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Mason Hall transition underway

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News Editor

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"We are scheduled to be moving in around March 7," said Christie Shelton, the

provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "They are already in phase one of moving as of right now. There are two professors already teaching classes there."

Mason Hall was previously targeted for reopening by spring 2020, but later in January, the Building and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees stated that the

project was "nearing completion".

"It will be a phased return to the building, and the first phase begins now," said Renee Baptiste, the interim head of the Department of Music, in an email to students. "While only a small portion of the building is available at this time, subsequent phases will eventually open the entire building,

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LOCAL

Jacksonville band set to release new song Feb. 14

Kaitlin Fleming
Editor in Chief

Local rock group, The Sunsets, is set to drop a new single on Valentine's Day.

"When Love Is Not Enough" will be available on all streaming platforms includ-

ing Spotify and Apple Music.

This single is the latest single from Jacksonville's very own The Sunsets. The band invites you to drown in a jazzy ballad of heartbreak set in film noir on this Valentine's Day.

The band released their al-

bum "Heartbeat Massacre" in July of 2018 and released their first EP, "Fatal Attraction," in 2016, just one year after the band began.

The last single the band released was "Space Love" on August 30, 2019.

If you're in the mood for

some rocking Valentine's Day jams, crank up The Sunsets and let their funky, jazzy, rock music take you away.

To keep up with the band, their upcoming shows and song releases, visit facebook.com/thesunsetrock.

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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

- February 13, 2020 - International House Presentation India, 11 a.m.
- February 13, 2020 - Valentine's Speed Dating, 5 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building
- February 12-14, 2020 - Student Symposium 2020, Houston Cole Library Rooms 1101-C & 1103-C
- February 14, 2020 - 'Falling in Love' A Cappella Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church in Jacksonville
- February 20, 2020 - International House Presentation Benin, 11 a.m.
- February 20, 2020 - 'We Believe in Dinosaurs', 6 p.m., Longleaf Studios
- February 20, 2020 - Honors Program Trivia Bowl, 6 p.m., Houston Cole Library
- February 21, 22, & 24, 2020 - 'Once Upon a Mattress' performance by the Drama Department, 7:30 p.m., Stone Center
- February 22, 2020 - Canyon Jazz & Dinner, 6 p.m., Little River Canyon Center
- February 23, 2020 - 'Once Upon a Mattress' performance by the Drama Department, 2:30 p.m., Stone Center
- February 26, 2020 - Safe Zone Part 2 Training, 10 a.m., Self Hall
- February 27, 2020 - International House Presentation Cambodia, 11 a.m.
- March 2, 2020 - Lunch and Learn: Women's History Month, 12 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building
- March 5, 2020 - International House Presentation Mexico, 11 a.m.
- March 10, 2020 - Safe Zone Ally Lunch, 12 p.m., Houston Cole Library
- March 11, 2020 - 2nd Annual Women's Empowerment March, 12 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building Lawn
- March 12, 2020 - International House Presentation Nepal, 11 a.m.
- March 12, 2020 - Freshman Forum Glow Party, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium

OPINION



Courtesy of USA Today

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, right, rips a copy of Trump's speech after Trump delivers his State of the Union address.

OPINION: Republicans outraged at Pelosi for ripping speech clearly haven't met Trump

Scott Young
News Editor

On Tuesday, February 4, Trump delivered the final State of the Union address of his first term in office. When Trump concluded his speech, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripped up a copy of Trump's speech.

Subsequently, a barrage of Republicans expressed their outrage, with Vice President Mike Pence calling it a "new low" and Senator Marco Rubio saying that her actions were "pathetic". Republicans even went as far as introducing a resolution in the House condemning Pelosi for her actions, a resolution that ultimately failed.

For a party that operates under the guise of supporting "family values", the Republican Party sure is talented at expressing outrage at something so trivial while turning a blind eye to our morally bankrupt president. Let's look at a list of things that were or are overlooked by Republicans.

1) "I did try and [expletive] her. She was married. I moved on her very heavily. I moved on her like a [expletive]. But I couldn't get there. And she was married. I better use some Tic Tacs, just in case I start kissing her. You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful - I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the [expletive referring to the female anatomy]. You can do anything." - Donald Trump. This one requires no explanation. This is not 'locker room talk'. It's sexual harassment and it's disgusting.

2) Trump disrespected a decorated Vietnam War hero, John McCain, by saying, "He's not a war hero. He's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren't captured."

3) Trump mocked a disabled reporter, who has arthrogryposis, a condition in which a joint becomes permanently fixed in a bent or straightened position. While talking about the reporter, Trump is seen on camera jerking his arms spastically in a similar fashion that the reporter's condition appears.

4) For years, Trump pushed the racist birther conspiracy which claimed that President Obama was not born in the

United States.

5) Trump admitted in a legal settlement that he misused charity money to bolster his political campaign and settle business debts.

6) Trump once bragged about creeping around the dressing rooms of Miss Universe or Miss USA, pageants he owned, saying "Well, I'll tell you the funniest is that before a show, I'll go backstage and everyone's getting dressed, and everything else, and you know, no men are anywhere, and I'm allowed to go in because I'm the owner of the pageant and therefore I'm inspecting it. You know, I'm inspecting because I want to make sure that everything is good. You know, the dresses. 'Is everyone okay?' You know, they're standing there with no clothes. 'Is everybody okay?' And you see these incredible looking women, and so, I sort of get away with things like that. But no, I've been very good."

7) A \$25 million settlement was approved for people who were defrauded by "Trump University", which promised those attending that they would learn "secrets of success" in real estate. The university used false advertising and high pressure sales to lure prospective students into spending thousands of dollars in tuition.

8) In reference to the Charlottesville protest, Trump said that there were "very fine people on both sides" of the protest, a protest which included white supremacists and neo-Nazis that were chanting racist and antisemitic chants.

9) In 1973, Trump, his father and Trump Management were sued for racial discrimination at Trump housing properties in New York. The lawsuit alleged that black people who attempted to rent property were told there were no units available all while white people were given units. The lawsuit was settled when the two sides signed an agreement prohibiting Trump from "discriminating against any person in the terms, conditions or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling."

Pelosi had every right to rip up Trump's speech, as independent fact-checking organizations found that it was filled with exaggerations, misleading statements and outright lies.

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CAMPUS CRIME LOG

- February 11, 2020, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, The Pointe
- February 6, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Pannell Hall
- February 6, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall
- February 5, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Meehan Hall
- February 5, 2020, Possession of Marijuana, Crow Hall
- February 3, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe
- January 31, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Sparkman Hall
- January 31, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe
- January 30, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Mountain Street
- January 29, 2020, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Logan Hall
- January 28, 2020, Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Campus Inn
- January 22, 2020, Possession of Marijuana, The Pointe
- January 18, 2020, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Curtiss Hall

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NEWS

Trump acquitted of impeachment charges

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The impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump came to a close when he was acquitted of two impeachment charges by the Senate on Wednesday, February 5. The two impeachment articles sent from the House were for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

“The architects of this impeachment claimed they were defending norms and traditions,” said Mitch McConnell, the leader of the Senate Republicans. “In reality, it was an assault on both. They attacked due process, the office of the presidency, and the

Senate’s sole power to try impeachments.”

The final vote for the abuse of power article was 52-48, and the final vote for the obstruction of Congress article was 53-47.

The votes were primarily split down party lines with one exception.

Republican Senator Mitt Romney voted to convict and remove Trump on the charge of abuse of power. He did, however, vote to acquit Trump on the charge of obstruction of Congress.

“The grave question the Constitution tasks senators to answer is whether the president



committed an act so extreme and egregious that it rises to the level of a ‘high crime and misdemeanor’,” said Romney. “Yes, he did.”

Romney is the first senator

in U.S. history to vote to convict a president of the same political party in an impeachment trial.

The Senate voted against using witnesses and outside documents in the impeachment trial six days before acquitting the president, with a final vote of 51-49. This was the first impeachment trial in which there were no witnesses or documents subpoenaed in the Senate.

All members of the Democratic caucus in the Senate voted to support additional witnesses and documents, and only two Republican senators – Romney and Susan Collins of Maine – voted in favor.

“The Senate Republicans’ vote against calling witnesses and compelling document in the impeachment proceedings makes them accomplices to the President’s cover-up,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. “There can be no acquittal without a trial. And there is no trial without witnesses, documents and evidence.”

Pelosi held onto the articles for several weeks in order to ensure a “fair trial” but eventually delivered the articles to the Senate. The impeachment trial officially began on January 16 and lasted approximately three weeks.

CAMPUS

Town hall addresses plans for parking, dining hall

Miranda Prescott
Correspondent

The Student Government Association at Jacksonville State University hosted a town hall meeting on Wednesday, February 5. Students were given an opportunity to meet with JSU administrators and the SGA to answer their questions that came from the quarterly Board of Trustees meeting last month.

The meeting was conducted with student questions being answered by a panel of JSU administrators and others. Among the panelists were Dr. Don Killingsworth, the president of the JSU; Terry Casey, vice president of student affairs; Dr. Tim King, vice president of student success; Ulises Herrera, SGA president; Christie Shelton, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Micheal Boynton, JSU drama professor and head of the faculty senate; and James Brigham, senior vice president for finance and administration.

“We welcome all questions asked,” said Herrera.

Questions that were posed to the panel included healthier food options for the upcoming dining hall that is planned.

“There will be menus and particular food selections to accommodate for allergies and specialty diets,” said Brigham. “Let’s not wait on this new cafeteria for new food options. If you have any requests, let us know.”

Brigham also said that the timeline for the new dining hall would be approximately two years or more. Students will be getting surveys in the near future to ask for their feedback as to what they would like to see within this new facility.

The contract with Sodexo is also being negotiated with the legal teams, including earlier and later hours for service.

The commuter plan is also being negotiated with Sodexo as well. Once the contract is settled, a new system of flex dollars for commuting freshman known as Cockey Bucks will be implemented.

“Each year, we will add a year on, but students will be able to purchase them on their own outside of this,” said Brigham. “First requirement will be those commuter freshman.”

Cockey Bucks will act as an alternate for flex dollars. There are currently talks to expand into other businesses outside of campus, including alternatives to food for spending on the plan.

“I am going to guarantee that you will spend it,” said Brigham. “If the money is not used at all, you will get it all back when you graduate.”

Businesses will not be signed up for this program until the contract with Sodexo is finalized.

Another question was posed regarding the current bus system. The current buses were received in 2009 and 2012, and “were not meant for the slower routes they are currently taking,” according to Brigham. “The use of these routes are declining steadily. We are going to work steadily to make these routes more efficient.”

“When I was a student here, we did not have a bus system,” said Casey. “Revamping these bus systems will help commuters getting around on campus.”

Questions about Mason Hall were posed as well. “We are scheduled to be moving in around March 7,” said Shelton. “They are already in phase one of moving as of right now. There are two professors already teaching classes there.”

Parking solutions were also mentioned during the meeting. During an interview with The Chanticleer last year, Killingsworth said that his administration is considering moving to a two-zone parking system and to expand parking on campus. He later confirmed that the university is moving forward with those plans.

“We are making strides on revamping our parking system to implement a two-zone parking system in the fall,” said Killingsworth.

Killingsworth explained that the two-system parking will be sectioned with one zone for faculty and one zone for students. Colors to identify the zones will be decided on a later date. Parking will be on a first come, first serve basis with the new system.

Currently, there are approximately 6000 parking spaces on campus, according to Killingsworth. Parking decal prices will not increase with the new system being implemented.

“It is still being questioned as to the location, but it is almost time for one to be built,” said Killingsworth, in reference to a possible parking deck.

Stephenson Hall came into question as well. Currently, the building is being shared by athletics and kinesiology, according to Shelton. Classrooms, offices, and other buildings are being remodeled to benefit students in the kinesiology department. “The athletic folks will continue to share this space with them,” said Shelton.

Sidewalks and street lamps are also being repaired and replaced.

“We are on a timeline for those to be finished in April,” said Brigham. “We are putting them up as fast as they are delivered.”

JSU administrators have an “open-door policy,” according to Brigham. “If students have questions or concerns, they are more than welcome to approach us.”

University officials said that there will be a town hall meeting after every quarterly Board of Trustees meeting to field questions from students.

This Week in Headlines

Jacksonville council approves suspension for assistant police chief –

The Jacksonville City Council voted at its Monday night meeting to approve a six-month paid administrative leave for assistant police Chief Bill Wineman. The move makes official Mayor Johnny Smith’s decision to place Wineman on administrative leave Jan. 31. Wineman’s six months start from that date. “I really thought it was in his best interest as well as the department’s,” Smith said. Wineman, 63, sued the city last year after he felt he was overlooked for the position of police chief because of his age. In November 2018, Marcus Wood, 32 at the time, was hired as chief after the retirement of Tommy Thompson. (Courtesy of The Anniston Star)

Bernie Sanders narrowly wins in New Hampshire, taking front-runner mantle –

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders pulled off a narrow victory in New Hampshire on Tuesday night, providing a jolt of energy to his front-of-the-pack status by holding off Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Ind. The close race means the crowded Democratic presidential field remains fiercely contested, with Buttigieg just barely ahead of Sanders in the national delegate count. Each candidate is pushing a vastly different vision for America’s future and offers contrasting paths for the Democratic Party. (Courtesy of NPR)

Iowa officially gives Buttigieg the largest delegate count, followed closely by Sanders –

The Iowa Democratic Party on Sunday allocated delegates based on the results of last week’s caucuses, giving former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg the largest delegate count, followed closely by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. The party said it would award 14 delegates to Buttigieg and 12 to Sanders based on the results it had collected. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., will receive 8 delegates, while former Vice President Joe Biden will receive 6 and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., will receive 1, the party said. NBC News is not calling a winner in the first-in-the-nation contest, and the NBC News Decision Desk is not making any independent delegate allocations at this time. (Courtesy of NBC News)

China reports the most coronavirus deaths in one day as total surpasses 1,000; US confirms 13th case –

China reported its highest daily coronavirus death toll Tuesday, the 103 additional fatalities pushing the total past 1,000 and providing a somber warning that the epidemic represents “a very grave threat to the rest of the world.” All but two of the 1,018 deaths attributed to the outbreak that emerged in December have been in mainland China. The virus is continuing to spread into other countries: Almost 500 of the 43,138 confirmed cases are outside China. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week reported the 13th case in the U.S. (Courtesy of USA Today)

Hate to break it to you but you can make a broom stand upright any day of the year –

Surely, by now you’ve seen the latest craze ... um, sweeping the internet. Your friends are likely posting videos and pictures showing how they can make brooms stand up all by themselves. A viral tweet suggests that NASA said Monday was the only day the “standing broom” trick would work, because of the earth’s gravitational pull. We couldn’t find anything from NASA to support the tweet. But as with many things on the internet, people ran with it. Fun, right? Right. But the truth is, you can make a broom stand upright today... and tomorrow and the day after... and the day after that. (Courtesy of CNN)

Trump praises Barr for ‘taking charge’ in Roger Stone case –

President Trump praised Attorney General William Barr for “taking charge” of the case against Roger Stone, weighing in on a controversy that started when the Justice Department reversed itself and moved to recommend less prison time for the president’s longtime confidant. “Congratulations to Attorney General Bill Barr for taking charge of a case that was totally out of control and perhaps should not have even been brought,” Mr. Trump said in a tweet Wednesday morning.

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No, the economy is not the “best it’s ever been” when GDP growth actually fell to 2.3% last year.

No, you did not save the American job market by reversing the economic policies of President Obama. While the economy has gained 6.6 million jobs in Trump’s first 36 months in office, President Obama added 8.1 million jobs in a comparable 36 months at the end of his tenure, so the policies for job growth have been in place.

No, there have not been “decades of flat and falling incomes”, they’ve gone up several times from recent presidents. Wages under Obama went up 4.2%. Wages under Bush also went up 4.2%. Wages under Clinton went up 6.4%. So far, in Trump’s first term, they’ve gone

up by 2.6%. These statistics come from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

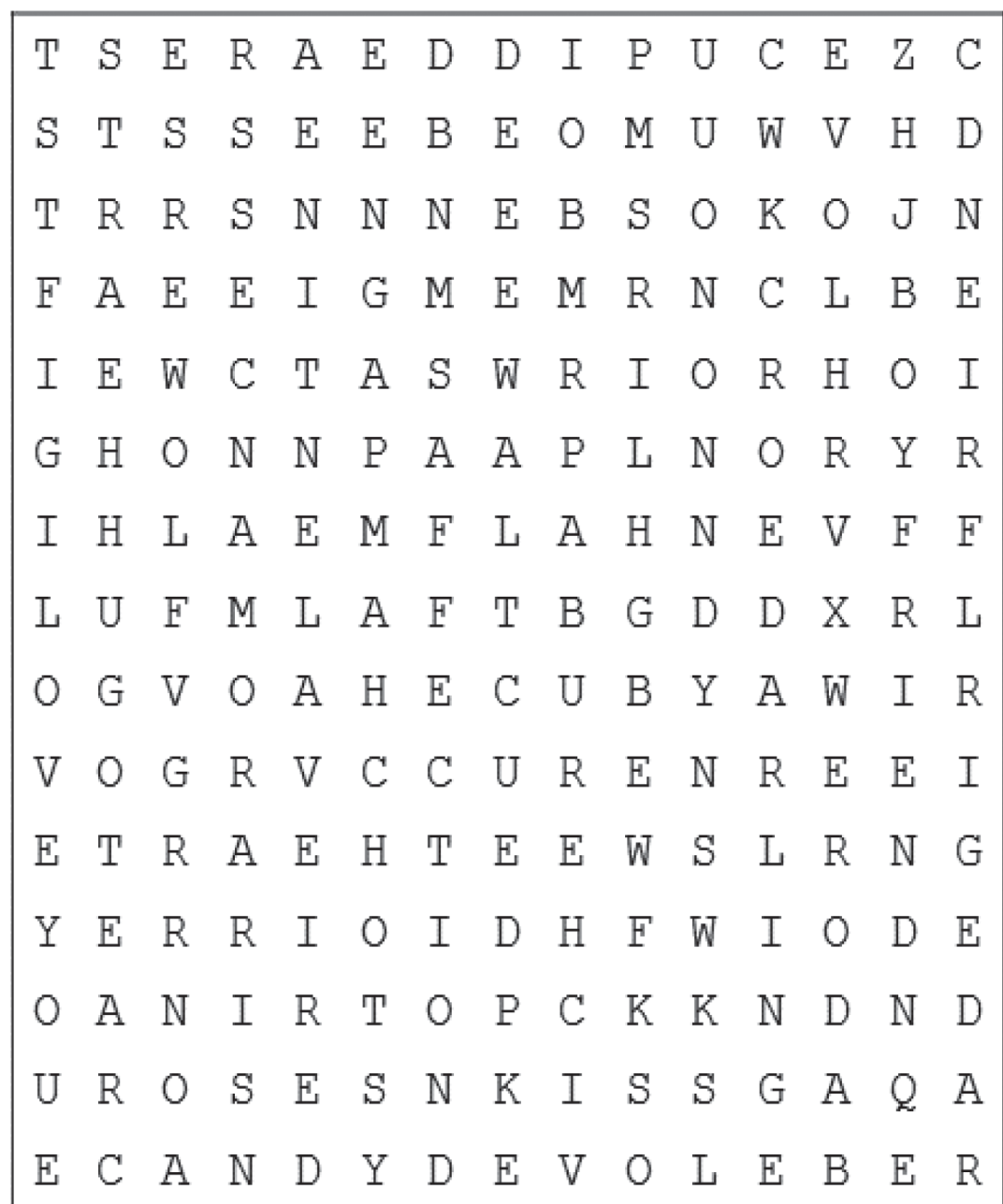
The list of lies and misleading statements goes on and on and on and on.

Showing selective outrage at Pelosi for ripping up a speech while the President of the United States gets away with morally reprehensible things every single day shows how much the modern Republican Party has strayed from being the party of “morals” and “family values”.

So, I say this to the Republican Party: find yourself a Republican candidate for president who has respect for people of color, the LGBTQ+ community and women, and then maybe you’ll have the credibility to measure someone’s morals and respect.

Chicken Scratch

Weekly Word Search Puzzle



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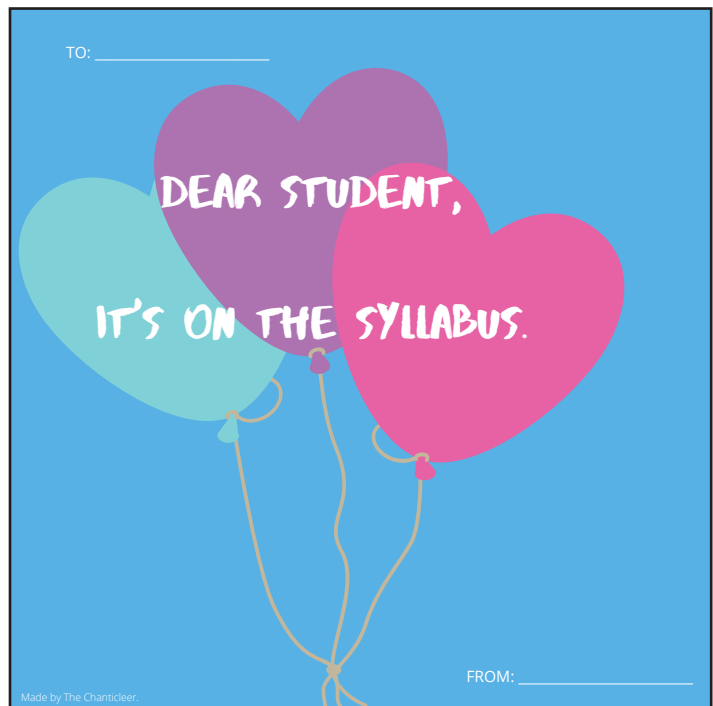
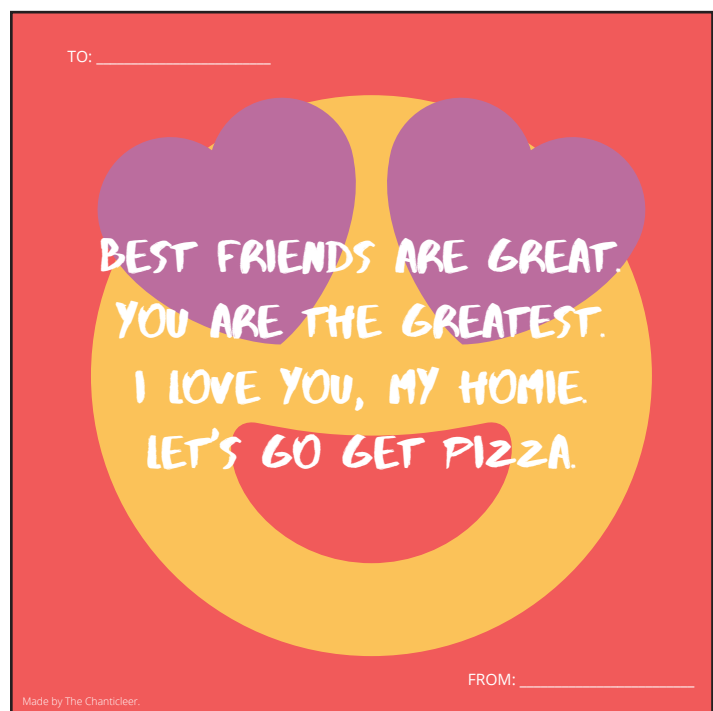
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VALENTINE

LOVE QUOTE

**"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening..."**

-William W. Purkey



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so that we can complete semester back at home."

The renovations at Mason Hall include soundproof practice rooms, faculty offices and performance rooms.

Baptiste said that only music faculty and music students are allowed to enter Mason Hall at this time and that they are restricted to the first three hallways on the middle floor of the facility.

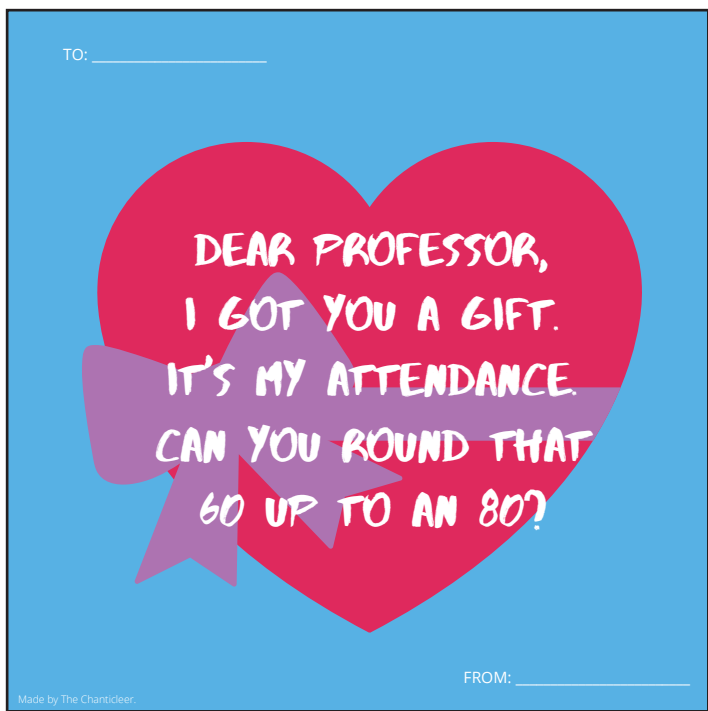
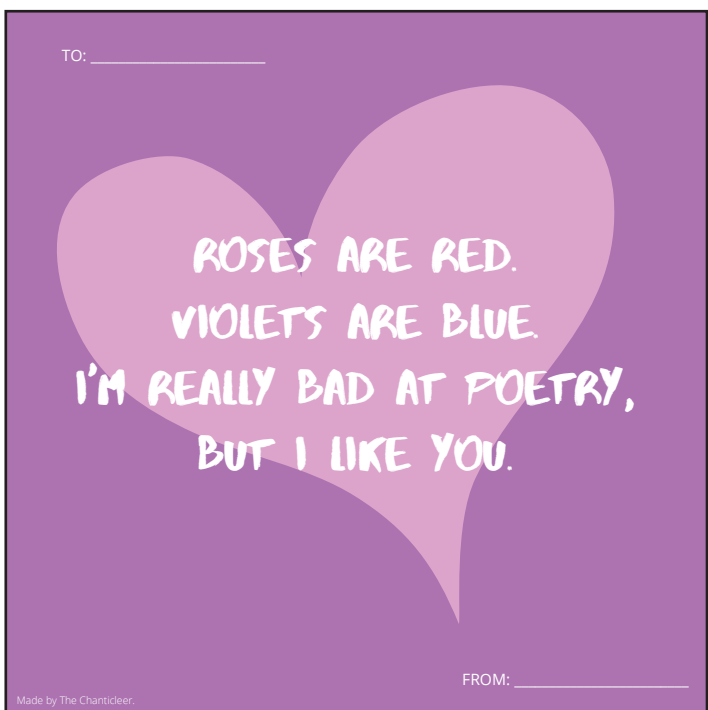
"Please remember that this is still a construction site," said Baptiste. "Be aware of your surroundings."

Baptiste added that Mason Hall will be open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the weekdays, but can be opened by UPD on the weekend. Practice rooms in the South campus will remain open.

"More of the building will hopefully be opening in the coming weeks, with full occupation potentially occurring mid-March," she explained.

Mason Hall has been under heavy renovations and repairs since March 19, 2018 when it was damaged by an EF-3 tornado. Classes for music students have been dispersed all across campus.

Attempts to reach Baptiste or JSU capital planning were unsuccessful at the time of publication.



4 Day Forecast

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| Saturday | Sunday |
| 55 °F 37 °F | 60 °F 47 °F |

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Take our perfect match quiz

1. It's Friday night which means it's officially date night. What is your ideal romantic evening?

- A. A night in
- B. Dinner and dancing
- C. Something outdoors
- D. Movies

2. What's the first thing you notice when out on a date?

- A. Personality
- B. Smile

- C. Eyes
- D. Laugh

3. What's the most important thing in a relationship?

- A. Trust
- B. Loyalty
- C. Weekend Dates
- D. Attention

4. Pick a romantic getaway.

- A. New York City
- B. I don't care, as long as I'm on

- the beach
- C. Bora Bora
- D. Paris

5. You know you're in love when you...

- A. Introduce them to your friends and family
- B. Stay up all night talking
- C. Hang out with them constantly
- D. Get butterflies when you're around them

Calculate your results

If you answered 3/5 or more questions with 'A' your match is the **Thinker**

If you answered 3/5 or more questions with a 'B' your match is the **Go-getter**

If you answered 3/5 or more questions with a 'C' your match is the **Adventurer**

If you answered 3/5 or more questions with a 'D' your match is the **Advisor**

What it means

Thinker: The thinker is someone who you meld with perfectly because you adore the comfort that he/she brings you. He/she is able to make you laugh with ease and keeps you on your toes intellectually. They're predictable yet spontaneous when need be, and though they don't fit into the life-of-the-party persona, they can be quite fun around those they feel comfortable with.

Go-getter: The go-getter is determined to have as much fun with their significant other as possible, despite the consequences that may come along with their actions. They're a bit romantic when you least expect it, and they don't let anything get in their way when they want something. They set their mind to something and they do what

it takes to get it, and that may be a bit uplifting to you. **Adventurer:** The adventurer will keep you on your toes in more ways than one. They're never predictable, always a bit chaotic, in a good way of course. He/she may be all about the thrill when it comes to life, which can lead to some pretty crazy, yet totally memorable, nights. **Advisor:** The advisor is someone who you feel most safe and secure around. They're mindful and observant. They'll listen carefully and always give great advice, and be there for you whenever you need them to be. It's always nice to have a clear-minded significant other, especially if you're a bit chaotic. They can help you chill out a bit.

Breanna's Bops: Valentine's Day Edition

"Can't Help Falling In Love" Elvis Presley

"I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" Aerosmith

"Speechless" Dan + Shay

"Endless Love" Diana Ross and Lionel Richie

"Rewrite the Stars" Zac Efron and Zendaya

"Thinking Out Loud" Ed Sheeran

"Adore You" Harry Styles

"All You Need Is Love" The Beatles

"All of Me" John Legend

"I'm Yours" Jason Mraz

These are my top love songs for this special week. Grab next week's edition to see my next top 10!

ENTERTAINMENT

'Parasite' infiltrates the Oscars

Alexandra O'Neal

Correspondent

This Sunday, thousands of movie buffs tuned in to watch The Academy Awards. At the Oscars, awards are given celebrating excellence in cinema, from acting to editing.

What came as a surprise to many was the overwhelming success of Bong Joon-Ho's film *Parasite*. The South Korean film was the first foreign-language film to win the Best Picture Award in Oscar history! All in all, the film won four different Oscars. From what I've heard, the movie does a great job of providing an entertaining and thought-provoking commentary on class and family.

While I haven't watched *Parasite* yet, I'm getting super excited to see what all the awards are about. Bong Joon-ho also produced the film *Okja*, which remains one of the most touching and haunting movies I have ever watched. I have high hopes for *Parasite*!

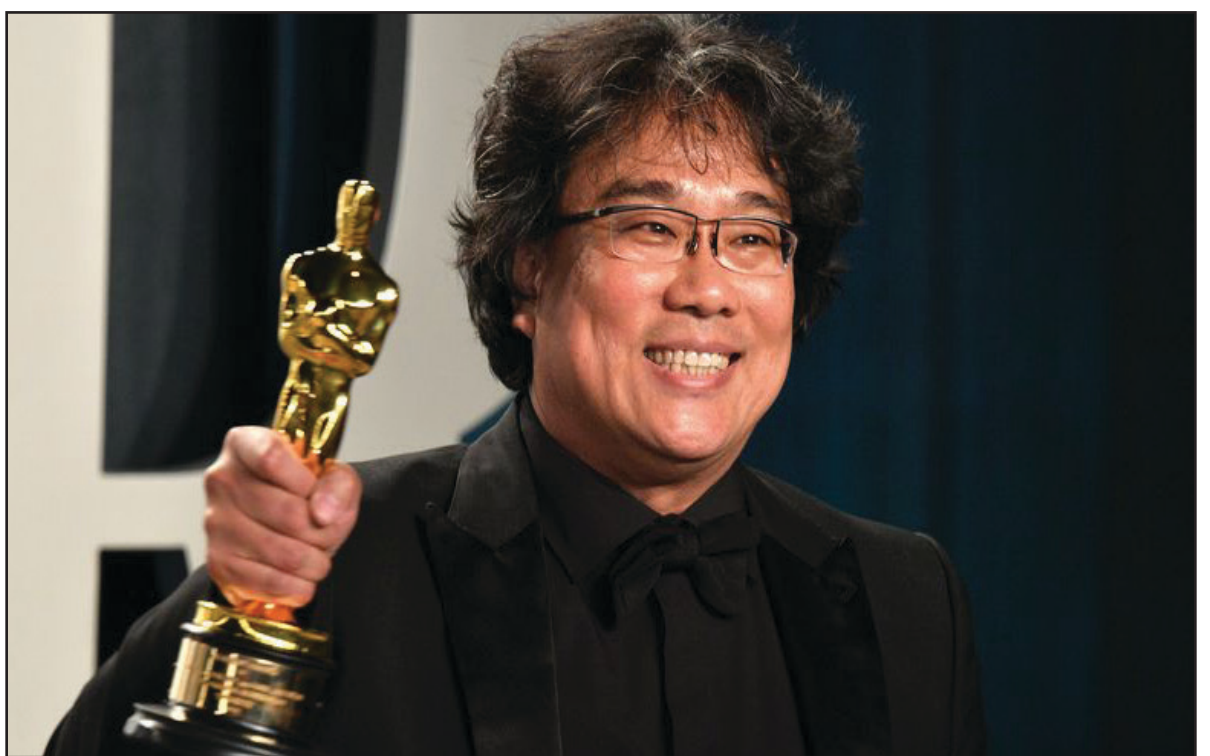
My two personal favorite movies of the nominations were *Joker* and *1917*. I was blown away by the frightening believability of Joaquin Phoenix's performance, and am pleased to see it honored by Joaquin's award for Best Actor. While I would have loved for *1917* to win Best Picture, I am happy that it was awarded three other awards. Not only winning the Oscar for Best Sound Mixing and Cinematography, which was very much deserved (the continuous filming effect was immersive and had a great effect), *1917* also won Best Visual Effects. As a French minor and a self-proclaimed Francophile, I was excited to see that Frenchman Guillaume Rocheron's work on the visual effects of *1917* contributed to the film's success.

However, I was a bit disappointed to see that Jeremy Clapin's animated French film "I Lost My Body" wasn't awarded the Best Animated Feature Film. I may be biased because of my love for French cinema, but I thought that it was both well-written and animated; and, consequently, deserving of the award.

Overall, the Oscars recognized a substantial amount of talent, and I was impressed with the diverse representation. While I was disappointed with some of the results, I have to admit that all of the awards were given to talented and deserving individuals.



Photo courtesy of Oscar.go.com



George Pimentel/Getty Images

Pictured above is director and writer of the new drama-mystery film "Parasite", Bong Joon-ho. "Parasite" was released on October 11 of this past year, and has been rated a 92% audience score and a 99% on the tomatometer on rottentomatoes.com

I've included a comprehensive list below of the awards presented at the Oscars.

Best picture: *Parasite*

Best actress: Renée Zellweger, *Judy*

Best actor: Joaquin Phoenix, *Joker*

Best director: Bong Joon-ho, *Parasite*

Music (original song): "(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again" from *Rocketman*

Music (original score): *Joker*

International feature film: South Korea, *Parasite*

Makeup and hairstyling: *Bombshell*

Visual effects: *1917* (Guillaume Rocheron's work)

Best film editing: *Ford v Ferrari*

Best cinematography: Roger Deakins, *1917*

Best sound mixing: *1917*

Best sound editing: Ford v Ferrari

Best supporting actress: Laura Dern, *Marriage Story*

Documentary short feature: *Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You're a Girl)*

Documentary feature: *American Factory*

Best costume design: Jacqueline Durran, *Little Women*

Best production design: *Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood*

Live-action short film: *The Neighbors' Window*

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Try out one of these Valentine's Day date ideas

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The day filled with love has once again come upon us, and for those who have significant others and special loved ones are faced with the task of coming up with an unforgettable, seemingly perfect evening. There are several ways to make Valentine's Day memorable this year, and luckily, if you don't have a big budget for this event there are a couple ideas that could cost less than \$10 and still knock the socks off your guy or gal. Here are some fun, inexpensive date ideas for the beloved holiday:

Stay in, eat out, and binge. This is a timeless, sure-fire way to make your significant other extremely happy on the lovely occasion. Going out can cause all sorts of problems to arise. There's going to be traffic, regardless of your location. Then there's having to find a restaurant that isn't too crowded as well as finding an actual activity to do, which can be stressful. Perhaps staying in is the better option for the two of you. Beforehand make sure you're fully stocked on all the tasty sweets associated with the holiday. Take some time to find a couple mov-

ies on Amazon Prime, or your preferred streaming service. All that's left to do is DoorDash something from your favorite eatery and snuggle up. Boom! Perfect night.

Hike, and bike...oh! Don't forget a romantic picnic. Picnics are, in my opinion, one of the best romantic gestures that have, unfortunately, died out a bit as of recently. Why? Who knows. It shows the amount of effort your significant other is willing to put in for you. This, again much like the first date idea, is pretty inexpensive. There are incredible hiking and biking trails all over Alabama, and many, if not all, are of no cost. Nothing beats seeing a beautiful sunset or sunrise with the one you hold most dear. Throw in some favorite foods and maybe even a bouquet of flowers and you're basically Romeo.

Reminisce or recreate your first date. Though this may not be towards the cheaper side of things, it is a very romantic idea that is bound to bring up fun memories and good times spent together. To throw your own spin on it, write a letter to each other and explain how you felt on the first date--explain the nerves and the mindset that you had in preparation of the day. It's pretty neat to see how far the



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two of you have come since the beginning of the relationship. Have fun with it!

Alongside of these three inexpensive date ideas, here are some honorable mentions that can be under \$50:

- Bowling
- Movies
- Dining out
- Museums
- Camping
- Stargazing

- Thrifting/Antiquing
- Paintball
- Lasertag
- Gokarting

Hopefully these ideas can help out when deciding what your Valentine's Day should consist of. Who says doing this on Valentine's Day is just meant for couples? Grab some friends or some of your family members and make the Friday evening one to remember.

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Photo courtesy of Reader's Digest

Top 10 romance novels to add to your reading list

- 'The Choice' Nicholas Sparks
- 'Outlander' Diana Gabaldon
- 'The Notebook' Nicholas Sparks
- 'The Fault in our Stars' John Green
- 'Pride and Prejudice' Jane Austen
- 'Vision in White' Nora Roberts
- 'To All the Boys I've Loved Before' Jenny Han
- 'Me Before You' Jojo Moyes
- 'The Light We Lost' Jill Santopolo
- 'The Girl He Used to Know' Tracey Garvis Graves

Try out one of these last minute Valentine's Day gift ideas

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This week, there is a day that restaurants will be the busiest they ever are on any typical day of the year. Some people will get engaged, others will get broken up with the day after. Oh, and there's a baby dangerously wielding a bow and arrow. I am talking, of course, about Valentine's Day.

Now, Valentine's Day is not one of my favorite holidays. Mainly because of the whole baby and a bow and arrow thing. That is not safe. The Pagans were not smart about that. But, I do realize that there are a lot of people that love this holiday. They probably love this holiday more than the people they are actually spending it with. And that is perfectly ok.

I also realize that there are a lot of people who forget about this holiday and have to get something for their special someone at the last-minute. I can say that I am and I am not this

person all in one. I forget about the holiday, but typically I do not have anyone I need to do anything special for, so it usually works out.

But, I have had my share of last-minute gift ideas for other holidays, and that is where this article comes in handy. Here are three of my favorite gifts to pull together at the last second that will appease anyone on your gift list for any occasion.

Canvases

Being in a sorority, we make a lot of these. Painting has become a craft I have honed since receiving my bid over two years ago. So naturally, I have given a lot of painted objects to relatives and friends over the years. I can attest that they are one of the most perfect last-minute gifts to give to someone if you want to put a little more effort into them than any other gift. Even better, they are relatively inexpensive as well. You can get pain for less than a dollar a tube, and brushes and the canvas itself will not cost you that much,

either. It is homemade, from the heart, and can be crafted into something that will make the receiver of the gift extremely happy.

Experiences

Speaking of sororities, this idea actually came from one of my sisters. Although she said movie tickets, I'm pushing it all into its own category as an experience. It does not have to be anything expensive. It can be anything from a painting class to a concert to just spending time together in the comforts of home. Your special someone's love language could be quality time, which makes this the perfect gift for that person. Or, your person could typically be really busy during the week and it makes it difficult to spend time together. A day just to relax and spend time with loved ones would make the perfect present for anyone who needs to slow down and take it easy.

Cheesy Things

While some people hate the cheesiness of



Photo courtesy of Ribbons & Glue

certain presents, it never fails as a last-minute gift bundle. However, if you choose to go this route, you have to go big or go home. Flowers, chocolate, and a stuffed animal

all at once. Not just one of these things. They are a package deal that turns into the ultimate cheese fest. Or, if you want to take this literally, just get them cheese. Unless their

lactose intolerant, then probably do not do that. But, ultimately, feel free to take this idea into any direction you'd like. The level of cheese is yours for the choosing!

SOFTBALL

Courtesy of JSUgamecockssports.com

Savannah Sudduth slides into the base in Matchup against Kennesaw State on Sunday, February 9 where the Gamecocks faced a 12-0 defeat.

JSU Softball unable to top Kennesaw State

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The Jacksonville State University Softball team kicked off their 2020 season this past weekend with a road trip east to compete in the Kennesaw State Phyllis Rafter Memorial Classic in Kennesaw, Georgia. Seven seniors left the team last season, presenting an opportunity for several younger players to make an impression for the new season.

Coming off a Ohio Valley Conference Championship victory in the previous season, the Gamecocks are hoping to continue their impressive performance in 2020 after finishing second alongside Southeastern Missouri in the OVC tournament in the year prior.

Opening the tournament against Purdue Fort Wayne, the Gamecocks began the new season with a challenging bout. The Mastodons put up scores quickly in the second inning, leading the Gamecocks 4-1. However, JSU turned the tide quickly to take control of the pace by putting up a pair of runs in the third inning thanks to an RBI from senior Alexis Jimmerson and junior Jada Terry, slicing the deficit to one.

A sac fly from Terry and a two-run single from

Jimmerson put Jax State in front with 6-4 at the end of the sixth. Maddie Clay, a transfer from Georgia State, built up the lead to 8-4 after punching in a two-run double at the bottom of the seventh inning.

Sophomore Hannah Brown walked on to the mound during the third inning and helped hold the Mastodons scoreless up until the seventh frame, where they put up three runs, bringing the tally to 8-7. Brown's pitching helped seal the victory following a pop up fly ball from Purdue Fort Wayne that resulted in the game's final out.

Terry was the Gamecocks' leader at the plate with a 2-for-2 game in which she also punched in a pair of runs. Jimmerson had three RBI followed closely by Clay with two.

Following the win, the Gamecocks faced up against tournament host Kennesaw State, where Jacksonville State struggled to keep up. The Owls entered the initial inning aggressively, putting in four runs. Jax State gained their only run of the game late in the third following a leadoff double from a fresh-faced Megan Fortner, who scored after a two-out error from KSU, cutting the deficit to three. Things never improved for the Gamecocks, unfortunately, as the Owls put in another five in the fifth, ending the game via mercy rule.

Day two of the tournament was cancelled due to snow. JSU was set to face Purdue Fort Wayne once again, but rare Georgia snow showers in the morning and early afternoon forced tournament officials to cancel all games for the day.

The final day of the tournament set the JSU Gamecocks and KSU Owls up for another face off. After a mercy rule ended the game early for the Owls, JSU looked for redemption in the rematch. However, things got off to a rocky start quickly for the Gamecocks who struggled to regroup after KSU pulled in eight runs in the second inning to capture a strong lead. Kennesaw State scored in every inning and held Jacksonville State scoreless, ending the weekend with a 12-0 win for the host team.

Brown took the loss for Jax State, giving up four runs on three hits and three walks in over one inning. Junior Nicole Rodriguez surrendered five runs on three hits and two walks in a third of an inning. Redshirt-Freshman Macy Bearden threw the final two runs and 2/3 innings and gave up three runs on six hits.

Jacksonville State continues their season on the road once again in Conway, South Carolina at the Coastal Carolina Battle at the Beach. Their first matchup will be against Delaware State on February 14 at 11:45 a.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gamecocks defeat UT Martin in weekend games

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On Thursday, February 6, the JSU men's basketball team traveled to Southeastern Missouri State University to play the Redhawks. The Gamecocks lost the contest by four points with a final score of 76-72. The following Saturday, the Gamecocks then faced off against the University of Tennessee-Martin that resulted in a much-needed victory for the Gamecocks with a final score of 75-61.

On Thursday's game, the Gamecocks came out flat, went down early and found themselves down by double digits multiple times throughout the game. Nonetheless, the Gamecocks never gave up.

When the lead reached 16 points in the first half, freshman guard Marek Welsch responded by willing in a deep three-pointer just shy of the half-court line to cut the lead to 13 as the half expired.

The second half began much like the first half as the Redhawks saw the lead go as high as 18 points before the Gamecocks were finally able to turn things around. A swarming full-court press helped to slow down the Redhawk offense and led to quick points for the Gamecock offense.

Two freshmen, Welsch and forward Juwan Perdue helped to lead the comeback and the Gamecocks went on a big 24-9 run from the 11-minute mark in the second half to the two minute mark, which cut the lead to just three points.

Some ill-timed missed free throws and empty offensive possessions eventually let the Redhawks add on and hold their lead for the rest of the game, securing their first Ohio Valley Conference win of the season.

The loss pushed the Gamecocks record to 9-15 overall and 4-7 in conference play. The disappointment would not sit for long as the team had a quick turnaround in preparation for Saturday's game against UT Martin where the Gamecocks played much better than they had just a few days before and led for almost the entire contest.

The Gamecocks held UT Martin, known for their high-powered offense, to their lowest point total of the season. UT Martin turned the ball over thirteen times, ten in the first half alone and finished with only 20 first half points. The Gamecocks defense also smothered UT Martin's shooters all night as they shot at only 36 percent from the field and just 28 percent from three point range.

Sophomore guard De'Torrion Ware led the Gamecocks with 22 points and shot over 50 percent from the field and 35 percent from beyond the perimeter. Meanwhile, Junior forward Kayne Henry was also a physical presence in the paint all game long and finished with 20 points and nine rebounds. Henry's efforts in both the SEMO and UT Martin game resulted in his selection as the OVC Newcomer of the Week (17.5 ppg, 8.5 reb) for the third time this season.

The win put the Gamecocks at 5-7 in conference play so far and 10-15 overall this season. The Gamecocks travel to Tennessee this week to play both Tennessee Tech and Belmont. With only six games left before postseason play, every game is important now as the Gamecocks try to hold on to and possibly advance their sixth place spot in the OVC standings.



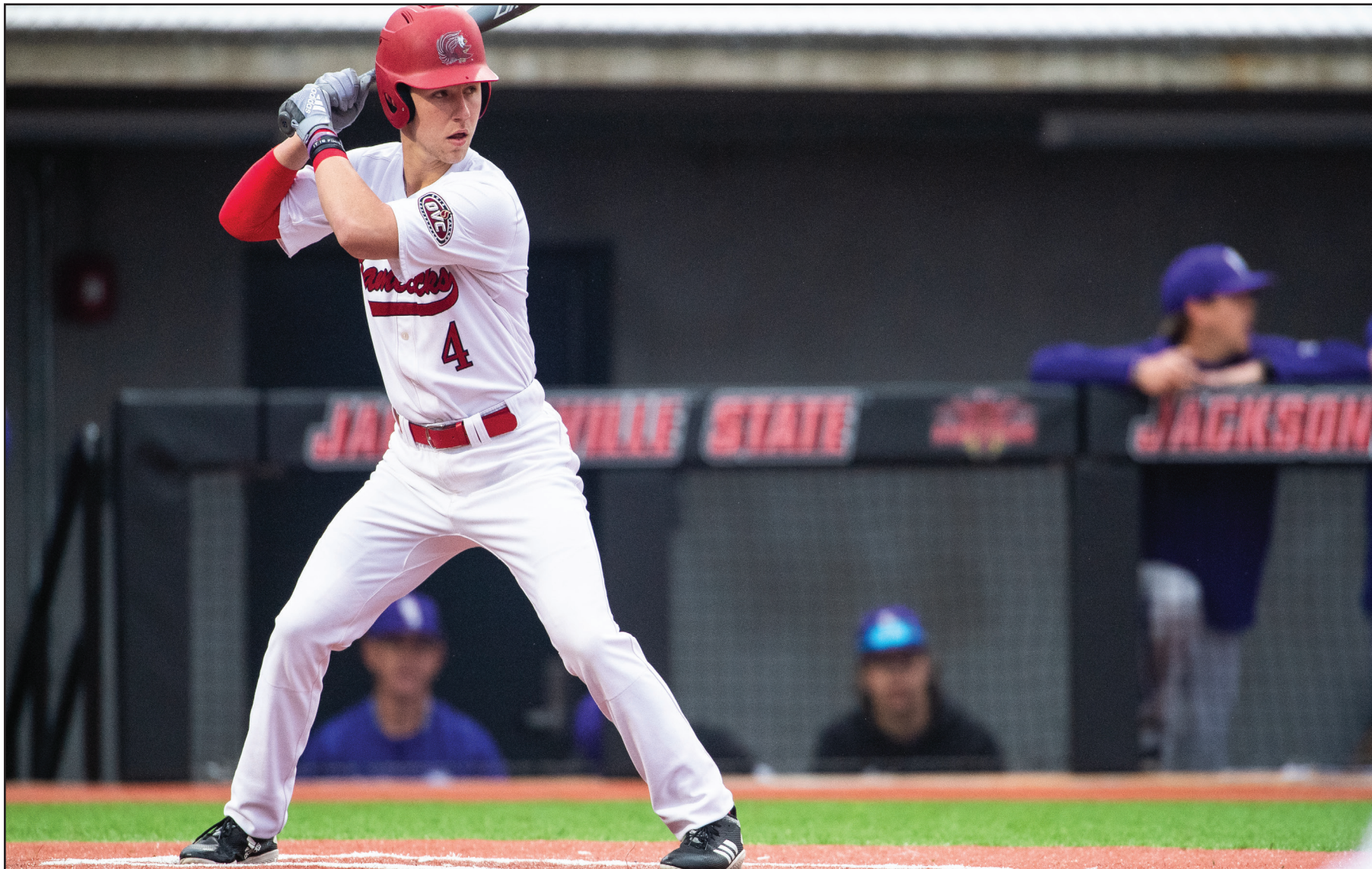
Courtesy of JSU

Derrick Cook goes in for a layup in a game against Tennessee State where the JSU Gamecocks accepted a loss of 72-62.



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BASEBALL



Courtesy of JSU

Redshirt sophomore Nash Adams up to bat in a 2019 matchup where Jacksonville State earned a decisive 14-1 win over in-state rival North Alabama on Opening Day of the 2019 season.

JSU baseball picked to win OVC

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The OVC head baseball coaches and communications directors gathered together to discuss the upcoming 2020 baseball season, and as a result, the JSU baseball team was picked No. 1 in the OVC preseason while also being chosen to win the 2020 OVC title.

In last year's 2019 season, the Jacksonville State University baseball team claimed the Ohio Valley Conference championship for the fifth time in school history. The last time this happened was in the 2014 season.

While there were three different teams picked for the first-place vote, Jacksonville State earned 19 of the 22 votes with Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State receiving the other three votes.

Following Jacksonville State in first place is Eastern Kentucky in sec-

ond, Austin Peay in third, Blemont in fourth and Morehead State for fifth. Following the top five are Murray State in sixth, Southeastern Missouri in seventh, Eastern Illinois in eighth, Tennessee Tech in ninth and UT Martin in tenth.

There were also three Gamecocks listed as preseason All-OVC players out of the 17 players that were selected. These players include senior Alex Webb, junior Cole Frederick and sophomore Isaiah Magwood.

In 2019, Alex Webb played in 61 games and started 36 of them as a catcher for the Gamecocks and in the designated hitters spot 22 times. Webb ranked second on the team in hits with 75, including 31 extra base hits. He also turned in a team-best 21 doubles and nine home runs.

Webb became one of six Gamecocks to earn All-Ohio Valley

Conference honors as a member of the league's first team as a designated hitter. He was named to the All-OVC Tournament Team after posting a .429 clip at the plate, including three doubles and five RBI in JSU's three games in Marion, Illinois.

As a multi-position player at first base, second base and in different outfield positions, Fredrick played and started in all 61 games for the Gamecocks in the 2019 season. He also finished third on the club in batting average with a .287 average and ranked second on the team in total hits with 75.

Fredrick also posted a slugging percentage of .441 and delivered 38 RBI, collected 24 extra base hits, including 14 doubles and six home runs and tallied four triples for the season. With a team-best of a .373 hitting clip in conference play, Fredrick

was eventually named All-Ohio Valley Conference Second Team.

Magwood made his debut as a Gamecock in the 2019 season. He made 18 appearances in his first season on the collegiate level and tossed 55.2 innings and accumulated 64 strikeouts along with 30 earned runs.

Magwood was named to the All-OVC Freshman Team at the end of the 2019 season. He turned in his best outing of the season against Austin Peay in the OVC Tournament on May 24 where he pitched a season-best 6.2 innings, scattered seven hits and allowed a pair of earned runs and finished with eight strikeouts with just one walk in the outing.

Jacksonville State will begin their 2020 season at home in the new Jim Case Stadium on Friday, February 14 at 3 p.m. against Southeastern Missouri.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jax State falls in weekend games on the road

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The Jacksonville State women's basketball team traveled to Southeastern Missouri State on Thursday, February 6 and University of Tennessee in Martin on Saturday, February 8 where they faced back-to-back defeats.

The Gamecocks fell to SEMO with a final score of 79-52 and to UTM 86-72. These games brought their record to 10-13 overall and 6-6 in conference play. SEMO girls remain in third place at 17-5 overall and 9-2 in conference play. Meanwhile, UTM continues to lead the league at 15-8 overall and 11-1 in conference play.

In Thursday's game against SEMO, the Gamecocks shot at only 28 percent from the floor and 22 percent from three-point range, as well as a 74 percent from the free throw line. They took 49 shots and only made 14 from the field and four out of 18 shots beyond the perimeter.

Taylor Hawks and Destiny Elliot led all scorers with 10 points followed by Kiana Johnson with nine points overall. Destiny Elliot also led the team in rebounds with eight total. Elliot and Nekiyah Thompson led the team in assists with four each.

SEMO scored 23 points off of the Gamecocks 15 turnovers. Of the 15 turnovers, 10 of them came in the first half and the other 5 in the second. The first half had

10 fouls called on the Gamecocks in the first half forcing Head Coach Rick Pietri to take out McKenna Lawrence and Elliot out of the game.

The majority of the Skyhawks scoring came from former Missouri transfer and SEMO leading scorer Carrie Sheppard who scored a total of 23 points and totaled seven assists, alongside Tesia Thompson who scored 22 points for SEMO.

SEMO out-shot the Gamecocks averaging 46 percent from the field making 31 of their 67 shot attempts. They also made seven out 18 shots from the three-point line, averaging 38 percent and made 10 out of 13 free throws averaging 76 percent. SEMO also out rebounded the Gamecocks 46-31.

On Saturday Jacksonville State finished their road trip at the University of Tennessee in Martin where the women's team fell. While UTM outrebounded the Gamecocks 41-29 rebounds, the Gamecocks outscored UTM in points off turnovers with 21-16 points off turnovers.

Despite the loss, Yamia Johnson scored an impressive 32 points where the conference leading scorer Chelsea Perry scored 27. Johnson's 32 points was the first by any Gamecock in nearly 17 years when Shakina Freeman dropped 37 at University of Alabama in Birmingham.

JSU's second leading scorer was Destiny Elliot who ended the game with a double-double with 15 points and 10 boards.



Courtesy of JSU

Nekiyah Thompson plays strong offense for the Gamecocks where they fell short against the Morehead State Eagles with a final score of 69-55.

The Gamecocks shot a total of 40 percent from the field shooting 26-64, as well as 12-31 from the three-point line, averaging at 38 percent. They also averaged 66 percent from the free throw line.

UTM's Maddie Waldrop ended the matchup with a double-double totaling 16

points and 11 rebounds. Kyannah Grant led the team in Assists with 5.

The Gamecocks prepare to face Tennessee Tech tonight to try to hold on to sixth place in conference play as Tennessee Tech is looking to keep hold of fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.