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NEWS

Cocky Queens raises funds for LGBTQ

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Correspondent

Despite a few car troubles on Friday, November 15, drag queens took to the stage at Jacksonville State University and raised over \$700 for a Birmingham LGBTQ nonprofit center.

The 4th annual Cocky Queens was hosted by the Secular Student Alliance in conjunction with the JSU Dean of Students Office, Full Spectrum and the Umbrella Alliance.

The Secular Student Alliance has been putting in charge of the event since its beginning four years ago. The show has always been for charity and all money made by the drag queens during their performances goes to a charity. This year's charity was The Magic City Acceptance Center.

The Magic City Acceptance Center is a nonprofit organization that provides a "supportive and affirming space for LGBTQ youth and adults ages 13-24" in Birmingham. It also works with the Birmingham AIDS

outreach to provide education, resources, and free testing.

The Magic City Acceptance Center hosts art workshops, monthly movie nights, health and wellness workshops, racial and social justice workshops and Queer Prom. It is meant to be a place where LGBTQ people in the area can feel accepted, as well as get the resources that they need to live well and succeed in life. There are also peer groups within the program that are meant for specific groups of the LGBTQ community.

This year's show included performances from local queens Felicia Galant, Victoria Jewelle, Kandi Kane, Alee Michele and DéjàVu Campbell Starr.

Miss Montgomery Pride Newcomer 2019 and Miss Quest 2020, Miss Alee Michelle, performed as well. Although Michelle is newer to drag than some of the other queens in attendance, she showed she belonged there with them.



Miranda Ladd/The Chanticleer

Pictured above, several performers pose for photos with fans after their Cocky Queens performance. All together, the drag queens raised over \$700 for Birmingham based LGBTQ center.

Performances by the queens ranged from sweet soul to country to modern pop. At one point, host Victoria Jewelle emphasized how "we are one." Her message discussed how creating spaces like this gives hope to LGBTQ youth in the south and that LGBTQ people have plac-

es here. She mentioned how it was also very telling that the JSU Dean of Students Office was willing to rent out the building for such an event.

Although this show's turnout was less than years past, Cocky Queens raised \$736 through event sales and tips to the queens.

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NEWS

WLJS interviews university administrators

Josie Howell

Sports Editor On Tuesday, Nov. WLJS 12, Direc-Program tor Grant Davis sat down with three top administrators Jacksonville State University during a WLJS broadcast.

interview The was called to discuss certain topics regarding the future of JSU by using questions specifically submitted by the students through social media that regard to issues such as the need for more parking and the controversy over the proposed new dining hall.

The administrators interviewed by Davis were acting university president Dr. Don Killingsworth, Provost Dr. Christy Shelton and vice president for student affairs Dr. Tim King.

The very first topic discussed has been talked about all over social media throughout the community, JSU which is the proposed plan for a new multi-million dollar dining hall and the mandated

commuterfee.

Killingsworth emphasized that they are still waiting on contracts from Sodexo before they can move forward with anything regarding the new dining hall.

However, Killingsworth and King both agreed that they hope to see more food options on the menus of JSU dinings halls, especially for those with particular dietary restrictions.

"I was a vegan for one year," said "I realized King. that it is difficult if you are a vegan in this area to try and find what you need sustenance. Even now with Sodexo, if a student has a particular dietary need, whether they are vegan, vegetarian or have a health issue, we can work out a plan now, regardless if we get a new dining hall with Sodexo, to meet those students needs."

The following introduced topic that many students have expressed frustration with is the lack of park-



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WLJS Program Director Grant Davis interviews Dr. Killingsworth, Dr. Shelton and Dr. King during the WLJS State of the Univeristy Interview on Nov. 12.

ing provided by Jacksonville State. Killingsworth expressed that this has been an issue for the University since he was a student in the '90s, so this is also an issue that he feels strongly towards.

Killings worth expressed that he hopes to work towards building a parking deck in the future that will hopefully solve this issue

At the end of the interview, the three administrators were asked about the constant raising of tuition and additional fees that have

been steadily raised and added each semester. Students often emphasize that they came to Jacksonville State because of its affordability, but instead, the university has slowly become expensive more than students have anticipated.

"I think we need to be that institution we have always been, we have a lot of first-generation college students - I think its important that we remember who our students are and be cognizant of the cost of higher education,"

said Killingsworth

"Going forward, we want to make sure that we keep costs contained." Shelton, as a

chairwoman of the tuition and fees committee at Jacksonville State, also emphasized that if the tuition and fees committee assesses a certain fee, then it is a truly appropriate fee that is used to support the student's needs.

Killingsworth added that he does not see tuition being raised going forward, as the University is financially sound, however, fees will have to be looked at.







FEATURE

The man behind the title: Dr. Don Killingsworth

Scott Young

News Editor

Dr. Don Killingsworth, a 1999 graduate of Jacksonville State University and current acting president of JSU, has expressed interest in assuming the presidential role full time.

Killingsworth began his academic career as a career consultant for American College Testing (ACT) and almost twenty years later, he was named the acting president of JSU.

"I have made them [the Board of Trustees] aware that I am interested in this position permanently," said Killingsworth.

Killingsworth assumed the acting presidency on October 22 after the Board of Trustees terminated the employment of Dr. John Beehler as president.

Killingsworth, a native of Alexander City and a graduate of Benjamin Russell High School, said he grew up with an older and a younger sister.

"Alexander City was a great place to grow up," said Killingsworth. "It was a smaller community. Of course, it's a tourist area for Lake Martin, which is a big tourist area."

After graduating high school, Killingsworth said he attended a community college and worked throughout his classes.

"I was going because my parents made me go and I'm thankful that they made me go," said Killingsworth. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do and it allowed me to stay in education."

After his two years at community college, in 1994 he decided to advance his education and enrolled at Jacksonville State University, a campus he instantly fell in love with.

Killingsworth said that JSU is a "family affair" and that much of his immediate and extended family has attended JSU, including his younger sister who served as SGA president two years after Killingsworth's SGA presidency.

"Most of the people down in Alex City go to Auburn because it's 30 minutes down the road," said Killingsworth. "I didn't want to do that. I just fell in love with the [JSU] campus and the people."

Killingsworth found his home in the geography department and said he encountered several instructors and mentors during his time at JSU, including Dr. Ted Klimasewski, a former instructor for the JSU geography department.

"He was a local meteorologist when we [JSU] owned the TV station down at Anniston," said Killingsworth. "I might have taken eight classes he offered in geography. He taught me a lot. He taught me how to stand in front of a crowd and talk. He taught me about geography which I love."

Killingsworth said that his other biggest mentor was Dr. Bill Meehan, who served as president of JSU from 1999 to 2015.

"He [Meehan] was my academic advisor when I was in undergrad and he was my professional advisor going forward."

Killingsworth was elected SGA president for JSU in 1999 and spoke at the presidential inauguration for Meehan in January of that year.

"From that point on forward, he pushed me professionally and he was the main reason I was able to get my doctorate because he kept on and kept on pushing me," he said.

Killingsworth said that most people who transition into the administrative side of higher education do so because of a "positive experience in student affairs."

"Whether it be housing, residence, recreation or student life, all of these are part of the student affairs aspect and I think most people that decide this is a career have that positive experience," said Killingsworth.

After completing graduate school, Killingsworth found a job working for American College Testing (ACT), where he managed 21 states and helped them with "the software that would take students abilities and help them develop a career plan".

"So, I would train counselors, high school counselors, college counselors, on how to use the software package to do that."

After a year and a half working for ACT, Killingsworth returned to his collegiate alma mater in 2001 and received a position working as the coordinator of academic advisement for JSU. He worked with undecided, dismissed and suspended students to get them back on the correct path academically and worked closely with orientation, faculty advisors and training.

Later, Jack Hopper, a JSU vice president emeritus, trained Killingsworth to work in government relations, and when Hopper died in 2007, Killingsworth assumed the role as director of government relations.

Killingsworth went to the University of Alabama to earn a doctorate in higher



Abigail Read/JSU

Pictured above, acting JSU President Don Killingsworth speaks at the United Nations Day Tea on October 20.

education administration in 2016 after completing his dissertation the year prior.

After Beehler entered into a 90-day medical leave of absence on October 1, the university formed a management team consisting of Provost Christie Shelton, Vice President of Finance Administration and Brigham Jim and Killingsworth, who was then named acting chief operations officer.

Three weeks later, he was named acting president by the JSU Board of Trustees.

Killingsworth said that, as acting president, he is working to pick up where Beehler left off and continue the ongoing campus tornado recovery.

"I was just outside this office for three years," said Killingsworth. "I thought I knew what was going on in here. I was a part of a lot of meetings that took place in here, but until you step in here, you're like 'woah'."

Killingsworth noted bringing back summer graduation as one of his accomplishments as acting president, calling summer graduation a "no brainer".

"We're here for the students and we heard the students were upset that there was not a summer graduation, so we brought that back."

He expressed concern with the existing color-coded parking system at JSU and said that his office is considering a change to it.

"I don't know if the four zone parking system works right now," said Killingsworth. "We may try to look at going to a two [zone system] student and faculty and staff. I have a big problem with the students in a green zone who are trying to get to a class and they can't park in a silver zone when the weather is bad and they get a ticket."

Killingsworth further stated that he is looking into alternative parking spaces and proposed building parking decks on campus during an interview with WLJS on Tuesday, November 12.

On October 30, the SGA hosted a town hall, with Killingsworth present, to allow students to ask questions and address concerns to JSU officials about the proposed dining hall and commuter meal plan introduced at the quarterly trustee meeting the week before.

Killingsworth said that he plans to make the town halls a regular thing, citing the practice of former president Dr. Harold McGee.

"He [McGee] would go sit up in the library in front of a table by himself and everybody could come in and they'd start throwing questions at him and he would sit there and answer questions about the institution," said Killingsworth. "He did that and I remember that and I thought that was very successful. So, that's easy to do and while I'm here, I will do."

Killingsworth said that when he's not at work in Bibb Graves, he's with his family and loves to be in the outdoors.

"I have a 3-year-old and a 1-year-old, so I am chasing tod-dlers around," he said. "Right now, it's being with my family and the two babies because they grow so quickly, so I'm making sure that I carve out time for family."



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Former DEA agents Javier Peña, pictured left, and Stephen Murphy, pictured right, visited the campus of Jacksonville State University on Monday, November 18 to discuss their experience in the DEA investigation of Pablo Escobar's drug cartel.

DEA agents behind 'Narcos' visit JSU

James Waller

Correspondent

Jacksonville State University welcomed Stephen Murphy and Javier Peña to campus, two former agents of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and inspiration for Netflix's series, "Narcos".

The agents told their stories in Leone Cole Auditorium from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, November 18 in a free event open to faculty, staff and students.

"Narcos" is an award-winning, three-season, Netflix-exclusive series released in 2015 that tells a fictionalized account of the events surrounding Pablo Escobar, a drug kingpin, and his criminal empire. The first two seasons tell a story of the fall of the Cali Cartel with the third season based on events following Escobar's death.

Both agents, Murphy and Peña, stressed that they came to JSU to tell a more real story than the one presented in the Netflix series, which was dramatized for an audi-

Murphy, a policeman from West Virginia, had never been to Miami as was portrayed in Netflix's adaptation of events.

"It's about the true story," said Murphy. "Now we're not up here pretending to be something we're not. We're not super cops."

While Peña worked as a consultant for the creation of "Narcos," he was not involved in the DEA's Cali Cartel investigation. Peña was involved in the investigation of Escobar, but the events surrounding him in season three of "Narcos" are as heavily fictionalized as the show's events surrounding Murphy.

In their presentation, the retired agents gave gritty details and graphic images via visual aids of crimes committed by Escobar and his accomplices. Their accounts were not the dramatic retelling found in "Narcos."

As part of this recounting, Murphy spoke of Los Pepes, an anti-Escobar vigilante group, saying that they were instrumental in taking down Escobar, but that as a law enforcement agent, he could not condone Los Pepes or their meth-

This event was hosted by the JSU Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation alongside the JSU Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement.



Campus Crime Log

November 19, 2019, Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Logan Hall Parking Lot

November 19, 2019, Harassment, Meehan Hall Parking Lot

November 19, 2019, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana, Crow Hall Parking Lot

November 18, 2019, Automobile Accident, Theron Montgomery **Building Parking Lot**

November 17, 2019, Information Report, Meehan RV Lot

November 16, 2019, Information Report, Rowe Hall Parking Lot

November 15, 2019, Harassment, Beck Circle

November 14, 2019, **Duty Upon Striking** an Unattended Vehicle, Colonial Arms **Apartments Parking** Lot

November 14, 2019, Information Report, The Pointe

November 13, 2019, Automobile Accident, Self Hall Parking Lot

November 13, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe

November 13, 2019. Information Report, The Pointe

November 11, 2019, Information Report, Salls Hall

November 11, 2019, Information Report, Recreation and Fitness Center

November 11, 2019, Automobile Accident, Houston Cole Library Parking Lot

November 7, 2019, Domestic Violence, Bibb Graves

November 7, 2019, Information Report, Stone Center

November 6, 2019, Automobile Accident, Street Avenue

November 5, 2019, Possession of Marijuana, The Pointe

November 5, 2019, Leaving Scene of Accident, Bennett Boulevard

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NEWS

SGA holds fifth Senate meeting of the semester

Scott Young

News Editor

Jacksonville The State University Student Government Association met for its fifth regular Senate meeting of the fall 2019 semester on Monday, November 18 in the auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building.

Two bills were approved by the Senate: one establishing the Public Relations Committee and one clarifying language in the SGA Code of Laws about who can introduce legislation to the Senate.

Senate Bill 40, authored by Sens. Matt Reed, Giovanna Hernandez, Dexter Ferguson and Zavius Kidd, renames the existing 'Publicity Committee' to 'Public Relations Committee'.

The bill grants the Public Relations Committee the responsibility of "building and maintaining intercollegiate relationships between other student governments".

the Code of Laws, had only the responsibility of publicizing SGA events." said Reed, who chairs the committee. "We decided since everyone already does that we needed to expand our boundaries. By renaming the committee to the Public Relations committee, that allows us just by definition to do more in actual relationship building between different groups on and off campus."

Reed said that Senate Bill 40 sets a standard for future committee members and "raises the expectation" for the work that the committee does.

"We also added the responsibility of creating and maintaining relationships with other universities to see if some of what they do could work here and vice versa," said Reed.

SGA Vice President of Student Senate Jerod Sharp said that no legislation has been submitted to him this week and that if "Our committee, in none is submitted to him



Scott Young/The Chanticleer

Sen. Matt Reed, pictured, chairs the new Public Relations Committee of the Student Senate.

by Friday, November 22, theare won't be a Senate meeting on December 2.

Other business:

SGA Senate voted to pass Senate Bill 39, a bill authored by Reed, to allow the Vice President of Student Senate to introduce legislation. The bill comes after the Senate passed Senate Bill 38 on November 4 that only allows Senators to introduce legislation.

Sen. Justin Jones introduced an amendment to Senate Bill 39 to change references of "he/ she" to "they" in order to include students outside of the gender binary. The amendment was unanimously approved by the Senate.

Sharp announced that Sens. Taylor Smith and Matt Reed tied for 'Committee Head of the Semester' and that Sen. Destiny Paris-Cartwright won an award for 'First Term Senator of the Semester'.

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Killingsworth floats parking overhaul

JSU acting president proposes new parking system, additional parking

Scott Young

News Editor

Dr. Don Killingsworth, the acting president of Jacksonville State University, has proposed getting rid of the four-zone parking system and returning to having only two parking zones: one for faculty and staff and one for students.

"The Chief and I have talked about possible changes and we will pull together a team to evaluate the first of the year," said Killingsworth.

Killingsworth said that if any changes are made to the parking system, they will take place in the fall of 2020. He said that changing the system in the middle of an academic calendar year would be "logistically hard to do".

"I have a big problem with the students in a green zone who are trying to get to a class and they can't park in a silver zone



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An orange parking zone located at the Campus Inn Apartments, a university owned dorm located by Salls Hall.

when the weather is bad and they get a ticket," he said. "That's very confusing and seems counterproductive to us being here for the students. So, let's have a student zone and a faculty and staff zone. It worked for many years before."

Killingsworth said that he wants to bring the University Police Department and students together to discuss these changes to the parking system and determine if the system is working properly.

Since fall of 2008, JSU has operated under a four-zone parking system: gold for faculty and staff, silver for commuters, green for north residents and orange for south residents.

"We're gonna try and get everything in operation

and for the Fall of 2020," said Killingsworth.

Killingsworth also said that his administration is looking at alternative parking spaces and building a parking deck on campus.

"Parking has always been an issue since I was a student here in the 90's and it is still the same issue," he said. "I think it's time for JSU to get a parking deck."

Many students have expressed concern around campus about the lack of parking and the amount of parking that has been closed off due to campus construction.

Killingsworth said that he and Jim Brigham, the vice president of finance and administration, are brainstorming ideas for the expansion of parking around campus.

"Two locations have surfaced that have really good potential for parking: between the stadium on the scoreboard side and Stephenson Hall, where you can actually pull in the bottom like a four-level deck and you can actually turn in from Trustee Circle," he said. "The other would be where Wallace Hall sits currently to help with parking for the library, softball, McGee, Martin and so forth."

MEMORIAL

JSU nursing professor, Annette Daugherty, dies

Madison Bailey

Correspondent

Annette Daugherty, age 56, died on Wednesday, November 13. She was a well-known and beloved nursing instructor at Jacksonville State University.

Her memorial service took place on Saturday, November 16, at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, followed by a private burial service for the family.

Daugherty was born on December 18, 1962, to Bill and Joyce Brooks in Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated from Myers Park High School in Charlotte, North Carolina and continued her education at the University of North Carolina and Queens College, where she earned her master's degree in nursing.

She received her RN from Presbyterian Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte.

Daugherty became a nurse at Riverview Medical Center in Gadsden. She then held the position of Chief Nursing Officer at Stringfellow Memorial Hospital from 1998 to 2010, and then became an instructor in the School of Nursing at JSU.

She married her husband, Michael Daugherty, in 1989. Together, they had one son, two daughters, six grandsons and one granddaughter. She resided in Jacksonville

with her husband at the time of her death and was a committed member of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

Daugherty made a positive impact on many lives, including the lives of many JSU nursing students, throughout her lifetime.

Hunter Watts, a nursing student at JSU, grew especially close to Daugherty during this semester. She was his clinical instructor at Piedmont Health and Rehab and the instructor for his Foundations of Nursing Practice class.

"She had a motherly personality," said Watts. "By that, I mean it was tough love. She expected the most out of you but was there for you when you needed some encouragement and help along the way."

Watts explained that Daugherty not only taught him nursing skills, but also things about life. She was a huge supporter of her students and encouraged them through the good and the bad.

"One day, one of my patients refused to let me do my assessment and take her vital signs. I went to Mrs. D for help, and the patient ended up letting Mrs. D do it. I was down on myself and wondered what I did wrong. I told Mrs. D that she was a natural, and she quickly let me know that I would



Submitted photo

JSU nursing professor Annette Daugherty, pictured, died on Wednesday, November 13.

also be a natural one day a – I will never forget that."

Rayne Ragains is another nursing student who maintained a close relationship with Daugherty.

"She was one of the most loving and caring people ever," Ragains said. "She was our nursing mom. She was always there for you, always looked after you and always made sure your health came first."

Daugherty played a significant role in Ragain's life through her constant encouragement and support, especially with Ragain's struggles with dyslexia.

"Even with my dyslexia, she always told me I would do great things. I now am the technical supervisor of a lab. She believed in me and gave me a second chance to realize I could do amazing things even with my learning disabilities."

The JSU Nursing Department honored Daugherty in an announcement posted on the department's official Facebook page on November 14.

"Annette possessed extensive experience in nursing as a caregiver, administrator, and educator," the department said. "The impact of her commitment to the nursing discipline, passion for education, and love for her students will be felt for generations."

Annette Daugherty was a bright light in all aspects of her life, especially in the nursing department here at JSU. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy will never be forgotten.

Upcoming Campus Events

NOVEMBER

21 - Foothills Fall Festival, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum

21 - "While I Breathe, I Hope", 6 p.m., Longleaf Studios Third screening in JSU's documentary series

21 - Global Entertainment Night, 8 p.m., International House Music, karaoke, dancing, board games, snacks, and so much more!

23 - JSU vs. Eastern Kentucky Tailgate, 10 a.m., Dillon Field

23 - Coach Don Salls Day, 1 p.m., JSU Stadium Join us as we honor former JSU head football coach Don Salls during the JSU vs. Eastern Kentucky football game!

DECEMBER

2 - JSU in Lights, 4:30 p.m., Bibb Graves Hall Ring in the season with JSU! This annual holiday event is for everyone to have a good time and donate toys for needy children. Refreshments provided.

4 - Marching Ballerina Kick-mas Show, 6 p.m., Stone Center Kick off the holiday season with a performance from the Marching Ballerinas.

10 - Fall 2019 Senior Exhibition, 5 p.m., Hammond Hall BFA, BA and MFA graduates from the Art Department will display works that are the culmination of their skills.

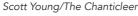
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JSU student Matthew Reeves, pictured left, and JSU student Will Arrington, pictured right, performing their joint junior recital on Tuesday, November 19.

Reeves and Arrington perform their junior recital

Scott Young

News Editor

Trumpet players Matthew Reeves and Will Arrington performed a joint junior recital on Tuesday, November 19 in the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville.

All general music and music education majors at Jacksonville State University are required to perform a junior recital to fulfill the requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Reeves studies under Dr. Chris Probst, a JSU trumpet professor, and Arrington studies under Brad Whitfield, a JSU trumpet adjunct instructor.

Both students were advised by their professor on what pieces to play during their recital, but the decision was ultimately up to them.

Reeves performed Intrada by Otto Ketting, Suite by Jean Absil, Quiet City by Aaron Copland, Fantaisie Brillante by Jean-Baptiste Arban and Andante et Allegro by J. Guy Ropartz.

"I chose these pieces simply because they are fun to play, are entertaining to hear, and they have academic value to them," said Reeves. "Each piece has made me a better player because of the challenges that each brings."

Arrington performed Sonate pour Cornet et Piano by Thorvald Hansen, Sonata for Trumpet and Piano by Eric Ewzen, Sonate Trompette et piano by Jean HuMeg Bowles.

"I chose my finale, 'Night Sun Journey', to give the audience a different listening experience than other recitals they've been to," said Arrington. "Night Sun Journey differs from all of my other pieces because it's played along with a track."

Reeves said that he practiced his pieces for about an hour a day for the last three months in preparation for his recital. He said some pieces he began practicing at the beginning of the semester and some have been in repertoire for several semesters.

"Music is important to me because it gives every single person a way to express themselves,"

beau and Night Sun Journey by said Reeves. "Whether they sing in the car, play an instrument, lead worship at church or compose great works, everyone can experience music in a way that connects them to themselves."

> Arrington said that he has spent a lot of his own spare time to practice for his recital and that he began his recital with "standard trumpet literature" and then moved to different styles of mu-

> "There probably hasn't been a day that music wasn't a part of our lives in some way," said Arrington. "It's able to improve our mood no matter how we're feeling that day. Music charms the soul. Not just for those that specialize in it, but everyone on the Earth."

ENTERTAINMENT

Disney+ exceeds 10 million subscribers on release day

Breanna Hill

A&E Editor

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Streaming services have taken over the entertainment industry within recent years without problem. While having access to the most popular series and films, nearly all streaming services have created original content including Netflix, Hulu and HBO.

Disney has decided to jump on the bandwagon and join in on the streaming services by releasing the highly anticipated Disney+ on November 12 complete with memorable television shows, movies, short films and even original content.

Disney+ is a streaming service that offers a wide array of television shows and movies produced and owned by Disney including Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and even National Geographic. Also Disney has partnered with other franchises such as ESPN and Hulu in order to create different bundles to choose.

Disney+ thought ahead and realized that creating a bundle that included its other streaming services--Hulu and ESPN+-was a great idea. This bundle only costs \$12.99 a month, which takes a whole \$5 off if subscribed to all three

separately. Getting all that content for just \$12.99 a month is an incredible deal, and bundling it will easevery month, which of course adds up. There's options to pay for a yearly subscription to Disney+ which costs \$69.99, or you could have a monthly subscription and pay \$6.99. Doing the math. if you choose the yearly subscription instead you only pay \$5.83 a month.

Unlike Hulu and a few other streaming services, Disney+ is advertisement free which is another known benefit that attracted people around the world. As expected, Disney+ was and still continues to be extremely successful. The day it became available for streaming there was an overwhelming 10 million+ subscription, and the number continues to grow with each passing day.

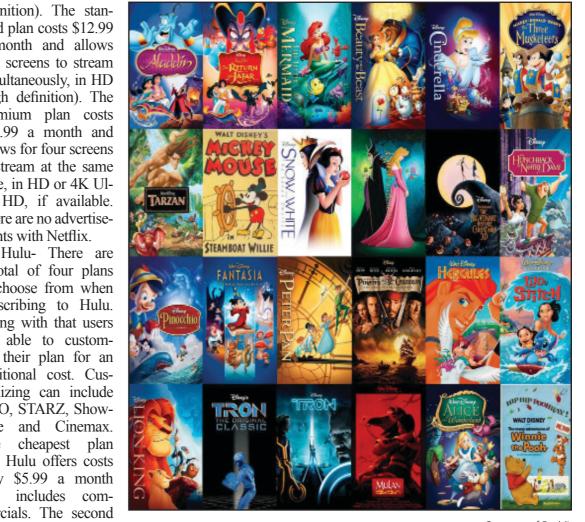
Different streaming services have different benefits and costs to research, but here are the basics:

Netflix- Netflix has three basic plans to choose from (basic, standard, and premium). The basic plan costs \$8.99 a month and only allows a single screen at a time to stream in SD (standard

definition). The standard plan costs \$12.99 a month and allows two screens to stream simultaneously, in HD ily save you money (high definition). The premium plan costs \$15.99 a month and allows for four screens to stream at the same time, in HD or 4K Ultra HD, if available. There are no advertisements with Netflix.

> a total of four plans to choose from when subscribing to Hulu. Along with that users are able to customize their plan for an additional cost. Customizing can include HBO, STARZ, Showtime and Cinemax. The cheapest plan that Hulu offers costs only \$5.99 a month and includes commercials. The second plan doesn't include commercials and costs \$11.99 a month. Then Hulu has a plan that bundles Hulu and Live TV for \$44.99 a month, including commercials. Finally they have a plan that includes Hulu with Live TV, and no commercials which costs \$50.99 a month. Make sure to note that including add-ons such as STARZ and HBO raises the price even

> More and more people are becoming less interested in paying extreme fees



Courtesy of Reddit

Pictured above is a compilation of Disney movies available on Disney+. much more.

for television services such as Charter and DirectTV when subscribing to streaming services such as Disney+, Netflix and Hulu are cheaper and much more convenient.

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offering up to seven

users per account,

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The only issue that has risen throughout

the whole Disney+ releasing process has involved crashing and buffering, which is to be expected if a user shares account information with others, which Disney has allowed as long as it correlates with their seven user per account limit. Disney has been working on fixing the issue, and it has been said that the crashing and buffering could also be because of the amount of streaming that is occurring since the release date.

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REVIEW

THE SMAGINARY BY CONSTANCE CONGDON BASED ON DAN SMITH TRANSLATION

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The Imaginary Invalid: Risqué and Refreshing

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Farce. Satirical. Dramatic. This play had audience members crying from laughter in their seats.

The Imaginary Invalid, written by Moliere, adapted by Constance Congdon, and presented by the JSU Drama Department, opened on Friday, November 15. The play focuses on Argan Geronte, a hypochondriac in 17th century France. Romance, secrets and flatulence ensue.

What made this play so unique and refreshing was not only its hilarious tone, but the audience participation as well. People from the audience were chosen to volunteer and became a part of the play themselves. Crying, laughing, creating a façade – the volunteers did just as the characters did.

The play's dependence on improvisation gave it even greater strength. Practically everyone was laughing and immersing themselves in the world of this play.

Dylan Curvin, Servant #1 who relied heavily on interacting with the audience and the people dragged on stage, said "You have to be prepared for everything," said Servant #1, played by Dylan Curvin, when discussing audience participation. "It can be more difficult."

The servants in this play were extremely admirable, reacting to the other characters just as the audience did. They added to the humor of the play.

Musical numbers, sexual innuendos and references to the 21st century also gave a boost to a play written centuries ago. Argan's sassy nurse Toinette was just as dramatic and hilarious as he was.

"Toinette is super sassy, so it was fun to play that," said Chloe Barnes, who portrayed Toinette. "It was fun to find the physicality and the voice because there's parts of the show when she's different...being able to play up her wackiness was fun."

This play had everyone united by laughter. I often wondered what ridiculous act would occur next. It kept you on your seat in the best way possible.

Dr. Michael Boynton, the director of JSU's production of The Imaginary Invalid, did nothing short of a fantastic job.

I have been attending JSU Drama's plays

since my freshman year of college in 2015. I can safely say that this is the funniest play I have seen put on by the JSU Drama Department. The Imaginary Invalid gave a refreshing belly-laugh.

"It is a super welcoming environment," said Bridgett Rayburn, a first-time performer with JSU Drama. "Everyone with all types of talents are allowed to come in and show themselves off and it's a great environment."

Not only was the acting itself fantastic, but the costumes and scenery were stunning. The century pieces helped transport the audience into the world of Argan. Scenic Designer Jennifer Luck and Costume Designer Freddy Clements deserve applause.

All in all, this play had me bubbling with smiles and laughter. Who knew fart jokes could still be so funny?

If you are interested in other productions put on by the JSU Drama Department, check out the Spring productions! "Once Upon a Mattress" will be showing February 21-24 and "The Diary of Anne Frank" will be showing between April 17-20. You can find additional information on JSU Drama's webpage - www.jsu.edu/jsudrama.

HOT TAKE

Are dating shows from the 2000s era problematic?

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Recently, I found myself in a rabbit hole on YouTube, yet again. Usually, I am watching hours upon hours of content related to series that I want to keep up with. This time, however, it was binge-watching youtubers react to dating shows from the early 2000s.

Now, even though I am a late-1990s, early-2000s kid, I don't remember much about the dating shows from when I was younger. The only ones I ever remember watching were The Bachelor and The Bachelorette, shows that are still being aired today. Even though I have not watched them for a long time, I still found myself binge-watching videos on the topic. To make a long

story short, I found some wild ones. There are shows that used to air that would never see the light of day in a pitch room full of produc-

ers today. Although I can list off a whole bunch of them, here are some of the craziest dating shows I found from this decade of wonderfully questionable choices all around.

Raiders: Room This dating show saw three contestants trying to win a date with the same person. However, instead of going on individual dates with them, the main person they were fighting over had the opportunity to go through all the contestants bedrooms and their personal belongings. Based on what they found in the rooms, a winner would be selected to go on a single date. Most likely, after that date, neither party spoke to one another again.

another again.

A fun fact about this show is that Zac Efron appeared on it. Granted, this was before his High School Musical days, so no one really paid at-

tention to that fact

at the time. How-

ever, if you decide

to mention it to him these days, he does in fact cringe. Also, every time I think of this show, I react the same way.

Date My Mom: This show had a similar construct to Room Raiders. However, instead going through people's rooms to figure out who they wanted to go out with, it was going on individual dates with the contestants' mothers. The person choosing would have to go based on the time they spent with the matriarch of the person's family and the descriptions they gave about their child to determine a winner. Again, not many people spoke to each other after the one date ended.

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There is another version of the show that involves dads instead of moms. The whole premise of these two shows is just plain awkward. Especially when looking at footage of the show. There

are dates with the

moms that get a little

too personal with the details, thus making it more cringey than anything else on this list.

Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?: The concept of this dating show is very similar to The Bachelor but instead of an enhanced average Joe, its someone who is worth millions of dollars. The result is for the multi-millionaire to find a future wife out of the contestants. Hopefully, she would be honest and truly love him, but considering that this is reality television, that is probably not possible.

However, show gets much worse after it ended. Turns out, the multimillionaire was not actually so. In fact, he had lied about his last name and failed to mention that he a restraining order from a past partner for domestic violence. That is what makes the show more problem-

atic that it actually

entails.

What to watch this Turkey Day

'The Oath': This is an R-rated film released in 2018 that stars Ike Barinholtz and Tiffany Haddish. The talented duo show off their comical sides with a story centered around the beloved holiday gone wrong.

'Winnie the Pooh: Seasons of Giving': This film, released in 1999, is rate G and stars Christopher Robin and the entire Hundred Acre Wood gang. It shares three stories about different holidays.

'Krisha': This movie is rated R and was released back in 2015. It stars Krisha Fairchild, Trey Edward Shults and others. This comedy centers around Krisha returning to spend Thanksgiving with her family after staying away for a decade.

'Jim Henson's Turkey Hollow': This PG film, released back in 2015, follows a recently divorced dad and his two kids on a trip to visit their aunt where they come face-to-face with a frightening local legend.

'Turkey Bowl': This is an R-rated comedy film that was released in 2011. It follows a group of friends as they play their annual touch football game for Thanksgiving.

'Tower Heist': This is a PG-13 rated film that was released in 2011. It's action packed and full of lots of crime. It follows a group of luxury apartment building workers who are angry about losing their pensions, and during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade they carry out a plan to rob their boss.

'What's cooking?': This film is rated PG-13 and was released in the year 2000. It focuses on sharing a peek on four families and each of their Thanksgiving meals, proving to audiences that each family is alike in some way or another.

'A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving': This film is not rated, and was released back in 1973. Tag along with the Peanuts group as Charlie Brown focuses on throwing the best Thanksgiving dinner he possibly can to impress Peppermint Patty and his other friends.



FRISBEE

Women's ultimate frisbee makes its mark

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The sport of ultimate frisbee is not new to the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Firebird, the men's team, is currently in their fourth season and recently hosted their first tournament which attracted teams like UAB, Middle Tennessee State and Arkansas State. However, this semester has brought on the inception of the school's first ever women's team -Fuego.

Fuego, founded and captained by Emily Yeend, has already started making a name for itself in the rapidly growing activity. Before the establishment of Fuego, women practiced and competed with Firebird in the men's division of USA Ultimate, the governing body for ultimate frisbee in the United States. While having females on the men's team is not uncommon in the sport, Yeend saw potential for a women's team while playing with Firebird.

"In my first year playing with the men's team, starting a women's team had been talked about, but I was always too nervous to do it," said Yeend. "In my second year, we had six girls who regularly came to the men's practice and it seemed like a good foundation to start a team with."

After completing an impressive season with Firebird, Yeend and cocaptain Katelyn Bowles began hosting girls-only practices in the later half of the Spring 2019 semester to focus on teaching and garnering interest for the team.

Over the course of their summer break, the teammates brainstormed a plethora of names for the group. Ultimately, the name Fuego was decided, giving the fresh-faced squad an identity and officially establishing themselves as the first women's ultimate frisbee team at Jacksonville State.

Jordan Smith competes with Firebird while also serving as a coach for Fuego. He says coaching the girls has been exciting.

"The ladies bring so much energy to literally everything," said Smith. "At first, I thought coaching the women's team was going to be this hard task that was going to be stressful and full of roadblocks. It's actually been the complete opposite of that. These ladies pick up on almost everything the first time I teach it. I've learned that ladies learn and retain knowledge so much faster than guys do, which makes coaching one of the easiest things I've ever done."

The team has already been off to a great start in their inaugural season. For their first ever tournament, they traveled to Tuscaloosa to compete at Gulf Coast Warmup and placed first, beating teams like Alabama and UAB. One week later, the team traveled again to compete at Hootenanny in Auburn, AL and beat out Tulsa, UAH and UAB again and claim the third-place spot in the tournament. With the majority of the team being made up of rookies, this is a huge accomplishment. Savannah Scott, a rookie, says she's learned a lot since she joined the team and is proud of how well Fuego has played.

"I had thrown a frisbee before and even played a few games but since being on the team I've learned that there are more rules and awesome teams out there," said Scott. "I've learned that it has a level of competition that takes effort but has awesomely eventful and fun moments. The teams we've played are big schools that I never expected we would travel to and play much less beat – which we have. For a firstyear team we've already shut out teams 13-0 and I couldn't be prouder of the commitment to growth and fun this team has shown!"

Ultimate frisbee is a self-officiated, non-contact sport that is often described as a mix between soccer. football, and basketball. However, instead of using a ball to score points, players utilize a disc to make passes to their teammates. Points



Pictured are members of the Fuego Ultimate Frisbee team at JSU. The team is an all women competitive frisbee group that just began its first season.

the opponent's end zone.

Additionally, the sport relies on what is known as "Spirit of the Game" which is described as "a spirit of sportsmanship that places the responsibility for fair play on the player." This has been the foundation for the sport since its creation and allows for a friendly and welcoming environment for all players.

Teammates on Fuego say that many new girls are hesitant to come out to practice because they don't know how to throw or catch. However, they say that almost everyone on the team had never played until they went to college.

"The only prior experience that would be needed is being a part of a team in some way whether that's marching band, or theatre, or something else where everyone has to perform a specific role so that the entire process comes together for a collective success," said Bowles.

Looking forward in their inauare scored by catching the disc in gural season, Fuego hopes to grow the team and begin playing in sanctioned tournaments before competing in sectionals.

Coach Smith says his goal is to have a roster of 25 girls who are committed and can give their all to the sport and the team next semester. When asked what they would say to girls who may be interested in ultimate frisbee, many of Fuego's players say that new girls should give it a try, regardless of skill level, and that everything can easily be taught.

"If anyone is thinking about playing at all, they should come out and try it. Everyone is really nice and will help you learn. I don't regret trying it at all. I love playing for Fuego!" said player Taylor Moon.

For more information about Fuego Ultimate, you can email the team at fuegoulti@gmail.com or follow them on Instagram and Twitter at "jsufuego." Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Dillion Field.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JSU sneaks in last minute win over Lipscomb

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On Tuesday, November 12, the Jacksonville State University women's basketball team faced off against Lipscomb University, who eventually fell to the Gamecocks with a close final score of 65-63. While Lipscomb was in the lead for most of this matchup, JSU closely trailed behind, taking the lead or tying the score multiple times throughout the game.

In the first quarter, Lipscomb immediately put the first points on the board with a successful three-point shot just 12 seconds into the game. The Gamecocks did not find themselves in the lead for the entirety of the first quarter and found themselves down 19-12 once it came to a close.

Half way into the second quarter, the Gamecocks took their first lead of the game with a layup by Taylor Hawk. While they lost this lead with about two minutes left in the quarter, the half came to a close with a nail-biting score of 33-32, officially making it anybody's game.

Coming into the second half, the Gamecocks regrouped and came back onto the court determined to try and walk away with the win. At this point, the game officially became a back and forth between both teams with four lead changes throughout the third quarter. Yet, Lipscomb remained ahead at the end of the quarter, this time with the Gamecocks still close behind 45-42.

In the final quarter, the Gamecocks changed the direction of the game in their favor. With five minutes left in the game, and a successful three-point shot from Des-



Pictured above, Jacksonville State University sophomore Yamia Johnson dribbles down court in a recent game. The win against Lipscomb was Johnson's highest scoring game, with 21 points attributed to her. The next highest scoring member of the Gamecocks was Destiny Elliot who scored 10 points.

tiny Elliot, the Gamecocks finally established a lead that they would not lose.

While the Bison came close to taking the game back in the last few minutes, success at the free throw line sealed the win for the Gamecocks putting them at a 2-1 record.

Sophomore Yamia Johnson especially showed out in Tuesday's game leading her team with 21 points, this being her highest scoring game of the season thus far. Following Johnson in points was Destiny Elliot also recording double-digit points with 10 points total for this matchup.

Saturday, Nov. 16, Jax State will faceoff against Troy University. Then they will face-off against Alabama State the following Wednesday, Nov. 20. To stay up to date with JSU basketball, fans can follow the Jacksonville State Gamecocks Facebook page for future dates and events.



VOLLEYBALL



Kaylie Milton hugs teammate Lexie Libs (23) at the OVC title winning game against Tennessee State University on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Milton, a junior, had a total of 12 kills for the game and Libs had 35 assists and 10 digs. JSU is set to face off against SIU Edwardsville on Nov. 22 at Pete Matthews Coliseum.

JSU volleyball wins OVC title

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The past weekend proved to be one for the history books for Jacksonville State as the volley-ball team took down Belmont and Tennessee State to claim the Ohio Valley Conference title. This is the team's first conference title in ten years and guarantees them a spot in the OVC Volleyball Tournament.

Jacksonville State University's weekend run began with a matchup against Belmont, who had been struggling for the majority of the season with a mere two wins overall and one in conference play. The Gamecocks started the match by quickly cruising out to a four-point lead in the first set. However, the Bruins chipped away at the gap until the score came to an even 11-11 and later at 16-16.

While Belmont showed closing effort in the set, they were never able to surpass Jax State for the lead. A five-point scoring run ini-

tiated by Sadie Anderson helped close out the frame at 25-18.

In the following set, the score was once again run up by JSU but once again Belmont fought back to tie the frame at 14-14. The Gamecocks quickly responded after a kill and block from Kaylie Milton and Anderson, respectively, helped them turn the momentum around. While BU once again closed in on JSU's lead at 22-21, late errors would give the Gamecocks the advantage and another set win at 25-22.

Belmont took the lead in the third set with Jax State trailing 13-11. Despite this, JSU proved to be vigilant and put down four points in a row, forcing the Bruins to take a timeout to regroup. Coming back from the brief intermission, the Gamecocks continued to be dominant and clinched the final frame at 25-21, sweeping Belmont 3-0.

Junior Kaylie Milton once again proved why she is an asset to the team with 12 kills and a .250 hit clip for the night. Offensively, Lexie Libs set up many of the game deciding points with 35 assists along with 10 digs. Several Gamecocks had high scoring performances including senior Sadie Anderson (9), sophomore Lena Kindermann (9), senior Shayla Schmidt (8) and Kaylee Frear (7).

Coming off the exciting and decisive win, Jacksonville State looked to their next match against Tennessee State. Not only because the match decided the winner for the OVC regular season, but because the faceoff against the Lady Tigers was also Senior Day for JSU.

Opening the match, JSU quickly ran off to an 8-2 lead shortly before TSU responded to even the match at 18-18. Despite this pressure, Jacksonville State fought back with a 4-0 scoring run thanks to Schmidt and Kindermann to take the set at 25-20.

Tennessee State came back aggressively in the following set to

take an early lead that was never overcome by the Gamecocks. JSU fell in the second set 25-19, evening the match tally. The Gamecocks came out headstrong in the third and fourth set which were each captured with scores of 25-18, securing the OVC regular season crown for Jacksonville State.

Appropriate for the Senior Day festivities, both seniors Frear and Schmidt posted team-high 14 kills each, followed by Senior, Anderson with 11 kills. Senior Maddie Cloutier also had an impressive performance by matching her career high of ten digits.

The 2019 Ohio Valley Conference Championships will be held at Pete Matthews Coliseum on Nov. 21. Jacksonville State is set to face off against SIU Edwardsville on Thursday at 6 p.m. The tournament's semifinal round will be held Friday Nov 22, which will then lead to the championship match the following Saturday evening.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gamecocks put up 125 points on Brescia

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On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Game-cocks recorded a new single-game scoring high in a Division one basketball matchup against Brescia with a final score of 125-55. The previous record was recorded in 2004 with 112 points against Shorter College. This matchup was also the third largest scoring margin in school history with 70 points over Brescia, the second largest being a 74-point margin over Gadsden Tech in 1950 and the largest being 86-points over John Marshall.

The game was a back and forth for only about the first three minutes of the matchup with only three lead changes. Jacksonville then kept a small lead until about half way through the first half of the game when the Gamecocks gained a 10-point lead over Brescia. By the end of the half, Jacksonville State found themselves ahead 31 points with a score of 65-34 going into half-time after a 3-point shot

at the buzzer by Kayne Henry.

By the second half, the Game-cocks continued to ride off of the momentum from the first half and only continued to widen the margin over Brescia. The game eventually came to a close with one last jump shot from Elias Harden. The Gamecocks ended the game with a 65 percent shooting average in the field and 57 percent at the three-point line.

Each player saw playing time in this matchup and put points on the board for their team. The bench accounted for 46 field goals, which set yet another record for Division I Gamecocks basketball. Overall, the bench accounted for 72 points of the 125 points scored.

Kayne Henry, Elias Harden, Martin Roub, Ty Hudson, Juwan Perdueand Maros Zeliznak all recorded double digit points with Henry, Elias and Perdue all lead the team with 19 points each. Henry also lead the team in rebounds with 6 points total for the Gamecocks.

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The Gamecocks will be travel-

ing to West Lafayette, Indiana to



Courtesy of JS

Junior guard Elias Harden dribbles down court during a recent game. The 6'5" guard scored the final basket during the Gamecocks win over Brescie.

play against Purdue University as part of the Emerald Coast Classic. The Game will be broadcast live on 91.9 WLJS and 97.9 WVOK. Fans can stay up to date on future

events and dates related to Men's basketball and other Gamecock sports by following the Jacksonville State Gamecocks Facebook page.