeavors, and his interactions with multiple women take up a decent amount of screen time. We do have emotional scenes, and, trust me, there are some. But the main emphasis is on the bad. With this film, there is a special emphasis on the bad. There is a sense of depression, of sadness. Even when tragedy strikes, we still have responsibilities. We still have life to live.

And even still, there is the possibility that you cannot just move on with your life, sometimes your tragedies will break you, and you just can’t beat it. We wonder if this is what has happened as we watch the main character, Lee, play. But there are also other characters, such as Patrick’s girlfriend and his teachers, who are aware of the awful events but are largely unaffected, and their presence helps provide a greater sense of realism to the movie, and also helps make our grieving characters’ pain more distinctive. The setting is also used to great effect. The city the characters inhabit is by the ocean, and the emotions and events that unfold against the beautiful landscape make the feelings in this movie even more complex, and for whatever reason, even more sad.

After seeing how the characters try to go on with life, we are reminded that the past is always right behind them. Towards the end of the film, there is a scene between Lee and a woman from his past, played by Michelle Williams. The encounter does not last very long, but thanks to the masterful buildup to it and the incredible writing, it becomes one of the most moving scenes of any film I have ever seen, and nearly brings tears to my eyes each time I see it. I will not dare to spoil how this movie ends, for it is one of the most impactful endings of any film. But rest assured that it does not disappoint, and will leave you thinking for a very long time after it is over.

Manchester by the Sea does not show us anything new, but presents familiar themes and messages to us in a new way, and it forces us to consider them in ways that make us uncomfortable. But I think it is important for us to ask ourselves tough questions, even if we do not like the answers. For some, it may seem like a boring drag. But if you take the time to look a little closer, just a bit below the surface, you will see an entire world of emotions. And if you have enough patience to take in and consider the importance of the seemingly unimportant scenes that unfold, you will realize just how important those scenes are. And, if you allow yourself to become invested in the characters and make it to the end, you will be reminded of just how heart-wrenching and how powerful movies can be.
Trivia Answers: Feb. 7th Edition!

1.) Which NFL team overcame a 25-point deficit to win the 2017 Super Bowl?
Answer: New England Patriots

2.) Who is the only athlete ever to play in a Super Bowl and a World Series?
Answer: Deion Sanders

3.) Which team won the 2016 Super Bowl?
Answer: Denver Broncos

Planet Trivia!

1.) In our solar system, which planet has the shortest day?
A.) Earth  
B.) Jupiter  
C.) Saturn

2.) In our solar system which two planets are known as ice giants?
A.) Mercury and Neptune  
B.) Venus and Neptune  
C.) Uranus and Neptune

3.) The Great Red Spot is a gigantic storm located on which planet in our solar system?
A.) Jupiter  
B.) Mars  
C.) Saturn

Valentine’s Day Word Scramble!

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2/14
vs Tenn. State
2/16
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vs Tenn. State
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2/27
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@ ASU
2/16
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2/20
Rifle
NCAA Qualifier
2/16
NCAA Nat. Championships
3/8 & 3/9
Softball
@ ASU Tournament
2/15-2/17

JSU SOFTBALL

Gamecocks go 3-2 in opening weekend at Mercer Invitational

Baylee Morris
Sports Editor

This past weekend the Jacksonville State Gamecock softball team traveled to Mar- con, GA to compete in the Mercer Invita- tional. For the overall weekend the Game- cocks finished with 3 wins and 2 losses to start the opening weekend of softball off right.

On Friday, the Gamecocks had a huge day and discov- ered their diamond in the rough in Kirsten Titus. Before this weekend Titus only had two career hits as a Gamecock. By the end of this weekend Titus had four with three of those being home runs. Titus also did not do too bad in the circle were she only gave up three hits.

Another Game- cock pitcher that had a huge weekend is none other than Faith Sims. On Friday Sims pitched the first no-hitter, against Army, for the Gamecocks since 2016. On the whole weekend she struck out 16 batters and only allowed two hits. This weekend also served as Sims first outing since hav- ing elbow surgery in the off-season. On Friday fol- lowing the 6-0 win against Army the Gamecocks showed up and showed out against Rutgers win- ning 11-0. However, on Saturday both Army and Rutgers got their revenge on the Gamecocks beat- ing them respectively 6-1 and 5-13.

On Saturday against Rutgers the Game- cockers used pitchers Alexus Jimmerson and freshman Lexi Androlovich. Against Army even though the Gamecocks fell 5-13 center fielder Taylor Beshears had a big day with all four appearances at the plate ending with four hits. Of those four hits three were homers and one was a single. With the two losses end the day Satur- day the Gamecocks had to regroup and come back Sunday for one game against the host team Mercer. Sunday the Game- cock placed Sims back in the circle to end the weekend. JSU topped Mercer 15-0 in 5 innings. In those five in- nings Sims looked as pretty a picture strik- ing out seven batters and only allowing two hits and no er- rors. Her team around her helped cap off the win with their offen- sive and defensive.

Overall the Game- cockers have a decent weekend and hope to have a better week- end this weekend when they head down to Montgomery to participate in the Ala- bama State Black and Gold Tournament.

JSU BASEBALL

JSU’s Edwards named to NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List

GREENVILLE, N.C. – Jack- sonville State sophomore Chris Edwards was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year ahead of the start of the 2019 season, announced by the organization on Monday.

The award is given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I Baseball. The organization’s list included 75 players on the 2019 edition.

Edwards, the leading candi- date to take over the closer role in 2019, was groomed for the role as a freshman with a solid first season as a Gamecock. The right hander from Hartselle, Alaba- ma collected 55 strikeouts in 33.6 innings of work and reg- istered three saves. Edwards posted an earned run average of 1.91 in 33 appearances out of the bullpen. His best outing of the season came in the season finale in the 2018 Ohio Valley Confer- ence Baseball against Eastern Kentucky. He collected nine strikeouts in 4.1 innings of work out of the pen. Edwards was one of four pitch- ers from the OVC to be named to the preseason list. Belmont’s Kyle Brennan, EKU’s Aaron Ochambe and Aaron Sturch from Southeast Missouri were on the list.

The NCBWA, founded in 1962, presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation’s top player. It also selects All-America Teams for all Divisions, a Division I Freshman All-American team, Division II and III Players of the Week and Division I, II and III Players in the Year.

The Gamecocks will return in the inaugural season at Rudy-Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium on Friday, Feb. 15 against in- state rival North Alabama. First pitch on opening day is set for 3 p.m. Season tickets are available for purchase online at JSUGame- cockTickets.com, by phone at (256) 782-8499 and on campus at the JSU Ticket Office at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Children 18-years-old and under and JSU students are admitted free.

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JSU MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hunter leads men's basketball to road win over SEMO

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Marlon Hunter’s first-career double-double helped the Jacksonville State Men’s basketball team to an 81-64 win over the Redhawks on Saturday.

The senior guard had a career-high in both points (27) and rebounds (12) and also added four assists.

Hunter, obviously. He had really step up. Marlon thought we had some guys coach Ray Harper said. “I career-highs in both points during the 2004-05 season. The Redhawks fall to 11-12 overall and 5-7 in Ohio Valley Conference action with identical scores (6-0, 6-1) to earned wins at No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Following the No. 2 singles game, three matchups. Down 1-0 following the No. 2 singles game, the Gamecocks the win. The Gamecocks topped the Tigers’ Tendero made it a 3-0 match with a back-to-back set wins, and Elena Martinez put the Gamecocks up with a 6-0, 6-4 win over the Tigers’ Pearson also led the way with 15 rebounds. Johnson muscled her way to a game-high 20 points. In her third-straight double-double, the Redhawks with 10 points from her third-straight double-double, and double-doubles set during the 2004-05 season.

Four of JSU’s first six singles matches came at the first five spots. Jacksonville State’s lead reached a game-high 20 years-old and under and JSU students are admitted. For more information on the JSU men’s basketball team, follow Jacksonville State on Twitter (@JSUGamecocks) and Snapchat (@JSUGamecocks) and Instagram (@JSU_Tennis), Facebook (Facebook.com/JSU_Tennis), Twitter (@JSUGamecocks), Face-Book (Facebook.com/JSU_Gamecocks), Instagram (@JSUGamecocks), Jacksonville State’s lead started to fall in the second half. The margin would re-

JSU WOMEN’S TENNIS

Women’s team gets four wins in two days on the road

LOMAN, Miss. – The Jacksonville State women’s tennis team picked up four wins in two days in Mississippi with wins over Jackson State and Alcorn State on Thursday and Friday.

The Gamecocks started the week with a 6-0 first match and 4-0 at Alcorn State on Thursday afternoon, while downing the Braves 4-1 and 6-0 in con-

Everybody played really well,” head coach Andrea Amores said. “It was a great week on the road with wins for both of our teams. Hopefully we can keep such a great start to the season.”

Jackson State managed just one point against the Gamecocks in the first match with Jackson- State taking the other six — including back-to-back double tunes.

The second match was a 4-0 sweep that did not include a doubles point due to inclement weather. Freshman Harriett Hamilton and sophomore Marine Alar- ten put the Gamecocks up with unassisted free. The Gamecocks the win.

Jackson State is back in action on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at noon against Alcorn State in Montgomery, Ala. The Gamecocks’ next home match is set for Thursday, Feb. 20 at noon against North Ala-

For more information on the JSU tennis teams, follow the JSU Gamecocks on Twitter (@JSUGamecocks) and Facebook (Facebook.com/JSU_Gamecocks), Instagram (@JSU_Tennis), Snapchat (@JSUGamecocks) and Snapchat (snapchat) (@JSUGamecocks).

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JSU WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Jax State’s defense key in 56-39 win at Southeast Missouri

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Jacksonville State’s women’s basketball team displayed its stingy defense in full force on Saturday, limiting Southeast Missouri State to just 39 points as the Gamecocks won their seventh road game of the season.

JSU’s 56-39 victory marked the second-lowest point total of the season, marking another in another dominating stretch of defensive play for the Gamecocks.

While defense was the show in the Show Me State on Saturday, a trio of Gamecocks still managed to reach double figures with senior Rayven Pearson, sophomore Taylor Hawks and freshman Yania Johnson all finishing with 12 points apiece.

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