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Gamecock quarterback Zerrick Cooper (6) holds on to the ball during a take down during last Saturday's game against University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. The Gamecocks pulled out a 41-20 win over UTC during their first home game of the 2019 season.

NEWS

Alcohol sales now allowed in stadium

Josie Howell
Sports Editor

While Gamecock fans have many reasons to be excited about the start of football season, the implementation of alcohol sales during home games has given them much more to look forward to.

Jacksonville State University will be joining over 100 colleges and universities that sell alcohol at athletic events, in an attempt to improve the fan-based experience.

During the first few months prior to Saturday, Sept. 7, JSU's first home

football game of the season, the JSU athletics department had been doing their best to create policies and regulations that help to keep a safe and secure environment for all Gamecock fans during these games.

Athletic Director, Greg Seitz, emphasizes that JSU's first priority is making sure that JSU home games are a safe and family friendly environment.

"Universities across the country have seen both a decrease in alcohol-related incidents and an enhanced fan experience when they provide a

controlled environment for alcohol sales," said Seitz.

In order to ensure the safety of everyone, JSU will be hiring special law enforcement that will be specially trained to recognize behavior such as underage drinking, binge drinking, passing off alcohol to minors and any other alcohol related incidents.

Individuals will be escorted from the stadium if seen doing any of the aforementioned things, as well as trying to use a fake ID, failing to provide ID at any time, or are intoxicated.

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NEWS



Photo by Brooklynn Wilkes

JSU hosts the Calhoun County Band Exhibition

Brooklynn Wilkes
A&E Correspondent

Local Calhoun County bands showcased their half-time shows with great pride on Burgess Snow Field, Wednesday, Sept. 10. One by one, each band took the field to put on what they have all been working on these past couple months.

Donoho High School opened up the exhibition with songs from the musical "Chicago".

The size of a band can be deceiving, even the smallest can blow you away. Ohatchee High School took the field with a heartfelt performance of their show, "You Will Be Found," which showcased a message about bullying and finding your place.

Not having to travel too far, Jacksonville High School also took the field bringing with them more

reasons to be proud of this small town. While there were not any scores or trophies handed out, these bands certainly have a lot to be proud of.

Everyone was in for a treat at the end of the exhibition, the Jacksonville State Marching Southerners performed part of their show "Earth, Wind, and Fire," which is sure to continue turning heads over the rest of this marching season. High schoolers sat in awe of the size and pure talent the Southerners brought to the field. Many of them have probably already pictured themselves in that iconic red, white and black uniform.

It is clear that band is more than just an after-school activity for these high schoolers. They all have passion and a love for marching that is clearly displayed on the field.

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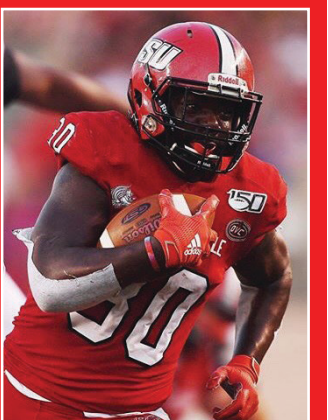
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Clear bag policy still in effect at JSU athletic events

Jacksonville State University implemented a clear bag policy in 2017, and continue to use this policy for fans entering all athletic venues at JSU. Fans are advised to review the policy prior to traveling to games on JSU's campus.

JSU reviews its public safety and stadium security policies every year looking for ways to improve them. The University strongly believes that the clear bag policy enhances public safety and makes stadium and arena access more efficient.

This proactive measure enhances safety inside and outside the stadium and speeded the security screening process for our fans. The clear bag policy has been adopted by many other NCAA member schools over the last four years.

Approved clear bags are available at the Campus Bookstore at Jacksonville State University in the Theron Montgomery Building.

Why did JSU adopt this policy?

Our guests are our most prized partners, and ensuring their safety is a top priority. World events continue to impact our security, and we cannot ignore them in the annual analysis of our public safety and stadium security policies at all of our venues. Jacksonville State University reviews its public safety and stadium security policies every year looking for ways to improve them. The University strongly believes that the clear bag policy enhances public safety and makes stadium access more efficient. We constantly look for ways to enhance stadium safety, and clear bags are part of best practices endorsed by security experts. The clear bag policy has been adopted by the NFL and by many other venues that host entertainment events including college football games. Many other NCAA member schools have implemented a clear bag policy over the last two years. This policy is certified by the Department of Homeland Security.

How does this policy improve public safety?

Clear bags provide layers of security with less inconvenience to our guests. As guests walk toward our events, law enforcement can easily spot prohibited items and have the ability to resolve issues before they even get into line. The clear bags are easier and faster to search, which greatly reduces faulty bag searches. Additionally, inside the venue, staff members know that a clear bag has already been searched and that any non-clear bag without a security tag requires their attention.

How many clear bags can someone bring in?

Each ticket holder is allowed one large clear bag such as a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or clear plastic, vinyl or PVC bag that does not exceed 12" by 6" by 12", plus a small clutch purse. JSU is working with local retailers to ensure they use plastic bags that are in line with this new policy.

Are team-branded bags available?

Guests who desire to carry Jacksonville State University branded bags may purchase them at local retailers. However, any clear 12" x 6" x 12" clear bag with no commercial identification or an inexpensive one-gallon Ziploc-style bag may be used.

Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?

Yes. All of these items can be carried into the stadium so long as they are not in a bag or case. For example, while binoculars and

cameras are allowed, the binocular case or camera case is not allowed.

Can I bring a blanket into the stadium during cold weather?

Yes. But, we ask that fans bringing blankets into the stadium toss them over a shoulder or arm to allow for easy screening when entering the stadium.

If I have items I need to bring into the stadium for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do?

We fully understand that exceptions need to be provided for in the policy for medically necessary items. To that, and to ensure proper inspection by security personnel, those fans with medically necessary items will be directed to the Main Ticket Plaza on the East End of the Stadium to allow for specialized screening and entrance into the stadium.

Are purses prohibited?

No. The policy states that a small clutch purse, with or without a handle or strap, is permitted along with either the 12" by 6" by 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. While we strongly encourage fans not to bring any bags, we believe we have created a policy that appropriately balances the needs of our fans with our obligation to provide for their safety.

Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into a permissible clear bag?

No. We are only limiting the type of bags that can be carried into the stadium, not the items you normally bring to a game. For example, fans can continue to carry items in their pockets such as keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc. You may also carry a blanket over your arms, or items like binoculars and camera around your neck or in your hands. You cannot, however, bring into the stadium a binocular case or a camera case.

Can I bring a diaper bag into the stadium?

The answer to this question is one in which our safety and security team evaluated every option available. They fully understood that not allowing a diaper bag into the stadium would be a challenge for many of our fans, including those with young children. To that, we will allow a small diaper bag into the stadium. Fans with a diaper bag must be accompanied by a child.

Courtesy of JSU's Athletic website.

NEWS

JSU reveals new fundraising goal of \$55 million dollars

Miranda Prescott
A&E Correspondent

Jacksonville State University announced that they plan to raise approximately \$55 million dollars within the next ten years.

The JSU Recreation Center held the Capital Campaign Gala on Friday, Sept. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. During which, officials announced their new fundraising goal.

The Capital Campaign Gala was held as a way of personally thanking the top donors of the school for their donations. The donations will be made out to and handled by the JSU Foundation, one of the offices on campus that is held responsible for the donations made to the school through private donors and other vectors. These donations are also said to go toward efforts such as the general upkeep of the university, programs offered on campus, building and reconstruction efforts, as well as scholarship awards for JSU students.

The new fundraising number has been increased from the original amount estimated at the beginning of the year. According to the University President, Dr. John Beehler, in his

annual State of the University Address on August 19, this number has increased from \$36 million dollars to the amount that was announced at the Gala.

This was placed under the list of "highlights of our accomplishments over the past year," which also included announcements such as adding The Pointe @ JSU to JSU's housing inventory and the avoidance of a tuition increase for two out of the past three years.

Because of the event, parking on campus was limited as the parking lot for Stephenson Hall and the Recreational Center was closed off to make room for the attendees of the Gala. The Recreational Center was also closed to the public from 2 p.m. that afternoon to 9 a.m. Saturday morning to accommodate for this event.

The event featured student performers from JSU's music department. These performances included JSU's Jazz Ensemble, the Jacksonville Opera Theater, JSU Encore! Show Choir, the JSU Marching Ballerinas and the JSU Marching Southerners.

HOT TAKE

Has Kidz Bop ruined popular songs?

Miranda Prescott
A&E Correspondent

Popular music in today's times play one of the most influential roles in creating the culture and society our generation grows up in.

This role has gone on for as long as the music in this sense has existed. From Mozart's classical pieces to modern-day hit songs from artists such as Taylor Swift and many others, music has held power for centuries.

This week, however, we are only going to focus on the last five years, as I listen and give my opinion on each of the top songs from the past half-decade. Fair note: these songs come from Billboard's Year-End Top 100 list from each year. Also, this is strictly my opinion, and it is not here for anyone trying to defend these songs, because, let's be honest, there is no defending them.

2014: "Happy" by Pharrell Williams

Oh boy, where do I begin? I honestly believe that not many people are truly happy while listening to this song. Mainly because they hear it during one of two scenarios. The first one is when a five-year old has it on repeat on an iPad. And it's a six-hour car ride. And it's not even this version. It's the one from Kidz Bop. The second one is the same five-year old watching Despicable Me 2 on repeat on the same six-hour car ride. The only upside to this scenario is at least it's not Kidz Bop.

2015: "Uptown Funk!" by Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars

While looking this one up, I was praying that this list would get better. As a result, it did get slightly better. Don't get me wrong, I love Bruno Mars. He is one of my favorites. This song, however, is not one of my favorites. Yes, this is a very catchy song, and yes, the music video for it is very well produced. However, after a while,

this song gets old very quickly. Overall, a better song than the year prior, but it is still not one of my favorites.

2016: "Love Yourself" by Justin Bieber

I am going to get a lot of heat from saying this, but it needs to be said: I'm not a fan of Justin Bieber. I admit it. I never had "Bieber Fever" or whatever it's called. Just thinking about this guy makes me cringe most of the time. However, this song is rather good. Is it better than the other two on the list? Probably not. As I'm writing this, it stands in second place amongst the three we have listed. So, hey, good for you Justin. You made me like one of your songs. That's the biggest achievement you'll ever have.

2017: "Shape of You" by Ed Sheeran

And the light at the end of the tunnel has been swiftly put out by this song. For me, it's a combination of 2014 and 2015: I like Ed, but this song is also in the same boat as the first scenario as "Happy." I firmly believe Kidz Bop has a strong power of ruining everything it touches. Especially this song. Honestly, this review is a bit shorter than the others because I didn't expect it to be this song. I thought I was going to review "Despacito." There's a whole other article on that one.

2018: "God's Plan" by Drake

Thank you, Drake. Thank you. This song has re-lit the light that Ed Sheeran took out last year. It's an iconic song overall. The best thing is, Kidz Bop can't ruin it. Yes, they made it worse, but that's just their branding. Also, if Kidz Bop has magical powers to ruin music, Drake has the power to keep music from being ruined like this. It's a song you can never get tired of and earns high marks from me.

The only question we have left to answer is who will join the list this year? More importantly, will it get ruined by other people?

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The International House is a residence that is designed to allow international and American students to broaden their cultural horizon.

International program hosts open house

Eric Taunton
News Correspondent

The JSU International House welcomed visiting students at their open house this past Saturday, September 7. As a part of Jacksonville State's Preview Day, residents and faculty of the House welcomed visitors with refreshments and tours of the building.

"Our goal is to make sure we have 40 students each year," said Jason Mallet, the coordinator of the International House and study abroad.

Mallet said that the International House recruits students from all over the world, including

India, Nepal and Vietnam.

The International House program was created in 1946, but the International House itself wasn't built until 1964, which is when it became the version of the program that it is today.

Some students live in the International House through scholarships, and others as exchange students.

American students and international students share rooms, each room having one international student and one American student, which Mallet appreciates.

"I love seeing Ameri-

can students getting to interact with international students," said Mallet. "So many [American students] have never been on a plane, or out of the tri-state area or the country."

Residents of the International House are required to do one presentation about their countries to the other residents.

"We're trying to do something different than just doing a presentation," said Mallet. "We're thinking about having students performing dances or bringing food from their countries."

Students are able to build personal and pro-

fessional relationships not just with each other but with other alumni.

Victor Chukwuma, a resident of the International House, said that he has learned so much since being in the program.

"There's so much you learn that you think you know but it hits you when you don't," said Chukwuma.

The International House is officially open to everyone on Mondays from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. but Mallet encourages anyone to come anytime before 10 p.m.

Anyone is welcome here," said Mallet.



Campus Crime Log

- September 10, 2019, Suicidal Attempt, Meehan Hall
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- September 10, 2019, Unlawful Breaking and Entering, Penn House
-
- September 9, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Trac II
-
- September 9, 2019, Possession of Marijuana, Meehan Hall
-
- September 9, 2019, Medical Emergency, Bennett Field
-
- September 8, 2019, Arrest - Receiving Stolen Property, Campus Inn Parking Lot
-
- September 7, 2019, Medical Emergency, JSU Stadium
-
- September 5, 2019, Domestic Violence and Burglary, Meehan Hall
-
- September 4, 2019, Medical Emergency and Vehicle Damage, Salls Hall
-
- September 3, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Meehan Hall

STATE

Sen. Doug Jones launches 2020 re-election campaign

Scott Young
News Editor

Sen. Doug Jones officially announced that he plans to seek re-election to the United States Senate in Birmingham last Sunday, Sept. 8.

Rep. Terri Sewell, Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin, actor Michael O'Neill and Jones' wife Louise Jones took the stage as guest speakers prior to the Senator's appearance.

"I am still as convinced today as I was in 2017 when I announced my candidacy for the Senate that the people of Alabama have more in common than divides us," said Jones to a crowded room in the B&A Warehouse.

Jones touted his efforts to "bridge the partisan divide", citing his work to include protections for farmers impacted by the Chinese trade war in last year's farm bill, secure more funding for historically black colleges and universities and provide more funding for rural broadband.

"All of that could not have been possible without bipartisan efforts and reaching across the aisle," said Jones.

Jones garnered national attention for his victory in the 2017 Alabama Senate special election against Republican challenger Roy Moore, winning 50 percent to Moore's 48.3 percent.

Some credit Jones' victory to the sexual abuse allegations made against Moore in November 2017. These allegations cited sexual abuse against several women in the 70s.

Moore announced in June that he would again challenge Doug Jones for the Senate in 2020, claiming that "false tactics" used by "Democratic operatives" led to the demise of his last campaign.

Other Republican candidates that have announced include Rep. Bradley Byrne, Secretary of State John Merrill, State Rep. Arnold Mooney and former Auburn University football head coach Tommy Tuberville.



Submitted photo

Organizations of JSU

Tabletop and CCG Club

Organization name: JSU Tabletop and CCG Club

How many members does your organization have? Over 30 members.

When are your meetings held? Tuesdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. in Martin Hall rooms 319, 332 and 334.

How can students get involved with the organization? Just swing by a club meeting and play some games!

What does the organization stand for? We are a group of people who all share the love for tabletop gaming. We provide a fun, inclusive, stress-free environment for everyone.

What type of activities does the organization partake in? We have a large collection of board games. People also play Magic: The Gathering, Pokemon TCG, Yu-Gi-Oh and D&D.

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.

- September 3, 2019, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Gamecock Village
 -
 - September 3, 2019, Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency, JSU Campus
 -
 - September 3, 2019, Theft of Property, Carlisle Building
 -
 - September 2, 2019, Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle, Paul Carpenter Village
 -
 - September 2, 2019, Arrest - Obstruction of Governmental Operations, International House
 -
 - August 31, 2019, Medical Emergency, Curtiss Hall
 -
 - August 29, 2019, Criminal Mischief, Crow Hall
 -
 - August 29, 2019, Information Report - Suspicious Vehicle, Crow Hall Parking Lot
 -
 - August 28, 2019, Information Report - Domestic Dispute, Crow Hall
- Have an emergency?**
Dial (256) 782-5050 or 911

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Ashley Stephens/The Chanticleer

Construction at Mason Hall continues as classes for JSU music students are spread around campus.

Mason set for spring reopening

Scott Young
News Editor

Officials at Jacksonville State University's Capital Planning and Facilities office said they are targeting for Mason Hall construction to be completed by the end of the year and for the building to be ready by spring 2020.

David Thompson, director of capital planning and facilities, said they hope for the building to be completed by that date but that he couldn't "guarantee that date."

Mason Hall, home to the music department and the Marching Southerners, was heavily damaged on March 19, 2018 by an EF-3 tornado that affected the city of Jacksonville and the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Since then, classes at the JSU music program have been dispersed across nine different buildings on campus, including Meehan Hall, the School of Business and Industry, Ayers Hall, Houston Cole Library, the RMC JSU complex and others.

"Not having Mason Hall as a home base for the band program has been ex-

tremely challenging," said Ken Bodiford, director of university bands and a JSU assistant professor of music. "We are completely at the mercy of other departments around campus."

Membership in the Marching Southerners has grown to 551 for the 2019 school year, which is a 39 percent increase since the year 2008. Of those 551 members, 191 of them are freshmen.

Bodiford illustrated the importance of having a music building with record band membership.

He added that the kinesiology department, athletic department, housing and events department, the Jacksonville Community Center and the Baptist Campus Ministries have all provided space for band rehearsals to take place.

"At a minimum, the band needs 12 large rooms for the individual sections to hold sectional rehearsals," said Bodiford. "In addition, we have to have one large room (at least the size of a gym) to hold all of the wind players for full band music rehearsals."

Bodiford said that the



Ashley Stephens/The Chanticleer

Construction equipment fills the commuter parking lot bordering Mason Hall.

department has been promised a building with soundproof practice rooms and studios, a soundproof band room and a recital hall.

"For over four decades, the music faculty and music majors have been fed broken promises of a new building," said Bodiford. "I remember being told back in 1983 as a freshman music major that the next building to be built on campus will be a music building and performance hall. Well, 36 years later I am still waiting to see this happen. Needless to say, I am very excited to see the broken promises of the past come to an end."

The JSU David L. Walters Department of Music is

selling seats in Mason Hall's new recital hall which includes an engraved plaque that the donor may personalize.

A premium seat goes for \$300 for a seat in the middle section of the recital hall or a standard seat for \$250. The proceeds are used to pay directly for the seat.

Thompson says that furniture has not yet been ordered for Mason Hall, and that the university is working to reopen Mason Hall as soon as possible.

"They want to get back in the building sooner rather than later, but they want to make sure things are done right," said Thompson.

LOCAL

New food delivery service opens in Jacksonville

Ashleigh Crouch
News Correspondent

JVile2Go is a new food delivery service similar to popular apps such as DoorDash, GrubHub and Postmates, but exclusive to the Jacksonville area.

JVile2Go announced on Sept. 2 on their Facebook page that it is "open for business" and to "order at JVile2Go.com ... to have your favorite restaurant delivered."

JVile2Go is currently only accepting orders from their website. An app is launching on Sept. 20 to make ordering from JVile2Go more convenient for customers.

JVile2Go offers nearly every restaurant in the Jacksonville area, from



Scott Young/The Chanticleer

JVile2Go advertises their 'fresh, fast and friendly' food delivery service specific to Jacksonville outside of Struts in Jacksonville.

fast food locations such as Wendy's and McDonald's, to more expensive options like Baja and Effina's. In comparison to DoorDash, JVile2Go has more restaurant choices available. It is, however, slightly more expensive.

For example, a \$5 combo from Wendy's on DoorDash has a delivery

fee of \$1.99, plus \$3.05 in taxes and fees, making the total \$10.04, not including tip. JVile2Go automatically requires you to spend a minimum of \$7 in food items from Wendy's, and the delivery fee is \$4.99, which brings the total to \$11.99 before tax and tip.

Not only does JVil-

le2Go offer delivery from restaurants, but the service also offers delivery of groceries from Walmart and even items from convenience stores.

Becoming a driver for JVile2Go is relatively simple. There is a short application on their website that requires applicants to input their name, date of birth, address, phone number and the make and model of their car.

JVile2Go is open from 11 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Sunday for lunch and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday for dinner.

For more information, you may contact JVile2Go at 256-952-2840, or by email at gadsdentogo@gmail.com.

Upcoming Campus Events

SEPTEMBER

14 - JSU Band Day against Eastern Washington, 3 p.m., JSU Stadium

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

17 - JSU Study Abroad Fair, 12 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center

17 - Constitution Day 2019, 4:30 p.m., Martin Hall

Film screening of "A More Perfect Union: America Becomes a Nation"

18 - Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors Society Picnic, 4 p.m., Germania Springs Park

Get-together for BBB and those interested in joining!

19 - International House Presentation on Japan and Nigeria, 11 a.m.

Come learn more about Japan and Nigeria from one of our JSU students!

21 - JSU Family Day against North Alabama, 6 p.m., JSU Stadium

23 - Colors and Capri Suns, 2 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center

Freshman students only. Come hang out, relax and meet up with classmates!

24 - Department of Art Faculty Show, 5 p.m., Hammond Hall

Each year, art professors select works to display in the Hammond Hall gallery. Come enjoy great art and refreshments!

27 - Cleburne County Pottery Show, 10 a.m., Cleburne County Mountain Center

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

7 - WLJS Dodgeball Tournament, 4 p.m., Jacksonville Community Center

\$10 to play, \$20 with shirt included

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



Arts & Entertainment

MUSIC

Billboard releases new top 5 hits

Breanna Hill
A&E Editor

As of September 9, the Top 5 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 are as follows: “Truth Hurts” by Lizzo, “Senorita” by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello, “Bad Guy” by Billie Eilish, “You Need to Calm Down” by Taylor Swift and “Old Town Road” by Lil Nas X, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus.

The last one is definitely a shocker, isn’t it?

As someone who commutes to JSU for class, I spend a lot of time in my car listening to music and most of the time it tends to be the top hits genre that I feel drawn to. I honestly find myself not surprised by the order of the songs this week.

All of the artists who hold these spots on the charts are big names and widely known. Their catchy, relatable lyrics seem to draw in the public as much as the bass that seems to dictate the musical aspect of the tune.

Lizzo seemed to just appear out of nowhere, and honestly I had not heard of her until “Truth Hurts” was on the top 100.

Lizzo’s chart toppers are so popular because of the message that she portrays in them so clearly. She spreads body positivity in every hit she puts out. I enjoy every one of her songs because of that reason. It makes me feel good about myself and helps with my self-esteem. I urge everyone who hasn’t heard of her (all two of you) to look her up and listen to her incredible songs.

Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello have been on the top 100 before, time and time again. With the Latin influence becoming the norm in pop music today, the song title was enough to send us all to YouTube to hear the collaborative piece ‘Senorita’.

Despite the hype, I find myself classifying it as an average song. Yes, it has an upbeat tempo but none of the lyrics really speaks to me. It’s just an average pop song in my opinion. I believe that the reason it’s so popular is because everybody is rooting for anything to do with the two of them together. Billie Eilish being in the top five is definitely not a shocker to me. She has become an iconic artist in today’s society because she is unlike anything the music industry has ever had before, especially the pop genre.

Though her music videos made me scratch my head, I find her voice to be soothing. Not to mention her incredible lyrics and killer bass. I have to admit, I’m a sucker for good bass. ‘Bad Guy’ is one of her most popular hits and the musical aspect of it is undeniably unique.

When it comes to Taylor Swift I can’t help but listen to all of her jams, even the ones dating back to the early 2000s. She made a smooth transition from country to pop, proving that she’s able to get out of her comfort zone.

Swift recently released a new album titled ‘Lover’ which features the song that has climbed to the fourth spot on the Billboard top 100, ‘You Need to Calm Down’. I believe the song is in-



Photo courtesy of teenvogue.com

credible, and I’m thrilled about how the music video turned out. I believe everyone should see it. The plot of the video is inspiring, and it features Katy Perry and Taylor Swift making up. Hello, what more could you need?

The fifth song generally makes me roll my eyes now. I am all for Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus, but the song has been played over and over again on dozens of stations, and there have been who knows how many remakes and additions to the song that it has grown tiresome.

It reminds me of when Phar-

rell’s song ‘Happy’ would play all day, every day. I appreciate the boundaries that the song pushed, but there’s only so much of it that I can take and I’ve about had enough. Maybe I can listen to it once every six months. Maybe.

Overall, the songs by all of the artists in the Top 5 are great songs. I enjoy all the instrumental aspects in each song. I appreciate the time and effort that the artists and songwriters put in to making them. Pop music has definitely come a long way, and I’m eager to see what comes next.

CAMPUS

JSU announces 2019-20 drama season

Miranda Ladd
A&E Correspondent

Fall is in the air, and with that, the 2019-2020 Drama Department season will soon be in full swing.

Winston Drives Big Jim kicks off the new season on October 3. According to Chloe Barnes, this award-winning production written by Southern playwright Hubert Grissom, tells the story of “an unlikely friendship between a progressive Southern governor and his chauffeur as they drive through, witness and influence the emerging Civil Rights Movement.” This play includes the unforgettable Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Michelle Taylor, a Visiting Professor in Drama from New York City, has joined Jacksonville State University to direct the staged reading of the play and is looking forward to everyone’s response to this play’s look at mid-20th century Alabama.

The production of The Imaginary Invalid by Molière follows shortly after on November 15. This play focuses on Monsieur Argan, a chronic hypochondriac, deciding to marry off his daughter to a doctor in order to quell his growing pile of medical bills. This play is meant to make you cry from laughing.

“Not only will this give our Drama students a chance to stretch their silly, farcical muscles, it will also be a real crowd-pleaser for our audiences as well,” said Dr. Michael Boynton, the director of this upcoming production.

Was it really the pea that caused the princess a sleepless night? In the spring, the JSU Drama Department will kick it off with Once Upon a Mattress, a twist on a popular story of The Princess and the Pea. This musical is a “fun, quirky take on the classic tale” and is a “taste for the whole family,” according to Director Dr. Ellen Peck.

The annual JSU Drama Student Showcase will be held on April 4 and 5, which will showcase work from student actors, directors and



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designers. This is a way to see what the Drama Department’s students work on throughout the year and a way to see all of their hard work.

Lastly, the year ends with The Diary of Anne Frank by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman. This play will be put on in conjunction with Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor society at JSU.

According to Chloe Barnes, this student-led production tells the story of “a gifted young girl who confronts her rapidly changing life and increasing horror of her time with her honesty, wit and determination.” It captures the realities of their daily existence hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic.

Tickets for the 2019-20 season are already on sale. Season tickets include all five productions. For more information or to download an order form, go to www.jsu.edu/drama/boxoffice or call 256-782-5648. Season tickets for adults are \$45, and \$42 for JSU faculty, staff, students, as well as military and seniors 60 years of age or older. Single show tickets will go on sale October 1. To keep up with the drama department, follow them on social media or visit their website.



FILM HISTORY

History of superheroes in film

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Hollywood has been making movies about costumed superheroes for almost as long as there have been moving pictures. The idea of a costumed vigilante with special abilities who stops crime on screen is not really a new idea.

The beginnings of the genre started in the 1920s with the early Zorro movies, beginning with the “Mark of Zorro”. In the 30s and 40s, America saw the birth of characters like The Shadow and Dick Tracy, pulp detectives with special abilities and gadgets. They were all basically sort of like the proto-superheroes of their day. They were vigilantes who chased down the crooks that the police couldn’t.

It wouldn’t be until 1941, that the first superhero movie came to the big screen with the serial “The Adventures of Captain Marvel” (known to modern audiences as “Shazam”). Serials, which are typically fictional stories that are divided into parts that continue on each episode, were basically television before television was as widespread as it is today. People would go out to theatres to see a serial before a movie and later they would come again to see the next episode.

This was followed up with a small boom of superhero movies, including “The Batman”, “Captain America” and “Superman”. These serials kept going steadily until the 50s, when cheaper televisions finally started to kill the movie serial. In 1951, “Superman and the Mole Men” became the first feature-length theatrical film based on a comic book superhero.

The genre went quiet after that until the 1960s. In 1966, the feature-length pilot of the Adam West “Batman” series came to theatres. It was one of the most popular shows of its time, it even helped save the then failing ABC network and spawned all sorts of merchandise; just a few short years in 1968 it was cancelled due to low ratings.

The genre went quiet after that again until 1978 with Richard Donner’s “Superman”. This movie would lay the groundwork for all other superhero movies, though the three sequels would basically run the genre back into the ground until the late 80s.

In 1989, Tim Burton’s “Batman” would be released and take the world by storm. The dark, gritty take on the character was just what fans wanted to see. Many fans of the original Batman comics were disappointed by the bright and silly 60s version of the character.

This new version would influence many of the big-budget superhero movies of the 90s like “Spawn” and “The Crow”. After the next Batman sequel bombed, Joel Schumacher picked up the reins of the franchise and his two sequels “Batman and Robin” and “Batman Forever” killed superhero movies until “Blade” attracted interest back into the genre.

The X-men movies and Sam Raimi Spiderman films would help revitalize the genre in a big way from there. The Nolan Batman movies set the golden standard from which all superhero movies are judged and Iron man would start the Marvel Cinematic



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Universe to show us everything could be connected through comic-like continuity. Continuity other companies like Sony, Warner Brothers and Universal would try to emulate to mixed results.

Superhero movies are breaking records as “Avengers: Endgame” has become the highest-grossing film of all time (not adjusted for inflation), with many other Marvel Studios films taking similar top spots. It’s not a genre that looks to be slowing down in popularity and there are plenty of new superheroes getting their own time to shine, and their future is looking bright.

HOT TAKE

The undefined complexities of college

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The life of a college student is anything but simple. Adding on a relationship to that creates complexity. For some, dating is just a priority, making things stressful. It is another block to put into an already packed schedule. Others seek the relief and comfort that a relationship provides. Dating becomes an escape from the stresses life throws. There are several pros and cons to relationship status in college.

College is a breaking point for an individual. During this time, one discovers who they are and what they want to become. Going into it single is basically freedom. It’s control and independence of one’s own life. One may have more time for their work, school, religion, or social life. There’s no annoyances or expenses that another person brings. However, for the hopeless romantic, it can be lonely. Couples are put on display all over social media, television and other platforms. These influences push the desire to date. Truthfully, it’s hard to find the right one. It’s almost impossible to find someone that checks off every qualification. Without a significant other, there’s nobody to share life with. There’s no one to

spoil or be spoiled by. Long nights of boredom, sitting on the couch watching other people’s romance. Many students workout at the campus gym. Some singles want to stay fit and feel healthy, as a form of self-love.

A relationship is just another priority. It’s the downside of adding onto a busy schedule. One must learn how to balance things. This can become stressful. There won’t always be time to hangout. There are limitations. Sometimes more important priorities, such as school, work or a person’s religion will come first. Dating someone else is a package deal, even when their family, friends or personal interests are not enjoyable. Plus, going out on dates is expensive. Especially for college students that work part time and go to school full time. The last thing a student needs to worry about is resolving an argument with their other half. They can’t stay up talking all night when they have an exam the next morning. Also, in arguments, there has to be a compromise, people don’t always get what they want. The decisions a person makes have an effect on others. Unexpected things might happen. If a female gets pregnant, her future decisions are thrown off track.

Adulting can be depressing. It’s even harder having to go through it alone. Many college students use apps like Tinder or Bumble to meet people. They want companionship, someone to rely on, talk to and spend time with. Having another person in one’s life makes it less stressful. Especially, in times of need. There is another person that can relate, offer advice or help with an issue. An individual is placed in new situations and surroundings; meeting their boyfriend’s or girlfriend’s friends and family. A future with that person is foreseen. Having someone is like a distraction from everything else. It’s a different perspective of life, rather than seeing everything one way. Being in a relationship can increase self-esteem. An individual might feel more comfortable in their own skin, knowing that someone loves them.

Overall, it’s an individual’s decision on whether they want to be in a relationship or not in college. Students should excel in a healthy relationship. However, if the relationship hurts them, they should reevaluate their situation. Staying single helps favor less distractions and a tight schedule. Whereas, dating provides a resort from the stress of life.



Sports

SOCCER



Soccer team wins in double-overtime

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On Sunday afternoon, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks and the Hornets of Alabama State had a thrilling match-up. The Gamecocks came into the soccer match-up with a record of 2-3 and the Hornets with a record of 1-2. After the match-up, the Hornets tacked on a loss at the hands of the Gamecocks.

The ladies of JSU had a big and thrilling game that went into double over-time. In the first half of the match on Sunday, the Gamecocks dropped two goals against the Hornets. Coming into the second half, the Gamecocks were able to tack on two goals.

The first half of the game was dominated by the Hornets. Their two goals in the first half were their only two scored in the whole match. The Hornets first goal came from Isabella Beortegui in

minute 27 of the game. Their second goal came courtesy of Janae Brown in minute 34. Both of their goals came from assists from two other Lady Hornets.

The second half of the game, however, was controlled by the Gamecocks. The two goals scored in the second half were courtesy of Senior Emma Meadows and Junior Alicia Pallister.

“Scoring a goal in the game meant a lot to me, especially since it was my third of the season so far,” said Meadows. “It’s good to get a confidence boost before OVC starts and it always feels good to help the team out...The win against Alabama State was huge for our team. We were losing 2-0 at halftime even though we knew we were the better team and we came back to win 3-2 in double overtime.”

Meadow’s goal marked her third one of her senior season and

was set up for her by the Freshman Cynthia Bagozzi. Pallister, however, had four shots on the day before connecting with one and tying the match up to send the game into overtime. Meadows has played an integral role for the gamecocks. Along with her three goals of the season, Meadows has also recorded six shots on goal and played an impressive 525 within just the first six games of the season.

“That was one of the hottest games I’ve ever played in and we didn’t have a lot of subs on the bench, so it just showed how hard our team worked and how bad we wanted to win,” said Meadows.

Throughout the final minutes of the second half there were many chances for Gamecocks to score, but they just couldn’t make it work. After a scoreless first overtime, Pallister assisted Senior Rachel Blanding and she scored not

only the game winning shot, but the first score of her senior season.

“I’d say I think it was a relief for me but also for the team just because we needed momentum for our following weekend and not only winning that game I think helped our attitude, but it was a relief for me getting my first seasonal goal in, so I’ll be hungrier to score more,” said Blanding about her game winning shot.

With the thrilling win the Gamecocks look to extend their win streak this Thursday against the University of Alabama with kickoff at 7 p.m. and at JSU soccer complex.

To keep up with the JSU girl’s soccer team and for future events and dates, follow them on Facebook at jsugamecocksathletics, on Twitter at JSUGamecocksSOC and on Instagram at jsugamecocksoc.

VOLLEYBALL

Gamecocks end on a high note in weekend tournament

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The Jacksonville State University volleyball team traveled to Birmingham, Alabama this weekend to face three different in-state opponents: UAB, Samford, and North Alabama. Coming off a sweep of Southeastern Louisiana University in the previous weekend, the Gamecocks looked to improve upon their record. Unfortunately, they came short early in the tournament.

After giving up the first two sets, Jacksonville State battled UAB for two more intense sets to decide the winner of the match. Although the Gamecocks let up the first two sets with 25 points scored in each by UAB, JSU rallied in late in the third to score 26 and take the set. While they looked to overcome a 2-0 deficit against UAB, Jacksonville State fell to the Blazers in the fourth set. While the Gamecocks defended against multiple match points for the Blazers, it was ultimately too little, too late. UAB captured the win against JSU with a final score of 3-1.

Nonetheless, the Gamecocks had stand out performances as they were led by the 6’2 sophomore Lena Kindermann, who earned 19 kills and five blocks followed by

senior Kaylee Frear with 12 kills and four blocks and finally junior Kaylie Milton with 11 kills.

Continuing on in their tournament, Jacksonville State moved on to face off against North Alabama and Samford.

Facing off against the host team of Samford, the Gamecocks were unable to get the ball rolling as they dropped the first set in a 22-18 decision in the first set. The Bulldogs prevented the Gamecocks from getting close again as they took the next two sets with 25-16 decision in the second and a 25-19 decision in the third. Jacksonville State was only able to post a .169 hitting percentage while Samford put up a .306 hitting percentage.

Moving on to their tournament finale, Jacksonville State prepared to face off against long-time university rival, North Alabama. In their match, the Gamecocks would go on to sweep the Lions with a final score of 3-0. Once again, Lena Kindermann led the Gamecocks and proved to be a giant factor in their win over UNA.

In total on Saturday, Kindermann posted 19 kills, 20 swings, and zero errors. All of this combined with a .600 hitting percentage helped lead to her being named to the all-



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tournament team. Kaylie Milton and Erin Carmichael both also proved to be valuable assets in the match against North Alabama, with Milton earning eight digs and seven kills while Carmichael put up 10 attacks.

After the weekend tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, the Gamecocks record moves to 2-4. They will host the Gamecock Classic in Jacksonville, Alabama and prepare to face off against Sam Houston State, Mississippi State, and Stetson in Pete Mathews Coliseum on September 13 and 14.

FOOTBALL

JSU's Austin Kinsey (30) carries the ball down the field during the first Gamecock victory of the season.

Courtesy of JSU

JSU football wins first home game

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Sports Correspondant

After a tough loss against Southeastern Louisiana, the gamecocks were able to come back strong for their first home game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and pull out a victory.

About half way through the first quarter, Chattanooga was unable to score a touchdown, so instead they went for a field goal in an attempt to get some points on the board. UTC kicker, Victor Ulmo, was able to successfully put these first few points on the board for UTC.

It was not long until the Gamecocks answered back. Four minutes later, JSU came back with a touchdown by Jamari Kinsley who received a 39-yard pass from Zerrick Cooper and an extra point from Bryant Wallace, putting the first quarter to an end.

Five minutes into the second quarter, JSU came back even stronger and scored their second touchdown by Austin Kinsley in a 28-yard rush and Bryant Wallace putting the extra point on the scoreboard. This was followed by yet another touchdown by the gamecocks, giving JSU a generous lead for the game. Chattanooga continued to fall short of scoring a touchdown, forcing them to go for another field goal, which was once again successful by UTC kicker Victor Ulmo, bringing the score 20-6 at halftime.

Once the third quarter began, Chattanooga came back stronger and more determined to gain the lead. They were able to finally score a touchdown by starting quarterback Nick Tiano with a two-yard rush. However, JSU answered back quickly with a touchdown from a risky 40-yard

pass in the fourth down by Zerrick Cooper to Trae Barry.

"Magic! It was one of those plays where you're on the sidelines or in the stands just sitting there watching the ball and everybody's eyes get big, but that's one of our strengths, and I love that about our team," said Head Coach John Grass about the 40-yard touchdown. "We really don't care who makes the play, it just has to be made. Trae was having a tremendous night and he came through again. Coop put it up there. That's another thing about Coop, he trusts us to make plays, so he's going to give us the opportunity regardless of what's going on."

After another touchdown from the Gamecocks, UTC answered back just as quick, scoring another touchdown from a two-yard rush by Ailym Ford and Victor Ulmo putting an extra point on the board for the Mocs. At the end of the third quarter, the score stood at a close 27 to 20, giving UTC a chance to come back for a win

Come the fourth quarter, the Gamecocks had control of the ball. Within just 15 plays and a total of six minutes and 27 seconds, JSU's redshirt freshman Austin Kinsey scored the first touchdown of the fourth quarter. Once JSU regained possession, after forcing UTC to punt, starting quarterback Zerrick Cooper was able to rush one yard to score the second touchdown for the fourth quarter. The game ended with JSU 41 and Chattanooga 20.

Wide receiver Josh Person, had three complete catches from quarterback Zerrick Cooper, and also had a total gain of 25 yards throughout the game. As for quarterback Zerrick Cooper, he had an undoubtedly great game with a total of two

touchdowns, one interception and a total gain of 334 yards.

After the game, third year player Zion Webb said, "It felt great to win." It can be easily assumed that the rest of the team felt the same way. JSU football team is now 1-1 for their record and this game had put Chattanooga's record 1-1 as well.

"We didn't play well in our first game, but we didn't let that define us. We came back, we played well at home, had a great crowd and the atmosphere was top-notch from the Southerners to cheerleaders to Cocky. We had close to 20,000 people, so it was a good night all around. We beat a good Chattanooga team, but we still made some mistakes we've got to correct," said Grass about Saturday's game.

"There are some things that we did well, that we did a lot better than we did in the opener, so I did see a will to win from our team. We knew Chattanooga was always a really good game. We couldn't put them all the way away and they battled back, but our team responded," continued Grass. "It was just good to see when they scored, our offense came back and scored again. We didn't get rattled. We came out pretty healthy and excited about moving on to this next week."

For the next two games, the Gamecocks will be playing at home. The next game will be this Saturday, September 14 against Eastern Washington and then against the University of North Alabama the following Saturday, September 21.

To follow JSU football for future events and updates, you can follow them on Facebook at JSU Gamecocks Athletics, on Twitter and Instagram at JSUGamecocksFB.

SOCCER

JSU soccer team falls to Troy University

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After a few tough losses for the JSU soccer team, the gamecocks went into Thursday's game determined against an undefeated Troy University. The game was a constant back and forth with who kept control of the ball. In the end, Troy was able to get past JSU's defense while Troy kept a solid defense that proved difficult to penetrate.

During the first half, Troy held control with four shots on goal by Nathali DaSilva, Kiersten Edlund and Kendra Chasion. At the same time, the Gamecock were able to bring in six saves from the Trojans by goalie Morgan Lerch. A couple of minutes after Jacksonville player Emma Meadows

attempted wide shot in the first period, Troy was able to score a goal to end the period by Nilou Asdigha which was assisted by Kiersten Edlund and Kate Lorenz. The period ended with a score of 1-0 with Troy in the lead.

In the second half, both teams put a tough fight, neither willing to give control of the ball. After much back and forth and three shot attempts from the Gamecocks, a fourth shot was taken by Cythian Bagozzi with an assist from Cephana Deane, putting the Gamecocks on the board. After tying up the game in the second half, the game would become a power struggle between both teams with who would get the next goal and bring home a victory.

With only about 14 minutes left



Courtesy of JSU

in the game, a block from Troy's player, Grace Mirly, was able to make the next goal with the assist from Kiersten Edlund, who also assisted in Troy's first goal. JSU was not able to make any more attempts due to Troy's strong defense, bringing the game to a close and Troy walking away with

another victory for their season.

With another win, Troy remains unbeaten. As for JSU, this game put them at a setback and made their record 2-3. The JSU soccer team will be playing against the University of Alabama Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the JSU Soccer complex.