



## NEWS



Courtesy of Grace Cockrell/JSU

President Beehler's termination will take effect on November 21, 2019. Don Killingsworth will serve as acting president effective immediately.

# Trustees terminate Beehler

**Scott Young**  
News Editor

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees voted earlier today, October 22, to terminate the employment of John M. Beehler as the president of Jacksonville State University. No reason was provided as to why Beehler's employment was terminated.

The president's 2015 employment agreement requires the Board of Trustees to provide Beehler with a 30-day notice of his termination. His termination is to take effect on November 21, 2019.

All of the trustees voted to approve the termination, except for Gale Main and Clarence Daugette, who abstained.

"I've never felt better, more optimistic and more encouraged about the future of this school," said Randall Jones, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, after the vote

to terminate Beehler passed. "What we've got for the future is just fantastic."

The termination comes one month after the Board of Trustees voted to authorize Beehler to take a 90-day leave of absence for "family medical reasons", and shortly after a lawsuit was filed alleging JSU covered up a sexual assault in 2017.

Beehler's contract states that being discharged by the Board of Trustees entitles him to receive his salary for a full year after the date of removal.

The JSU chief external affairs officer Don Killingsworth will serve as acting president, effective immediately.

"I am humbled by the decision of the board and honored to serve the institution in this role," said Killingsworth.

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# JSU's dancing Homecoming Queen

**Breanna Hill**  
A & E Editor

Abbie Beatty was announced as Jacksonville State University's Homecoming Queen on Oct. 16. She and Homecoming King Harrison Cheatwood were crowned at the Homecoming Carnival, which took place on the TMB lawn.

Beatty is currently a junior majoring in drama with a concentration in performance and a minor in English. She has always enjoyed theatre and has a growing passion for teaching, and after she graduates she plans to obtain a master's degree in education.

During her college career she has continued to be a part of numerous clubs and organizations around campus. She is serving as coordinator of the Gamecock Orientation team, as well as being part of the Marching Southerners as a Marching Ballerina. Beatty is also a sister of Alpha Xi Delta and a member of Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honor Society, serving on the executive boards of both.

Beatty credits her decision to run for Homecom-

ing Queen to her fellow Gamecock Orientation Leaders who urged her to run for homecoming. It wasn't long after the encouragement from her peers that she realized running for Homecoming Queen would be a great outlet to take advantage of to show her love for the university.

Now that she has acquired this honorable title she hopes to project how much Jacksonville State University means to her, as well as promoting her philanthropy, which is the Special Olympics.

Beatty chose the Special Olympics as her philanthropy because of her own experiences with her brother. Her youngest brother, Cooper, is affected by autism, and she has witnessed first hand how his social skills have improved along with his ability to make friends and have fun by participating in sports throughout the community. Unfortunately not all children with special needs are able to have the same opportunities that others have. Beatty wants to change that.



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Now that she has won, Beatty is hoping to help her philanthropy benefit by hosting an event that will help children with special needs in the Jacksonville community to participate in various sports and games. She hopes to gather Jacksonville students to serve as volunteers and even coaches during this event. Doing this will help her promote the subject of inclusion, which she finds to be a very important subject for these children to learn. Abbie would like to

thank those students who voted for her in the election.

"I appreciate the support more than you know," said Beatty.

She would also like to give a shout out to her close friends, her fellow members in the organizations she partakes in as well as her mom.

Homecoming King Harrison Cheatwood was reached out to for a profile as well. Cheatwood was unavailable at the time of printing.

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## ORGANIZATIONS



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Pictured above, the Lions Club International group recruits new members at the TMB.

## Organizations of JSU

### Lions Club International

**Organization name:**

Lions Club International

**How many members does your organization have?**

A worldwide Community Service organization with over 1.4 million members representing 47,000 community clubs in over 210 countries. Monday through Wednesday we are on the campus of Jacksonville State University (TMB) recruiting prospective student members who are service minded and who have a desire to give back to their respective communities through fund raising and service projects. By joining Lions Clubs International they also qualify for free Leadership and Personal Skills training which enhances their resume.

**When are your meetings held?**

Meeting dates and times are unique to each club. They are encouraged to meet twice monthly. Some clubs meet each week while others may meet biweekly. A more common "meeting", especially among clubs of young members, is a "cyber" club which may meet physically only once a quarter. They meet most often via social media to discuss club business and projects.

**How can students get involved with the organization?**

Students can visit our table in the JSU TMB and learn how to join the campus club as a charter member. Veteran Lions are available to answer any questions, provide brochures, and accept membership applications. Once the campus club is chartered, the members elect their own of-

ficers, establish their own meeting schedule and plan their own service and fundraising projects. Guiding Lions and local sponsoring Lions clubs mentor the new club members during the first year and assist them in establishing themselves within the campus and community. For more information please contact: George Head at: [georgehead@att.net](mailto:georgehead@att.net)

**What type of activities does the organization partake in?**

Lions Clubs International has 5 core causes that we participate in: Sight preservation, Diabetes education, Environment, Hunger, and Childhood cancer. Any service activity that supports one or more of these core projects is appropriate. For example, a club desiring to support an Environment project may elect to pick up trash along a roadway for a period of time, or, the club may elect to plant trees on Arbor Day in a local park. Another example is, to support the global cause of Sight Preservation, the club may coordinate with the State Lions Sight office to provide a "vision screening" event at a local elementary school. Vision screening personnel and equipment is provided to the club so that students can be screened for visual impairment, and referred to an optometrist as necessary.

*Organizations of JSU is a questionnaire designed to allow student organizations to spread the word about what they represent. If your organization would like to take part in this questionnaire, please email [bh111@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:bh111@stu.jsu.edu).*

## HOT TAKE

### SGA Senate meeting roundup

On Monday, October 21, the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate passed four bills during their formal meeting. SB-034 and SB-035 changed a specification in Homecoming and Spring Election laws, where candidates now turn in their receipts for campaign spending to the Student Judiciary Advocate. SB-036 outlines rules for who can write legislation for who can amend the SGA Code of Laws. SB-037 created the graduate student representative for the Presidential cabinet.

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## HOT TAKE

### Review of the mysterious drama "In the Tall Grass"

**Alyxxis Jones**

*A&E Correspondent*

"In the Tall Grass" was released October 4, 2019, and is a popular Netflix original film. It is based on previous work done by Stephen King and Joe Hill. This mysterious drama was directed by Vincenzo Natali. Similar to the title of the film, the movie is about people that go into tall grass. When one thinks of grass, the thought of the fresh smell and summer air come to mind.

However, this movie takes that thought and turns it around with a terrifying twist. The movie is centered around an oddly shaped rock. It is hidden within a field of tall grass. This rock is shown to be ancient with many symbols on it. The markings are like lost clues. Only few viewers would actually pay attention to them.

Although, the minor details end up predicting the outcome of the film. People stop by the field because they hear helpless and trapped voices calling from beyond the grass. If anyone has ever watched a scary movie, they'd know not to go into some random field of tall grass. Even if they heard a voice telling them to. The rock is the most significant part of the film.

Characters keep finding themselves near it. They soon discover that it has certain abilities, changing the course of action for them. It has power to control the area of tall grass, to make visions delusions and to create no possible way of escape. People basically just go crazy in a field of grass. The audience is constantly hoping that the characters will escape. Instead, however, more terrors get thrown at them.

Only one actor in the film is fairly known. The other actors don't have the best acting abilities. With more experienced actors, the film could have reached its full potential. However, it does have all the basics of a good horror film: a child that brings his family to doom, a murderous father, incestual siblings, and a love struck loner.

The film shows many different timelines. Each one brings the characters together by the end of the movie. Unfortunately, it's hard to keep track with what is going on. Scenes are constantly changing.

The future, present, and past are displayed several times throughout the film. Those watching already know what has or what will happen involving the fate of the characters. This all depends on which characters touch the rock or not. When the take charge father touches it, his mind changes and is open to everything. He becomes a mad man on a killing spree.

In the end, the audience has some hope left remaining for the young boy and the future of the cast. The love struck loner touches the rock, and doesn't go mad. He has a sole purpose of saving the child so that he can deliver a message. He prevents future people from entering the field.

Overall, "In the Tall Grass" was a good movie. It definitely had some flaws. A few of the main characters are fairly unknown actors.

Casting could've been better. Their acting ability wasn't the best, which held the film back from showing its true potential. It had an interesting plot that wasn't easily predicted. The audience was left with some hope as the film ended.

## HOT TAKE

### YouTubers that deserve more credit

**Miranda Prescott**

*A&E Correspondent*

For the past few years, Netflix has taken over as a major source of entertainment for young adults. They have an expansive library that includes television shows, documentaries and movies that are suitable for all ages and demographics. However, after a while, all of those shows get binge-watched about five times and you find yourself stuck in limbo waiting for the next season of your favorite show. Ultimately, you become bored.

However, the Internet has countless other options for you to be held over while you wait on Netflix and their release schedule. One of those options being YouTube. Personally, I think it is all I watch these days. It is individual creators using their own mind power to produce content they are proud of. While, sure, some of them have the option of sponsorships and production companies at their fingertips, there were times that they couldn't.

Although I could write a whole book on

my favorite YouTube creators or shows, I will narrow it down to three sources of content I have grown to enjoy over the years, and maybe you can find some new favorites as well.

**Joey Graceffa:**

This crystal-loving creator has been making content since close to the beginning of the platform. However, along with his own videos and two extra channels dedicated to gaming and vlogging, he hosts his own YouTube original called *Escape the Night*. The show features himself and nine other creators solve puzzles and clues to escape the villain that is holding them there. Also, they vote each other to die. The best way I can describe it is a mix between the board game *Clue* and *Dame Agatha Christie's* novel *And Then There Were None*. The show just wrapped up their fourth season and is a perfect binge for the Halloween season with the lure and events that take place in the series.

**Smosh:** Another channel that has been in the game since the very beginning. Their

content is sincerely uplifting, as almost every video in some way shape or form makes me laugh. Watching them grow from their original two founders to being a large channel partnered up with Mythical Entertainment, which is also owned by YouTube creators, has been exciting. This channel is truly a rags to riches story in itself.

**The Try Guys:**

Have you been watching BuzzFeed videos recently? Well, if you have, you would notice that these four guys are no longer uploading with them as of last year. Instead, they have branched off and started their own entertainment company. Their content is still about what you would expect from them, with some new series that feature one single member with guest appearances from the other. Since they left their original company, the difference in their personalities is coming in full force. You can tell that they are actually happy with what they are bringing to the table, and that makes watching all the better in the long run.



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**LOCAL**



Courtesy of Christine Brasher

Kaylee Jeter, pictured above, and her mother, Christine Brasher, spent a Friday afternoon collecting trash at the popular Jacksonville site, Chimney Peak Mountain.

## 'A treasure in our back yard'

### Local family cleans Chimney Peak amid vandalism, littering

**Scott Young**  
News Editor

JSU student Kaylee Jeter and her mother Christine Brasher were tired of their beloved Chimney Peak Mountain being trashed with litter and vandalized, so they decided to take matters into their own hands.

On Friday, October 18, Jeter and Brasher went up the mountain that afternoon to assess the severity of the situation.

"To our dismay, it was worse than anticipated," said Brasher regarding the mountain's condition.

Brasher said that her and Jeter spent two hours collecting trash on the mountain and weed eating by the parking spaces in an effort to restore Chimney Peak to its former beauty and inspire others to take action.

"There was so much garbage and graffiti," said Brasher.

Brasher and her fam-

ily have lived in Jacksonville for five years and live in a home on the side of the mountain where the views are spectacular, according to her.

"When my husband introduced us to Chimney Peak, we were in awe," said Brasher. "It is the best place in the city to watch sunsets and take pictures."

Brasher said that she wishes people would be more respectful of the site and pick up their trash when visiting.

"The majority of the trash were beer bottles, soda bottles, cigarette packaging, pizza boxes, styrofoam food, takeout boxes and wine bottles," said Brasher. "I love that people enjoy the area and I hope everyone has fun visiting Chimney Peak, however, I wish people would take their trash and not leave it there to spoil this gem."

Brasher said that her and Jeter plan to check



Courtesy of Christine Brasher

Christine Brasher, pictured above, weed eating the grass along the Chimney Peak mountain.

back at the mountain and are currently working to find a solution to clean up the graffiti, proposing the idea of pressure washing the monuments.

Jacksonville Police

plans to increase patrols on Chimney Peak due to the increasing number of complaints regarding graffiti and littering, according to Chief Marcus Wood.

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"We have great people in place, and we are going to carry on with the strategic plan and continue day to day operations."

The Board of Trustees have not yet announced plans to permanently fill the position. According to a statement from the university, the "next steps" are likely to be discussed at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Beehler has served as the 12th president of Jacksonville State University since July 1, 2015, succeeding Bill Meehan, and previously served as the dean of the School of Business at Robert Mor-

ris University in Pittsburgh.

Beehler is a certified public accountant, and earned his Masters in finance and Ph.D. in accounting and taxation from Indiana University.

After the Board of Trustees approved Beehler's leave of absence, sent an email to the student body.

"I am grateful to the Board for allowing me to use my sick leave during this time so that I may provide care and support to loved ones," said Beehler in his email to students.

Beehler's tenure as president

aligned with the March 19, 2018 tornado that struck the university and the city of Jacksonville, severely damaging 23 buildings, impacting 50 others and causing roughly \$100 million in damage.

Additionally, Beehler's presidency has been the center of controversy on a number of occasions, including when the university signed Landon Rice to the JSU football team. Rice was a football player at Auburn University, who was found to be "responsible" for an alleged sexual assault incident in 2016 by a Title IX investigation at Auburn.



### Campus Crime Log

October 22, 2019, Information Report, JSU Recreation and Fitness Center

October 22, 2019, Information Report, Houston Cole Library Parking Lot

October 22, 2019, Criminal Mischief, The Pointe

October 22, 2019, Theft of Property, Daugette Hall

October 22, 2019, Information Report, Forney Avenue

October 22, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Francis Street

October 21, 2019, Theft of Property, JSU Recreation and Fitness Center

October 20, 2019, Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle, Physical Plant Parking Lot

October 19, 2019 Information Report, The Pointe

October 19, 2019, Information Report, Burgess Snow Stadium

October 19, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, JSU Recreation and Fitness Center

October 18, 2019, Information, Paul Carpenter Village,

October 18, 2019, Information Report, The Pointe

October 18, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Nisbet Street

October 17, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe

October 17, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Park Avenue

October 16, 2019, Information Report, JSU Recreation and Fitness Center

October 16, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall

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## CAMPUS



Grace Cockrell/JSU

Tony Smoke, pictured right, a JSU trustee, gathered with other trustees in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall to meet with students.

## JSU approves new dining hall Mandatory \$275 commuter meal plans coming

**James Waller**

*News Correspondent*

In the Board of Trustees quarterly meeting where John Beehler was terminated as president, a new contract to build a \$26 million dollar dining hall and required \$275 per semester commuter meal plan passed.

With no opposition, the board renewed their contract with Sodexo, a food services and facility management company headquartered in France. The board authorized James Brigham, as VP of Finance and Administration, to sign and execute the final contract.

“Dining Services is an integral component to campus life, recruitment and retention,” read the Sodexo food service proposal from the Board of Trustees. “As part of this contract renewal, it is the Administration’s intent to improve both the quality of food and food facilities for our students.”

As of August 1, 2019, JSU’s contract with Sodexo came up for renewal. Three of the nation’s leading food services were invited to give JSU proposals for contracts: Chartwell, Aramark and Sodexo. Chartwell declined to offer a proposal. Aramark has previously looked over JSU facilities and met with students, but asked

for a year’s postponement of the selection to consider. The board of trustees rejected Aramark’s postponement request, feeling that it would not be in the best interests of the student body to delay the decision. Sodexo was selected, as Sodexo was the only food service candidate of those three to have sent in a proposal.

Commuting students will be required to purchase a \$275 meal plan moving forward with the new contract.

The university has come under fire for this new requirement from many students who argue the cost of attending JSU is already expensive as it is.

“Half the reason I am a commuter is because I can’t afford to live on campus or a meal plan,” said Abby Cruse, a JSU student on Facebook.

Some students have said that the university should focus on tornado-related repairs before building a new dining hall.

“There are other issues that could be taken care of before we start another building,” said Matthew Reeves, a music education student at JSU. “Merrill Hall hasn’t even begun construction and we’re already planning another building.

Reeves said that, as a commuter, he doesn’t want to be forced to spend more money at university dining options and would prefer eating at home to save money.

“Personally, I can’t afford to eat out every single day, and that’s exactly what this meal plan would require me to do,” said Reeves. “Forcing students to pay for something they don’t want is extortion, which seems to be what this university is best at.”

As part of Sodexo’s proposal and contract, JSU is required to pay for \$20 million out of the \$26 million construction costs of the new dining hall. This new dining hall will be placed behind Curtiss Hall, where a commuter parking lot currently is.

Some of the retail stores on campus are to be enhanced to support the mandatory commuter plan. Jazzman’s café in the library is to be fully renovated and given an expanded menu. Mama Goldberg’s and Wow Café will also feature expanded menus and modifications to create a more student-centric space. Other retail enhancements will be made to Einstein’s in the Stephenson center, the Grid Community store to the JSU visitor center and Boar’s Head deli.

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### UN Day Tea celebrates cultural diversity at JSU

**Eric Taunton**

*News Correspondent*

The International House hosted its 73rd annual UN Tea Day, an event that celebrates the respective countries of the residents living in the International House. Residents of the House performed native dances, songs and even a fashion show that showcases each of their unique cultures.

“There are 40 students living in the International House representing 17 countries including Nepal, Vietnam, Nigeria and Japan. It’s been like a family, my second home,” said Jose Manuel, a 4-year resident of the House from Guatemala. “It’s really diverse, there are so many thoughts and ideas. I liked learning from someone

else.”

UN Tea Day is an International House tradition that dates back to its creation. The International House was created in 1946, which was an idea conceived by Dr. James Harding Jones, former dean of the Foreign Language Department and a French professor at Jacksonville State Teachers College which is now Jacksonville State University.

The mission of the International House is “know one another, and you will love one another.”

“I’m proud to be apart of a tradition so long,” said Jason Mallet, the coordinator of the International House and Study Abroad. “It shows the cultural unity of everyone from around the world, even in a small place.”



Grace Cockrell/JSU

## Upcoming Campus Events

### OCTOBER

24 - International House Presentation: Mexico, 11 a.m.

24 - Write Southerners, 4:30 p.m., Hammond Hall  
Join us for a night of finger food, refreshments and creative writing!

24 - Phi Mu 3rd Annual Dance Marathon, 6 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building Lawn

25 - Chamber Singers Concert, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church in Jacksonville

28 - Haunted Hospital: The Asylum, 8 p.m., Jacksonville RMC  
Student-led haunted house with pre-sale tickets at \$5 at [hauntedhospital.ticketleap.com](http://hauntedhospital.ticketleap.com) and \$8 at the door.

29 - Harvest Festival, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

29 - Zombie Chase for Suicide Prevention and Awareness, 6:30 p.m., TMB Lawn

30 - The Dead Presidents Ball, 7 p.m., TMB

31 - International House Presentation: Korea, 11 a.m.

### NOVEMBER

2 - Canyon Fest 2019, 10 p.m., Little River Canyon Center

Art demonstrations, sales, activities, music, food and fun for the entire family!

4 - SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., TMB Auditorium

6 - November Safe Zone LGBTQ+ Ally Lunch, 12 p.m., International House

7 - Career Fair and Interview Day, 9 a.m., Leone Cole Auditorium

7 - International House Presentation: Jordan, 11 a.m.

11 - Veterans Day Celebration, 12 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium

12 - JSU Center for Autism Studies, 5 p.m., Houston Cole Library

14 - Riley Green & Friends “Coming Home” Concert, 7 p.m., Baseball Field

18 - Capturing Pablo, 1 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium, Steve Murphy and Javier are competing to JSU to tell their story of how they caught Pablo Escobar.

18 - SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., TMB Auditorium

21 - International House Presentation: Singapore, 11 a.m.





# Arts & Entertainment

## MOVIE REVIEW

# "10 Things I Hate About You" turns 20

**Breanna Hill**

*A&E Editor*

I'm a lover of anything to do with romance, whether it be television shows, movies or books. I'm always eager to see the next big premiere of a romantic movie destined to be greater than the one before. Sometimes the classics can outperform the newer in various ways and fashions though.

I hadn't watched "10 Things I Hate About You" all the way through until here recently. I was in a slump of things to watch so, like usual, I googled something along the lines of 'the best romance movies of all time' and I came across this movie. I've always heard tremendous things about it, but I've never watched it for some reason. I found out the release date was in 1999, and because it was a twenty year old movie and because I was in a movie slump I finally caved in and decided to watch it.

The movie is about two sisters who couldn't be any more different from one another. The younger sister named Bianca, played by Larisa Oleynik, is a seemingly innocent high school student who every guy wants to have, while her older sister, Kat who is played by Julia Stiles, is against the subject of dating and rejects the standards of popularity that dictates high school.

A newcomer at the high school ends up falling for Bianca, which isn't a surprise, and decides to try and come up with a plan to convince her stern father to let her date. The plan that Cameron (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) comes up with includes teaming up with a delinquent student named Patrick (Heath Ledger). It becomes known that the only way Bianca would be allowed to date is if her older sister dates, which their dad believe would never happen. Oh boy was he wrong.

Patrick is given money and it convinces him to ask out Kat, which takes countless attempts. It wasn't long before Kat ended up caving in and falling for the dreamy character played by Heath. They end up having a falling out before prom, as well as Bianca and Cameron. Bianca was never interested in Cameron at all, she was just eager for his help in order for her to be allowed to date other guys. Once Bianca is called out and sees how destroyed he is by the devastating realization that she wasn't interested, she ends up actually falling for him.

With a few minor hiccups the girls end up going to the prom. Bianca is escorted by Cameron and Kat reunites with Patrick at the prom. It's not long before Kat is told about the reason Patrick asked her out, finding the money as payment for taking her out truly disgusting, which it is! She then leaves prom and Patrick is left with the



*Photo courtesy of Refinery29*

guilt overwhelming him.

In their shared class the next day, Patrick hears Kat's poem which is where this iconic movie gets its title. She lists ten things she hates about her relationship with Patrick and ends up getting emotional before running out. It seems as if it's going to end sadly, but Patrick ends up using the money he was given for taking out Kat to buy her a guitar for the band she is dying to start. They make up and it ends happily, with both of the girls end up in relationships and more in love than ever.

I believe I put watching this movie off for so long because I was scared that I was going to be disappointed and that it was going to be extremely cheesy, but I have to say I was pleasantly surprised. It is a wholesome movie that focuses more than just romance, but family as well.

I highly recommend you giving this growing classic a chance if you're into the romance genre. It's a solid 10/10 from me.

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*Photo courtesy of Grace Cockrell/JSU*



*Photo courtesy of Grace Cockrell/JSU*

# No one can rain on JSU's Homecoming Parade

**Brooklynn Wilkes**

*A&E Correspondent*

Despite a heavy downpour throughout the day, Jacksonville State University continued homecoming festivities to the best of its abilities.

The day started with the homecoming parade, showcasing multiple university clubs and organizations, as well as the homecoming court. Homecoming served as a great time to welcome back alumni as well.

It was quite literally raining on this parade, but that did not hold back the crowds from flocking to AL Highway 21/Pelham Road to join in the celebration.

Johnny L. Smith, the mayor of Jacksonville, was in attendance and took part in the parade itself. 1995's Miss America also took a stroll down AL Highway 21 and became an honorary Marching Ballerina at the homecoming game later that day, an honor she always wished to obtain.

If you were not too busy trying to catch the candy thrown from floats and vehicles, you saw the Alumnus of the year, Dr. Eric Mackey; Young Alumni of the year, Brett Johnson; Military Alumnus of the year, Col. Samuel Fiol; Outstanding Faculty of the year, Dr. Gina Mabrey; and the Alumni Chapter of the year, Student Alumni Association.

SGA President Ulises Herrera was also in attendance along with his vice president, Jerod Sharp. They were followed by some of the JSU Greek organizations, Freshman Forum, Go! Leaders and JSU Ambassadors.

Mister And Miss Friendly made an appearance, along with Miss Jax State, the Mardi Gras Queen and Miss JSU, Darby Angle. The international students, who hosted a tailgate later in the day, also represented themselves in the parade. Homecoming King Harrison Cheatwood and Homecoming Queen, Abbie Beatty, were

glowing in their newly earned crowns.

The Marching Southerners stormed Pelham Road, because what is a parade without a jaw dropping band. Not even a little rain could keep the Southerners away, they put on ponchos and marched on without skipping a beat.

The international students hosted a tailgate on Dillon Field for homecoming and the attendance was somewhat sparse considering the rain picked up during this time, but they still rocked on with a band and an abundance of food. They provided hotdogs and a good time, but if you were not in the mood for a meal, they provided small snacks and shelter from the rain.

The rain ended up cutting the tailgate short, but the time spent there was well worth it. With stomachs full and spirits slightly heightened, those who attended the short tailgate were able to make their way to the game swiftly to continue homecoming festivities.





## HOT TAKE

# Agatha Christie's top three characters

**Miranda Prescott**

*A&E Correspondent*

Growing up, I did a lot of reading. And by a lot, I really mean a lot. I was reading roughly three books a day by the time I was in middle school. With Halloween right around the corner, I thought I would tell you about one of my favorite authors of all time. Her name is Dame Agatha Christie.

If you have not heard of her, she was a British mystery writer from the 1930s all the way up to her death in the 1970s. In her career, she managed to write countless novels surrounding the theme of murder, mystery, and the ace detectives that would solve them all.

From her books, I learned quickly who to like and not like when it came to her characters. I have listed here three of my favorites of her characters. They may have only appeared in one novel, or have an entire series surrounding their namesake. Either way, they all stand out in their own way and for many different reasons. Also, it goes without warning, but there will be spoilers to her books. So, if you want to read them first, I would not because there's too many to read before

you come back to this article.

**Justice Lawrence Wargrave**

Fun fact: his character arc helped me pass the AP Literature exam my senior year of high school. Another reason why Christie is my favorite writer. Wargrave is one of the characters in her novel, *And Then There Were None*. In the book, the characters assume that he is dead after he is shot in correspondence to the nursery rhyme that signals how they will all die. That part of the line is, "Five little Soldiers going in for law. One got in Chancery, and then there were four." However, the reader finds out that at the end of the novel, after all of the "Soldiers" are gone, Wargrave has faked the death by gunshot, secretly kills two more guests and drives the other two to madness, and commits suicide at the end, leaving his confession in a message in a bottle.

Now, you are probably wondering, "why?" Well, that part I will leave for you to discover by reading the novel yourselves.

**Vera Claythorne**

Another character from *And Then*

*There Were None*, Claythorne is the "lone survivor" at the end of Wargrave's murder spree. She is driven to madness from not knowing if she can trust the people around her or not, and ultimately ends in her committing less-than-favorable actions that I will leave you to discover.

Her character embodies the lifestyle of the glamorous persons from the era. She favors her vanity and her reputation over anything else. Overall, she's the character that you least expect to be the last one alive at the end of it all.

**Hercule Poirot**

The most famous character Agatha Christie has created by a longshot. Also one of her favorites to write on, besides her other characters that have long-running series. This Belgian detective, however, appears in 33 of Christie's novels and dozens of her short stories. One of his earlier adventures, *Murder on the Orient Express*, was recently remade for the billionth time in 2017. In fact, several of the novels containing him as the main character were made into a film in the 1970s, as was the work mentioned with the other two characters on this list.

## MUSIC

# Thoughts on the top 10 on Billboard's Hot 100

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October 19 kicked off another week on Billboard.com which means they released an updated Hot 100. Out of pure curiosity I checked it out to see what songs have risen to the top and what songs have managed to drop down the list. I have to admit, I'm definitely a bit shocked by a few of the top ten for this week.

'Highest in the room' by Travis Scott: Honestly I cannot for the life of me understand why this song is number one. I get that it has killer bass and what passes as rap today, but to me it just sounds like yet another rap song on any playlist. There is no different element to it. It has a good beat. The lyrics are alright, I suppose. I'm not hating on it. I wouldn't change the song if I only had 6 skips. I'm even sure that I would listen to it all the way through during a workout at the rec, but still, I don't believe it's number one material.

'Truth Hurts' by Lizzo: I completely understand this one. I believe this song has been in the top ten for a good while, and I get why. Lizzo is a very inspiring woman in music today and the songs that she puts out are incredibly relatable to women. Whenever I listen to it I feel instantly better about myself and I can feel my self-esteem growing exponentially. With all of the heart and soul Lizzo puts into her music I believe she definitely deserves to be in the top ten for a little while longer.

'Senorita' by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello: I stand firmly on my beliefs when I say this doesn't belong in the top ten. Maybe it's just because I've listened to this music for so long but to me, this fits into the norm of pop music and seems a bit repetitive. I like when artists are able to think outside the box and

create something different, something completely abnormal. This is not on my playlist and I tend to cringe every time it comes on, but ya know, I ship the two artists like everybody else does.

'10,000 Hours' by Dan & Shay and Justin Bieber: Crossovers are happening more and more in the music world today, and some of them make you scratch your head like this one, but others are a bit more understandable. Though I was a bit confused on how this collaboration came to be, I'm kind of into the song. I have a vast appreciation for most music genres, and Dan & Shay are definitely one of my favorites out of the country genre. To be quite honest with you though, I've never really been a Belieber. This song is actually quite sweet, and I'm sure I could listen to it every now and then. It's very catchy, and I believe that's why it's on the top ten.

'Someone you loved' by Lewis Capaldi: I have never heard of this song until I saw it on this list. I gave it a listen and all of my emotions are revealing themselves. Just wow. This song is full of emotion, and you can easily hear it through his voice. The soft melody melds perfectly with the lyrics, and I'm definitely going to add it to the list of songs I listen to when I'm in a sulky mood.

'Circles' by Post Malone: I live for Post Malone. He is an incredible artist, and definitely one of my current favorites. This song comes off his album that just dropped called *Hollywood's Bleeding*. To me this song is unlike anything he has ever put out before. The musical aspect is very chill and gives me hippy vibes. It's a song that you can relax to, which gives a break from his usual upbeat songs that feature other current rap artists a majority of the time. It's definitely a favorite from the album, and I would even go as far to say one of my favor-



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ites that he has ever released. It definitely deserves to be on the list, and in my opinion it should probably swap places with 'Senorita', sorry not sorry.

'No Guidance' by Chris Brown featuring Drake: Drake is definitely another favorite artist of mine. I listen to this song occasionally strictly because it features Drake. I have to be completely transparent and share that I'm not the biggest fan of Chris Brown, I really couldn't even name more than two or three songs that he's in. I think this song is alright. I'm not really a fan of the tempo, but I understand that not every rap song can feature heavy bass and high tempo. It's different, and I appreciate that aspect of it. Is it worthy of being in the top ten, though? That's gonna be a no from me.

'Ran\$om' by Lil Tecca: Okay, so I guess I'm not keeping up with today's pop like I should be because I've never heard of this song or artist. After listening to the song I've realized that these are current rap hits, and I just don't think they're my cup of tea. I appreciate the musical aspect

but the lyrics aren't really much to talk about. It seems like he was just grasping at straws with trying to use end rhyme. It did at least make sense, a bit. I won't lie, I'll listen to this one when at the rec as well...if it comes on randomly.

'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish: I support this. This song has become a staple in my life. It has everything I commonly search for in my music. It has incredible bass, amazing musical quality and her voice is killer. I find her voice to be very soothing and relaxing, which sometimes I need. I can jam out to this song quite frequently, and I even took the time to add it to my personal playlist which takes a lot from me. It definitely deserves to be on here.

'Panini' by Lil Nas X: To be real, I'm just thankful that this is the song by this artist that is on here and not the other one that shall not be named. I actually dig this song. The beat gets me into a dancing mood, and I enjoy whenever it comes on. I feel like this one deserves to be on here because of the beat, not even taking into account the lyrics. Everyone should hear this one at least once.



**FOOTBALL**

*Courtesy of Jacksonville State Athletics*

## SEMO ends JSU's home winning streak

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After winning every home game of the season so far, the Gamecocks went into Saturday's game with their heads high, but Southeastern Missouri would be the first team to really challenge the Gamecocks on their home field. The Cardinals did not take the game right from the get go, but instead they slowly crept up on the Gamecocks to take the game with a close final score of 24-21.

Clemson transfer and starting quarterback, Zerrick Cooper, still showed out on the field to the best of his ability despite the loss and being sacked four times by SEMO. Cooper racked in 347 total yards for the game as well as two touchdowns for the Gamecocks. Cooper now has 53 career touchdowns, ranking him at number eight for total school touchdowns, number one being 61 touchdowns set by former JSU Gamecock, Ed Lett.

For the entire first quarter, it was a scoreless game in the pouring rain. The game continued to be a scoreless game for the majority of the second quarter. Then, with only a minute left in the half, the Cardinals decided to set the tone by racking in the first touchdown of the game along with a successful extra point, bringing the score 7-0

with SEMO in the lead.

It seemed as though the Gamecocks would not have a chance to answer back until the second half, but instead Cooper made a last minute two-yard touchdown running out the game clock and bringing the score to an even 7-7 going into halftime.

Coming into the second half, neither team would be able to make a touchdown for the entire third quarter. However, the Cardinals were able to successfully make a field goal at the eight minute mark, putting them in the lead by three points going into the fourth quarter with a score of 10-7.

While this game was mostly defense with little action from the offense, the fourth quarter would be different with two touchdowns from each team, all of which was scored with less than five minutes left in the game.

Once again, the cardinals put the first few points on the board for the quarter with an 80-yard touchdown and extra point, putting them ahead 17-7. Ten plays later from the Gamecocks, Cooper made an eight-yard pass to wide-receiver, Jamari Hester, putting six-points on the board, along with an extra point by Bryant Wallace for the Gamecocks.

After the Cardinals once again answered back with another seven points, the Gamecocks did not give up. With seven seconds

left in the game, Cooper would sneak in one last touchdown. While this would not win the game for the Gamecocks, it brought the final score to a close 24-21.

"[Southeast Missouri] was a run heavy team, very good upfront and [had] three really good running backs. Until those last few drives, we had held them to 161 yards of offense, which is less than two yards of offense. We just didn't make enough plays to win the game," said John Grass, JSU's head coach.

"I was pleased with how we played on the line of scrimmage on both sides. If we play that type of energy and that type of intensity, then I think we have a shot at being a pretty good football team. - Moving forward, all of our hopes and dreams are still alive and we are still chasing that," said Grass.

Despite the loss, this matchup showed the strength of JSU's defense by keeping the Cardinals from gaining a total of 248 yards. Linebacker, Jalen Choice, led the Gamecocks with nine tackles. Meanwhile, Defensive end, DJ Coleman, recorded a sack for his fourth consecutive game.

Jacksonville State will be hosting Murray State this Saturday, Oct. 26 at Burgess Snow Field. Kick-off will begin at 3 p.m. Fans can stream the game on the ESPN+ app or listen to the game on WLJS 91.9 FM.

**VOLLEYBALL**

## JSU Gamecocks sweep Tennessee State

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After two consecutive wins for the Jacksonville State volleyball team, the Gamecocks were hungry to bring home yet another win, and they did exactly that this past Friday against Tennessee State.

In this matchup, the Gamecocks were able to bring home their third consecutive win and tenth win overall. This put them at a 10-7 overall record and 4-1 conference record.

Lena Kindermann and Sadie Anderson lead their team offensively with double digit kills, Kindermann with 13 and Anderson with 10, recording an impressive 23 kills between both players. Kaylie Milton also contributed a total of nine kills for her team.

Lexie Libbs was able to lead JSU defensively with 35 assists. Kaylee Frear also had a strong presence in this matchup with seven kills and a hitting percentage of .500. She also contributed a block defensively that brought Frear to the 399th block of her career.

During the first set, JSU lead for the majority of the time. They did not let TSU get ahead but both teams were neck-in-neck three times early on in the set. JSU led this set in kills with 14 over TSU's 11. Kindermann brought in strong five kills to help finish out the set with a six point JSU lead of 25-19.

Throughout the second set, JSU consistently lead the entire time with the Tigers following closely behind. JSU also led this set



*Courtesy of JSU*

in kills with 11 total and TSU with five. The Gamecocks were able to take advantage of the fatal mistakes made by the Tigers and were able to take another set win with a score of 25-15.

At this point, JSU was hitting at an average of .300 as a team while the Tigers were holding onto a .052 hitting average.

In the third set, Tennessee State proved determined and not ready to give up. The Tigers regrouped and played better than they had throughout the entire matchup. Nonetheless, this did not stop the Gamecocks from coming out on top.

TSU kept a close score with JSU all through-

out the last set with both teams tying the score multiple times and TSU getting ahead of the Gamecocks more than once.

With a total of 20 kills in the third set and 45 kills overall, the Gamecocks brought the game to a close with a nail-biting set score of 26-24 with a kill from Kaylee Frear, winning the match 3-0. This was JSU's first sweep against TSU since the two teams played in 2009.

In the upcoming week, the Gamecocks will be traveling to Edwardsville, IL on Friday Oct. 18 to play SIU Edwardsville. Jax State will then travel to Charleston, IL to play Eastern Illinois Oct. 19. Both games can be streamed on ESPN+.



**SOCCER**

Courtesy of JSU

# Soccer team battles injuries

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This season for the JSU soccer team has been one of the toughest seasons that head coach Neil Macdonald has faced. With nine players out for the season, seven being starters, this has left the Gamecocks with 12 fully fit and healthy players who have had to carry the workload in both training and games.

There are five players that are still currently out for the season. These players include senior captain and starting center back Danelle Lindo and starting center back Adrianna Karpa, both of which have been out with a concussion. Starting left back Lindsay Albani and starting mid-fielder Issie Spray who have been out with a fractured foot. And Rachel Blanding, starting center for-

ward, is out with an ACL injury.

Four players who have sat out this season are returning from injuries, but have not yet been in a condition to play in a match. Senior captain and starting mid-fielder, Kalea Romano, is recovering from a quad tear. Starting mid-fielder, Julia Papa, is recovering from an MCL strain. Morgan Lerch, starting goal-keeper, is returning from hip injury and forward, Ali Thomas, is recovering from a tripleinjury with a concussion, high ankle sprain and an ACL injury.

The Gamecocks are two games away from ending their regular season. They currently have an OVC record of 1-4 and an overall record of 4-12 which includes a nine-game losing streak. It is no doubt that the mass amount of team injuries has

played a role in the Gamecocks tough season that they have faced.

Players such as freshman Cynthia Bagozzi and Seniors Cheyenne Carden and Emma Meadows have all stepped up and showed out on the field all throughout the season. As just a freshman, Bagozzi has recorded an impressive 33 shots with 16 shots on goal, while also scoring an equally impressive 11 goals.

Carden has also contributed a lot offensively with 23 shots and 12 shots on goal. She has also contributed six goals for the team so far. Meanwhile, Meadows has contributed 12 shots, ten shots on goal and a total of eight goals for the season. Despite many losses throughout the season, Macdonald has always expressed how proud he is of his team and their

hard work.

“I am really proud of this group as they have played really well throughout conference play, perhaps with the exception of SIUE, where we did not compete the way we should. The injuries have forced many players to play out of position, and of course limit rotation in games leaving us constantly fighting fatigue,” said Macdonald. “Their attitudes have been excellent, and the girls have never stopped working for each other and the team.”

The Gamecocks have two away games left in their regular season. The first game will be this Friday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. against Southeast Missouri. The last game will be this Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 pm. Against UT Martin. Both games can be streamed on the ESPN+ app.

**SOCCER**

# Jacksonville State halts Murray State

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This past Friday, the Jacksonville State University soccer team closed out their home slate for the year. Coming off a loss against Tennessee Tech in the previous match, the Gamecocks looked to reverse their spiraling nine game losing streak.

Although the team’s roster had been plagued with injuries throughout the entirety of the season, the squad hoped to send off seven seniors – Rachel Blanding, Danelle Lindo, Kalea Romano, Adrianna Karpa, Nadia Plawiuk, Emma Meadows and Cheyenne Carden, with a win for their final home game.

A 7 p.m. kickoff at the JSU Soccer Complex began the matchup against the Murray State Racers who bolstered an 8-6 record against the Gamecocks’ 3-12 record. The Racers were looking to continue their journey towards a conference title as they were second with a 6-1 OVC record, just trailing Southeastern Missouri in the point standings. However, Murray State’s record hit a bump in the road after Jax State knocked off the Racers and handed them their second conference loss of the season.

Jacksonville State trailed early in the match when Murray State put one in the back of the net quickly in the sixth minute. However, the Gamecocks would hastily respond in the 13th minute as sophomore, Reilly Kucko, struck to equalize the score. The goal was her second of the season.

The two teams traded possessions frequently for some time until junior, Auset Gibbs,

connected with Cynthia Bagozzi to break the scoring deadlock and give JSU the 2-1 lead in the 29thminute. Not used to being behind, Murray State attacked the JSU defense and put seven shots in the second half. One of these shots would slip past the goalkeeper after the ball knocked off the foot of freshman, Lauren Payne, for an MSU goal in the 67thminute – an error that leveled the score once again.

With only about twenty minutes left in the final half of the match, JSU looked for anything to put themselves on top before the final whistle. Luckily, the thing they were looking for came in the form of Bagozzi as she scored the winning goal of the match in the 73rd-minute with assistance from senior Cheyenne Carden, stunning the Racers and knocking them off from the second slot in the conference standings. The two points from Bagozzi brings her scoring tally to seven goals for the season.

Much of the momentous victory could be credited to the Gamecocks’ backline, which was led and maintained by junior, Alicia Pallister, and redshirt sophomore goalkeeper, Morgan Lerch. Murray State posted 14 shots on goal (seven in each half) and six shots on goal.

Additionally, the Racers had eight corner kick opportunities. In comparison, Jax State had four shots (all of which were on frame), four saves and only one corner kick. JSU proved to be more disciplined as they only had six penalties as opposed to MSU’s 10.

“The girls’ attitudes and mentalities have been brilliant. Despite all the adversity we



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have had they have never stopped working hard in practice and competing in games,” said Neil Macdonald, the Gamecocks head soccer coach. “I think we were all delighted with the performance from the team. Our season has been devastated with injuries this year, and I think it shows how close we are to being a top team in the OVC.”

Jacksonville State will look to ride the momentum from their victory when they travel to face conference leader Southeast Missouri on Oct. 25 and then UT Martin on Oct. 27. To stay up to date with the JSU Soccer team, fans can follow them on Twitter at “JSUGamecocksSOC” and on Facebook at Jacksonville State Gamecocks.