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Josh Pearson (11) scores a touchdown during a recent game of college football. Pearson broke the JSU touchdown record last Saturday in a game against Austin Peay. He now has a career total of 24 touchdowns, which is one more than the previous record holder.

## SPORTS

# Pearson breaks JSU touchdown record

**Garrett Sanders**

*Sports Correspondent*

Josh Pearson is someone who screams inspiration. Through hard times in life, he endured hardship and found a way out of it to make something of himself. It all started in the fall semester of 2015.

Pearson was a star athlete from Decatur looking for a school to further his academic and athletic career. He chose Jacksonville State University and with a full-ride athletic scholarship, he secured place on the football team. Pearson thought he had it made, but that's when the immaturity of a college freshman hit Pearson.

Pearson ended up putting too much focus on other things rather than being a student-athlete first. That's when things came to a halt. He was deemed ineligible for the 2016 college football season. Pearson ended up losing part of his scholarship as well. The reality of life then hit Pearson, and he real-

ized he needed to change his life around.

After days of studying to 3 a.m., making good grades and doing good deeds around the community of Jacksonville, Pearson regained confidence in himself, which resulted in him being deemed eligible for the 2017 football season. Pearson not only excelled in the classroom as a full-time student, but he succeeded on the gridiron as well.

While only playing in one game in 2017, Pearson found his way up the depth chart in the receivers' room - and in 2018 things began to skyrocket for Pearson.

Being a redshirt Junior for the Gamecocks didn't put any pressure on Pearson. Pearson blossomed in the offense with his quarterback counterpart, Zerrick Cooper. The two have an on-field relationship that is like none other. Pearson was known for his quick speed in the slot and could run routes to perfection, which upped his game on the

field.

Seeing Pearson's 67 catches and 1,123 yards in the 2018 season was very impressive. But the thing that is special about his talent on the field is his ability to get in the endzone.

Pearson has excelled at catching and running routes, but if there was one thing that stands out about him, it's that he is a touchdown machine. Pearson's 2018 season ended with a total of 17 total touchdowns on his record, averaging up to more than one touchdown per game. In 2019, he only continued to be that special weapon for the Gamecocks in the endzone.

With the Gamecocks already five games into the season, Pearson has seen plenty of action on the field. But last week in Clarksville, Tennessee, he had an extraordinary moment in his football career, one which no one can take away from him.

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## NEWS

# Alabama lawmakers considering vaping ban

**Scott Young**

*News Editor*

After weeks of news stories on the negative impacts of vaping products, several states have passed laws banning their sale - and Alabama may follow.

Alabama State Rep. Shane Stringer told ABC 33/40 that he is considering legislation to ban e-cigarettes in the state until the Food and Drug Administration takes action on vaping.

"This has become an epidemic in the last year or two," said Stringer. "We've got to have more regulation and more accountability to deal with these vapes and the vaping industry."

Fourteen deaths related to vaping have been reported throughout the

United States. The Centers for Disease Control is now saying that vaping products containing THC is playing a role in the outbreak of deaths.

Stringer plans to meet with state health leaders soon to discuss what should be included in that potential legislation.

State Sen. Bobby Singleton said that he is open to a potential ban on vaping if the research supports the idea.

"I want to hear something from UAB, and the national institute of health, let's get some real numbers and see what's happening with our children," added Singleton.

The CDC has warned Americans against using e-cigarettes or vaping products and that anyone



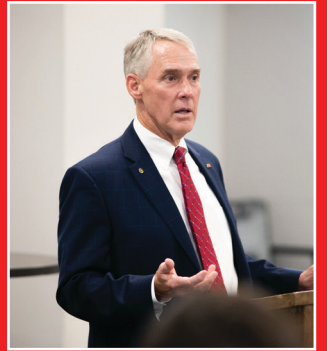
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who chooses to buy the product should not buy it off the street.

"People need to understand that e-cigarettes are potentially dangerous to your health," said Dr. Michael Blaha, director of

clinical research at the John Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease. "You're exposing yourself to all kinds of chemicals that we don't yet understand and that are probably not safe."

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# News

## ORGANIZATIONS



submitted photo

Pictured above, the JSU chapter of American Chemical Society officers pose for a photo.

## Organizations of JSU

### American Chemical Society Chapter at JSU

**Organization name:**  
American Chemical Society Chapter.

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

We have 30 members.

**When are your meetings held?**

Meetings are held every other Thursday at 6 p.m.

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

By volunteering and participating in scheduled events.

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

We have conducted a bake sale every semester in Martin, participated in the Harvest Festival, held trivia and other social events at our regularly scheduled meetings, and offered volunteer opportunities for students pertaining to chemistry.

*Organizations of JSU is a questionnaire designed to allow student organizations reach new members and spread the word about what they represent. If your organization would like to take part in this questionnaire, please email [bhill1@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:bhill1@stu.jsu.edu).*

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Pearson, who was coming into the game with 22 career touchdowns during his time at JSU, only needed one more to tie the all-time career touchdown record for wide receivers for the Gamecocks. The record was formerly held by JSU alumnus Joey Hamilton, with 23 career touchdowns.

Pearson seized his chance to tie this record during the game against Austin Peay. With his partner in crime, Cooper, throwing the ball his way, Pearson ran into the end

zone from 16 yards out to score a much needed touchdown, and to tie Hamilton's record.

Pearson was not done, however.

Pearson and the Gamecocks were down big to Austin Peay late in the game. But with less than two minutes left in the game, Pearson wanted to edge the competition closer and score, and he had a chance.

Being three yards away in the slot, all Pearson had to do was find a way to get open and beat his man in coverage.

Cooper snapped the ball and Pearson did what he does best, beat his man, ran the perfect route, caught the ball and scored.

The three-yard go-ahead touchdown broke Joey Hamilton's, and now Josh Pearson stands alone at 24 career touchdowns. But for Pearson, he just wants to get better with his teammates and win a national title.

"It is nice to have but it was hard to enjoy it after the game," said Pearson when asked what he thought about breaking the touchdown record. "It's a great record to have, but it is no fun when you lose because it is a team sport."

With all that Pearson has accomplished throughout his time at JSU, the sky is the limit for him. The redshirt senior is currently majoring in exercise science and wellness and would like to pursue a career in being a strength and conditioning coach if football does not work out long term.

## CAMPUS

### SGA Senate votes to establish an official Presidential Cabinet

**Scott Young**  
News Editor

The Jacksonville State University Student Senate voted unanimously to approve a bill to establish a Presidential Cabinet in their first meeting of the academic year on Monday, Sept. 16 in the auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building.

The bill, authored by Sens. Paige Harles and Natalie Walls, allows the SGA President to nominate six members to the Presidential Cabinet who are then confirmed by the Student Senate. Each of the six Cabinet members represent one of the six schools at JSU.

The duties of the Presidential Cabinet will be to meet monthly with the SGA President to discuss issues pertinent to their specific school and advise the SGA President.

"[The SGA President] needs a Cabinet to perform his duties," said Harles. "If you have individuals from these schools that can help with problems that are arising ... it allows for communication to become clear."

In order to be eligible for the Presidential Cabinet, members must have completed 24 hours at Jacksonville State University and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Sen. Guadalupe Orozco initially raised concerns that a 2.5 GPA minimum for the Presidential Cabinet is too low and introduced an amendment to raise the requirement to a 3.0 GPA.

"Since they're going to be representing an entire school of the university, don't you think they should have at least a 3.0?" Orozco asked.

Walls responded by saying that people make mistakes and that a 2.5 GPA is adequate.

"Not everyone started out on a great foot their freshman year but that does not mean that they should not be disqualified later on to do better things," said Walls.

Sen. Zavius Kidd asked Orozco if he believes "a GPA says a lot about a person".

"I do," Orozco responded. "If you're making high grades, that means you're coming to class and paying attention. If you have a low GPA, that probably means you're probably not really coming to class and if you are, you're probably not doing your work."

Kidd said that he disagrees with Orozco and strongly rejected the amendment proposed.

"A GPA is nothing but a number," said Kidd. "It does not define who a person is. There are many people who don't have good GPA's or have a college degree that are doing great things. This is just downgrading to say that a number defines a person."

The amendment to raise the requirement to a 3.0 GPA was defeated in the Senate after a series of questions and debate.

Sen. James King inquired the authors about graduate student representation in the Presidential Cabinet.

"How will graduate students within those schools be represented?" King asked. "As their class structure and curriculum is completely different."

Sen. Noah Davis echoed King's concern about graduate representation in the new Cabinet.

"The problems that face graduate students are different than those that face undergrad," said Davis.

"Even though there is only one person, multiple subjects and ideas

can be communicated during the meetings," said Walls.

Kidd proposed a possible position for graduate students to be represented in each school.

"I think the more people that are present in the Cabinet gums up the process in general and leads to conflict of interest," said Walls.

No amendments were proposed addressing the concerns of graduate representation and the Senate voted unanimously to approve the bill establishing a Presidential Cabinet.

#### Other business:

The SGA Senate voted to appoint Mausam Parajuli, Britney Barker and Alayah Washington to the Senate for the 2019-2020 term.

The SGA Senate voted to appoint Alayah Washington as the Vice President of the Student Activities Council.

The SGA Senate tabled a bill to change the last day to submit a bill to the Senate from the end of the business day Tuesday to the end of the business day Friday. The bill was tabled due to a typo and will be considered in the next meeting.

The SGA Senate amended text in the Code of Laws to require candidate meetings for the Spring general election to be held no later than the business day after applications are due.

The SGA Senate amended text in the Code of Laws to require candidate meetings for the Homecoming election to be held no later than the business day after applications are due.

The SGA Senate voted to appoint Laci Gurganus, former SGA vice president of student senate, to serve as the SGA executive assistant for 2019-2020.

The SGA Senate voted to approve SGA President Ulises Herrera's nominations of Taylor Anne Beckham to the Presidential Cabinet as a representative of the School of Science and Brock Shafer to the Presidential Cabinet as a representative of the School of Pre-Health Professions and Wellness.

The SGA Senate passed a resolution to honor the Jacksonville State University's baseball team for winning the 2019 OVC baseball championship.

The SGA Senate passed a resolution to nominate the JSU Tabletop and CCG Club for the Organization of the Year award.

Student Judiciary Advocate Emily Barfield swore in new members of the Senate and Presidential Cabinet.

#### Officer reports:

"Please be posting all of the flyers that we are putting up on the Facebook page," said Kathleen Seibert, the SGA vice president of public relations, in reference to homecoming publicity. "Please push those out so we can get as big of a turn out as we can."

Desmond Thomas, the SGA vice president of student activities, said that applications for Student Activities Council are open all year and that students interested in applying should reach out to him. He added that several JSU events had to be rescheduled and that October would be an event-filled month.

Ulises Herrera, SGA president, announced that two committees are searching for a new dean for the School of Business and Industry and the School of Health Professions and Wellness. He stated that the goal is to have both positions hired before the end of the semester and for them to take their positions in January.

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# News

## CAMPUS



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President Beehler addressing the first faculty Senate meeting of the year earlier last month.

## Beehler begins leave of absence

**Eric Taunton**  
News Correspondent

President John Beehler began his 90-day leave of absence on Tuesday, Oct. 1 after the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees voted to approve family medical leave for him during an emergency meeting on Sept. 21.

Beehler indicated that he requested the leave to “give my full, immediate attention to close family members suffering from serious medical issues.”

“In my absence, I am confident that the appointed management team of Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Jim Brigham, Vice President for Finance and Adminis-

tration; and Dr. Don Killingsworth, Chief External Affairs Officer - who will be serving as Chief Operations Officer during this time - will keep a firm hand on the wheel,” said Beehler in an email to students.

The emergency meeting for the Board of Trustees was intended to conduct the annual evaluation of Beehler’s performance required by his contract, but the evaluation was recessed and the trustees voted shortly after to grant Beehler a 90-day leave of absence.

According to Randall Jones, Chairman of the JSU Board of Trustees, the meeting was not called as a result of the reported statutory rape cases that

are being investigated by the Calhoun-Cleburne Major Crimes Unit. Instead, it was called to conduct an annual review of the president and discuss insurance arbitration between JSU and state insurers regarding Merrill Hall.

“I do want to stress that we maintain a safe campus,” said Jones. “In regard to the current reports, nothing has indicated that any of our students are at risk or will be at risk from the matters related to the investigation.”

On Sept. 12, students were warned through email of “possible criminal conduct” taking place on campus and JSU encouraged students to be cautious and report any suspicious activ-

ity. This was shortly before the Anniston Star reported that several rape cases between Jan. 1 and Sept. 3 were being investigated.

More than a week later, a letter from Chairman Jones himself was emailed to students informing them of the decision that the trustees made on Sept. 21.

“First, it was announced during an emergency trustee meeting on Saturday that President Beehler will take a 90-day leave of absence beginning Oct. 1 to focus family health issues,” said Jones in the email. “Although the timing is unfortunate, his leave is no way related to the accusations of secondary (statutory) rape alleged to involve JSU.”



## Campus Crime Log

- October 2, 2019, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, Receiving Stolen Property and Drug Paraphernalia, The Pointe
- 
- October 1, 2019, Theft of Property, Field House
- 
- October 1, 2019, Automobile Accident, The Pointe
- 
- September 30, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Bennett Field
- 
- September 29, 2019, Leaving Scene of an Accident, Crow Hall Parking Lot
- 
- September 29, 2019, Information Report, Daugette Hall
- 
- September 28, 2019, Unlawful Breaking and Entering, The Pointe
- 
- September 28, 2019, Domestic Violence, Mountain Street
- 
- September 27, 2019, Information Report, The Pointe
- 
- September 27, 2019, Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor, Dixon Hall
- 
- September 26, 2019, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Dixon Hall
- 
- September 26, 2019, Leaving Scene of an Accident, University Circle
- 
- September 26, 2019, Automobile Accident, Meehan Hall Parking Lot
- 
- September 25, 2019, Information Report, JSU RMC
- 
- September 25, 2019, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Patterson Hall
- 
- September 25, 2019, Criminal Mischief, The Pointe
- 
- September 24, 2019, Automobile Accident, Logan Hall Parking Lot
- 
- September 24, 2019, Burglary, Meehan Hall
- 
- September 24, 2019, Automobile Accident, Johnson Avenue

**Have an emergency?**  
Dial (256) 782-5050 or 911

## CAMPUS

## Final two arrests made in JSU rape investigation

**Ashleigh Crouch**  
News Correspondent

Two additional suspects were charged in with second-degree rape in connection with the series of reported statutory rapes that allegedly occurred in and around JSU.

According to Jay Harrington, an investigator in the Calhoun-Cleburne Major Crimes Unit, the two additional suspects were both arrested on Monday, Sept. 30, bringing the total of suspects to twelve.

Harrington confirmed that Monday’s arrest are expected to be the last ones connected to this case and that there are no more outstanding warrants.

All of the eleven people charged with second-degree rape involve the same victim, and the charge of second-degree sodomy involves a second victim.

On Sept. 20, the names and mugshots of nine suspects arrested in connection with the case were released by the Calhoun County Jail. Those names are James Lyle, 19, charged with sec-



Steve Latham/JSU

**Twelve suspects total have been charged in connection to a series of alleged rapes reported in and around the JSU campus.**

ond-degree rape; Walker Harris, 18, charged with second-degree sodomy; Reece Barton, 19, charged with second-degree rape; Avory Triston Cosby, 20, charged with second-degree rape; Seth Robert Emmenegger, 22, charged with second-degree rape; Christian Lane Homesley, 19, charged with second-degree rape; Daniel Ralph George, 18, charged with second-degree rape; Caleb Matthew Lafollette, 21, charged with second-degree rape and Kyler Taran Morgan, 18, charged with second-degree rape.

The JSU crime log has records of six incidents that

occurred between January 1, 2019 and September 3, 2019 at Meehan Hall, Dixon Hall, Sparkman Hall, the parking lot of Rowe Hall and off campus on Mountain Street.

Bill Broome, a defense attorney for several of the suspects in this case, called the victim a “predator” and stated that she had “a fake university ID and used social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Tinder to present herself as an adult”. Broome alleges that the victim is a 15-year-old girl who identified herself as a 19-year-old JSU student to several of the suspects.

JSU students were notified of an ongoing investigation involving “non-students coming onto JSU property of communicating with JSU students by electronic means” via email on September 12 and urged to be cautious on-campus and when speaking to anyone online. Extra security measures were also added in Meehan and Sparkman Halls to ensure the safety of the residents.

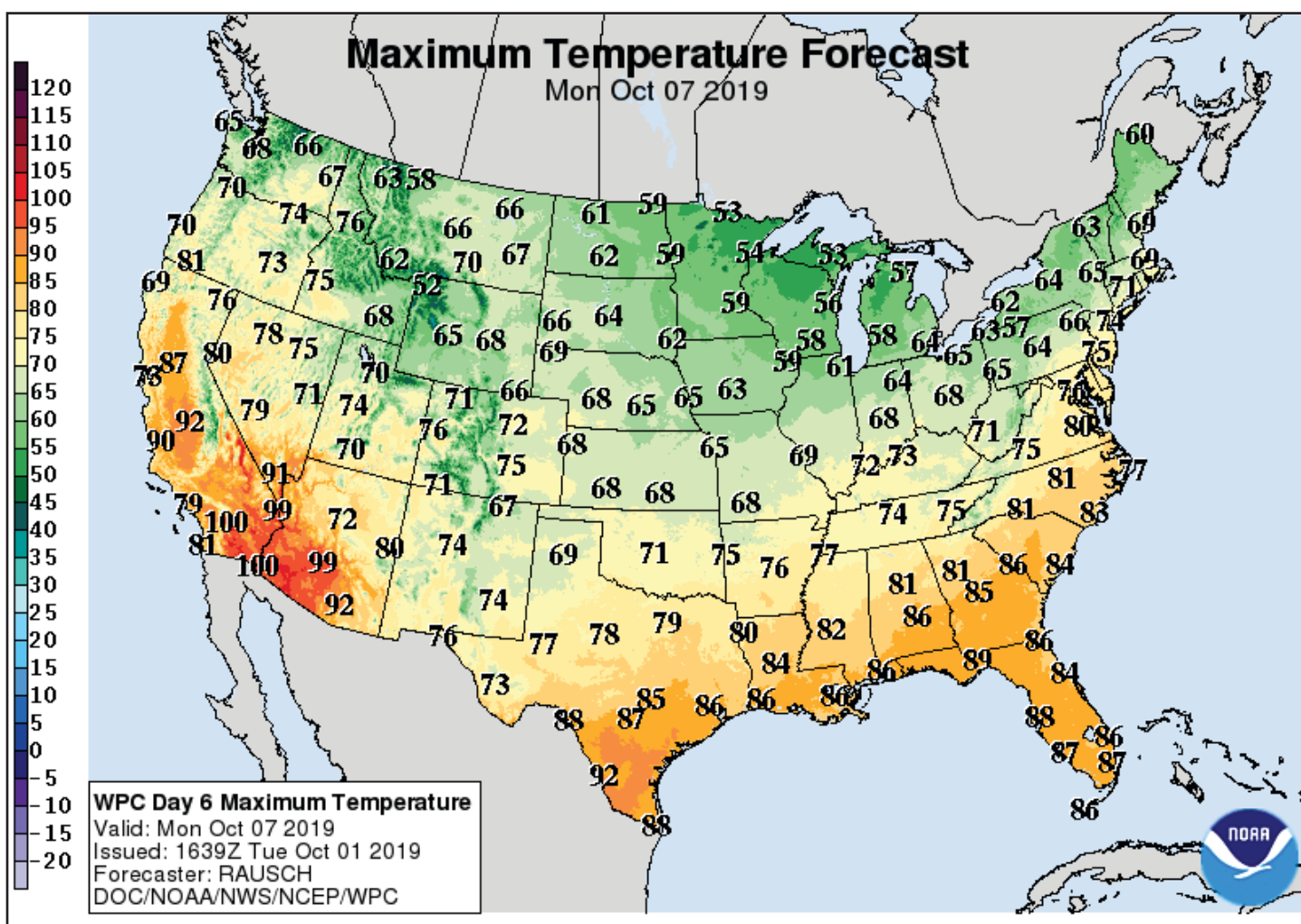
Under Alabama state law, a person is guilty of second-degree rape if “being 16 years or older, he or she engages in sexual intercourse with a member of the opposite sex less than 16 and more than 12 years old, provided, however, the actor is at least two years older than the member of the opposite sex.”

Second-degree rape is considered a Class B felony and is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$30,000.

Harrington stated that “this was an isolated incident, and the students, faculty and staff of JSU are safe.”

# News

## STATE



NOAA model indicates that colder air is expected to move through Alabama on Monday with highs next week ranging from the upper 70s to the low 80s.

## Cold front to arrive in Alabama on Monday

**Scott Young**  
News Editor

To those who dread the long and hot Alabama summers, relief may be on the way next week.

“If you’re tired of these hot temperatures, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel,” said the National Weather Service in Birmingham on Facebook. “Not a sure thing, but computer

models starting to hint of a possible wx pattern change by week’s end.”

The National Weather Service said earlier this week that their computer models are indicating a cold front is set to pass through Alabama on Monday of next week, bringing with it much cooler air and a chance of showers.

“Cranky? Tired of the

heat? Your time is coming; afternoon temperatures will be 20 degrees cooler next week,” said James Spann, an ABC 33/40 meteorologist familiar to many Alabamians.

However, the high in Jacksonville is expected to remain in the upper 90s for the remainder of the week, with temperatures dipping down in the 80s over the weekend.

After the cold front passes, highs in Jacksonville next week are expected to be in the upper 70s and low 80s.

The cold front follows a week of record highs in the upper 90s across the state of Alabama. Anniston reached a record high of 98 degrees on Monday, with the prior record being 94 degrees set in 1904.

## CAMPUS



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Students enjoy rock climbing wall at the Recreation and Fitness Center shortly after opening in spring 2019.

## New JSU rock climbing club gets off the ground

**Keeley Tibbitts**  
News Correspondent

Southern Senders, the new JSU rock climbing team, is a brand new club that currently has sixteen members, and they are accepting any student who is interested. Aaron Tucker, a JSU student, officially started this club on August 29 and serves as the president.

“I’m starting the club because I want a chance for students to improve their rock climbing

skills in a competitive way while making new friends. I’m also excited to introduce new people to the sport that they might not be familiar with” said Tucker.

The Southern Senders will be traveling to local competitions and all over the Southeast. They will also be taking trips to outdoor climbing facilities like Horse Pens 40 and Sandrock.

“I am very excited to travel to other schools and have the opportuni-

ty to meet students who share the same interests as us” said Tucker.

Teryn Schwind, the team secretary, said “I love rock climbing, and I get to meet new people and be around people who are just as passionate as I am.” Schwind



Grace Cockrell/JSU

also said they will be practicing after hours at the Recreation and Fitness Center with their coach.

The JSU rock climbing team will be competing soon, and they are selling shirts with their logo to support the team.

## Upcoming Campus Events

### OCTOBER

3 - SGA Homecoming Showcase, 7 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium

3 and 4 - Winston Drives Big Jim production, 7:30 p.m., Stone Center  
JSU Drama Department presents production of *Winston Drives Big Jim*

4 - Diversity Workforce Recruitment Fair, 9 a.m., Recreation and Fitness Center

5 - Canyon Half Marathon, 8 a.m., Little River Canyon Center

5 - Preview Day, 1 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum

5 - International House Open House, 2 p.m.

7 - Homecoming Top Ten Meet & Greet, 5 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building

7 - SGA Student Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium

8 - Honors Semi-Annual Trivia Bowl, 6 p.m., Houston Cole Library  
Come hang out and play trivia! Teams of up to 5 people can play for \$5 a person. To sign up, email ksmith75@stu.jsu.edu

8 - Latin Trivia Night, 6 p.m., International House  
Test your knowledge on Hispanic culture. Tacos will be provided.

9 - Salsa Night, 6 p.m., International House

10 - Hispanic Heritage Closing Gala, 6 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center

16 - Homecoming King and Queen Voting  
From 12:01 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you can vote for King and Queen through MyJSU.

16 - October Safe Zone LGBTQ+ Ally Lunch, 12 p.m., International House

16 - Homecoming Carnival, 2 p.m., Quad

17 - Homecoming Celebration, 5 p.m., Dillon Field

19 - Homecoming Tailgate, 8 a.m., Dillon Field

19 - Homecoming Parade, 10:30 p.m.

22 - The Groovers: Retrospective Art Show, 5 p.m., Hammond Hall

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

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



# Arts & Entertainment

## HOT TAKE

# Horror movies to add to your watch list

**Breanna Hill**

*A&E Editor*

It is officially spooky season, and with that in mind, I have decided to rate my top three horror films based on my own personal checklist. I highly recommend each film because they are all incredibly well directed and have everything you need for a terrifying night in.

This first one is definitely one of the scariest movies I have ever seen. The reason I find it so terrifying is because of the different horrific aspects it was able to layout through the entire film. It didn't just focus on jump scares. It didn't use that cringy horror music that easily shows you something scary is about to happen. It genuinely brought in different aspects that make horror movies worthy of watching and combined them with seemingly no effort at all.

The movie I'm talking about is called "Hereditary" that was released in June of 2018. The film tells a tale of an abnormal family that just recently lost their grandmother. The family falls apart after the death and the tension is quite thick. The grandmother was a bit on the spooky side, even having books about death and all things gory and spooky. The granddaughter was much like the grandmother, eerie and all around weird which caused her to isolate herself from the family and come off as shy. Later on, the girl ends up dying because of an incident her big brother had while driving. She died a pretty horrific death. Her head was chopped off which caused me to shift uncomfortably in my seat.

Tension grows higher between the mother of the family and the son because of the whole incident that ended her youngest child's life. The husband tried to keep the peace, but was unsuccessful in every attempt he made. She continued to grieve but eventually found a way to contact her daughter, wanting to feel her presence if at all possible. This causes para-

normal stuff to happen throughout the majority of the film. Towards the end, the mother becomes possessed by her dead daughter, kills her husband and her son. The dead daughter then takes over her brother's body as a host body, and that's how it ends. It creeped me out immensely. This is definitely a must watch.

The second film that really messed me up and caused me to sleep with the lights on for a couple days would have to be "The Possession of Hannah Grace". I was a bit hesitant to watch this movie in the first place when it came out in 2018 just because of the simple fact that movies dealing with possession freak me out almost as much as horror movies with incredible jump scares. I find the whole aspect of possession terrifying. I happened to be a huge "Pretty Little Liars" fan so I couldn't help but to watch to support the actress Shay Mitchell. The film centers around Shay's character, Megan who ends up getting a new job at the hospital as an overnight morgue worker. She works the shift all alone around dead bodies. I could not imagine having that job. Megan ends up taking in a dead body on one of her first nights on the new job. The body is in terrible shape, and you can barely make out that the deceased is a girl. The girl is Hannah Grace who the movie opens up on. It shows Hannah having an exorcism done to her, but it clearly fails and kills her and the priest. The scene where that takes place genuinely scared me to death.

The movie continues with the corpse causing certain things to happen, basically starting to haunt the morgue portion of the hospital which in turn makes Megan realize what's going on. The jump scares are pretty phenomenal and the acting is incredible as well. Here's another movie to add to your watch list.

The final movie that I urge any horror film fan to watch is "Mother" starring Jennifer Lawrence and Ja-



*Photo courtesy of IMDB.com*

vier Bardem. This film was released in 2017 and I knew I had to watch it because of my love for Jennifer Lawrence. I think she is an incredible actress and I highly doubt that the role could have been filled and portrayed as perfectly as it was had there been a different actress portraying the character Veronica. The film is the most unique film that I have watched in quite some time. It has the possibility to be interpreted in different ways, and to be quite honest, I was a bit confused the first time I watched it. I did a bit of research on the film and it turns out that I'm not the only one that was confused with how the film ended. There are various videos online with different perspectives on the ending and several explanations. The complexity of the film was definitely talked about for a while after the film was released.

The film revolves around

a married couple who live in a beautiful Victorian home in the middle of nowhere. It starts off seemingly peaceful. The woman is spending all of her free time renovating and decorating their new home, while taking care of her husband and being the best wife she can be. The husband is a widely known author and is currently working on a book of his when a knock can be heard from the door. Curious as to who it could be, the couple opens it up to find a man that they have never met before. The husband offers him a place to stay in their home after hearing of this stranger's misfortune. His family shows up, becoming guests as well and causing the couple's serene isolation to disappear. It is an insane film that causes your brain to wonder what actually happens. What part of the film is a fantasy and what part of it is reality. Watch and interpret.

# A&E editor Breanna Hill says hello to readers

**Breanna Hill**

*A&E Editor*

Hey guys! My name is Breanna Hill and I'm the Arts & Entertainment Editor for The Chanticleer this year and I couldn't be more thrilled to have this incredible opportunity! I am currently a junior, majoring in Communications with a concentration in digital journalism.

My writing for the paper began during the end of my freshman year. I wrote my first piece about the new SGA president, Kasey Gamble. I immediately fell in love with the whole process of writing for a paper, having it published and having so much support from family, friends and

students on the JSU campus.

I was then given the opportunity to become even more involved with the paper during my sophomore year. I was able to take the position of News Editor for The Chanticleer. As News Editor I was in charge of writing articles and preparing the layout for the Viewpoints and Study Break section of the paper. I am now the Arts & Entertainment Editor and I'm in charge of all things arts and entertainment related, and I'm still learning so much.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working so closely with the paper because of the endless opportunities it has given me,

along with the continuous new tips and tricks I've been able to pick up along the way that is surely to help me improve my writing and my knowledge on the subject of journalism.

As I continue to work with the paper I hope to connect with more students and staff members, and gain even more interest for the paper. I'm thankful to work with and learn from such a talented group of editors and writers.

If you ever have any questions about the paper, or are interested in writing for the arts and entertainment section, please don't hesitate to email me at [bhill1@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:bhill1@stu.jsu.edu).



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## HOT TAKE

# #fanfics

## What type of fanfiction writer are you?

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You would be lying to yourself if you said that you have never heard of a small concept known as fanfiction. Or, rather, you would be a human being who does not geek out over book characters or television shows. So, rather, you would be a normal person with a normal life.

For those who love the previously mentioned activity, fanfiction is a wondrous world where people who call themselves “aspiring authors” write the same plot line that at least 500 other authors have done before, using someone else’s characters from major works. They do this because, normally, they can’t create more than five characters for their given plotline on their own. I should know. I was a fanfiction writer.

The keyword there is “was.” I finally quit around 2015, after spending four years of my life doing such activities. However, I’ll check in from time to time to see how everything is going in the communities I once wrote under. In my illustrious career as a fanfiction writer, I noticed three main types of writers that I feel sum up the idea of fan fiction quite nicely.

### “The Almost Novelist”

This is the type of writer that writes so well that their story could possibly, in some cases, be better than the story they have modeled theirs after. This archetype, surprisingly, has allowed many major authors today to have a platform to create their own works, mostly. Some authors today use their fanfiction to create original works. I’m pointing at you, E.L. James. You are the perfect example of this type of fan fiction writer.

### “The ‘Insert Self Here’ writer”

This writer is found mostly in fanfiction written about real-life celebrities. One Direction, BTS, you name it. The reason they are found here is because they like to insert themselves into their own stories. These writers use their work to live the dream of being with Harry Styles. They are also probably the most common type of writer you will see. Mainly because if you ever read fanfiction, you are probably reading stories like these. Some writers will even let you fill in the blank. Like Mad Libs, but slightly more awkward because these scenarios are with real people in fictional settings.

### “The... what?”

This is the writer that absolutely makes no sense. Their storyline is all over the place, and their descriptions of things are incoherent and they improv-

erly use the right words in them. Characters jump in and get killed off at random. When they speak, the characters often cannot even say words properly. And do not get me started on the plotline of these stories. More than likely, this writer is of ages 14 or less and have no idea how the world really works. For laughs, I often investigate these types of stories, and I immediately add at least 10 years to my lifespan while doing so.

Sure, there are more types of fanfiction writers out there, but these three are the ones everyone has probably ran into more than once or twice while scrolling through websites dedicated to this valuable art form. Now, is all fanfiction bad? Not really, but it is slightly illegal in some context. Thankfully, fair use does indeed exist.

## ALBUM REVIEW

## Thoughts on Post Malone’s ‘Hollywood’s Bleeding’

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Post Malone has risen to the top of the charts on numerous occasions and continues to make musical history. He recently just dropped a new album on September 6 of this year titled ‘Hollywood’s Bleeding’. It features collaborations with Ozzy Osbourne, Future, Halsey and a few others.

Post Malone has been one of my favorite artists since he emerged not too long ago. I found his music to be quite refreshing, not just because of the beats and the rhythms he used but because of the truth he shares within his lyrics. He has always been quite open about his past relationships, which are described time and time again within several of his number one hits. He makes himself vulnerable to the world in order to release music that everybody is able to relate to at some point.

As soon as this album was released, I took the time to listen to each and every one of the songs. I was shocked by some of the collabs that were within the album. I mean, honestly, who saw the whole Ozzy Osbourne thing coming? Definitely not me. I believe that this album is definitely some of his best work. I always love when artists collaborate on projects with other artists, but I love it even more when it’s something totally unexpected.

The quality of the music is phenomenal. Post again makes himself vulnerable with most of the songs. I find myself realizing that his comfort zone is speaking out about relationships, love and heartbreak in general because most of his songs are related to those subjects. I know

others can find the repetition of certain subjects in an artist’s journey to be quite boring and predictable, but I don’t believe that to be the case in this situation at all. He was also able to create other songs that had to do about his views on certain issues that the world is facing and dealing with today, like the Internet which is the title of one of his songs on the new album.

Though I find myself jamming out to most of the album, there are a couple of songs that I stray away from just because of personal interest and my individuality which is okay. Everybody interprets music differently and not everybody likes the same thing. I definitely have my favorites from the album that are on constant repeat. The one I find myself playing first every single time I open the album on Spotify is “Take What You Want” featuring Ozzy and Travis Scott (shocker, huh?). Another favorite of mine is “Circles” because of the beat. It gives me hippie vibes and it genuinely makes me happy, despite the not-so-easy message the song conveys. If you’re a big fan of the times that Post Malone shows off his rapping skills in his songs, I definitely recommend listening to “On The Road” featuring Meek Mill and Lil Baby. They all show off their talent in this fast paced tune.

The album has something for everybody. It has various subjects littered throughout the songs. It has upbeat tempos and slower tempos and it shows off Post Malone’s ability to change things up a bit. I highly recommend listening to the entire album because of the good quality music it produces. I rate it a 9/10.



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**FOOTBALL**

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## Jax State falls to Austin Peay

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This past Saturday, the Jacksonville State University football team traveled to Clarkesville, Tennessee to play Austin Peay. Unfortunately, the Gamecocks left Tennessee defeated.

The Gamecocks knew the importance of this game, and they would be tested early. Anything can happen on any given Saturday, and this was no different.

Austin Peay came out firing from all directions and the Gamecocks defense could not stop the Governor's offensive attack. Missed tackles, poor execution and mental mistakes would be the downfall for JSU.

However, the defense was not the only group that lacked strength. Offensively, turning over the ball was the memo for the Gamecocks, and Austin Peay took clear advantage of this.

Despite the 33-52 loss, there were some good performances that prevailed in this matchup. While Zerrick Cooper threw a total of three interceptions, he also continued his streak of throwing a touchdown pass for an eighteenth consecutive game.

Wide-receiver Josh Pearson has had an awe-inspiring campaign throughout his time at JSU, and this particular matchup was a career-making day. Pearson added two receiving touchdowns to his record for a total of seven touchdowns in just

five matchups, and 24 career total touchdowns.

Pearson's first touchdown during Saturday's game came on a 16-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter from his counterpart Cooper. This tied the touchdown record holder for the JSU all-time receiving touchdown record. One more touchdown and Pearson would be in the JSU history books.

With less than two minutes left in the game, JSU had the game loss well in hand. However, the Gamecocks did manage to get a drive going. At the three-yard line in the red zone, Pearson knew it was now or next week to break that record.

Being the fantastic slot receiver Pearson is, he beat the Governor's corner on a perfect slant and Cooper zipped the ball to him. With an ideal throw and ideal catch, Pearson came through with a touchdown for the Gamecocks.

With that run to the endzone, Pearson officially broke a record and reached a milestone in his career. But for Pearson, it wasn't about the record; it was about trying to get better as a team moving forward from the loss.

"We have a lot of people that are living off last year and the freshmen season in 2015. We haven't made a name for ourselves and we have to do that first," said Pearson during the post-game press conference. "We have to win the ball on both sides of the line. It's bad when we only

have 62 yards rushing. We have to change our approach and not look at records. We have to go out there and play Jacksonville State football, and that is the problem, we are not doing that. We are focusing on yesterday and last year. We have to attack each day and get better."

The Gamecocks have realized that they must get more physical in practice. Head Coach John Grass made that clear during Monday's practice.

"They just kicked our rear ends. That's all you can say. It was just a poor performance everywhere," said Grass. "We will be very physical this week in practice. Until we win the line of scrimmage, that is what we will do. That is the way this program was built and we will get it back to that point."

This Saturday, the Gamecocks will host the Tennessee State Tigers. Tennessee State is 1-4, but John Grass feels that the Tigers can easily be overlooked.

"It does not get any easier this week because I feel like we are playing the most talented team that we have played all year. This is the best 1-4 (FCS) team in the country with Tennessee State. They could easily be 4-1 because they are a good football team. As always, we have to get ready to play," said Grass.

Fans can catch the game at Burgess-Snow Field at 6 p.m. The game will also be broadcasted live on 91.9 WLJS and on the ESPN+ app.

**VOLLEYBALL**

## Gamecock volleyball begins conference play

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Jacksonville State's volleyball team hosted two matches this past week that began their run of four straight Ohio Valley Conference matches.

JSU left last weekend's road tournament with heads held high as they concluded with two straight match sweeps against University of New Orleans and College of Charleston. Once the Gamecocks returned home, they looked to continue this drive in a pair of matches against Tennessee Tech and UT Martin.

On Wednesday, Tennessee Tech was served its ninth season loss from Jacksonville State. JSU, on the other hand, continued their winning streak against the Golden Eagles, who have not defeated the Gamecocks since the 2015 season.

The opening two sets were taken easily by the Gamecocks, with the initial score being 25-15 and the following 25-18.

However, the third set would prove to be more of a challenge as Jacksonville State would trail 15-9 to TTU. After a timeout called by JSU, the Gamecocks charged back to even up the score at 18-18, before utilizing the momentum to close out the frame with a 25-18 victory – sealing the match with a 3-0 sweep.

Lexie Libs, a junior, helped lead the commanding offense to a decisive sweep of TTU by posting 45 assists and 12 digs. Aiding in the win, Lena Kindermann would put down 14 kills followed closely by Kaylee Frear with 12. Three players also accomplished at least a .500 hitting

percentage for the match: Kindermann, Sadie Anderson, and Taylor Pribyl. A true freshman, Pribyl also achieved a career high seven kills. Overall, the squad combined for an eyebrow-raising .398 hitting percentage on the night.

Coming off a confidence-boosting win, JSU faced off against the Skyhawks of UT Martin the following Saturday to close out the week. Although Jax State had a three-game winning streak, the match up against the Skyhawks would see that streak fizzle out.

In the first set, the two teams battled for the lead. Eventually, the Gamecocks were able to grasp on to a 21-9 lead, forcing a UT Martin timeout. A service error would give the Skyhawks momentum to begin a six-point scoring run that closed out the frame 25-21 in UTM's favor.

Looking to bounce back, Jacksonville State would wrap up the second set after taking off to a final score of 25-16. After seven ties and five lead changes, JSU was in position to seal another set victory at 24-21. The Sky hawks then responded with five unanswered points to take the third set, giving the Gamecocks an unwanted setback in the match.

Heading into the fourth set of the match, JSU trailed early at set score of 9-4, forcing a timeout for the Gamecocks. Following the break, JSU regrouped to achieve a 5-1 scoring run. Kills from Kindermann and Pribyl then brought the score to 12-11 with the Gamecocks in the lead. UT Martin, however, would respond and take the set victory at 25-20, sealing the match at 3-1.



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The Sky hawk win was their first in Jacksonville since 2011. Despite JSU's loss, multiple players had valiant performances. Kindermann completed 20 kills and a league best hitting percentage of .341. Kindermann joined four other Gamecocks in putting away double-digit kills. The mark was reached by Kaylee Frear with 12, Sadie Anderson with 11 and Lexie Libs with 10, who also posted 44 assists. Libs and Kindermann would be selected as the OVC's Setter and Offensive Player of the Week, respectfully.

The 7-7 Jacksonville State Gamecocks will continue OVC action at home in Pete Mathews Coliseum on Thursday, October 3, against Eastern Kentucky and on Sunday, October 6, against Morehead State.



# Sports

## BASKETBALL



Courtesy of Jacksonville State Athletics

# Men's basketball begins practice

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On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Gamecock fans were excited to find out that basketball season was right around the corner when they learned that the men's basketball team had officially began practice for the 2019-2020 season. The Gamecocks road came to an end last season in the OVC Championship semi-finals. This matchup was a nailbiter against Murray State that ended in a score of 74-76.

The Gamecocks finished with an OVC record of 15-3 and an impressive overall record of 24-9. This was their third year in a row with a 20-win record.

They hope to continue this streak in the upcoming season. With players from last year's successful season and new talent added to the 2019-2020 roster, the Gamecocks have an exciting year ahead of them.

"The team is fairly new, we have a lot of transfers and a lot of freshmen. They have been great [so far]. We don't have to coach attitude or

anything like that," said Head Coach Ray Harper.

Players returning from the 2018-2019 season include starter and redshirt senior Ty Hudson, senior Jacara Cross, redshirt junior Derek St. Hilaire and sophomores Maros Zeliznak and De'Torrion Ware. The team is looking up to seniors Hudson and Cross to lead the team this season.

"Jacara has been in the program for four years, and Ty has been with us now for three," said Harper. "These guys have done it and know what our expectations are. Ty has been terrific. I couldn't ask for any more out of him, and Jacara is primed for a big senior year. He has played well for us, behind the some really good players at that position, and now it's his turn."

Last season, Hudson brought in over 800 minutes of playing time and started in all 33 games of the season, being the only member of the team to do so. He also ranked second in assists with a total of 89, came in third on his team in points

with 323 and ended the season with 28 double-digit scoring games.

Cross started five games and appeared in all 33 in the 2018-2019 season. He was one of just four Gamecocks to appear in all 33 games. Cross also had an impressive .697 shooting percentage for the season and an average of 4.1 points per game.

Out of the eight players added to the Gamecocks 2019-2020 roster, a few to keep an eye out for are junior guard Derrick Cook, junior guard/forward Kayne Henry and junior forward Martin Roub who is an incredible six feet and ten inches tall. While all of the new players added to the team have undeniable talent, these are the players that have impressive stats from their career prior to JSU.

Cook is a transfer from Georgia Highlands College in Rome Georgia. He averaged 13.7 points, 6.6 rebounds and 4 assists per contest in the 31 games of the 2018-2019 season. He recorded double-digit points in 25 matchups and scored 20 or more points on four different occa-

sions.

Henry is a Northwest Florida State transfer who appeared in 31 games for the Raiders, shooting an impressive 50.8 percent and 40 percent from 3-point range, averaging 5.7 points per game. Henry also recorded 2.5 rebounds per game and blocked 15 shots for the 2018-2019 season.

Roub is a Czech Republic native who transferred from Western Nebraska. He started 31 of 32 games as a sophomore with the Cougars. He totaled an impressive 538 points and averaged 31.8 minutes per game in the 2018-2019 season. Roub also scored a career-high 29 points against Laramie County Community College.

The Jacksonville State men's basketball team will host their exhibition game at the Pete Mathews Coliseum against the Montevallo Falcons on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

For those who want to keep up with the action but cannot attend can tune into 91.9 WLJS FM and listen to Mike Parris give a live play-by-play of the game.

## FOOTBALL

# Hot take: Is John Grass in the hot seat?

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Sports Correspondant

John Grass is one of the most prominent head football coaches that Jacksonville State University football has ever had in its 115-year football history. With a 55-14 record in a span of six seasons, one would think his job is safe and secure. However, even with the recent success of Grass, he could be under fire.

Grass has taken the JSU Football program from the dead and has resurrected it into being a feared football program, not just in the OVC, but the FCS as well. He has won five straight Ohio Valley Conference Championships and has made the FCS Playoffs in every year he has coached. So, what's the big deal? How is Grass's coaching job in question?

Is it a lack of recruiting talent for JSU? When you have star players like Eli Jenkins, Troymaine Pope, Josh Pearson, Marlon Bridges and recent NFL draftee Siran Neal? There is no issue there.

What about winning games consistently? During Grass's time at Jacksonville State, he has only lost an Ohio Valley Conference game twice in five years! That's very impressive for someone of his caliber in coaching, coming from a small FCS school like JSU. So, if recruiting and regularly winning year by year isn't the issue, what is?

During Grass's tenure at Jacksonville State, he has made the FCS playoffs all five years

he's been head coach. But what if I told you out of those five years, he has only four career playoff wins?

Out of those five years, Grass has only made it out of the second round of the playoffs one time! That, of course, was the year JSU went on to a deep playoff run and were runners-up to the eventual National Champion North Dakota State in 2015.

Grass, to say the least, has had trouble making a deep playoff run throughout his five years at JSU, but there is also one more significant factor that has recently caught the attention of JSU fans everywhere. That is the fact that Grass has struggled in the past 11 games. He has gone 7-4 and keep in mind that a regular season in the FCS is 11 games.

During Grass's five years at JSU, he has never lost more than three games in an 11 game FCS regular season. These past 11 games are certainly not the norm for JSU football. Perhaps this is a step in the wrong direction.

Greg Seitz has been very patient with Grass and the JSU football program during the time Grass has been at JSU, but with the recent track record, tables could be turning if Grass doesn't start producing wins regularly that JSU is accustomed to seeing.

With the recent controversial football hype video that has gone viral, it seems the football program has lost control of its class act. Not to mention the fact that JSU has been making heavily careless mistakes on the football field.



Courtesy of JSU

This comes from a general lack of discipline on the team.

Winning is a significant factor in what makes JSU football flow. However, with the recent "downfall" of JSU's football program, it could be time for Greg Seitz to pull the plug on Grass.

On the other hand, Grass could start winning and this discussion could be irrelevant. But until the wins start coming in, we must ask the question, "Is John Grass in the hot seat?"