JSU Opens the season with a thrilling win against UT-Martin. However, the victory was bittersweet with the loss of Quarterback Marques Ivory who suffered a season ending injury. More information can be found on the sports page 6.

Calhoun County Chorale Begins Rehearsals

On Monday, September 12, 2011 the Calhoun County Civic Chorale will begin rehearsals for its new Fall season. Rehersals begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Performance Center of Mason Hall on the Jacksonville State University campus.

This season the Chorale will be performing a concert of seasonal music including John Rutter's Magnificat and other smaller works. The Calhoun County Civic Chorale is under the direction of JSU Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Patricia Corbin and is one of five choral ensembles sponsored by the JSU David L. Walters Department of Music.

Singers in the Chorale include community members as well as JSU students and faculty. Chorale
Chicken and Bingo at the Cafe

University Housing sponsored Chicken and Bingo at the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. Lucky student Heather Robinson was the grand prize winner of one free semester of housing. The free semester of housing will be able to be used in Spring 2012.

Freshmen Get Cocky and Dazed

By KEVIN BRANT
NEWS EDITOR

When students move in at university housing there usually is not much for students to do until the school year starts. To provide students things to do, University Housing HOSTED Cocky Daze 2011. From August 25-28 there were activities each day for students as they moved in and got settled in for the fall semester.

On August 25 they had cooling stations where people could get water to drink as they were moving in. They also had the prize patrol driving around on campus. If they picked you, they gave that person a prize. If they answered the question correctly a prize was given. This also occurred on August 26.

August 26 Housing hosted an event at the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. This event was called Chicken and Bingo. Students played various bingo games for various prizes within the city. In between games trivia questions were asked to students with winners getting free food at Burger King. The biggest prize of the evening was that one lucky student won a semester of free housing for the Spring 2012 semester. Sophomore Heather Robinson was that lucky prize winner.

On Saturday August 27, University Housing had a cookout behind Sparkman Hall. It had music, free food and an inflatable water slide. Over 100 students came out to have a good time. Those that wanted to, had an opportunity to make tye dyed shirts.

To wrap up Cocky Daze, University Housing had a movie night on August 28. The movie that was played on the quad was “ Accepted.” It is a movie about a group of friends who start up their own college and find acceptance through rejection. To help set up the true movie experience, popcorn and other movie snacks were available.

Cocky Daze ended but then moved right into the Student Government Association Welcome week. On August 29 all freshmen were required to attend the annual “Freshman Convocation” at Paul Snow Stadium. This was a way for the new students to learn about JSU. After the convocation, they had what is called “Get On Board Day.” This activity was a way for students to go around and get information about various clubs and organizations at JSU. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served for all the new students and their families in attendance.

Other events that went on during welcome week included “Survival,” which was held on August 29th. “Survival” is an annual Baptist Campus Ministries event where students can meet new students and have fun playing games together and to learn what they can about what the BCM does.

On August 30th the SGA sponsored a tug-of-war competition that was held on Dillon Field, which was followed by the All Sports pep-rally at the Burgess-Snow Field.
CAMPUS CRIME

Wednesday, August 24
- Attempting to Elude a Police Officer on Highway 21
- Medical Emergency at Bibb Graves

Thursday, August 25
- Medical Emergency at Sparkman Hall
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Sparkman Hall

Friday, August 26
- Violation of Student Code of Conduct at Jamestown Apartments

Saturday, August 27
- Arrest - Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor at Park Avenue
- Arrest - Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor at Park Avenue
- Menacing, Assault and Trespass Warning at Paul Carpenter Village
- Arrest - Open Container and Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor at Jamestown Apartments
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Sunday, August 28
- Medical Emergency at Sparkman Hall

Monday, August 29
- Trespass Warning issued at Stadium Tower

The Gamecock Express

At the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year, Jacksonville State University began its first transit system, the Gamecock Express.

As part of the university’s ongoing goal to increase and improve campus transportation, the Gamecock Express is available to all students, faculty, and staff. The system operates on fixed routes with designated stops.

**Bicycle racks**

- If you are standing while riding the bus, maintain a firm and secure grip on the handrails.

The Gamecock Express en route. Photo by Steve Latham / JSU
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As part of the university's ongoing plan to increase and improve service, the Gamecock Express system is reviewed continually and routes are adjusted in order to accommodate the needs of the campus community.

Below is the complete text of the new transit brochure for the 2010-2011 academic year. Also included is a link to the brochure containing updated route maps that can be printed for your convenience.

Please note that you may track the Gamecock Express in real time at http://jsu.transloc.com.

An iPhone app is also available. For details, please click here.

Our Mission
Gamecock Express' mission is to provide safe and reliable transit service to Jacksonville State University. The system operates Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (with limited night and summer service) each semester, but is idle during university holidays, semester breaks and weekends.

Is there a fee to use Gamecock Express?
Your tuition payments include costs associated with Gamecock Express. Jacksonville State University students with a valid JSU ID card have unlimited access to Gamecock Express routes. JSU faculty and staff with a valid JSU ID card have unlimited access to internal campus routes.

Gamecock Express Transit Office
(256) 782-3600 Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

JSU Police Department
(256) 782-5050

The Lost and Found at the Transit Office
(256) 782 - 3600 Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Institutional Support Services
(256) 782 - 5557 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Game Day Service
Because of the heavy volume of traffic in the immediate area around the stadium when football games are played, game day shuttle service may be available for selected games. For these games, fans are encouraged to park at the Jacksonville Coliseum parking lot.

Use of tobacco products and open containers of alcohol beverages are strictly prohibited on the buses. Please allow riders to exit the bus before you board.

Radio without headphones may not be played on the buses.

After exiting the bus, use caution and allow the bus to pull away before you cross the street.

Pets are not allowed on the buses, except for service animals approved under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Unlike regular school buses, traffic is not required to stop for Gamecock Express buses.

While riding the bus, do not stand in the stairwells or ahead of the white line.

If you are standing while riding the bus, maintain a firm and secure grip on the handles.

Find Your Bus Route
http://jsu.transloc.com

Changes To Transit Routes For 2010-2011

As part of the university's ongoing plan to increase and improve service, Gamecock Express has increased the number of buses to seven during the normal hours of operation. Gamecock Express also operates a surge with nine buses from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

How Do I Know Which Bus Route To Take?
Each color-coded route covers parts of the JSU campus and outlying Jacksonville areas. Included in this brochure are maps and schedules that will help you determine which bus route can take you to your destination. The approximate travel times between points are listed on the schedule. To determine your approximate travel time, add the times from each stop listed between your origin and your destination. Most internal routes have multiple buses running approximately 7-10 minutes apart. All external routes have multiple buses running approximately 18-35 minutes apart.

Night Transit (Black Route) Off-Campus Night Transit operates from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday - Friday while classes are in session, except during home football game evenings and official Jacksonville State University holidays. Off-campus night transit routes are based on rider demand.

Security Shuttle Service (Yellow Route) The night security service offers a safe ride from 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday nights to several selected off-campus sites while classes are in session except official Jacksonville State University holidays. The Yellow Route will also run Saturday nights in the fall following home football games.

Help Us Help You
The Gamecock Express Transit system drivers are professionally trained as operators for the bus transportation industry. As always, we welcome any comments or suggestions about your experiences using the Gamecock Express.

Our goal is to provide reliable service. However, weather and traffic conditions may force unforeseen delays. Also, if may become necessary to change or discontinue certain routes. For the most current information, please visit our website at www.jsu.edu/transit.

Lost And Found
If you think you have left behind or lost an item while using the Gamecock Express, please call (256) 782-3600 with your bus route information and a description of the item in question. Found items are held for thirty days.
ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review:
“Rise of The Planet of the Apes”

FROM UWIRE

Andy Serkus is the man. Not only is he going to be reprising his role as the menacing Gollum in “The Hobbit,” but he is also the star and emotional nucleus of the new sci-fi reboot, “Rise of the Planet of the Apes.”

What’s more, he creates such emotion without even showing his face on screen or even talking (sort of). “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” stars Serkus as an ape named Caesar who gets taken home by doctor Will Rodman (James Franco) after a science experiment goes horribly wrong. But when Rodman’s research advances further than planned, the consequences prove to be devastating.

For a movie that features a group of main characters who are not human, “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” creates just as much emotion as the best drama movies out there.

Through the use of facial recognition technology and body suits, characters’ expressions and movements feel natural and surprisingly human. This — in addition to the apes displaying a strong moral compass even when dealing with the very humans that confine them — makes them a group the audience can care about and root for.

As far as reboots go, this is nearly as good as it gets.

Where in the world...?
Montenegro Edition

Did you know that JSU has over 200 international students from Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa, and the Middle East? The Chanticleer will feature an article by an international student each week.

BY MILIC ZECEVIC
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Montenegro (Crna Gora in Montenegrin, the native language) — the Black Mountain, has the name says, is located in southeastern Europe. Montenegro is slightly smaller than Connecticut. Usually called the Heart of the Mediterranean, Montenegro is one of the smallest countries with one of the richest cultures and very distinct climates. The country neighbors Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Albania.

Montenegro was once populated by Illyrians, Thracians and Phoenicians. The constant wars and struggle to control these spaces were driven by Montenegro’s beauty and great strategic position. The Romans left traces of their culture as Montenegro was a part of Roman Empire.

The present day Montenegrin society can be traced to these Slavic people. The Slavs have moved to the present day Montenegro in the sixth century. The first formed Slavic state was named Doclea (Duklja). Especially since the coastal regions are surrounded by the mountains. The bay of Kotor is proclaimed as one of UNESCO’s 25 prettiest bays in the world. Montenegro foremost an ecological state, with seven national parks.

The country of about 670,000 people is a jewel that has over 20 clear water rivers and more than 15 lakes. Some famous people have come and fell in love with the country, such as Lord Byron, who wrote “At the moment of the creation of our planet, the most beautiful merging of land and sea occurred at the Montenegrin seaside... When the pearls of nature were sworn, an abundance of them were strewn all over this area...” From the top of Mt. Lovcen, Bernard Shaw exclaimed “Am I in paradise or on the moon?!” My country is like lost paradise with which one can truly fall in love and keep coming back to. The geographical distance between mountains and the sea is about an hour, so in...
Hey Kasey! Do you emulate poisonous nuts?

Did anyone see that?

Susan at the library, you ROCK!!! Keep doing what you do!

DR. HAMISSOU IS MY HERO!!!

Greet at least 1 person in a formal manner today.

Would you pay for a hamburger if you knew it wouldn't be given to you? Exactly! Makes no sense does it? So why are we paying taxes...

I need 2 hats! One smaller and more fitted than the other (larger) one.

I love my best friend!

I want to be a sign language translator for a speech on TV... super cool!

Hello Sir! You're my favorite!

REMEMBER!

RISE OVER RUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What do you want for supper? ...tacos

Sweetheart, you need to wear some makeup over them freckles.

My favorite feature is the back-up sensor... Like a tiny spastic person.

I love J'ville in the summer. Fewer people and more pool time.

Jacob said so.

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Many countries have tried to control Montenegro in the past but the people have always managed to win independence with their free spirit and bravery. Montenegro was the last country among Balkan states to fall under the Ottoman rule, and throughout the four centuries of Ottoman occupation, Montenegro has preserved the independence of certain territories. Some of the people who used to control parts of Montenegro are: Austrians, Germans, Russians, Venetians, Spaniards, Italians and others.

Montenegro is striving to become a number one tourist destination in the world. Montenegro has a beautiful coast on the Adriatic Sea.

The variety of the beaches, from sandy to rocky, is an element that gives Montenegro a distinct beauty, especially one hour you can either be tanning at one of the beautiful beaches or you can leave and enjoy fresh air of the untouched mountainous region.

If you visit Montenegro one must enjoy the Canyon of Tara, also called the Tear of Europe. Tara Canyon is the second largest in the world after the Grand Canyon, and while rafting in its rapids you can notice different flora and fauna of this region.

Montenegro may seem fairy tale country that one might think can be only seen in cartoons or in dreams, but it actually exists. If you would like to see Montenegro, feel free to watch videos on YouTube or Google for the images. You can also watch the James Bond movie Casino Royale as parts of it are filmed in Montenegro.

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Big Bands Start Small

BY: THE STAFF OF WLJS 91.9
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

What do The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Hootie and the Blowfish, KISS, and Rush all have in common? Before they became the mega hit bands that everyone knows they all played at Jacksonville State University. YES! They all played at JSU. The local music scene in Jacksonville is just as good. Bands like First Right Theft, Josh Nichols, Beach Party (!), and New Dime are tearing up the local club scene in Jacksonville and the surrounding areas.

People are always complaining that there is nothing to do in this area. They are DEAD WRONG. There are so many places to see great bands and solo artists. Every weekend, now that classes have started back, the local bars have geared up with shows featuring these local artists. Places like Brothers and Heroes in Jacksonville, The Smoking Moose and The Crimson Tiger in Anniston are putting together some stellar shows with local talent.

With that being said WLJS 91.9 fm is quickly becoming the place for local musicians to get their sound out to the masses. WLJS started playing Divided Seasons in January of this year. Since then the band has opened up for Dangerous New Machine and is now headlining their own shows. They have also signed on with a new management team and are currently in the process of building their reputation as a solid front band. Divided Seasons has arrived to the point of “ready to be signed.”

The staff is always willing and ready to do interviews for local artists to help them get more exposure. We also allow local artists to submit their music for airplay along side many big names in today’s music scene.

The Program Director, Thad Burton, has done a lot of work over the summer gathering more local artists to add into the library saying, “I’ve been busy this summer gathering local music, interviewing local musicians, and planning an event in the spring to show off local talents.”

The local musicians have noticed the radio station’s efforts to expand into the local music scene. Dave Evans, the bassist of a Birmingham’s Simone Durand Trio said, “(It’s) so refreshing to know that there are still program directors out there who listen.”

“If you are a student at JSU and in a band we would want you even more,” says Assistant Program Director Billy Ramsey. We have several students that we are currently playing their music. Justin Howard, Lindsey Hinkle, and Alex McGinnis are all artists that got their start at WLJS while they were students at JSU.

If you are interested in submitting music for airplay, email Thad
Get Involved, Get Cocky

By EMMANUEL HARBOR
STAFF WRITER

In an economical situation that boasts approximately nine percent unemployment across the country, including ten percent in Alabama, competition for jobs and professional school entry is as high as it has ever been. Therefore the onus, for students, has increased to make themselves more marketable, in order to prove to employees why they should be the one out of thousands selected for a particular occupation.

The situation is daunting, but Jacksonville State University provides student organizations throughout the campus, in order to develop skills and background that will attract attention to involved members concerning their prospective resumes. Clubs are formed by students, for students, in order to uphold a particular cause, which usually is to the benefit of not only the students but the community.

The range of specific interests is boundless as it stretches from national organizations such as the Financial Management Association in the College of Commerce and Business Administration, to fraternities and sororities such as Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Kappa Alpha respectively, and even to those who may have an interest or a necessity to connect with Spanish speaking students through the Spanish Club. Opportunities are plentiful to choose from, as students may find one or more of these environments that appeal to them.

However, in light of such events, it is understood that students have to battle time and responsibility constraints, before separating additional time from their schedule to focus on specialty groups. Clubs are cognizant of this concern and are concentrated in continual efforts to create avenues in which time spent within university organizations becomes time well spent. With increase in the number of students attending these groups, many achievements that were not thought possible can happen, and best of all, these items fit nicely onto one's resume and do not go unnoticed.

The requirements to impress any number of companies, is a very meticulous process and many fall short. Not everyone has the time to achieve a high GPA or standardized admission test score. Internship selections are competitive and certainly not guaranteed to all who desire it. Job experience is important, but many do not operate assignments that enhance the specialty skills of the jobs that they are and will be seeking. Yet the opportunity to join and participate in organizational activities is present for all and there for the taking. It is imperative that students can display the ability to operate within an infrastructure that is dominated by fellow students, because whether one seeks to enter a professional school or obtain a job, much of their initial communication will involve peers of their like status. Many institutions will like to see distinct evidence of students' abilities to exist in a cooperative environment of similar colleagues, while displaying the capability to handle responsibilities that come with the respective organization.

It does not matter what interest(s) one desires to pursue after college, at least one match can be found at JSU. Whether this interest presently involves law, debate, chemistry, biology, intramural athletics, music, art, community service, recreational activities, and so much more, anyone can get involved and all are invited. Please visit http://www.jsu.edu/studentlife/index.html, where lists for organizations throughout campus and contact information for such are located.
Embracing a New Model For Textbooks

From UWIRE

Being prepared for class is painful. As students head back to lecture halls across the nation this fall, many will spend hundreds of dollars purchasing textbooks. The U. Wisconsin Office of Student Financial Aid website estimates that undergraduate students will spend $1,140 on books for the 2011-2012 academic year, a figure which continues to draw scrutiny to the business model of the bookstore.

But even as prices continue to rise, Book Store, said prices are largely determined by the publisher and chosen by instructors who are aware of the price of the required materials.

Scheibel, who has worked in the textbook business for decades, credited steadily increasing book prices as a result of inflationary and other market pressures rather than the margins charged by the individual booksellers.

"The prices of textbooks has almost always gone up," he said. "As long as I've been in the business, students have complained about the price of textbooks. It's the first thing you have to buy that you don't want to."

While consumers running on a student's budget and increasing faculty awareness of the issue have increased the demand for three-hole punch "loose leaf" editions, which retail for around two-thirds the price of a traditional book, Scheibel said students still seem to prefer the physical focused on cheap textbooks instead of gimmicks and a link to a Nebraska used book wholesaler gives the business an edge when it comes to buy back prices and stock.

He said while it is no secret that the online market, particularly sellers such as Amazon.com, have captured a sector of the market originally secured by storefront window bookstores, publishers are waging a war on the CD-ROMs with textbooks and online codes to access homework and other material.

Some of the largest course sections for University of Wisconsin freshmen, Chemistry 103 and Zoology 151, also require editions custom made for the university — which Macek said makes students hesitant to purchase these "disposable" and nearly identical texts.
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Sports

The Gamecocks Relish Dramatic Finishes

Students gather at Burgess-Snow Stadium last Thursday as JSU goes on to win over UT-Martin 24-23 during the game's final minutes.

Photo by Sports Information Desk

By AUSTIN FAULKNER
SPORTS WRITER

Last Thursday started like any other. Students were in class, talking with friends on the quad or daydreaming about college football. At 6:00 p.m. that night, JSU would open its regular season and conference schedules for the year taking on the Skyhawks of UT-Martin.

There was a lot of hype about the team in the offseason. News spread that the team had returned a lot of starters from last year, and many fans were excited about their upcoming season. But as the game approached, worries began to surface.

"Fans worried that their team would lose their first regular season/conference game," said a JSU fan.

First half. The defense gave up a quick touchdown on the opening drive and the offense just couldn’t seem to put one together. It was a rough first half. The team did have some notable plays though.

On UT-Martin's second drive, sophomore safety Robert Gray tipped a pass up and then turned around to make a diving interception to end the drive. Unfortunately, the Gamecocks did not score on the drive following that turnover. When the Gamecocks did finally score, it came on a 22-yard pass from quarterback Marques Ivory and hopped off the field in obvious pain. After the game it was found out that he had suffered a fractured right fibula and would need surgery to repair it. He has been ruled out for the season and is seeking a medical redshirt in order to play next year and make up for the season he lost.

Trailing at halftime 17-10 the Gamecocks headed into the locker room leaving fans worried that their team would lose their first regular season/conference game.

The Gamecocks apparently had other plans. The defense held the Skyhawks' offense to two field goals in the second half. While the offense went on to score two touchdowns. One, a 43-yard strike from Coty Blanchard to Washaun Ealey and the second, a 4-yard run punched in by senior tailback Calvin Middleton. The score now read 24-23 in favor of the home team. The Skyhawks tried to drive down the field but took too long and ended up wasting the last seconds of the game.

Anthrax found in barber shop, airport

Anthrax is a deadly disease that can cause severe symptoms, such as high fever and chills, if it is not treated promptly. It can be transmitted through contact with bodily fluids or skin lesions of an infected animal or person. The bacteria can also be transmitted by airborne droplets from coughing or sneezing.

The disease is typically spread through contact with infected animals or people, but it can also be transmitted through contaminated food or water. Anthrax can also be contracted through inhalation, which is the most common route of infection. However, the bacteria do not spread easily from person to person.

In the United States, the disease is most commonly seen in cattle, sheep, and goats. It can also be found in wild animals, such as deer and rabbits. Anthrax has also been found in humans, and cases are most often seen in people who have been exposed to infected animals or animal products.

The anthrax vaccine is available for people who are at risk of exposure to the disease, such as those working with animals or animal products. The vaccine is not recommended for healthy adults who are not at risk of exposure.

The vaccine is given in two doses, with the first dose given 1-2 months before exposure. The second dose is given 1 year after the first dose. The vaccine is effective for at least 8 years.

Symptoms of anthrax can vary depending on the form of the disease. The most common form is cutaneous anthrax, which is transmitted through contact with contaminated animal skin or tissue. Symptoms of cutaneous anthrax include a skin lesion that develops into a pustule or ulcer, with a surrounding red ring.

If anthrax is transmitted through inhalation, the most common form is respiratory anthrax. Symptoms of respiratory anthrax include a high fever, chills, cough, and chest pain.

In the United States, anthrax is rare, but it can still be a danger to people who are exposed to it. It is important to take precautions to prevent exposure and to seek medical attention if you suspect you may have been exposed.
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This Week Jax State will be travelling to Chattanooga to face the UTC Mocs. The Mocs got blown out 40-7 in their opener against Nebraska, but don’t be fooled. They dominated the line of scrimmage. Their leading rusher averaged 5.3 yards per carry against a supposedly bigger and stronger Nebraska defensive line. They also have a star at quarterback in B.J. Coleman, who at 6-5, 220 pounds looks the part.

The Gamecocks are not out of the game by any means. Questions do need to be answered but JSU will show up ready to play.

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JSU Falls Short 2-1 Against New Mexico State

BY DERRICK ROBINSON
SPORTS WRITER

The Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks fell one goal short in their first home match of the 2011 season. A hard fought 2-1 loss to the New Mexico State Lady Aggies.

The host Lady Gamecocks played in the second game of the 3rd Annual Adidas Gamecock Soccer Classic in front of an enthusiastic home crowd. Both teams played a tough first half and found themselves deadlocked at 0-0 at half time. At the half New Mexico State led in shot attempts, 9-5, but both defenses seemed to be very effective equally.

The second half brought about two completely different attitudes in both teams. Offensively, the Lady Gamecocks and Aggies came out aggressive with both teams scoring early and fast. New Mexico State started the scoring seconds into the first half (44:36) by their midfielder Katie Smith. JSU answered right back, 19 seconds to be exact, (44:17) on Junior Dani Miller’s goal. The Carmel, Ind native scored on an assist from junior midfielder/foward Nathalee Lariviere.

The game remained tied until the 35:26 mark when New Mexico State’s Yolanda McMillion scored the go ahead goal, that put the Lady Aggies up 2-1.

Midway in the second half each teams emotions began to show as both squads became feisty. Yellow cards were given to both teams during the half, and game officials warned players of their aggression. The Lady Gamecocks played the rest of the game hard but couldn’t come up with another goal.

Junior goalie Kaitlyn Geddings turned in a solid performance with eight stops, which tied her career high for stops in a game. The Warrior, Al native suffered a minor injury in their last contest against the University of South Alabama, but looked fine against New Mexico State.

Freshmen Jackie Rush and Courtney Hurt both had good outings for the Lady Gamecocks. Along with senior Chelsea Pelletier they each led the team with two shot attempts each.

JSU closed out the Adidas Soccer Classic Sunday afternoon with a 1-0 loss to Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Gamecocks gave another valiant effort but came up short against the Lady Techsters.