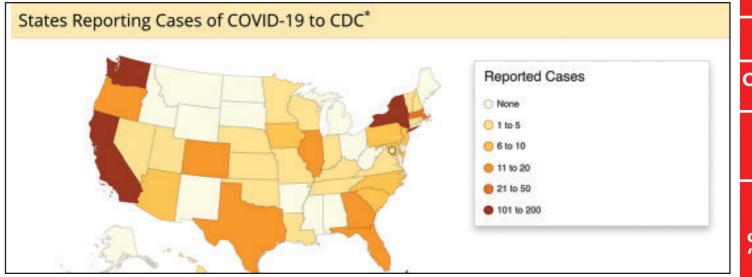
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# **COVID-19 OUTBREAK**



Graphic courtesy of CDC

Pictured above, a graphic from the CDC shows the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in the United States. The worst hit areas so far are Washington, California and New York.

# **PLANS IN PLACE** JSU asks professors to prepare for 'potential spring 2020 disruptions' amid COVID-19 concerns, in-person classes continue for now

### Scott Young News Editor

Jacksonville State University sent an email to professors on Tuesday morning giving them tips on how to quickly upload classroom content to Canvas to prepare for "potential spring 2020 disruptions".

"The provost, Dr. Shelton, has met with all deans to discuss our academic contingency options," said Dr. Jeff Ryan, director of the JSU Emergency Management program. "The faculty have been made aware of this possible transition. Preparations and actions are underway to give us the option in the near future."

Ryan said that some faculty need more time to familiarize themselves with the Canvas system after receiving training and access to coaches.

"The university has a comprehensive and detailed contingency plan that considers all aspects of such an event," said Ryan. "We have looked at the many ways this problem might manifest itself on our campus. We are prepared and continue improving our posture daily.

Ryan added that if the switch to all online classes becomes necessary, that the provost would direct the move.

The memo to faculty comes four days after the university announced that two JSU students were exposed to a COVID-19 patient in northwest Georgia. No cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the state of Alabama.

"To help faculty prepare for unforeseen disruptions in normal university operations, we have a brand new tutorial for you," the email reads.

The email then provides a tutorial from Online@JSU on how to upload syllabi, content, files, gradebooks and assignment submissions to Canvas to prepare professors for "course continuity"

A growing number of universities in the United States have cancelled in-person classes due to COVID-19, including Harvard University, Columbia University, Princeton University, Rice University, Stanford University, Hofstra University, University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Washington, among others. JSU has not made an announcement regarding whether or not in-person classes will be cancelled.

The two JSU students exposed to a COVID-19 patient are in a self-quarantine off-campus for 14 days and are not symptomatic.

This story will be updated as new information comes in. For the latest information, visit isuchanticleer.com.

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# **COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

2 JSU students came in contact with COVID-19 patients but are self-quarantined with no symptoms

Scott Young

## News Editor

Two students at Jacksonville State University have come into contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19, according to an email sent by acting JSU President Don Killingsworth's office early Friday morning.

In the email to students and staff, Killingsworth explains that the students have shown no symptoms of the virus but that they did attend classes after the exposure. He added that the students are currently not on campus.

"We are working proactively with the Alabama Department of Public Health to protect our campus and community and taking necessary precautions," said Killingsworth. "If the situation changes, we will notify [the] campus."

Friday afternoon, the university held a brief press conference and addressed some concerns, giving little information about the incident.

"This morning we received information from one of our students, she is also a worker in northwest Georgia, at a hospital there, and the information that she gave us was that she had been exposed to a coronavirus case patient at the hospital, over the weekend,"

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CLEAN HANDS ARE SAFER HANDS

FOLLOW THESE 4 STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR HANDS ARE SAFE.



Graphic courtesy of CDC

Pictured above, a graphic from the CDC shows the correct way to wash your hands -- using warm water, lather soap and scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails for at least 20 seconds (roughly the same amount of time to sing the Bee Gee's song "Stayin' Alive") and then rinse and thoroughly dry hands with clean towel.

# **CAMPUS**

# Second annual 'Cockies' award show winners awarded

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# **UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS**

March 12, 2020 - International House Presentation Nepal, 11 a.m.

March 12, 2020 - Holi Festival, 1 p.m., International House

March 12, 2020 - Author Reading: S. M. Wheeler, 4:30 p.m., Stone Center

March 12, 2020 - Freshman Forum Glow Party, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium

March 13, 2020 - 3rd Annual Bipartisan Ball, 6 p.m., Pitman Theater in Gadsden, Al.

March 13, 2020 - Tiki Vibe Party, 10 p.m., International House

March 16, 2020 - SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., Auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building

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

April 2, 2020 - FAFSA Night, 4:30 p.m., Ayers Hall Room 335

April 2, 2020 - International House Presentation Philippines, 11 a.m.

April 2, 2020 - Holocaust Remembrance Program, 7:30 p.m., Stone Center

April 4, 2020 - Bed Building Drive, 8 a.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum

April 8, 2020 - Author Reading: Tiphanie Yanique, 4:30 p.m., Stone Center

# This Week in Headlines

Coronavirus sparks total lockdown in Italy and alarm in the US as cases rise globally - The novel coronavirus outbreak continues to spread globally, sparking a total lockdown across Italy and emergency measures worldwide, as markets recover from Monday's historic rout. The virus, known as Covid-19, has now infected close to 113,000 people worldwide and resulted in more than 4,000 deaths. The majority of these cases are in mainland China, where the outbreak first emerged -- but the rate of infection has been slowing in the country, and the situation stabilizing, even as the virus wreaks havoc elsewhere. (Courtesy of CNN International)

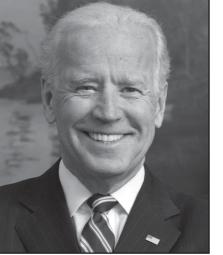
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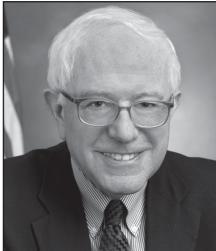
Biden Takes Command of Race, Winning Four States Including Michigan - Joseph R. Biden Jr. took command of the Democratic presidential race in decisive fashion on Tuesday, marshaling a powerful multiracial coalition in the South and the Midwest that swept aside Senator Bernie Sanders and completed Mr. Biden's rapid transformation from a sometimes-fumbling underdog into his party's likely nominee. Replicating the combination of voters that delivered him broad victories a week ago on Super Tuesday, Mr. Biden won Michigan, Missouri, Idaho and Mississippi (Courtesy of The New York Times)

# **Delegate Tracker**

Who's winning the 2020 Democratic Primary?

1,991 delegates needed to win Democratic nomination





Joe Biden 856 delegates

**Bernie Sanders** 708 delegates

\*Tulsi Gabbard, not pictured, has 2 delegates. Updated as of 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020



March 4, 2020 - Arrest: Failure to Appear, Jacksonville City Jail

March 4, 2020 - Domestic Violence, The Pointe

March 4, 2020 - Indecent Exposure, Dixon Hall

March 3, 2020 - Arrest: Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, Sparkman Hall

March 1, 2020 - Violation of Student Code of Conduct, The Pointe

February 27, 2020 - Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia, Minor in Possession of Tobacco, Dixon Hall

February 27, 2020 - Harassment, Martin Hall

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

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February 19, 2020 - Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia

#### Have an emergency?

Elizabeth Warren ends presidential bid – Senator Elizabeth Warren has ended her presidential campaign following disappointing Super Tuesday results. A favourite of the liberal left, the Massachusetts senator, 70, was once a front-runner in the Democratic field. The Democratic contest to take on President Donald Trump in November is now seen as a two-horse race between former Vice-President Joe Biden, 77, and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, 78. (Courtesy of BBC News)

Bernie Sanders captures win in North Dakota caucuses – Bernie Sanders captured North Dakota's caucuses Wednesday, a repeat victory in a state he won four years ago but the smallest of prizes after a night where rival Joe Biden captured much bigger states elsewhere. The state Democratic Party expected a big turnout surge for revamped caucuses and they got it - so much that the party had to put out an urgent call for volunteers to add staff at its largest site in Fargo, and wound up holding that site and Grand Forks' open an extra hour and delaying the party's reporting of results. (Courtesy of The Bismarck Tribune)

Trump endorses Tommy Tuberville over Jeff Sessions in Alabama Senate race - President Trump endorsed ex-Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville over former U.S. Attorney General and erstwhile U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, tweeting that Tuberville "will be a great senator for the people of Alabama." Tuberville and Sessions will square off in a March 31 runoff election after they were the top two votegetters in the Republican Senate primary on March 3. Trump's tweet was a blow to Sessions, who has campaigned on being the candidate most aligned with the president's values, pointing out that he was the first sitting senator to back then-candidate Trump's campaign. (Courtesy of AL.com)

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# **OPINION OPINION:** Nashville continues to show 'pride and loyalty' amid tornado destruction

# **Garrett Sanders**

Correspondent

Nashville: the Music City. The capital of country music. Where opportunities are turned into reality. And most importantly, my home away from home.

The state capital of the great state of Tennessee has greatly impacted me in my life. It is there that I witnessed my first professional sports event in both hockey and football. It is also where I have made a lot of memories going to downtown and experiencing the nightlife of Broadway and the Grand Ole' Opry.

While there are many other contrib-

uting factors to my life that this city has made to me, the one thing that this city has for me is dear to my heart: that is my family.

My family on my biological father's side of the family has lived in the community of Nashville for generations. From all the way back as far as the Civil War to present day, the roots of my family's history have resided here.

My great-grandmother was famously known around town for her famous secret homemade biscuits that she served up fresh from scratch every morning.

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# **CAMPUS**



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Alabama State Senator Vivian Figures, pictured, serves as a member of the JSU Board of Trustees and gave the keynote speech at a Women's History Month reception on Monday, March 9.

# JSU recognizes women leaders at reception

## Anna Gurganus

Correspondent

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The Women's History Month Committee hosted a Reception on Monday, March 9 where an awards ceremony was held and keynote speaker, Alabama State Senator Vivian Figures gave an empowering speech about women.

The head coordinators for this event were Audrey Simmons, who is the Resident Life Coordinator for Fitzptrick, Curtiss, and the Leadership House for Women, and Dr. Jennifer Gross, an associate professor of history. According to Simmons, the committee had been working on the Women's History Month events since October.

More than 50 nominations were submitted for three awards. Each nominee was recognized during the ceremony along with their achievements.

The first award presented was the JSU Woman of the Year Award for students. It was awarded to Hannah Merritt. Her nominator described her as "compassionate and kind to everyone she meets."

Secondly, the JSU Woman of the Year award for faculty, staff, and administrators was presented to Dr. Chandni Khadka, the director of the International House program. Khadka was described as a woman who "leads with strength" er, a JSU professor of sociology.

The remainder of the ceremony was an encouraging message given by Senator Vivian Figures.

"I believe politics was a calling for me," said Figures. "It wasn't anything that I said, 'This is what I want to do when I grow up.' But I know that it's a calling on my life to help others."

Figures was the first African American woman elected to the senate from Mobile County, Alabama, and the second African American woman to be elected in the whole state of Alabama. After 24 years, she is now the longest serving female in the Alabama State Senate.

Figures began her speech by talking about how this year is special because it has been exactly one hundred years since women gained the right to vote. She encouraged the audience to vote, emphasizing that one vote can make a difference.

Figures also discussed the hardships women endured to get to where they are today.

"I believe that God takes us through things in order to get us to what he has for us, and those things are struggles," Figures explained. "Those things are hurdles that you have to jump over. Those things are mountains that you have to climb."

While Figures said that she does not aspire to go further politically, she is determined to con-

"While we continue to fight for women's

tinue her work for women's rights.

rights, I will continue to do that."

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No one knows to this day what her secret was to making those irresistible bite sized of fluffy golden brown biscuits. But what everyone can tell you is she made them with a whole lot of love in them.

There is one thing that has stayed true about Nashvillians over the time of its existence. And that is they love their city and are proud of it.

Take it from a sports fan like me, even though the market is incredibly much smaller than your markets like Los Angeles or New York, the fanbases of the teams in this city will give you chills down your spine.

The tension you get being in Bridgestone Arena at Predators Stanley Cup Playoff game is like no other in the National Hockey League. The deafening roar of the crowd is intimidating enough for the opposing team. But make a mistake to the Predators advantage, you'll hear about it to no ends.

But it's not just the Predators. Right down the road, you have one of the more upcoming intimidating stadiums in the National Football League with the Titans. When you have a reputation for showing up at the biggest games in your home stadium, you know opposing teams are intimidated.

Adding to that, the Music City is only growing and expanding to other sports leagues as well. Just last week, the debut of Nashville's Major League Soccer team seated a near sellout crowd in their home stadium. If this city has shown one thing, it's that they love their sports.

While the sports teams in the Music City make it special, it's not the selling point of what makes this community prosper.

When you think of the state of Tennessee, the first thing that pops up into mind is their country music. And it's no secret that to start a career in music, Nashville is the destination to be.

Keith Urban, Luke Bryan,

However, everything is never perfect with any town or city. Despite how great Nashville is, it does have it's flaws. Some of it can be attributed to being located dead center in tornado alley in the south. While it is a rarity that a major disaster strikes, it is bound to occasionally happen.

Early Tuesday morning on March 2, 2020, an E-F4 and an additional E-F3 violent tornado came into the path of the city of Nashville. With winds up to 175 miles per hour, the two twisters did significant damage to the city and the surrounding communities around Nashville.

The storms associated with the tornado caused pure destruction and devastation across the state of Tennessee.

Approximately 25 deaths were reported along with hundreds of others being injured. Damage across the city included homes, schools, buildings, and businesses sustaining surmountable blows.

While lives were lost in the midst of this travesty, the city of Nashville stuck together through the tough times. People from all around town have offered a helping hand. Fundraisers and donations have made a huge difference in recovering as a city.

Tennessee Titans controlling owner, Amy Adams-Strunk, donated one million dollars to help the city recover. But not only did citizens pour in a lending hand, other organizations from other cities across the country were generous enough to offer a lending hand in donations.

It's no secret, the city of Nashville will take a long time to recover from the unfortunate events that took place. But what the citizens of this city continues to show is pride and loyalty. With a prospering community on the rise, the future is bright.

It is times like this that make us unite together. That's what makes the worst of times come out as a positive. Not just for the city, but for the country as well. Together, regardless of being from the Music City or not, we are all Nashville Strong.

and "exhibits qualities of a loving mother to her students."

The final award was JSU Gender Advocate of the Year, which was presented to Dr. Erin Rid-

# OPINION OPINION: WLJS 91.9 FM has drastically improved, program director says

#### **Grant Davis**

Special to the Chanticleer

My name is Grant Davis and I am the current program director for WLJS 91.9 FM, the official campus radio station of Jacksonville State University. Since taking over in May 2019, the radio station has undergone several changes both with our equipment and staff.

When I first took over, we didn't have a computer to operate with so luckily the first thing we were able to do is get a brand new computer with the ENCO system which is a state of the art system. DJ's can learn how to run a show properly and be prepared for the real world if they were to want to pursue a future in radio.

Other equipment upgrades we made were adding five new Shure SM7B microphones. I wanted to upgrade the microphones to give a more modern day podcast feel to the station. Shows like Joe Rogan and the Dale Jr. download podcast along with many other shows use these mics specifically so I thought it would be a good move to have these in the station.

I also wanted to build a better online presence. Our follow1,200 followers, Instagram was at 130 followers and hadn't been touched since 2017, and Twitter was non-existent. As of today, we have grown our Facebook page to over 3,000 new followers and our Instagram page is only a few followers away from 900. Twitter has grown from zero to over 140 new followers. Twitter is more for fun, rather than our main focus when it comes to our marketing strategy. We also created WLJS919.com which was setup by Pam Morgan (Thank ya Pam).

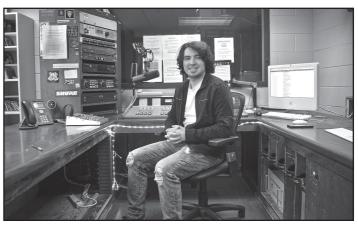
A swap I had when gaining access to these social media accounts was to swap ownership over to the Communications Department rather than them being owned solely by the program director. Past passwords would get lost and each PD would have to start over. I want to pass everything on and keep the momentum building after I am gone. Having a great online presence is very helpful in being beneficial to ourselves, our patrons and to any partners including music festivals.

In 2019, we had WLJS coverage at Bonnaroo and in 2020 we partnered with them for a ticket give away. We will also

ing on Facebook was only at 1,200 followers, Instagram was at 130 followers and hadn't been the end of March.

Our current staff is myself, our Music Director Ethan Weatherbee, Patrons Director Isaac Graham and Social Media Director Drew Harp. We also have students working their media workshop as social media workers to help our online brand. We purchased two DSLR cameras for WLJS so we could also have better quality photos for online. I am really proud of the strides we have made to improve our online presence and I hope to see it continue.

When it comes to shows, I spent a lot of my time last semester talking with students and helping get feedback on how to make good changes for the long run and also just helping them improve their shows. My friend Carson Bruce, who was the former Patron Director, started a video series that was serving as a way to show students how to make better shows, so I rolled with that idea and have been working on my own videos to build off the idea he started. We will have tips to improve your show videos on our YouTube page for students to reference back to if they ever need Jason Aldean, Taylor Swift, Tim McGraw, Thomas Rhett, you name it, they all have made their names in this city.



Courtesy of WLJS

Grant Davis, pictured, has been the program director of the official radio station of Jacksonville State University (WLJS, 91.9 FM) since May 2019.

help.

Some new patrons we have are AmStar 12 Cinemas, Olive Garden, Papa John's, The Factory, Mad Hatter's Cupcakes, Harp & Clover, Vendetta Italian Restaurant, Jimmy John's, Calhoun Steakhouse, Gy6 apparel and Isshin Asian Cafe. I wanted to make sure we had plenty of food for fun giveaways for our students on campus and people in the community. I am very thankful for all of our patrons.

Lastly, I would just like to say I am doing my best to represent Jacksonville State University as a leader and to represent WLJS the best I can. We have proudly renamed the studio "The 92J Studio" to honor the alumni who originally started the station back in September 1975: Mike Sandefer, Walt Moreland, Bob Waldrep, Dav Driscoll, Larry Hughes and John Turner. We are currently working to get a new sign for the station door with the current logo and a throwback logo as well to honor the past. Plans have already begun working towards a 45th anniversary for the fall of 2020 as well.

In such a short amount of time we have spent around \$16,000 on improvements to the station, grown our social media substantially and have improved our on air quality. I would like to thank Mr. Stedham, Dr. Mc-Grail, Mrs. Roper, Pam Morgan, Mrs. Davis, Christian Webb, Emily Sigmon, Ethan Weatherbee, Isaac Graham, Drew Harp, Sydni Fowler, Troydell Odom, Angelica Butine, Heather Jenkins, Kevin Young, Kyle Cornelius, Jada Hester, Mike Sandefer, our friends at The Chanticleer, Billy Ramsey and Ted White. Their help has made all these changes possible.

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# **SIGHTS ON SCENE: Second Annual 'Cockies' Awards**



Kaitlin Fleming/The Chanticleer

Pictured above, winners from the Second Annual "Cockies" Awards pose with their trophies.





# **History Club Organization of the Year**

# **International Student Organization Most Original Events**

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said Jeff Ryan, professor of emergency management at JSU, during a late afternoon press conference Friday.

The other student exposed to the virus worked at the same hospital and came in to contact with the same patient on the same day - but according to Ryan, the students had minimal contact with the patient in the emergency room at that hospital

self-quarantine in their own homes for 14 days.

"They are not infected with coronavirus, so that's good news for sure," said Ryan.

When asked at the press conference if the students had been tested for COVID-19, Ryan replied "Negative."

"It's not appropriate for them to be tested. They are not symptomatic. They are at home. They are fine. I've spoken with one of those students as well as their supervisor at the hospital. What I can tell you is they are absolutely not symptomatic. It would not be appropriate to do any tests on them because they have no symptoms." Ryan went on to say that the

supervisor for the students has recommended a 14 day, selfquarantine, that began yesterday.

As far as the classes the students attended after they were exposed, Ryan said the other students in that class were informed of the situation by the dean of that school.

In a statement put out on the university's website before 6 p.m. on Friday, March 6, Killingsworth mapped out where the students had been on campus after their contact with the infected person in Georgia.

"They did attend classes week. One student attend-

and the other student attended classes for three days in Ayers Hall, room 12; Stone Center, room 232, 334; and Martin Hall, rooms 130, 327. Faculty and students in those classes have been notified. Building Services has begun extensive cleaning of those classrooms, which will be completed prior to Monday classes."

Currently, no cases of the virus have been confirmed in Alabama while 250 cases total have been reported in the United States.

Last month, the university cancelled all university-sponsored international travel amid

afternoon press conference the university said travel for student health workers wouldn't change and that JSU will continue with business as usual but will make changes as it is necessary.

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 COVID-19, visit http:// www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/.

Kaitlin Fleming contributed to this article.

This story will be updated more information comes in.

The students live in northwest Georgia and are under a

ed classes in the Houston Cole Library, 11th floor, for one day,

the ongoing spread of CO-VID-19, but during the Friday

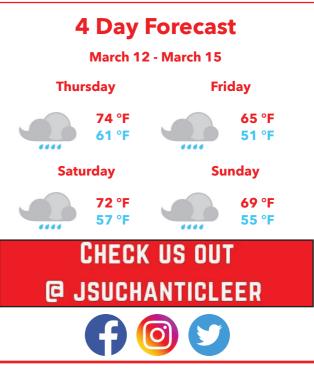
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# THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MARCH 12, 1933: FDR broadcasts first 'fireside chat' during the Great Depression. Eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio addressor "fireside chat"-broadcast directly from the White House. Roosevelt began that first address simply: "I want to talk for a few minutes with the people of the United States about banking." He went on to explain his recent decision to close the nation's banks in order to stop a surge in mass withdrawals by panicked investors worried about possible bank failures.





# Arts & Entertainment

# CAMPUS

# International house hosted study abroad fair on Monday

## Arynn Williams

Correspondent

On Monday, the Office of International House and Programs held a Study Abroad Fair in the quad. Students could stop by and learn about the multitude of programs available in the coming year.

"It's about having a new experience and meeting new people around the world," coordinator of the program Jason Mallet said.

Studying abroad is more than just gaining credits on your transcript. It's an opportunity to expand your entire worldview. Whether you make a new friend or learn a new language, traveling abroad benefits every student. If you are considering studying abroad, there's a lot of information to take in, but don't worry! It is all actually pretty simple.

The program has three variations: faculty led, CCSA, and partner universities. Students participating in the program have traveled to many countries overseas, including Columbia, Australia, and Italy. While faculty led trips scheduled for this year have been canceled due to Coronavirus, staff is hopeful that these

# trips will take place next year instead. The trips would have been to Spain, Italy, and the UK.

CCSA is a group of about 25 universities that participate in study abroad trips together. All CCSA trips are to English speaking countries, including Ireland, Belize, and South Africa. These trips are led by faculty from the participating universities, including the occasional JSU professor. Lasting just two to four weeks, these trips are a great way to spend your winter or spring break. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 are available through CCSA for any student interested in traveling abroad.

The third variation, studying abroad through partner universities, is an option where students may study for either a full semester or just a few weeks at a university partnered with JSU's study abroad program. Partner universities are located in India, Japan, and South Korea. These options are currently taking applications for the upcoming summer, fall, and spring semesters. Students need to act fast, though, as a few of the deadlines for showing interest are rapidly approaching.

Depending on the program, students may receive

a minimum of one credit hour or up to a full semester's worth. Students pick which of their class options they want to take, with most summer programs allowing up to two classes. These trips, while mostly for undergraduate students, are not limited and allow for graduate students by approval as well. Some programs do have restrictions to major or minors, while others require a certain GPA or a recommendation from a professor. Either your advisor or the Study Abroad Coordinator can inform you of the requirements for your desired program.

Testimonials and specific information about all of the options to study abroad can be found on JSU's website. Contact information for Jason Mallet, Study Abroad Coordinator, can be found there as well. Any student interested in studying abroad should email Mallet to receive further information about the application process, requirements, and fees.

Studying abroad is a great option for any student and with JSU's wide variety of programs, there is something for everyone. Spend 2021 traveling outside of the United States and be the envy of all your friends!



Photo courtesy of heavenofhorror.com

Gabriel Fernandez (8) died in Los Angeles, Cal. back in 2013 at the hands of his own mother Pearl Fernandez and his mother's boyfriend, Isauro Aguirre. The couple tortured him while he was in their custody for eight months before they beat him into a coma. He was soon taken off of life support in May of 2013.

# "The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez" takes over and shocks Netflix viewers

## Breanna Hill

#### A&E Editor

I've been hooked on documentaries for years now. Every time a new one comes out I tend to watch it within the first few days of its release date, especially if it has something to do with crime. Unfortunately, there has been a lack of documentaries to my knowledge, until February 26 of this year when "The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez" hit Netflix.

To be quite honest with you I hadn't really heard much about Gabriel until I watched this documentary. I believe I remember seeing his name in the news back in 2013 after his death, but hey, I was fourteen at the time and I didn't really care about much other than my friends and the occasional boy crush here and there. I didn't know the severity of the situation and I had no earthly idea what he went through, and I truly believe that nobody will ever fully understand what Gabriel went through during his short-lived life.

One of the first things I noticed about the limited series on Netflix is the warning at the beginning of every episode (six total). Some crime documentaries have these warnings to viewers, and yes, other crime documentaries have their fair share of hair-raising moments, but this documentary is the only one I have seen so far that has made me sit in bed contemplating for hours on end how this brutal situation could have possibly happened in real life, all the while the chill bumps never leaving my arms.

The documentary focuses on more than just telling what occurred and what happened to Gabriel, and shares more than the who-done-its. It focuses on all the contributing factors that led up to Gabriel's death including the brutal torture, the involvement of the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), the trials of Gabriel's killers and the aftermath of the entire traumatic event.

Not all documentaries are able to bring all the contributing factors of the situation to light like this one did. The director, Brian Knappenberger, talked to several people who were in direct connection with the case including journalists, social workers and they even gained access to tapes of Gabriel's siblings talking about their brother and what their parents did to him.

This documentary is truly captivating and gut wrenching. I'm not usually the type to grow uncomfortable watching even the nastiest documentaries, but this one has exceeded even my comfort level.

I believe that this documentary cannot be described. The situation laid out in the documentary cannot be described. I could not even begin to summarize what happened to this boy back in 2013, or the events leading up to his death. I cannot describe the anger and frustration that not only I but other viewers feel after learning about how the system failed him multiple times.

If you're able to stomach the reality of what this boy went through and watch this documentary I highly urge you to. It's difficult to watch, I will admit, but it is a very well documented account of this boy's life that was cut short and it deserves to be seen and appreciated for the piece of art that it is.

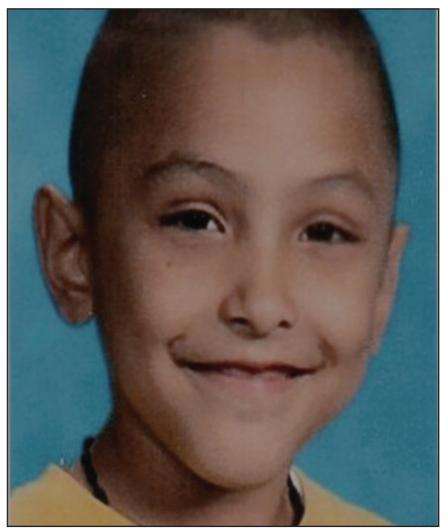


Photo courtesy of latimes.com

The Gabriel Fernandez case was the case that ignited the Blue Ribbon Commission that is designed to investigate or study pressing issues around the nation.

If you have reason to believe a child and/or children are being abused call your local hotline: 800-422-4453 It's always better to be overly cautious instead of not being cautious at all.



# **MUSIC**



Photo courtesy of The Harvard Crimson

This albumhas been #1 on Billboard's Top Rock Albums chart, as well as its top-charting entry on the Billboard 200 where it was debuted at #3.

# "The Slow Rush" makes time stand still

## Jada Hester

#### Correspondent

After several months of delay, Tame Impala's album The Slow Rush was finally released on Valentine's Day. The man behind the music, Kevin Parker, is an Australian singer that writes, records, and produces his own music. Many fans were eager for the new music considering that his last album, Currents , was released all the way back in 2015. While it made Parker more famous than he probably expected, Currents helped him appear on Saturday Night Live in early 2019, and he was the headlining act of the Coachella Music and Arts Festival later that year. Clearly Parker has a tremendous amount of talent, which can be heard on Slow Rush.

The Slow Rush is simply a genre-defying work of art. There are beats that you can't help but dance to, others that make you think of timeless psychedelia, and some that are straight-up 1970s electric funk. Further than just the music, Parker reflects on both how quickly time moves and how it seems to stand still. Most of the album's song titles have to do with time such as "Tomorrow's Dust" and "Lost in Yesterday."

The musician also struggles with his self-worth, and he revised several songs before the album was released. The first single, "Patience," didn't even make the cut.

However, The Slow Rush follows his mindset as he learns how to deal with his own dark thoughts. In "Breathe Deeper," Parker sings, "Breathe a little deeper / Should you need to come undone / And let those colours run / Now you're having fun."

After the twist and turns of psychedelic rock, synth pop, and genres that don't even have a name, Parker's fifth album comes to an end with "One More Hour." This song in particular reflects on how he's gotten to this point in life. In the outro, Parker sings, "One more hour and you know your life is one to share / Just a minute, baby, right before we go through here / All these people said we wouldn't last a minute, dear / I'm with you and I can roll into another year." He and his new wife, Sophie Lawrence, are looking to the future, and they are hopeful about what it holds for them.

Overall, Tame Impala's The Slow Rush is a huge success. The chaotic but somehow calming nature makes this album a bit bewildering, but the lyrics and music work so well together that the fans have stopped caring. Kevin Parker painted a trippy picture with this album, but with a massive tour coming up later this year, it's certainly given him a phenomenal reputation. The Slow Rush makes time stand still,

if only for as long as the album lasts. 4/5 Stars!

# **Breanna's Bops:**

"broken" lovelytheband

"Rolling in the Deep" Adele

"Wake Up in the Sky" Gucci Mane

"Dirty Little Secret" The All-American Rejects

"to the grave" Bea Miller

These are top songs for the week. Grab next week's edition to see my next top 5!

# HOT TAKE



Photo courtesy of ShareTV

# Television shows everybody has forgotten about

#### **Miranda Prescott**

Correspondent

Growing up, we all had our favorite cartoons that we would race home after school or wake up early on Saturday mornings just to watch. For most of us, it was generational classics like "Spongebob Squarepants" or basically anything with "created by Butch Hartman" at the end of a title screen. Or if you were like me, you watched some older cartoons from the 1970s on Saturday mornings such as The Perils of Penelope Pitstop or anything else by Hannah-Barbera. These aired on Boomerang if I remember correctly. I think that channel no longer exists, which makes the nostalgic side of me sad.

However, some cartoons we absolutely love as kids but completely forget about now. That also makes the nostalgic side of me sad. So, I did some digging and found some shows that I absolutely adored as a kid but completely forgot about when I was older, and, boy, did the throwback train hit me hard.

I hope this article gets to you as a

"only late 90s, early 00s kids will remember this" but specifically only that generation. It is not going to be like those Facebook posts you see your parents or grandparents post that say "only people who lived in the 80s remembers this" but everyone does because its a stock photo of someone with a mullet. Maybe some parents will remember these, but only because they cringe and get flashbacks of their kids when they were younger asking to watch it for the 23 millionth time.

"Sagwa the Chinese Siamese Cat"

This one has come up a lot when searching for old shows I used to watch. This one is also one of my favorites that went into obscurity after a couple of years. I loved this show as a kid. I was big on bright colors when I was younger, so Sagwa and her orange and yellow collar thing she wore completely stood out to me.

I also loved the premise of this show. The episodes of the show spent time telling old folk tales in a very visual and simplified way so kids would understand them. It kept the tale of storytelling alive and renewed the energy behind the older shows. It was peaceful, and not a show my mom would get mad at because she liked the messages it was teaching. Overall, I would not be mad if this show got a reboot. I am sure that many people would love to see it come back, too.

Timon & Pumbaa"

"Disney went through a phase when it first created the Disney Channel. In this phase they would take animated movies that did really well and make some less than memorable television shows with them.

While movies like The Little Mermaid and Aladdin had these shows, they only lasted a season or two. However, the show Disney made with one of the most iconic animated duos of all time got a typical full run of three seasons, with episodes spanning out about four years.

What I remember most about this show was the theme song. It was "Hakuna Matata" but the lyrics were changed to fit with the style of the show. While I do not remember the whole premise of the show, I do know after researching that it is on Disney + now, so go check it out if you have time.

"Samurai Jack"

As an adult, I know this show is amazing. It is visually compelling and says so much while actually speaking very little. However, as a child, I knew that when it came on when watching my Powerpuff Girls videotape that it was time for bed. Do not get me wrong, that show is good,too. But it is remembered a whole lot more than this gem.

I will be honest, this is probably one of the only shows from my childhood that I have not fully watched more than three episodes of. However, I still love it. It was not my personal preference as a child, but I have grown to appreciate how it takes storytelling to another level by slowing building to the action from the beginning of the episode. By the time you reach the end, it becomes an organized chaos of action that satisfies any regular television watcher.





# **MEN'S TENNIS**



Courtesy of JSUgamecocksports.com

Thomas Norwood hits the tennis ball in a singles match where the Gamecocks defeated Alabama State. Norwood claimed set wins in both singles and doubles matches that helped notch a Gamecock win.

# Men's tennis continues win streak

## Sadie Appleton

#### Correspondent

The Jacksonville State University men's tennis team are on a win streak after capturing their fourth straight win over Southern Mississippi this past Friday in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. It was the first meeting between the two since 2015.

In the 2015 meeting, the Gamecocks fell 4-0 to SMU. However, the matchup would be anything but the same.

The Red and White dominated the Golden Eagles by winning the doubles point and five of six singles matches. This is the only the second time Jax competed in more than five matches this season. In State has defeated Southern Miss since the two met for the first time back in January of 2011. The two have met a total of seven times since.

to 6-5. Sophomores Aljaz Kaplja and Thomas Norwood put Jacksonville up first by winning 6-2 at No. 2 over Alexander Gima and Matthieu Peres.

Senior Guillermo Agost and junior Jordi Blanchar further increased JSU's lead after defeating Vence N'Tcha and Christopher Cahour also with 6-2 at No. 3. When JSU claimed the point, junior Joaquin Vellejo and senior Sergio Lizarraga's match at No. 1 went unfinished.

All of but one of the singles match wins went to Jacksonville State. Additionally, Kaplja's match was the only one that would reach three sets. Kaplja is the only remaining undefeated Gamecock to have his No. 5 bout, he defeated Antoine Androine 7-6, 3-6, 10-5.

first position as he improved his record to 5-2 following the most recent win. Meanwhile, Vallejo, won 6-0 and 6-4 against Hisiang Yi Wang at No. 2. The victory increased his overall record to 7-1 for the season.

Winning 6-4 in both sets against Christopher Cahour at No. 4, a fresh-faced Dmitrii Vasilev took home the victory. Continuing the Gamecocks' scoring drive, at No. 6 Blanchar put a two-set win over Emilio Bowen 7-6, 6-1.

Jacksonville State would only fall once on the day as a result of the No. 3 match between Peres and Norwood, where the Londoner would fall 5-7, 2-6 It is the sophomore's first loss this season.

Following the faceoff, the Gamecocks improved their record to 9-1 while Southern Mississippi fell

# BASEBALL

Meanwhile at No. 1, Agost took home another victory 6-3, 6-4 over Alexander Gima. So far this season, all seven of his matches have come in the

The Jacksonville State University men's tennis team will continue their season this upcoming Wednesday, March 11, as they take on the Kennesaw State at home. The matches against the Owls are set to begin at 3 p.m. at the JSU Tennis Courts.

# JSU falls to Eastern Illinois in weekend series

## **Stephen Duke**

### Correspondent

The JSU Gamecocks baseball team opened up conference play this past weekend against Eastern Illinois where the Gamecocks, who were the OVC preseason favorite, fell to the Panthers two games to one in a double-header on Saturday, March 7 and finale on Sunday, March 8.

The Gamecocks started out the series strong with a win over the Panthers on their first meetup on Saturday with a close 6-4 match. After the Panthers rallied to tie the game at 4-4, senior Tre Kirklin hit a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning which led to the Gamecocks taking the lead back at 5-4.

Junior Colin Casey pitched the first six innings, while senior Corley Woods



Courtesy of JSUgamecocksports.com

Chase Robinson runs the bases in the first game in the weekend series against EIU where Robinson recorded three hits for the Gamecocks.

pitched the last three. Woods threw a pair of strikeouts which led in part to the

Kirklin had three hits in the first game, along with a single off a bunt in the second game. Sophomore Carson Crowe added some breathing room in the ninth with a solo home run, which led to the 6-4 win.

Other Gamecocks who contributed to the first game win were Senior Chase Robinson, who had a double in the first game and reached base three times and Kirklin, Robinson and Tanner Anderson who all recorded multiple hits in the first game.

However, game two on Saturday did not go as well for the Gamecocks, as they fell 4-0 to the Panthers. In this game, the Panthers used a variety of tactics to get the win such as a pair of RBI singles with two outs.

Starter for the Panthers Blake Malatestinic recorded eight innings without allowing a point. Meanwhile, Ryan Ignoffo put the Panthers on the board when he hit a solo home run in the second inning. EIU added RBIs in the fourth, fifth, and eighth innings as well.

With the series being decided in game three, the Gamecocks lost in a very close 5-4 game on Sunday where the game went into 11 innings.

While the final match started out promising for the Gamecocks, the Panthers erased a 4-1 deficit and scored four unearned runs in the game. The Panthers then notched the game deciding point on a Gamecock throwing error on an infield with two outs in the inning. The Gamecocks ended with four errors on the day.

Throughout the last match, the Gamecocks gave the Panthers runs in the sixth inning on throwing errors and tied the game in the seventh inning. A mishandled ground ball led to the two runs crossing home plate. After a stalemate led to extra innings, the Panthers put up their game-winning run in the eleventh inning.

With the series loss, the Gamecocks record falls to 6-8 overall and 1-2 in the OVC on the season. The Gamecocks return home on Friday, March 13 for a game against Samford at 6 p.m. The Gamecocks then continue the series against Samford on Saturday, March 15 at 5 p.m. at the Hoover Met, with a series finale on Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. on the Samford campus. All games will be aired on ESPN+ and on the Gamecock Sports Network.





# BASKETBALL



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All-OVC second team member Jacara Cross goes in for a lay up in a game against UT Martin while All-OVC Newcomer Kayne Henry watches his teammate go in for the basket.

# Gamecocks named OVC All-Conference

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Before going into the OVC tournament on March 3, multiple players for both the men's and women's basketball teams were given All-OVC honors for the 2019-2020 post seaon.

These players include Jacara Cross (second team) and Kayne Henry (newcomer team) for the Men's team and Taylor Hawks (second team) and Destiny Elliot (first team) for the women's team.

This is the first time since 2015 that the women's team has seen multiple players on the postseason OVC team.

Elliot led the Gamecocks in the 2019-2020 season with 12.7 points per game and bucketed a total of 67 three point baskets to help lead the Gamecocks throughout the 2019-2020 season. Elliot also helped lead the Gamecocks with the second most rebounds with 164 boards total.

and averaged 26.7 minutes per game. She was the only Gamecock to play more than 800 minutes. She also led the team with 327 points, hitting a team-best of 41 three-pointers

Before coming to JSU, Elliott had a memorable performance for Samford University where she was named All-SoCon Freshman Team in the 2014-2015 season and All-SonCon Second Team in the 2015-2016 season.

Junior Taylor Hawks ended her Junior year as one of the only Gamecock to start in all 29 games. She ended the 2019-2020 season with a team high of overall steals (43) and assists (79) and finished out the season with over 800 career points. Hawks will now be on her way to become a member of the 1000-point club come her senior year in the 2020-2021 season.

As a freshman in 2017, Hawks hit the ground running immediately becoming a vital player to her team. Hawks played in all 31 games as a true freshman, and started in the final 23. She finished a strong first season as the team's second leading scorer averaging 8.3 points per game, and later to 9.6 during conference games. free throws. She was ranked seventh nationally in freshman free throw percentage at .797.

The following year, Hawks topped her freshman record by one point finishing with 259 points for the thirdhighest tally on the team. She also managed to record 14 double-digit scoring games for the 2018-2019 season.

For the men's team, this is the fourth consecutive season that a player has received All-OVC honors. Over the past four years, they have received five total all-conference awards.

Throughout the 2019-2020 season, Henry was named newcomer of the week four times. This makes the first time a Gamecock received four conference honors since Trenton Marshall received the same award for seven weeks in the 2009-2010 season.

Henry finished this season with an incredible 300 points, being the team's second leading scorer right behind cross. He also led his team with just over 200 rebounds and recorded four double-doubles throughout the season. Before Henry came to JSU, the England native played for Northwest Florida State College where he played in 31 games for the Raiders, shooting at an average of 50.8 percent and averaged 5.7 points per game, while also hitting 90 percent of his shots from the free-throw line.

Cross currently is ranked No. 13 nationally and finished his collegiate career with the most wins of any Gamecock in men's basketball, contributing towards 80 wins in the four seasons he has played for Jax State.

The Atlanta native has played for Jacksonville State since his freshman year in 2016 and hit the ground running after appearing in all 33 games while starting in 10 as a true freshman. He eventually earned OVC freshman of the week after posting back-to-back double digit scoring games against Howard University and USC.

At the close of his collegiate career, Cross finished the 2019-2020 season with 377 total points, being the top scorer for his team, and averaged

This was Elliot's second consecutive all-conference honors award after being named All-OVC Newcomer after her first year playing for the Gamecocks in the 2018-2019 season.

During Elliot's first year playing for the Gamecocks, she started in all 30 games for JSU as a redshirt senior Hawks also led JSU in both assists (89) and steals (29) as the primary point guard down the stretch and also led the Gamecocks with 63 made 12.6 points per game.

Cross also hit 156 out of 255 shots taken, averaging 61 percent in the field. He also contributed 136 rebounds and 20 blocks.

Cross and Elliot both ended their senior years on a high note for the Gamecocks. However, Henry and Hawks will both be returning for the 2020-2021 season for what will be their senior year.

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# **EIU outlasts Jax State in OVC Tournament**

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The Gamecocks' dreams of a long postseason run were cut short on Thursday, March 5 as they fell to Panthers of Eastern Illinois University, 49-46 in the opening round of the Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Championships.

The Gamecocks entered as the fifth seed in the tournament matched up against a fourth seeded EIU team that bested them by three earlier in the season.

In a defensive showdown, the Gamecocks gave their all in their final game of the season and took the game down to the wire. In the final quarter, there were only nine total points scored over the rest of the game and only three more lead changes.

After being up by ten at one point in the fourth quarter, Jacksonville was outscored 12-2 leading into the final media timeout, which tied the game at 43-43.

EIU then took the lead with almost two minutes to go, but not to be denied, JSU guard Nekiyah Thompson converted an and-one layup with 52 seconds remaining to take a one-point lead.

The first-year guard ended the night with five points, five assists, and two rebounds. However, that lead would only last for eight seconds before EIU regained it and ultimately won. A lay-up and a pair of free throws would lead to their 49-46 victory.

Throughout the game, the Gamecocks struggled offensively with 17 turnovers and shot at a mere 33 percent from the field and just 22 percent from the three-point line. However, the stingy defense of JSU and some key offensive rebounds kept the Gamecocks in the game.

Graduate senior Destiney Elliot led the team in scoring with 13 points. Elliot also had seven rebounds, four assists and a block for the night.

Redshirt senior Chloe Long earned herself a place in the Gamecock record books by grabbing 6 rebounds in the game and collecting 700 rebounds total for her career. She now ranks seventh in total rebounds in Gamecock history.

Guard Kiana Johnson also turned in a quality performance and was the second leading scorer on the team with 12 points. She also tallied eight rebounds

and two assists.

Meanwhile, Taylor Hawks finished with eight points and three rebounds, and redshirt junior forward Jessie Day finished with five points, five rebounds and two assists.

The Gamecocks finished higher than they were predicted to, based on preseason rankings, and they will go into next season with a good amount of returning players.



Courtesy of JSU

Yamia Johnson drives down to the basket in the Gamecocks final game of the season in the OVC tournament where the Gamecocks were bested 49-46.