



CORONAVIRUS

JSU suspends international travel amid coronavirus concerns

Scott Young
News Editor

The Jacksonville State University president's office announced in an email Tuesday night that all university-sponsored international travel would be suspended indefinitely due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The policy does not apply to personal travel.

"We have been in communication with the students and faculty that are currently abroad," said Don Killingsworth, the acting president of JSU. "As we move forward and with safety at the forefront of all decision making, we will continue to evaluate their current location, situation, and preferences."

The university administration said they made the decision in consultation with Dr. Jeff Ryan, a biosecurity expert from the JSU department of emergency management, as well as data from both state and federal public health agencies.

"We deeply value our cultural exchange programs and regret the disappointment this decision will cause among those planning trips abroad," the email read. "However, the health and safety of our students and employees - as well as the local community - is always JSU's top priority."

The university said

that they are considering reimbursement claims on a "case-by-case basis" for those who have already made arrangements to participate in university-sponsored international trips.

"We hope to not only prevent the continued spread of infectious disease but also prevent our students, faculty and staff from becoming quarantined abroad," the email explained. "While this policy does not apply to personal travel, we urge all faculty, staff and students to practice caution and continue to monitor travel advisories and restrictions before traveling abroad."

The coronavirus was first identified in Wuhan, China and has since spread to several European countries including Austria, Croatia, Switzerland, Spain, France and Germany. Almost all reports from those countries involved people who had recently returned from travel to Italy. As many as 80,000 people have been diagnosed with the virus.

Dr. Nancy Messonnier, a top official at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warned that health experts predict that the coronavirus will spread in the United States.

"We expect we will see community spread in this country," said Mes-

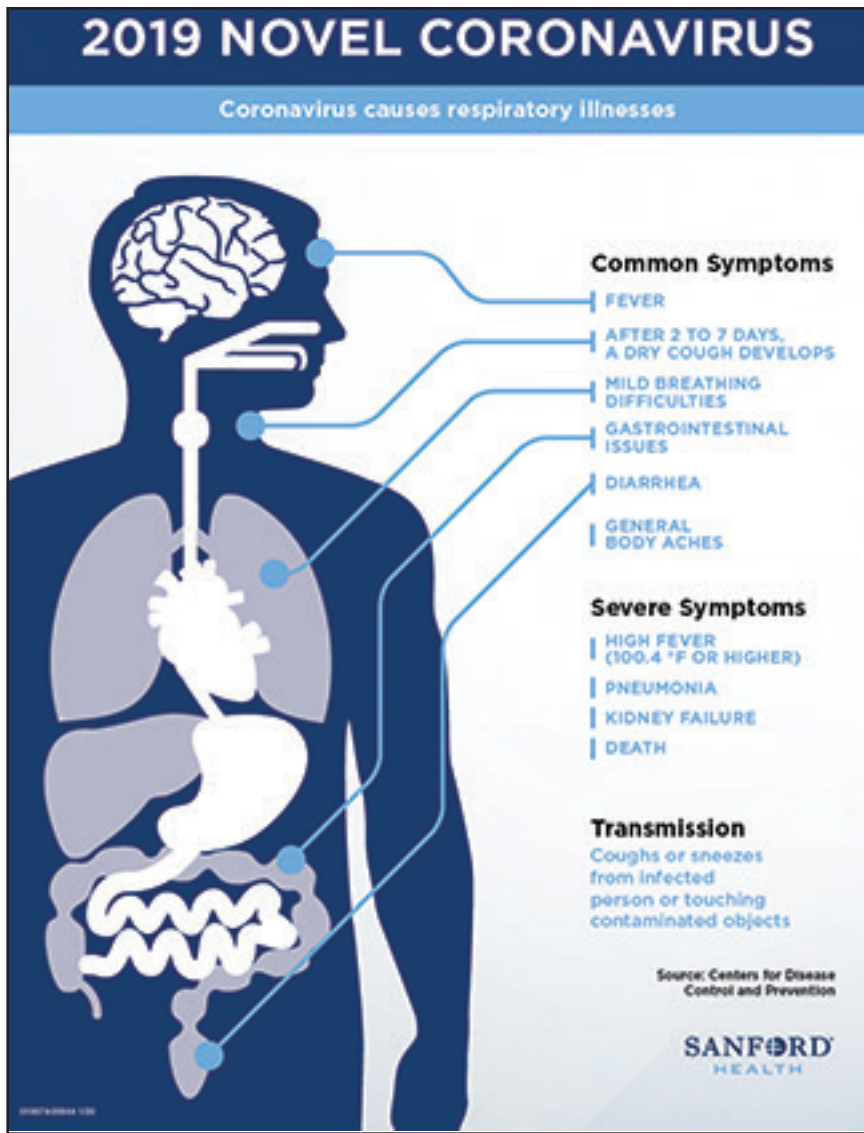


Photo courtesy of Sanford Health

To prevent illness, the CDC advises people to avoid close contact with those who are sick, stay home when you are sick and wash your hands regularly. The most common symptom with COVID-19 is fever.

sonnier. "It's not so much a question of if this will happen anymore, but rather more a question of exactly when this will happen and how many

people in this country will have severe illness."

To prevent illness, the CDC advises people to avoid close contact with those who are sick,

stay home when you are sick and wash your hands regularly. For more information about the coronavirus, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/.

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Jacksonville State University, originally known as Jacksonville State Normal School, celebrated its 137th anniversary on Saturday. JSU has had a total of 12 official presidents.

JSU celebrates 137 years in business

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Jacksonville State University, originally known as Jacksonville State Normal School, celebrated its 137th anniversary on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

On February 22, 1883, Governor Edward O'Neal signed a bill into law to create Jacksonville State Normal School.

A "normal school" is an institution designed for the training of high school graduates to become teachers through learning teaching standards and curriculum.

The normal school did not originally start out by building its own facilities, but rather, it took over what was considered the Calhoun College. The entire campus consisted of one

double-story building that was seated upon twelve acres of farmland.

In its earliest days, a board of trustees was appointed to hire employees and assist in running the then-small college. One of the first motions of the board was to hire James C. Ryals Jr. as president. At the end of 1883, the chair of the Normal School Directors, Mr. William Mark Haymes, reported that the school had taken in \$4,751 that included a grant from the state of Alabama totaling \$2,500. The normal school had 25 students enrolled and the preparatory school had 222.

The normal school kept its name until the 1930s, where it became the Jacksonville State

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SORE LOSER SEMO player removed from team after allegedly assaulting JSU student

Josie Howell
Sports Editor

Following a Jacksonville State University win on February 20 at the Pete Mathews Coliseum a Southeastern Missouri men's basketball player allegedly assaulted a JSU student.

Tyler Gray, the victim of the alleged assault, claimed that he was spit on and punched by SEMO guard Khalil Cuffee following a disappointing loss for the Redhawks.

The following day, it was announced on the official twitter page for the Redhawks and through the Southeastern Missouri Athletic Board that Cuffee was officially removed from the team after being a member of their team since 2017.

"I was made aware of the situation immediately after the game and I notified the Director of Athletics at Southeast Missouri that evening," said JSU Athletic Director Greg Seitz. "He was already aware of the situation and he immediately apologized."

"We spoke again on Friday and he stated the player was no longer a member of the team

and again apologized on behalf of their department," said Seitz. "We have a great game day atmosphere and we will review our basketball game day policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our fans remain a top priority."

Gray said the incident occurred as SEMO was walking off the court after the game. He said he was in the student section, at the end corner and that Cuffee said something he couldn't hear. Gray said he then shouted that he couldn't hear Cuffee and that Cuffee then spat on him.

"As I looked down at the spit on my shirt he sucker punched me in the jaw and continued walking through their tunnel," said Gray.

Gray only sustained a minor injury to his lip. While Cuffin was not arrested, Gray was given the option to press criminal charges.

"I immediately saw red and looked to the SEMO women's team that saw [what happened] as well as the men's team players and managers to make sure they

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4 Day Forecast

February 27 - March 1

Thursday



Friday



Saturday



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UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

- February 27, 2020 - International House Presentation Cambodia, 11 a.m.
- February 28, 2020 - Gatsby Gala, 8 p.m., International House
- March 2, 2020 - Lunch and Learn: Women's History Month, 12 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building
- March 2, 2020 - SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium
- March 5, 2020 - International House Presentation Mexico, 11 a.m.
- March 5, 2020 - 2020 Spring Career and Graduation Fair, 1 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum
- March 6, 2020 - The Art and Impact of Marvel Comics: A Panel Discussion, 2 p.m., 11th floor of Houston Cole Library
- March 9, 2020 - Women's History Month Keynote and Reception, 4 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium
- March 10, 2020 - Safe Zone Ally Lunch, 12 p.m., Houston Cole Library
- March 10, 2020 - Marching Ballerina Interest Meeting, 7 p.m., McCluer Chapel
- March 11, 2020 - 2nd Annual Women's Empowerment March, 12 p.m., Theron Montgomery Building Lawn
- March 11, 2020 - No Man's Land Film Festival, 6 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center
- March 12, 2020 - International House Presentation Nepal, 11 a.m.
- March 12, 2020 - Freshman Forum Glow Party, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium
- March 19, 2020 - International House Presentation Saudi Arabia, 11 a.m.
- March 19, 2020 - Dr. Burgess of 'Mindhunter' speaking at JSU, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium
- March 19, 2020 - Screening of 'Mr. Handy's Blues', 6 p.m., Roundhouse

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

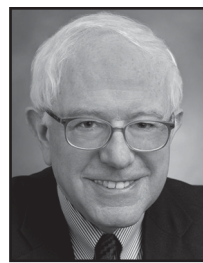
- February 24, 2020 - Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Dixon Hall
- February 24, 2020 - Criminal Mischief and Theft of Property, Meehan Hall
- February 20, 2020 - Harassment, Pete Mathews Coliseum
- February 20, 2020 - Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Goodlett Avenue
- February 20, 2020 - Arrest: Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Carrying Concealed Weapons and Criminal Trespass, Mountain Street
- February 19, 2020 - Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia
- February 18, 2020 - Possession of Marijuana, Crow Hall
- February 18, 2020 - Harassment, Fitzpatrick Hall
- February 16, 2020 - Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Sparkman Hall
- February 16, 2020 - Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe
- February 13, 2020 - Arrest: Driving Under the Influence, Meehan Hall Parking Lot
- February 12, 2020 - Violation of Student Code of Conduct, Pi Kappa Phi

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Delegate Tracker

Who's winning the 2020 Democratic Primary?

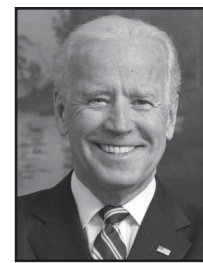
2,376 delegates needed to win Democratic nomination



Bernie Sanders
45 delegates



Pete Buttigieg
25 delegates



Joe Biden
15 delegates



Elizabeth Warren
8 delegates

Amy Klobuchar, not pictured, has 7 delegates.

This Week in Headlines

Officials say plan to house Covid-19 patents in Anniston is cancelled – Plans to bring patents infected with the coronavirus COVID-19 to Anniston were canceled today, local officials announced this afternoon, just more than 24 hours after most of those officials said they've learned of the plans. The announcement came during a day crowded with emergency meetings of local governments across Calhoun County, as officials grappled with how to react to the coronavirus news. U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Saks wrote in a tweet he had spoken to President Donald Trump twice within 24 hours and had recently spoken with Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar. U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby tweeted a similar statement around the same time as the Rogers announcement. (Courtesy of The Anniston Star)

Sen. Bernie Sanders Wins the Nevada Democratic Caucuses – Sen. Bernie Sanders won a convincing victory in Nevada's caucuses on Saturday, a well-time boost of momentum for his Democratic presidential bid ahead of a potentially decisive series of primaries in 15 states over the next two weeks. His victory in the third nominating contest—the first in a diverse state—follows what was for him essentially a first-place tie in Iowa's caucuses and a narrow win in New Hampshire's primary. (Courtesy of The Wall Street Journal)

Harvey Weinstein found guilty of rape but acquitted of top criminal charges – Harvey Weinstein, the once-powerful Hollywood mogul, was found guilty of rape in the third degree Monday but acquitted on the two most serious criminal charges, capping a landmark trial of the #MeToo era. The jury in New York convicted Weinstein, 67, of third-degree rape of Jessica Mann, a former aspiring actress, as well as a count of criminal sexual act in the first degree against Mimi Haley, a former "Project Runway" production assistant. (Courtesy of NBC News)

Katherine Johnson, 'hidden figure' at NASA during 1960s space race, dies at 101 – Pioneering NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, whose calculations played a major role in the development of the Space Shuttle program, died Monday at the age of 101, NASA confirmed. Johnson was part of NASA's "Computer Pool" team in the 1960s, which was largely composed of black women who processed data by hand. They provided the calculations for several of the first successful manned space missions, including Alan Shepard's in 1961 and John Glenn's in 1962, when he became the first American to orbit the earth. (Courtesy of The Hill)

OPINION

OPINION: Jeff Sessions is the best man to send to Washington on behalf of Alabama

Will Milner

Special to the Chanticleer

As the Northern Regional Vice Chair for the College Republican Federation of Alabama, I have traveled the state to listen to candidates make their case on who should become the Republican Party's nominee for the United States Senate seat. This is why I know that Jeff Sessions is the best man to send to Washington on behalf of our state.

Jeff Sessions has the experience necessary to be a strong fighter for Alabama and an efficient fighter for the conservative agenda. When looking at the candidates, Jeff Sessions stands apart from the rest. His past experience in the Senate is what we need to better Alabama: by bringing trade deals to the state, rebuilding our state's infrastructure, strengthening our border and bringing jobs.

He is also a man who is not afraid to stand up for what is right, no matter the cost, and this has been proven in recent years. He is a man of principle, and this was seen through his time serving as the U.S. Attorney General. He remained firm on his decision to recuse himself from an investigation and upheld justice at the cost of a position he had been working towards his whole life. This alone stands out to me as not only brave, but selfless. This act shows that Jeff Sessions cares deeply about what is right rather than what is politically expedient.

Having Jeff Sessions return to the Senate would be a huge win for Alabama. He is well respected on the hill and he will carry a lot more weight with him as opposed to all of the other candidates who would be starting off fresh

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On March 3,

GO VOTE!

Information on Primary Election

<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes>

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Alabamians set to vote on March 3 Find your polling location, view candidate and ballot information

Scott Young
News Editor

On Tuesday, March 3, the voters of Alabama will head to the polls to participate in a primary election. Voters in Calhoun County will vote in a number of local and statewide offices, a state constitutional amendment, a county referendum and the presidential primary.

The Alabama primary occurs alongside thirteen other states during 'Super Tuesday', when the greatest number of U.S. states votes in a single day for the presidential primary season.

When does voting take place?

Voting will take place on March 3, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where is my polling location?

You can determine your polling place by visiting alabamavotes.gov and inputting your county, last name and date of birth.

What do I need to bring with me?

You will need a valid form of ID in order to vote. Below is a list of the accepted forms of ID:

- Valid Driver's License (not expired or has been expired less than 60 days)
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Driver's License
- Valid Non-driver ID (not expired or has been expired less than 60 days)
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Non-driver ID
- Valid Alabama Photo Voter ID
- Valid State Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
- Valid AL Department of Corrections Release- Temporary ID (Photo Required)
- Valid AL Movement/Booking Sheet from Prison/Jail System (Photo Required)
- Valid Pistol Permit (Photo Required)



Joe Raedle/Getty Images

The state of Alabama is set to hold its primary election on March 3, 2020, alongside thirteen other states. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Valid Federal Issued ID
- Valid US Passport
- Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County Government, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other entity of this state
- Valid student or employee ID from a college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

What offices and referendums are going to be on the ballot in Calhoun County?

Democratic primary for President: Michael Bennett, Joseph R. Biden, Michael R. Bloomberg, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Julián Castro, John K. Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson and Andrew Yang

Democratic primary for President, Public Service Commission: Laura Casey and Robert L. Mardis, III

Republican primary for President: Donald J. Trump and Bill Weld

Republican primary for United States Senate: Stanley Adair, Bradley Byrne, Arnold Mooney, Roy Moore, Ruth Page Nelson, Jeff Sessions and Tommy Tuberville

Republican primary for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 1: Greg Shaw and Cam Ward

Republican primary for Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 2: Philip Bahakel and Matt Fridy

Republican primary for Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1: Melvin Hasting and Mary Windom

Republican primary for Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2: Jill Ganus, Beth Kellum and Will Smith

Republican primary for President, Public Service Commission: Twinkle Address Cavanaugh and Robin Litaker

Proposed Statewide Amendment Number One: Vote "Yes" or "No"

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to

change the name of the State Board of Education to the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for the appointment of the members of the commission by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate; to change the name of the State Superintendent of Education to the Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for the appointment of the secretary by the commission, subject to the confirmation by the Senate; and to authorize the Governor to appoint a team of local educators and other officials to advise the commission on matters relating to the functioning and duties of the State Department of Education. (Proposed by Act 2019-345)"

Calhoun County Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum (Act No. 2019-100): Vote "Yes" or "No"

"Do you favor the legal sale of alcoholic beverages by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for both on-premises and off-premises consumption, for the areas outside the corporate limits of any municipality and within the unincorporated areas of Calhoun County, Alabama on Sundays after the hour of two o'clock a.m. as permitted under Act 2019-100?"

According to the office of the probate judge of Calhoun County, voters living in municipalities will not be able to vote in the county referendum. Voters living in the unincorporated or rural areas of Calhoun County will be able to vote.

Do I need to be registered to a certain political party to vote in that party's primary?

No. The state of Alabama has an open primary, where voters are not required to be affiliated with a party in order to vote for partisan candidates.

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Courtesy of Droning Alabama

Drone footage shows Doster Construction breaking ground on the site of the future School of Business and Industry complex.

Construction of new JSU business school begins

Ashleigh Crouch
Correspondent

The construction of Jacksonville State University's new School of Business and Industry complex has officially begun.

The new facility will be constructed by Doster, a construction company that operates out of Birmingham.

The new facility will be approximately 105,000-square-feet and will feature a 300-seat auditorium, three-story atrium and common space, 12 academic classrooms, a finance lab, faculty and staff offices and a Dean's suite. The building will also house a café that will be accessible by all students.

According to Dosser's press release regarding the project, the new building is meant to "serve as a bridge between the past and future of the campus architecture."

Buffy Lockette, JSU's director of public relations, said that the university is "waiting on a date for the groundbreaking."

The new facility is set to cost \$50 million to construct,

\$10 million of which is expected to come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other insurance settlements.

In March of 2018, Merrill Hall, the former home to the School of Business and Industry, was heavily damaged in an EF-3 tornado that struck the campus of Jacksonville State University, leading to its demolition on July 29, 2019. The facility was nearly 50 years old.

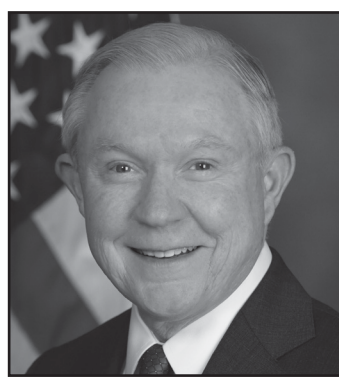
Since then, business classes have been held at the former site of Kitty Stone Elementary School, which is now owned by the university.

The original building was constructed in 1970 for \$2 million and was named in honor of Anniston Rep. Hugh D. Merrill, who played a role in changing JSU from a teacher's college to the state college it is today.

The building will house classes in accounting, applied engineering, communication, economics, finance and management and marketing. While an exact date has not yet been released, construction of the new building is scheduled to be completed sometime in 2021.

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with little to no contacts within the Senate. Having these relationships is crucial to getting things done for Alabama and his previous time in Washington would be an invaluable asset to the people of Alabama. His voting record also shows that he would work tirelessly to protect the conservative movement which has come under fire from the media despite rare and record setting growth. Retaining the majority in the Senate and taking back the House is key to continuing the success we have seen over the



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last four years.

It is also worth noting that Sessions is a lifelong Alabamian and knows this state inside

out. He knows the everyday issues that face the people of our state and cares deeply about moving our state forward while staying grounded in traditional conservative values. Our state is getting back into business and protecting the policies at the root of this growth is important for continuing the success that we have seen over the last four years. Senator Sessions knows Alabama, and he knows how to do the right thing for the people of Alabama. This is why I support Jeff Sessions for Senate.

Advisory on the Coronavirus in China

AVOID travel to Wuhan due to evolving nCoV situation

If you are travelling overseas, DON'T

Go near live animals, including poultry & birds

Eat raw and undercooked meats

Be in crowded places and around people who are unwell

DO

Wash hands frequently with soap

Wear a mask if you have a cough or runny nose

Cover your mouth with a tissue paper when coughing or sneezing

See a doctor if you feel unwell

Courtesy of Singapore's Ministry of Health

Chicken Scratch

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM JSU CAPITAL PLANNING

MANAGING STORM WATER ON THE JSU CAMPUS

Jacksonville State University is regulated under Phase II of the [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System](#) Storm Water Program. JSU is required to have an NPDES permit for its storm water JSU is considered to be a small MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) operator in an urbanized area. Under NPDES regulations, JSU developed a Storm Water Management Program that is submitted annually to ADEM.

There are six control measures required of the management plan. These include public education and outreach, public participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, and pollution prevention/good housekeeping practices. The current MS4 permit has an effective date of October 1, 2016 and expires September 30, 2021.

Please refrain from littering and pick up after your pets to preserve the water quality of our surface waters and streams. If you have any questions, please contact David Thompson, Director of Capital Planning & Facilities @ 256.782.5455 or dthompson@jsu.edu.

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Teachers College. The name remained the same until the 1950s when the school was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. With this accreditation, the name changed to Jacksonville State College. The college then kept this name until roughly the mid-1960s, when the Alabama State Board of Education elevated the school from college status to university status.

By the late 1960s, the name 'Jacksonville State University' had been taken on, and the Alabama State Board of Education divested themselves of the responsibility.

In August of 1967, the University appointed an independent Board of Trustees to assume the role previously filled by the state department of education. The Jacksonville State University leadership seen today was a result of this decision in 1967.

Leadership at JSU has had many different names and faces -- with varying terms and accomplishments. The university has officially had 12 presidents, the first was James Gazaway Ryals, Jr.

James Gazaway Ryals, Jr. was the first president of the State Normal School, his term was a short 2 years.

J. Harris Chappell was selected to finish out the term of Ryals. Chappell resigned at the graduation of the first graduating class in 1886. He was later elected president of Georgia College in Milledgeville, GA.

Carleton Bartlett Gibson served the college for six years. He was born and raised in Mobile, AL and worked for several years at a college in Autauga County before coming to Jacksonville.

J.B. Jarrett served the university less than a year, there is little recorded at the university level about his history other than his name was often misspelled and in multiple ways.

Jacob Forney served the university from 1893-1899. Forney attended the Normal School and graduated with honors, he later attended The University of Alabama, and also assisted with the founding of the Noble School for boys in Anniston, AL. He later resigned from the presidency to serve as a chair for the Education Department at the University of Alabama. Forney Hall, a former dormitory built in 1927 that has since been abandoned, was named after the former president.

Clarence William Daugette served as the president from 1899-1942. Daugette married the sister of Jacob Forney while he was teaching at the State Normal School. After his brother-in-law's resignation, he was elected to serve as the president. It is recorded that although Daugette held the highest rank at the normal school, he attended summer college classes at the University of Chicago. Daugette served the longest presidential term ever recorded at JSU and has one building and a scholarship fund named in his honor.

Houston Cole served the university from 1942-1971 and is recorded as having the second-longest presidential term in

JSU history. A university historian once said regarding Cole that "many 'firsts' have been credited to President Houston Cole. Two big steps upward were expanding from the Jacksonville State Teachers College to the Jacksonville State College in 1957, and then to Jacksonville State University in 1966. Other firsts were the development of the Student Government Association, the ROTC program, the student center, the football stadium, the Teacher Hall of Fame, the nursing school, and the police academy. Rapidly increasing enrollment necessitated additional faculty members and changes in the curriculum... The campus grew and new buildings seemed to appear overnight."

Ernest Stone served the university from 1971-1981. He was in the U.S. Navy and served as both the Alabama State Superintendent and as a local superintendent. Stone married Ms. Kitty Gunn from the area who taught at the local elementary school. The school later became known as Kitty Stone Elementary School, and the art building at JSU later became known as the Ernest Stone Center. Under the leadership of Stone, the JSU budget exceeded \$16,800,000 a year, and the campus size stretched to 300 acres.

Theron E. Montgomery served the university from 1981-1986. While in office, Montgomery strived to get accreditation standards not held by most other universities. Montgomery also urged individual departments to seek out accreditation for their departments. Montgomery also purchased the Roebuck home which was the former alumni house at the corner of Roebuck Waters and Pelham Road. The Theron E. Montgomery building, colloquially known as the "TMB", was named in his honor.

Harold J. McGee served the university from 1986-1999. During his term as president, enrollment increased over thirty percent and technology was improved with a \$50,000,000 grant. Every accreditation possible was gained for the university and students in almost every subject succeeded. The addition to Martin Hall in 2001 was named in McGee's honor.

William A. Meehan served the university from 1999-2015. His presidency is recorded as the third-longest in JSU history. Meehan received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from the university. He was later asked to stay and teach biology full time. While teaching, Meehan was eventually asked to become the university president on July 1, 1999. While serving as president, five-buildings were constructed and one named after him in his retirement, Meehan Hall.

John M. Beehler served the university from 2015-2019. Beehler assisted the university in bringing the department of academic affairs into six sub-groups or schools for individual degree work. Beehler also supervised an increase in enrollment while serving. Beehler also led the university through a major rebuilding effort when an EF-3 tornado affect the campus on March 18, 2018, leaving virtually no building untouched. On October 22, 2019, Beehler's contract was terminated by the JSU Board of Trustees.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

FEB. 27, 1973: U.S. Supreme Court rules that a Virginia pool club can't bar residents because of color.

Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

		7	3			1	6	5
		5		6	1			7
8		1					5	
9	6			1			2	3
	5					8		6
2			1	3		6		
5	9	6			2	4		

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Feb. 27

ACROSS





- Elliott et al.
- Reach for rudely
- Woodward and Barker
- Image's partner
- Whittle down
- Miner's quest
- Nursing school subj.
- Strong antipathy
- Participant in an Everglades wrestling match
- Unlikely to be stumbled upon
- Round at the Hare and Hound
- Vocal fans
- Oleo container
- Grocery workers
- Driver's aid
- Tossed
- Beer barrels
- "Odd Couple" game
- Dismay
- Alarm-tripper

DOWN

- Put in the mail
- Vega, e.g.
- Singer Guthrie
- Lieutenant Minderbinder of "Catch-22"
- In love
- Driver's menace
- Disintegrates
- Hustle and bustle
- Big (cannon)
- Haircutters
- "Snakes Plane"
- Snide comment
- T-bone, e.g.
- "The Spy Who Sailed Me"
- The "P" in PLO
- Highway for Caesar
- Tracy's Trueheart actor Will
- "The Waltons"
- Top priority
- Emerald, e.g.
- Steal
- Humorists
- Kitchen rattlers
- Slight
- Lotto's kin
- Potter's rank: abbr.
- Lasso loop
- State strongly
- "Misbehave"
- Mr. Beasley, e.g.
- Like some ears
- Circumvent
- Trade center
- French Cubist
- Twenty-second Greek letter
- "I've Just a Face"
- Bohr's land: abbr.
- Items in Brits' boots
- Had chow
- Harpo and Chico, to Minnie
- Chuckle provoker
- "Nevermore," e.g.
- Spoke hoarsely
- Moselle tributary
- Cut copy
- Cranberry and cherry
- Creates edging
- Having laths
- Takes it easy
- Maims
- Pierre's bed
- Chef's bagget
- Stationery store items
- Like Archie's friend Moose
- over (assists in difficulty)
- Third at the track
- Maine symbol
- Depend
- Clip
- Like concert recordings
- "Exit to" (Anne Rice novel)
- Impact result
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REVIEW

'Once Upon a Mattress'

A quirky show that charms audiences like no other

Anna Marker

Correspondent

On Friday February 21, 2020 JSU Drama opened their first production of their Spring 2020 season with Once Upon a Mattress at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center.

Once Upon A Mattress is an award-winning musical with music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer, and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Marshall Barer. JSU's Production was directed by Dr. Ellen Peck and ran for four nights, including a Monday night performance on February 24th which closed out the show.

Once Upon A Mattress is a comedy musical that is a unique retelling of Princess and the Pea. Princess Winifred swims the moat and directly to Prince Dauntless the Drab's heart.

It is a story of a fussy queen and a fairytale kingdom like no other. Complete with elaborate costumes, hilarious dance numbers, and talented singers this JSU production entertained the Jacksonville community in a variety of ways. Winnifred (played by Kelsey Trussell) stole the hearts of Prince Dauntless (Kevin Jannot) and audiences alike. Trussell enchanted the audience with musical numbers such as "Shy" and "Happily Ever After". The costumes and set were filled with color and beautiful artwork just as entertaining as the show itself.

Christian Watts, who played Once Upon A Mattress's beloved character The Minstrel, was just one of many talented actors in JSU's production. He enjoyed performing as The Minstrel in this production.

Watts said, "working with

the cast" was his favorite part in this process and continued by saying "everyone is talented in their own way and it is so amazing to watch how we put this show together for an audience".

Dr. Peck and the cast began rehearsals right when the semester started. On January 8th the Once Upon A Mattress cast had their first rehearsal. The cast list for this show was up last semester. Dr. Peck, her cast, her crew, and the JSU Drama Department worked tirelessly to put this production on the Carlton Ward stage.

"We all put in so much work," said Watts. "Everyone's part is so important, especially the tech and costume people. Without them, there is no 'magical' show."

The show ended its one weekend run on Monday the 24th. For the cast and crew this was a bittersweet moment. Watts said that he was "honestly very sad that the show [was] over", and that "it was a lot of fun working with this talented and hardworking cast". He went on to say that he had fun telling this fairytale to audiences. Overall, audiences interacted with the production positively. This quirky show charms audiences like no other and has won several Tony Awards for its Broadway run and Broadway revival.

JSU's drama department performs a variety of shows every semester. Coming up are there performances The Diary of Anne Frank which will open on April 17th and the Student Showcase on April 4th and 5th. More information on the JSU drama department can be found at <http://www.jsu.edu/drama/>.

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"Burning Man" Dierks Bentley

"Closer" The Chainsmokers

"One Dance" Drake

"Internet" Post Malone

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

CAMPUS

Newly formed 'Clean and Green Club' debuts at Jacksonville State

Breanna Hill

A&E Editor

This past Tuesday the newly formed Clean and Green Club (CGC) held its first meeting at 11 a.m. in room 234 located in Martin Hall. The CGC club will meet one a month and the club is open to not only students, but staff and citizens of the community are allowed to attend and be a part of the club as well.

The topics discussed at the first meeting involved getting to know what the club is about, what they hope to accomplish and possible future projects and goals. The club currently has eight members, and the club members are eager to gain potential new members within time.

JSU Clean and Green Club is a new eco-awareness and sustainability club that was created by students who were enrolled in Dr. Al Hamdani's biodiversity class back in the fall of 2019. The students within the class had discussions about the need to educate others on not only local issues but worldwide issues too, while being educational and fun. Graduate students, under the advisement of Dr. Hamdani, created the CGC club in January of 2020.

Alabama is fifth in the nation in biodiversity, but the members of the club want to give a better understanding to those in the community what that exactly means. There can always be more learning when it comes to the subject, which is what the club is set up for.

The CGC club is already looking ahead for the future and planning some pretty interesting events that they hope involves more students and the rest of the community. One of their upcoming events is

going to be a fundraiser held on St. Patrick's Day.

It's a two-part environmental education fundraiser: Recycle and Upcycle T-shirt Fair. The club is asking people to donate adult sized t-shirts for recycling instead of throwing them in the garbage which people tend to do more often. On St. Patrick's Day the club will be doing the Upcycle part of the fundraiser to put the money they earn from that towards future club events and projects. While doing this the members of the club will educate those who participate and attend about upcycling and reusing. There will be a donation site set up somewhere on campus within the weeks leading up to St. Patrick's Day to raise money as well. Keep your ears open for a location for the site.

The current club members want to let everybody know that even though the club was formed by biology students, everyone is welcome to be a part of the club. Any person with any major can gain beneficial knowledge and experience within the club. Being part of the CGC can help produce prime, impressive content to beef up resumes that can impress future employers.

The JSU CGC's mission statement: To raise awareness of Alabama's Biodiversity among students and educate students and the community on the importance of sustainability. To raise the consciousness of JSU students to the effect of their own actions on the environment. To promote a sense of responsibility for the environment and a personal commitment to protect and preserve the environment. To cultivate an appreciation and interest in the environment.

To get more info about CGC contact Mary Lackey (Membership Chair) --mlackey@stu.jsu.edu



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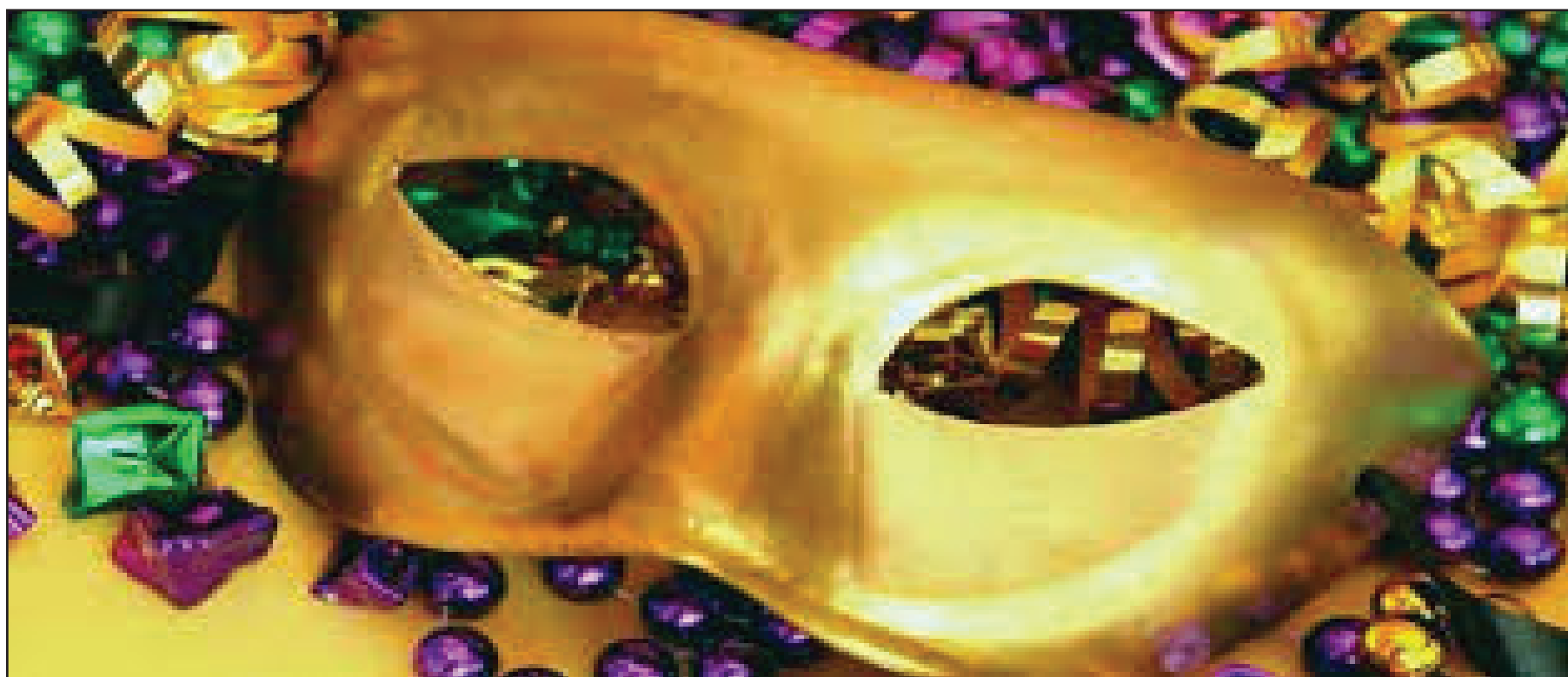


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The history behind Mardi Gras

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Correspondent

If you're particularly devout, or just a fan of holidays, you might already be aware that Easter is on April 12th this year. Exactly forty-six days before that, though, is Fat Tuesday--or Mardi Gras. The festival is always the day before Ash Wednesday, the last hurrah before Lent.

The name Mardi Gras refers to the tradition of feasting before the start of Lent, which typically involves some fasting. In America, the tradition of overindulging in food isn't as common of a celebration as parties, parades, and king cake. What shaped the American tradition of this French-named holiday, though?

As we are all currently in Alabama, many of you might be aware that while Mardi Gras is thought of as a Louisiana tradition, its American roots are actually in Mobile. The holiday was first celebrated in Mobile in 1703, over a decade before New Orleans was established. It would be nearly a century before Mardi Gras celebrations began to take the shape we recognize to-

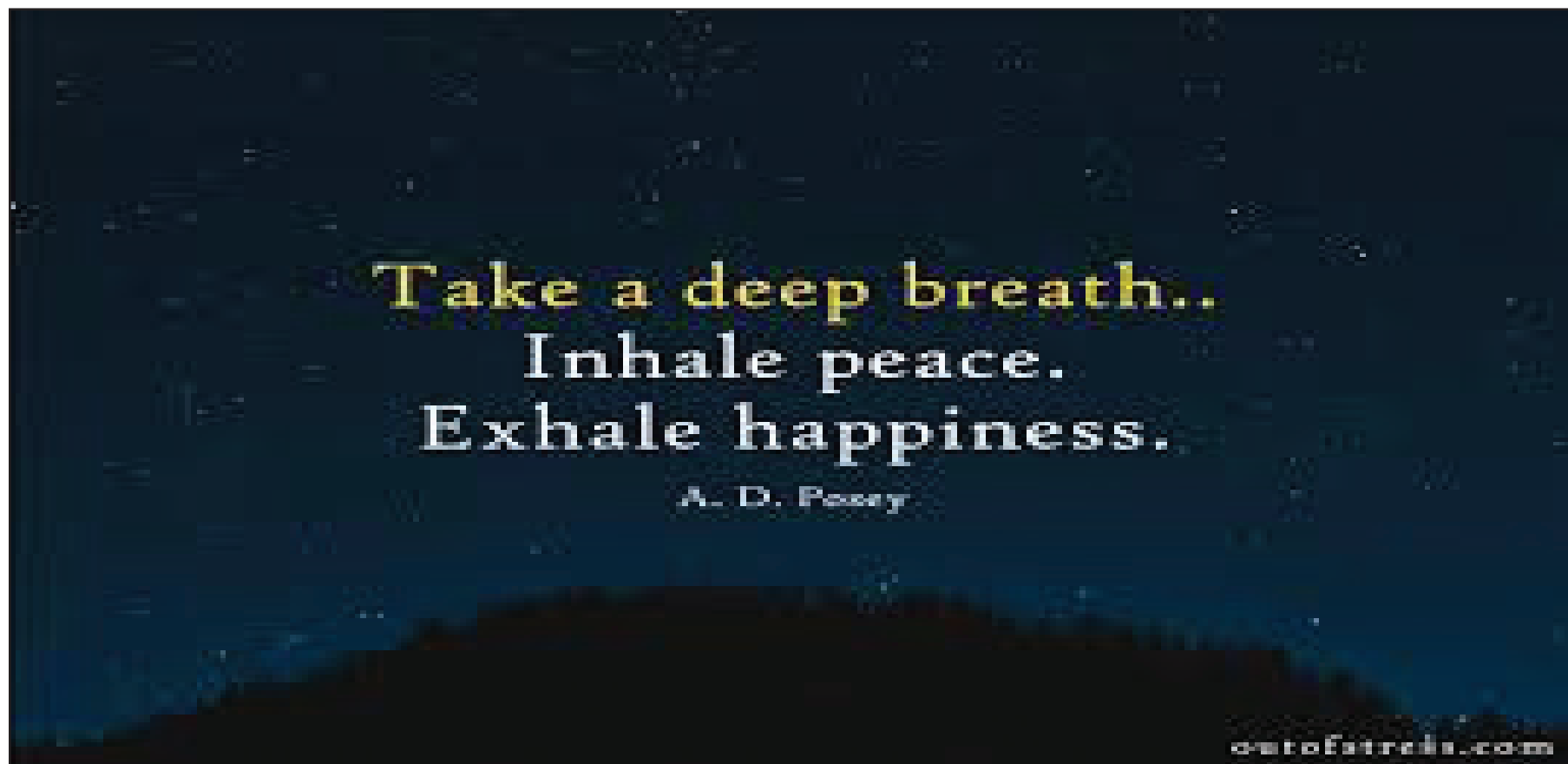
day. At the time, the parades were smaller and the parties were aimed exclusively towards the elite. By the mid-1800s, the carnival theme of Mardi Gras began to take form, with masked balls being held and floats added to the parades. This has further evolved into the celebrations we have today, which often start long before actual Mardi Gras and end on the holiday itself. Such a schedule allows for multiple parades and parties to be hosted by various "krewes", or social organizations in charge of hosting events during the season.

A lot of Mardi Gras' American history is shrouded in myth and legend. There's no way to know how, when, or why beaded necklaces in particular have become so commonplace in Mardi Gras parades. Nor is there any specific explanation for king cake, though its symbolism has obvious origins in the Christian faith. While the holiday takes its name and plenty of its traditions from France, there is no doubt it has evolved into a celebration all of its own over the years, melding various cultures together to form the fun and festive event it's known as today.

Mardi Gras celebrations are not limited to New Orleans, of course. Plenty of countries across the country, mostly those established by the French, host Mardi Gras events annually. Here in Alabama the biggest event is in Mobile, which boasts that it is the true birthplace of the holiday. Mobile's series of parades and parties attract nearly a million festive partygoers each year. As well, the city has its own museum dedicated to preserving the history of the American version of Mardi Gras. During the two weeks of celebration prior to Fat Tuesday, you might want to check out the Mobile Carnival Museum and let it convince you that Mobile really is the birthplace of Mardi Gras! If you find yourself away from both Alabama and Louisiana next Mardi Gras, there are also sizable celebrations in Florida, Texas, Mississippi, and Missouri, all in towns with a history of French colonization.

Though Mardi Gras has evolved over the years from its origins as Fat Tuesday, a feasting day, into a day of revelry, you can still overindulge in some king cake. Good luck finding the trinket inside!

OPINION



Ways to keep the stressing to a minimum

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One of the most common comments I say to myself is how stressed out I am. While, rightfully so, given my last article, I find that managing stress has not been my area of expertise. Many times I find myself wondering how I can better cope with the stresses of everyday life. Most often than not, I spend more time thinking about what I have to do rather than how to get it done.

However, I find that typical methods of relieving stress like keeping a personal planner do not work for me. I have found that I really do not have the time to sit down and keep my personal life as organized as I do everything else. It kind of just falls on the backburner when it comes to setting out everything I have to get done for the week.

Instead, I have found ways to keep the stress in my life lower by using two unconventional methods that I am almost positive will not work for everyone. However, I am also not saying that they will not work for anyone but me. These methods can help some people relieve stress in their life and stay organized, but more than likely not everyone will get use out of them.

Keeping an Internal Dialogue

This is almost guaranteed to not work for everyone. For some reason, I have been able to keep everything organized when it comes to school assignments and outside curriculars in my brain and not on paper. I can always remember when something is going on, but I can never remember what the last sentence on a PowerPoint slide is without writing it down. It is like I have a photographic memory for calendars and not notes or pictures.

This is typically how it goes when someone tells me a date for something per-

sonal in my life:

"Hey, so we have this thing on this date."

"OK, cool. I will remember that."

"You are not going to write it down?"

"No, I will remember."

And somehow, I always do. However, this has caused some conflicts because I have realized that not everyone has this ability. Also, when you are in charge of making a calendar for everyone this can cause some problems, too. That is mainly because keeping an internal dialogue going for your calendar for the entirety of your life makes you feel like you do not know what you are doing when it comes to actually writing out one.

Actually Carve Out Time for Yourself

One of the biggest reasons I stay stressed is because I do not keep up with when I can take personal time to myself. Taking a break has become such a rarity for me that the moment I actually did take a break last week, my family thought I was depressed. No, seriously they did.

So, the lesson was learned there. Actually make sure you take more breaks. Because when you do, it becomes something that is normal and not a cause of concern. So, what do I do to take time for myself? I take miniature hibernations. I stay in my room and let myself become encased in peace. No texting back, no responding to emails. Just doing absolutely nothing.

And those are the things that work for me. Like I said at the beginning of the article, they will not work for everyone. But, if you need to do absolutely nothing to catch a break for once in awhile, do it. If you can keep up with dates in your head, do it. Then we can share this common interest of weird stress relievers, too.

SOFTBALL

Courtesy of JSUgamecocksports.com

Karsen Mosely up to bat at the Mardi Gras Mambo Tournament where she totaled five hits for the weekend.

JSU collects three wins in weekend tournament

Sadie Appleton

Correspondent

JSU softball made another trip away from home this past weekend, competing in the Mardi Gras Mambo tournament in Youngsville, Louisiana. The Gamecocks opened up tournament play with a 6-2 win against Nicholls State from Thibodaux, Louisiana on Friday.

Nicholls struck early, bringing in two runs in the opening frame. However, redshirt Freshman Macy Bearden responded swiftly from the pitcher's rubber and kept the Colonels from reaching home plate for the rest of the matchup.

While it was her first complete game, Bearden struck out six and allowed only one walk in the seven innings. Only one runner from Nicholls would reach scoring position against the Bowdon, Georgia native following the second inning.

The Gamecocks started the game behind, but worked to overtake the Colonels once the third inning began. Senior Alexis Jimmerson initiated the JSU comeback with a two-run single through the right side. Junior Keeli Bobbitt and sophomore Savannah Sudduth would bring it in to even out the score.

An RBI groundout from freshman Megan Fortner and infield RBI single from junior Jada Terry allowed Jax State to take the lead in the sixth. Two errors from NSU, one of which being a wild pitch, allowed two JSU runners to cross home plate, putting up the final score.

Jimmerson brought in a team-high of two wins while Bobbitt led offensively with two of the Gamecocks' seven hits. Jacksonville State continued to move on and move up as they swept their opponents on Saturday to capture a pair of wins against Abilene Christian and Incarnate Word to extend their win streak to four games.

The afternoon matchup against Abilene Christian was another comeback win for JSU that culminated from an exciting seventh inning resurgence. ACU came out to take the lead early with one run in the first and another in the third. Jax State would remain scoreless up until the seventh frame.

In a rallying performance, JSU put in nine batters to the plate and the first six were able to round the bases and score. An error from the Wildcats allowed freshman Lauren Hunt to start the frame with a reach. Bobbitt and Sudduth went on to lead the bases with no outs thanks to back-to-back singles.

The score was tied at 2-2 following a single up the middle from sophomore Maddie Clay and the bases were quickly reloaded after the single from sophomore Karsen Mosley, who was recently named the OVC Softball Player of the Week.

Senior Alexis Jimmerson blasted in a triple that cleared the bases and put the Gamecocks in the lead for the remainder of the game. Jimmerson would later increase the lead to four after she scored on a sac fly from freshman Megan Fortner, making the final score 6-2.

Junior Reagan Watkins would be credited with the win after relieving sophomore Lexi Androlevich, who kept the Wildcats to two runs on five hits in addition to four strikeouts and two walks in the first three innings. Watkins held ACU scoreless in her four innings as she posted four strikeouts and two walks.

Sudduth, Bobbitt, and Jimmerson all marked in two hits each in the victory with Jimmerson adding on with three RBI.

Following the win against Abilene Christian, the Gamecocks closed out the day against UIW. Unlike the previous two games, JSU struck first with two runs in the second. The first came from a bases loaded walk drawn by sophomore Sidney Wagnon and they second was the result of a UIW error.

In the third, Mosley made her way around the bases as she led off with a single and stole second. A Jimmerson ground out would move her into scoring position at third where she would run in to score the game-winning run following a groundout by Fortner.

The fourth would see the Cardinals get on the board with a single before putting in another score in the fifth to reduce JSU's lead to one. However, the Gamecocks held off any hopes of rallying in the final two innings, securing the win at 3-2.

Sophomore Hannah Brown took credit for the win after pitching the first four innings to limit UIW to three hits and one run. Bearden clinched her first save after tossing the final three innings and allowing a single run on three hits.

In the final day of the tournament, the Gamecocks fell in consecutive matchups against Northwestern State and McNeese State that each resulted in scores of 9-1.

NSU scored against the Gamecocks in both the second and third innings for a 2-0 lead before Mosley batted a single to bring in Clay for the score, cutting the deficit in half. With a close game at hand heading into the seventh, JSU hoped to put up more points to capture a win, but three errors and four Demon hits led NSU to run in seven and close out the game 9-1.

Clay and Mosley combined for five of the Gamecocks' eight hits. A double by Clay would be the team's only extra-base hit.

JSU wrapped up the weekend in their bout with McNeese, which resulted in the same ending result but in a separate fashion. MSU brought in a runner in the first and third frames before bringing in two in the fourth, three in the fifth, and finally two more in the sixth.

The Clay and Mosley duo helped put Jax State on the board in the fourth. With one out, Clay hit a double and later brought in the lone score thanks to Mosley's single to right. JSU left the tournament with a 6-7 overall record.

The Gamecocks will return home this Friday, February 28 as they host the Jacksonville State Invite at University Field to face off against Samford University and the University of Texas-San Antonio.



Courtesy of JSUgamecocksports.com

Senior Alexis Jimmerson makes a hit in a matchup against Abilene Christian on Saturday February, 22 in the Mardi Gras Mambo Tournament where Jimmerson hit a base-clearing triple that helped account for her three RBI's putting JSU on top for their 6-2 win.

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saw and they walked out laughing about it. Then I went to the lobby and found the UPD police that usually stand in the tunnel where it happened, and told them what happened," said Gray.

According to Gray, the officer asked if he wanted to file a report and then informed him that they could not arrest Cuffee because they did not see

it happen.

"...the UPD officer went on to tell me if I had a problem with them not being able to do anything to 'Take it up with George Washington, the founding father of our country.'"

Sergeant Madrigal, who allegedly made the comment, did not recall using the phrase about George Washington. Later, he elaborated that he was referring to the Alabama constitution that lays out the due process of law and the powers of law enforcement. This states that a police officer is not

allowed to make any arrests for misdemeanor charges unless there is an officer present to witness what occurred. "No one was arrested and there are no charges being pressed at this time. Code 15103 [per Alabama Code of Law] dictates when an officer can make a warrant list arrest and if it's considered a misdemeanor, and I believe this case was, the officer has to see it physically happen," said UPD Chief of Police Rob Schaffer.

"There are a few exceptions in the law, like domestic violence," said Schaffer.

"But for this incident, it does not allow that exception and so what would happen is every citizen has a right to press criminal charges and talk to a magistrate who can then issue a warrant then the officer can make the arrest."

Gray said that he originally began to press charges against Cuffee, but later decided to drop charges after he was made aware that Cuffee was removed from the Redhawks team and that he felt pressing charges was no longer necessary.

BASEBALL

Courtesy of JSUgamecocksports.com

Redshirt freshman Dylan Hathcock pitches the ball in an earlier game against Central Michigan where Hathcock pitched a quality 5.2 innings and scattered five hits.

Gamecocks notch win over UAB

Stephen Duke

Correspondent

The Jacksonville State baseball team recorded an important win over the University of Alabama at Birmingham this past Wednesday, February 19 with a final score of 5-3. With the win, the Gamecocks moved to a 2-2 record on the season.

The pitching unit for JSU led the way in this game, holding UAB scoreless for seven innings. Meanwhile, the Gamecocks put out an early lead and stretched that lead thanks to a solid pitching game.

Freshman Camden Lovrich had his first start for the Gamecocks and was able to keep UAB to only four hits across the three innings he played. Junior Christian Edwards also pitched in

a pair of scoreless innings and had two strikeouts.

Colton Lewis, another freshman, caused fits for his hometown team as the Vestavia Hills native turned in six of JSU's nine strikeouts in the game. Redshirt junior Jackson Tavel pitched an inning before the game was closed out by Corley Woods, who posted his first save of the season.

The Gamecocks offense was led by sophomore Carson Crowe alongside senior Andrew Naismith, who both recorded multiple hits and combined for three RBIs. Crowe had an RBI single in the second inning which led to the first of two runs in that inning.

Senior Tre Kirlin hit a sacrifice fly ball to left field to send the second run home, while Naismith contributed to

the JSU scoring effort with a two-run home run to right centerfield in the sixth inning.

Meanwhile, junior in-fielder Alex Strachan also collected an RBI with a double that went down the left field line in the third inning. Strachan currently holds an impressive batting average of .353, which includes a couple of doubles alongside four RBIs.

Juniors Cole Frederick and Isaac Alexander also contributed to hits in the game. Fredrick has an impressive streak going for games he has reached base in. Currently, the streak is at 22 consecutive games he has done so, with 18 of those coming in the final 18 games of the 2019 season.

Alexander hit the first triple of the season for any JSU player in the con-

test in the second inning of the game. Strachan also bumped his streak of games in which he has made it to base to 12 games with his RBI double.

With the win, the Gamecocks have now won eight consecutive games over the Blazers dating back to the 2015 season. The two teams match up again to wrap up their season series on March 4 when the Gamecocks travel to Regions Field in Birmingham for their first road matchup of the season.

In the meantime, the Gamecocks will host a three-game series with the Fresno State Bulldogs on Friday, February 28 through Sunday, March 1. Fans can check out this series over the weekend at Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Stadium or stream the game live on ESPN+.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacksonville State cruises past Southeastern Missouri

George Meehan

Correspondent

On Thursday, February 20 the JSU Gamecocks avenged their worst loss of the season with a 72-51 point victory over Southeast Missouri State. The victory put the gamecocks overall at 12-14 and 8-7 in conference play.

This was the second straight home victory over a team with a share of the conference lead, beating Belmont at home earlier this year. Earlier this month, SEMO beat the Gamecocks by 27 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, handing the Gamecocks their worst loss of the season.

The Gamecocks started strong right out of the gate starting off of a 11-0 scoring run in the first five minutes of the game. Eventually, SEMO managed to cut the lead to 15-8 at the end of the first.

The second quarter started off strong with back-to-back three-pointers from Mckenna Lawrence both assisted by Nekiyah Thompson and followed by a three from Nekiyah Thompson, making it 24-8.

SEMO's first bucket of the second quarter came at about the eight minute mark with a layup by Denisha Gardener, after a 9-0 run by the Gamecocks. SEMO answered the 9-0 run with their own 6-2 run. SEMO ended the Half with a three pointer by Carrie Shephard, to make the score at half 28-17 with the Gamecocks ahead by 11 points.

The third quarter was possibly one of the strongest of the game for the Gamecocks as they started the quarter off with a layup by Jessie Day followed by a three from Destiny Elliott. Yamia Johnson then went three for three from behind the arc, and only missed two of their nine attempts.

The Gamecocks finished the quarter out-scoring the Redhawks 29-14 with a 26-point lead. SEMO outscored the gamecocks in the fourth quarter 20-15, led mostly behind Tesia Thompson for the Redhawks. Most of the Gamecocks points in the fourth quarter from the free throw line, making two shots from the field.

There were three Gamecocks who finished the game in double digits: Yamia Johnson, Destiny Elliott, and Taylor Hawk. Johnson finished with a team-high of 16 points, followed by Elliott with 14, and Hawk with 13 which was her forty-fifth double digit game of her career.

Meanwhile, Senior Forward Chloe Long led the team with eight rebounds. Both Chloe Long and Nekiyah Thompson led the gamecocks in assists who both finished with five each.

Tesia Thompson led all Redhawks scorers with 20, and the only to finish with double digits. Thompson went 8-18 from the field. The Redhawks also saw Denisha Gardner record double-digit rebounds with a team high with 10 boards.

The Gamecocks shot at an average of 43 percent, making 24 of their 55 shot attempts, outshooting SEMO who shot at 32 percent overall, only making 19 out of their 59 total attempts.

The Gamecocks also recorded a school record from 3-point range making 12 total three-pointers, knocking down 54 percent shooting 12-22 from behind the arc. Meanwhile, SEMO only came out with two successful three-points shots out of 11 attempts total, shooting only 18 percent from behind the arc.

The Gamecocks finished with 20 points off turnovers where SEMO only fin-



Courtesy of JSU

Taylor Hawks dribbles the ball as she looks for a shot as the JSU Women's Basketball defeats TSU 70-48 at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

ished with nine. Gamecocks finished with eight second chance points compared to a SEMO's six. However, the Redhawks out-scored the Gamecocks 13-8 on fastbreak points. SEMO also led gamecocks 30 to 20 with points scored in the paint.

The Gamecocks head to play Tennessee State in Evansville, Indiana on Thursday, February 27 as they look to clinch their spot in the conference tournament. Tip off begins at 5:30 p.m. Fans who want to watch the action can stream the game live on the ESPN+ app.