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## Welcome back, Gamecocks!



One highlight of this year's Welcome Week was a paint party held on Dillon Field on Thursday, August 22. The party was hosted by the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Council. Photos by Victoria Morrison.

## Contract healers

How JSU's partnership with a local medical care provider is changing student access to health care

**Zach Tyler**  
*Associate Editor*

Students who are new to Jacksonville State University may not realize it, but a redesigned health care system will make receiving medical attention on and off campus easier for them than it ever has been. That's because in late January, JSU's Board of Trustees authorized President Meehan to contract out health services to the Regional Medical Center System beginning this Fall 2013 semester. "The change you'll see once it's fully implemented is that we will have a full-time prescriptive provider on campus 40 hours a week...that's a huge improvement," Dr. Timothy King, JSU's Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, said earlier this summer.

Dr. King stated in an interview that in the past, JSU had only been able to provide eight hours of primary care to students due to staffing issues. Only four hours per week were allotted for women's health. When students called the Student Health Center seeking medical attention, they could be turned away due to no doctors being available on that day. Robert Mills, who has worked as a nurse at the Student Health Center for the past 13 years, says that not having a physician in the clinic every day of the week "has been a disadvantage to both students and faculty." On the two days a week that the clinic had a primary-care physician in the building—four hours on Wednesdays and four on Fridays—the health center

saw anywhere from 30 to 40 students, according to Mills. During the four hours allotted for women's health, ten to 12 female patients were treated. "That's a big number when you consider the work that health screening for women entails," says Mills. Female students generally seek two services at the health center: either they want a prescription for birth control, which requires a physical examination, or they have a concern related to sexually-transmitted disease. While the Student Health Center doesn't prescribe birth control, they will perform the physical and refer the student to a doctor that can prescribe it. The health center will also screen for the sexual

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Leinin Schuerr/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Students were able to explore Venice during the trip.

## When in Rome, earn college credit!

**Kara Coleman**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

This past May, 17 JSU students got to have the educational experience of a lifetime. The students spent three weeks in Italy, studying Rome in political, cultural, and religious history for HY 399: History Study Abroad. The 2013 May term class was worth three credit hours. The trip was open to all JSU students, but only a limited number of spots were available. An interest meeting was held in September, where a raffle was drawn to determine which students could go.

One of those students was Allie Mosley. "I'd highly advise anyone considering an opportunity like this to jump on it," Mosley said. "These have easily been three of the best weeks of my life." During the trip, students were able to visit the Coliseum, the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, the Pantheon, and even the city of Venice. "Some of the best memories I've made here were just wandering around at night and stumbling upon churches or statues or gardens, or even just meeting all of my classmates here

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## The 'best-kept secret on campus'

**Zach Tyler**  
*Associate Editor*

Making the decision to attend college is easy compared to deciding what major to study while there. Choosing a professional field to go into after graduation

can be even more difficult. Luckily, Jacksonville State University's Office of Career Services is here to assist students make the most of their college careers. Lola Johnston, a Career Specialist and Cooperative Education Coordinator, calls the Office of Career Services the "best-kept secret on campus." Johnston administers career assessments—free three-step programs that evaluate a student's interests and

predict what field of study they'd like to pursue during their time at JSU. First, a student takes three assessments gauging his interests and personality type.

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infections chlamydia and gonorrhea, but only in female students—and the students have to cover the lab costs of those tests.

Female students are offered screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea because the infections are often asymptomatic in women, meaning that an infected and sexually active female student could unknowingly transmit them to others.

If a student injures his or herself, or gets sick early in the week, Mills says the clinic had few options available to treat that student. “If it’s something within the ability of our nurses to handle, we can help them, but in the past we’ve had serious injuries.”

Serious injuries, like the one Mills was called on to treat a few years back: a student suffered a severe wound to the eye when another student shot him with a BB-gun. Mills said he was able to use his background in emergency room medicine to get the student the care he needed, but such situations illustrate the health care problem that JSU had.

How to solve that problem has been a continuous topic of debate at JSU for the past three years. According to President Meehan, that’s when the university’s Board of Trustees began researching other ways of providing that care to students.

Their research led to two realizations: “[It] told us first that students want to increase the type of coverage they had. They would like physical exams and

longer office hours,” said President Meehan.

JSU’s policies on immunization and psychiatric care were also re-examined. “We knew that with the national-health care changes that are coming, we needed to find someone who had the expertise and the reputation to help us get the quality services we wanted to have,” said Meehan.

That’s where the Regional Medical Center System comes in to the picture.

Chief Operating Officer of RMC Joe Weaver said in an interview that extending services to the JSU community is a “natural fit” for the health care institution.

As an institute of higher learning, JSU specializes in producing an ever-growing number of outstanding students, but doesn’t necessarily specialize in offering health care to them; the RMC system can and will.

Take for example the obstacle of staffing the Student Health Center with a full-time physician.

“Guess what? We do that every day,” said Weaver. “It’s very easy for us to say okay, let’s pull physician A, B or C from our network, as opposed to just plugging someone in there.”

Regional Medical Center has already proven that it’s capable of providing the people to back up its claims. In the months leading up to the formalization of JSU’s relationship with RMC, several positions at the Student Health Center were vacated.

“While JSU might have some difficulty finding personnel to staff their clinic, RMC has 600 nurses at our

hospital,”said Weaver. “It was easy for us to fill that void.”

RMC’s nurses are trained not only to deliver health care service, but also education concerning sexual diseases and prevention.

According to Weaver, the biggest area of improvement will be on-site physician coverage.

A primary-care physician is now available at the health center eight hours a day, five days a week.

The health center’s ability to test for sexually transmitted disease will also be expanded, thanks to access to RMC’s hospital in Jacksonville.

Contracting health services through RMC also grants JSU students access to after-hours care at the office of Dr. Wyndol Hamer, right across Highway 21 from the RMC Jacksonville campus. JSU’s transit system will provide students with transportation to both locations.

A portion of the new \$150 student fee charged to all JSU students will help defray the cost of operation at the Student Health Center.

Weaver stated that due to new federal mandates allowing young adults insurance coverage under their parents’ plans, RMC anticipates billing the students’ insurance where possible.

“RMC does not intend to make any money off of this venture,” assured Weaver. “We want to make this system bigger and better for the JSU family.

We see this as a way of becoming extremely tied into the Jacksonville community.”

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and making a near-nightly ritual of hanging out in the courtyard,” said Mosely.

The class featured a blend of guided tours with professors, as well as free time for students to explore on their own. According to Leinin Schuerr, another student who went on the trip, “Not only was the city amazing, being there with the professors that know so much about the culture was so much more enlightening and made you think about the history in a deeper and more thoughtful way.”

Spending three weeks in Italy allowed the students to immerse themselves in the culture of the country.

“It’s really different from being back home in a lot of really nice ways. Things are so laid back,” said Mosely. “Most of the stores and restaurants here close for a couple of

hours in the middle of the day for ‘repo-so’, a time to eat and take a nap. There’s hardly any in and out, and they bring our meals to use by courses. Most of our meals take two or so hours, easily.”

Dr. Donald Prudlo, history professor at JSU, says that this is the third time the university has offered this class, and that the class size has grown increasingly larger each time. “The first time, we have five [students], the second we had 15, and now we have 17,” Prudlo said. “We hope to offer the class every other May term.”

Schuerr adds, “If I had the opportunity, I would hop on a plane right now and go back! I would just tell the students that are going in the future to not take it for granted. If you go, it truly is life-changing.

Also, don’t be hesitant about going; just get ready to have the time of your life!”

# JSU nursing students get involved with Relay for Life

Tiffani Foster  
Senior Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University’s Nursing Club made a huge splash at Relay for Life on May 10th, 2013 this year.

To raise money for cancer research, club President James Stanton, club faculty advisor Dr. Kay Prickett and many other club members sold grilled hotdogs, freshly popped popcorn, snow cones, chips, drinks and other foods to guests at the event.

“We’re doing a lot more stuff this year than we did last year... All the profits are going to cancer research”, says Stanton.

Although it’s a relatively unknown club on campus, the Nursing Club is known throughout the community as an organization that strives to make a difference. “The Nursing Club is not a new club; we had one back when I was an undergrad at JSU,” Stanton adds. “It’s part of the National Association of Nursing Students.”

Through their efforts at Relay for Life, the Nursing Club was able to raise \$466 dollars, all of which will go to cancer research.

The club is active all throughout the year, doing canned food drives, blood drives, and other forms of service in the community.

Better integration with the student body and the community is also a goal of the club, according to Stanton.

They are also focused on helping students starting the program. “This year, through our fundraising, we were able to award a \$500 scholarship to a lower division nursing student,” says Stanton. “... we’re trying to be more active across campus and the community.”

Being more active in the local community is crucial to the message of the Nursing Club, and for nursing students at JSU.

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During a second appointment, Johnston or the Director of Career Services, Rebecca Turner, interpret the student’s results.

The results are printed out and bound as a 40-50 page booklet.

The third appointment is a follow-up, and Turner says that by this time, “The student has a better understanding of what he or she wants to study.”

Turner says that career assessments are one of the most popular services that her office offers to students, but they aren’t the only thing Career Services assists with.

“We try to help the students from the time they get into JSU through their college career and after they graduate,” says Turner.

Her office posts links to information about internships, cooperative education programs and jobs to JSU’s website, allowing students to search and apply for them at any time.

“We help students search for those opportunities. We don’t place or appoint them to those positions, but we let them know, ‘Hey, this is what’s available and this is what you qualify for,’” says Turner.

Career Services’ website says that an internship is “typically one-time work or service experiences related to a student’s major or ca-

reer goal.”

It involves the student working under the supervision of professionals already in their field, and may or may not be paid.

Cooperative education programs, or co-ops, allow a student to gain on-the-job experience by alternating between going to class and working in their field.

According to Turner, students need to consider internships and co-ops at least by their third semester in college.

“The truth is, employers want people with experience, and I’m a big believer in working while you’re in school.”

Career Services also organizes career fairs for the fall and spring semesters. Employers are invited to JSU to set up booths and recruit students, who bring their resumes and collect business cards.

Honda Manufacturing, Walmart and Enterprise Rent-a-Car are just a few of the businesses that routinely hire JSU students with majors in Technology, Engineering and Business.

JSU’s College of Education has a reputation as “a very strong program”; local school systems are “aware that we are a teacher college,” says Turner.

Last spring, Career Services held its first reverse education fair, an opportunity for education majors to showcase their teaching

abilities to school systems and educators in the region.

The future teachers JSU educates built booths to demonstrate their skills—one Elementary Education major decorated hers with alphabet building blocks.

A Recreational Leadership major brought his kayak and set up a tent to make his area look like the outdoors.

“We’ve always had an education fair in the spring,” says Turner, “but the reverse education fair was new and we’re going to stick with it. It was a success.”

Success is the Office of Career Services’ goal for JSU students, and a new mentor program that connects current students with alumni furthers that goal.

While the program has been “under-marketed” by her office, Turner hopes that new students will take advantage of the opportunity to learn from someone who has been in their situation.

“They are willing to give back,” she says, “especially when it comes to guidance.”

Above all, she stresses that it’s important for students to get involved with her office early.

“There’s nothing worse than a senior coming into your office, saying that they want to work on their resume and they have nothing to put on it except for their education and what they did in high school,” she says.

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# 7-day forecast




TODAY

Partly cloudy

High: 91

Low: 75

Chance of precipitation: 10%




FRIDAY

Chance of storms

High: 90

Low: 70

Chance of precipitation: 20%




SATURDAY

Chance of storms

High: 90

Low: 70

Chance of precipitation: 50%




SUNDAY

Chance of storms

High: 93

Low: 70

Chance of precipitation: 50%




MONDAY

Chance of storms

High: 86

Low: 70

Chance of precipitation: 50%




TUESDAY

Chance of storms

High: 82

Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 20%



WEDNESDAY

Clear

High: 82

Low: 57

Chance of precipitation: 0%

# Chicken Scratch

My hair smells like french fries. #ateatthecaf

Quote of the day from a professor: "Do your homework first, then go suffer."

Buffalo chicken salad at the caf today was awesome.

I hate it when other people pour my cereal. They don't know how much I want. They don't know my life. They don't know what I've been through.

How many freshmen have contracted squirrel phobia since coming to JSU?

Use your smile to change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.



Rebekah McGee/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

# Engaging in college life

Kara Coleman  
Editor-in-Chief

When new students arrive at JSU, they are flooded with opportunities to get involved with campus groups and events in order to enhance their college experience-to engage in what JSU has to offer.

A local college ministry has taken this idea to heart, and students are responding.

Engage JSU is a joint ministry of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville and Eagle Point Church. "Our mission statement essentially is that we want our students to do exactly what they were told during orientation," says Will McGee, College/Teaching Pastor at First Baptist. "We want them to be involved on campus, in all spheres, whether that be Greek life, whether that be athletics, whether that be dorm life, etc. We want them to engage in all those spheres and pockets of campus as believers in Jesus, and be involved for the good of the university, for the good of their peers, for the good of one another; to proclaim the message that we believe is the greatest message on earth."

Although the church has had a college ministry for several years, Engage JSU as it is now began in August of 2011. What started out as a group of 11 students meeting in McGee's home has grown over the past two years to a group of over 70 students who meet in the sanctuary at FBC.

"I came essentially to pastor the college students who were already coming to our church," McGee says. "But what we saw was just the need on campus for more students to be reached. We started to see students come to our events who weren't necessarily part of our church. They would go home on the weekends to their church, or they went to another church in the area, but they liked the community we were forming. So that's when we decided, 'This is larger than just this church.'"

During the school year, Engage JSU meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the sanc-

tuary of First Baptist Church for a worship service that includes music and teaching. Throughout the week, they have small groups that meet to do Bible studies. There are co-ed studies, girls-only studies, and guys-only studies. They also have a Sunday school class that meets at FBC each week before the 11:00 service.

"We have, in my opinion, the best worship band in town," McGee says of the Monday night services.

"We play a mix of original songs and familiar songs. Then it's filled with about 20 or 25 minutes of teaching. Then typically, the students will go grab dinner or ice cream when we're done."

Engage JSU also hosts several events throughout the year, such as movie nights, game nights, and cookouts. But the students involved are not only engaging in JSU, but in the community and the entire world.

"Throughout the months, we do mission trips," McGee explains. "We've done Baltimore, Haiti, East Asia, some students have gone to Thailand." Students are also involved in Renovation Ministries in Anniston, International Justice Mission, and the WellHouse.

Because Engage JSU is a college ministry of the Southern Baptist church, the group's values and theology fit with that statement of faith. However, the services and Bible studies are really for all evangelical denominations.

"We have a contingent of Southern Baptist students, born and bred," says McGee. "But we do have a large number of Pentecostal students. We have a number of Reformed Presbyterian students that come and are a part of what we do. And on any given Monday night, we may have up to 10 or 15 countries represented at our Bible study. So that brings a whole sort of diversity, not just in language and ethnicity, but in worship styles and traditions."

For more information or to get involved, visit the group's website, engageJSU.com, or the Engage JSU Facebook page.



Rebekah McGee/SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

# Campus crime report

- 8-28-13, Crow Hall  
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
- 8-28-13, Dixon Hall  
Arrest, Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
- 8-28-13, Wallace Hall  
Fire Alarm
- 8-27-13, Bennett Blvd.  
Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- 8-27-13, Brewer Hall  
Parking Lot,  
Automobile Accident
- 8-27-13, Merrill Hall  
Criminal Mischief
- 8-27-13, Rowe Hall  
Criminal Mischief
- 8-27-13, Stone Center  
Criminal Mischief
- 8-26-13, Hammond Hall  
Lost Property
- 8-26-13, Dixon Hall  
Violation of Student Code of Conduct and Trespass Warning
- 8-26-13, Stone Center  
Harassment
- 8-26-13, Theron Montgomery Building  
Parking Lot,  
Automobile Accident
- 8-25-13, Logan Hall  
Arrest, Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
- 8-24-13, Crow Hall  
Violation of Student Code of Conduct

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An interest meeting for writers and photographers will be held on Thurs., Aug. 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Chanticleer office, Self Hall room 180.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Jax State to show off its spirit on Mountain Street

**Zach Tyler**  
*Associate Editor*

The Marching Southerners will make Burgess-Snow Stadium thunder with the notes of Jacksonville State University’s fight song September 5.

Outside the stadium, members of the Jacksonville area will gather to taste the food of local restaurants—all in the name of charity and community.

Next Thursday is the annual Spirit on Mountain Street taster’s fair and pep rally. Mark Jones, Director of Recreational Sports at JSU and Council President of the Jacksonville City Council, says the event is “a way to bring JSU and the community of Jacksonville even closer.”

The city of Jacksonville has been holding a “Taste of the Town” event since 2006. The fair served two purposes—as a charity drive for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC), and as publicity for local restaurants.

Jones is also chairman of the Town and Gown committee, which is composed of five members of Jacksonville’s city government (including the mayor) and five members of JSU’s administration, including President Meehan.

He says the Town and Gown committee



decided to combine the fair with a community-wide pep rally as a way to build community between the University, local grade schools and the population of Jacksonville.

“It introduces the people of Jacksonville to the University in the hope that they will support us on Saturday at football games,” he says. “It also introduces students to local restaurants, so they can patronize them.”

David Glass, who organizes the taster’s fair, says that he “usually has about 40 restaurants from the Jacksonville area” that participate in the event. Restaurants participating this year include BBQ-favorite Cooter Browns, Loco Mex, Struts and Jeffersons.

“The way it works is, we sell tickets for \$1 apiece, and you can buy them in groups of ten,” Glass explains. “Then you take a ticket to one of the restaurants’ booths and you trade it in for a sample

portion of whatever they serve.”

Glass says that the city of Jacksonville gives restaurants 50 cents back on every dollar that they spend to encourage them to give people more food for their tickets. For every ten tickets sold, the buyer’s

event begins at 6 PM, and will end at 8 when the community-wide pep rally begins.

Mark Jones, mentioned at the outset, says that last year’s pep rally was “the largest attended pep rally” JSU held.

This year’s rally will be a little different—

school’s fight song.

Jacksonville Christian Academy is also participating in the event, but doesn’t have a band, so the Southerners will perform their fight song for them.

After the performance, each school’s football

Jacksonville churches make up the JCOC, which is a food pantry for people in immediate need of assistance.

The JCOC offers support to families in need of school supplies, help on their power bills or even just food to put on the table. Instead of asking for help from a single church in the Jacksonville area, families can go to the JCOC and receive help from all of them.

Repeated attempts to contact the JCOC for comment in this article were unsuccessful.

Jones says that the Spirit on Mountain Street event raised \$9,000 for the JCOC last year. Because

**WHAT:** The annual “Taste of the Town” taster’s fair and community-wide pep rally, featuring The Marching Southerners and bands from Jacksonville and Pleasant Valley High Schools. There will be food, live music, and games for kids of all ages.

**WHEN:** September 5. “Taste of the Town” begins at 6 PM and goes until 8, which is when the pep rally kicks off.

**WHERE:** Burgess-Snow Stadium, Jacksonville State University

name is entered into a drawing for two club-level JSU football seats at a home game of the winner’s choice.

According to Glass, the Spirit on Mountain Street event drew about 1,200 people last year, and he expects 2,000 this year.

The “Taste of the Town” portion of the

after the Southerners’ pregame show (which begins at 7:45 PM) is over, the Kitty Stone Elementary Singers will perform the national anthem.

Then the Jacksonville and Pleasant Valley High School bands will join The Marching Southerners on the field to perform each

coach, including Coach Clark, will take the field and speak. JSU’s cheerleaders will also make an appearance, led by a new head coach.

Jones says that “the 36265 area code is the key to the whole event,” because the purpose is to raise money for the JCOC. Twenty-five

more people are expected to attend this year, he hopes the event will raise even more.

Both David Glass and he encourage students to “invite everyone” they know.

“Come enjoy the community, and a neat walk-around event,” says Glass.

## The Arts: Professor McElroy gets her hands dirty in new research endeavor

**Zach Tyler**  
*Associate Editor*

Art Department Professor Allison McElroy’s mission statement for her current research project could be summarized thus:

Soil—the upper layer of the Earth’s crust—is geographically unique, and can be beautiful.

JSU awarded McElroy a faculty research grant of \$1,500 in 2011 to gather samples of soil from all 50 states in the Union, and then use them as an artistic medium.

When asked what

her artistic vision for the project is, McElroy laughs.

“To get art materials cheaply,” she jokes.

“Nature has many resources to pull from—not just visibly, but materially speaking, too,” she continues, more seriously.

“Plus, how ironic is it that I’ve gotten dirt all over the gallery walls?” she asks, joking again.

So far, she’s gathered samples from 31 states. “I started out trying to contact Art Departments in every state,” she says.

She’s called on people from across

the country that she’s met at art conferences, and even had friends drive up and down the East Coast gathering soil for her.

She was surprised when she got samples from Hawai’i and Alaska first.

Currently, 21 of the samples she’s received are featured in works on display in a gallery in Hammond Hall.

Once McElroy has all 50 samples, she plans on including them in a bigger installation featuring a large painting completed using only soil-based color.

At first, McElroy

created watercolor paints by mixing the samples she’s acquired with gum Arabic, resulting in a palette of rich, earth-toned colors—the rust-red of Alabama clay, for instance.

Now she makes ink with the samples, because all it takes is water, vinegar and the ground-up soil—a more natural composition, “which lends itself to what I’m trying to do,” she says.

McElroy is no stranger to using natural materials in her artwork—she’s worked with paper from wasps’ nests, silk from spider webs

and even the lining of hog intestines.

But the idea for this project took root while she was working with different types of soil on an installation in graduate school.

“I needed the red of Alabama clay and couldn’t find it,” she says, but the many unique hues that soil from other geographic areas offered stuck with her.

So in 2011, she applied for and was awarded a grant from JSU to further explore soil as an artistic medium.

McElroy also took to social media to get the word out about

her project, which has grown and taken on a life of its own since 2011.

A sprout grew out of the sample of dark, fertile soil she received from New Hampshire, and another artist from Oregon named Diane Archer agreed to work on an artistic collaboration with McElroy.

She’s even received soil from other countries, like Switzerland and Colombia.

“It’s interesting that you can contact someone out of the blue and all of the sudden you have a shared interest in dirt,” says McElroy.



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# Drama Department Preview: Something a little different

By Zach Tyler  
Associate Editor

As students flood back into dorms and classes for the fall and spring semesters, JSU’s Drama Department readies itself for a season of exciting—and varied—productions.

In September, the Drama Department will hold its first-ever 10-Minute Play Festival, a showcase of one-person scripts and short films by students in the Leon Cole Auditorium.

Randy Blades, acting head of JSU Drama, says that he decided to hold the festival at Leon Cole “in the hope that more students will come and see what the Drama Department is doing.”

With two other plays “that couldn’t be more different” planned for this semester, JSU Drama is doing all it can to keep the campus entertained.

“This year we have a mix-up of styles,” he continues.

“The Curious Savage,” which will be

performed October 17th through the 20th, is “very kind and lighthearted, and it has a great message at the end,” Blades says. “It’s a classic American comedy.”

The play pits a wealthy widower against her scheming stepchildren, who send her to an insane asylum. While there, she befriends her fellow inmates, who help her thwart her stepchildren’s plan to siphon away her finances.

According to Blades, new faculty member Michael Boynton will make his directing debut with “The Curious Savage,” and a guest designer has been invited from Atlanta to create the scenery for the production.

He says that the play is full of “very likable characters,” and has a “few more laughs” than the other production planned for this semester, “Antigone.”

Opening November 14th and running through the 17th, “Antigone” is an adaptation of a classic

2013 & 2014 Season of Plays:

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

By John Patrick

October 17-20, 2013

ANTIGONE

By Jean Anouilh

Translated by Barbara Bray

November 14-17, 2013

KISS ME, KATE

Music and lyrics by Cole Porter

Book by Bella and Samuel Spewack

February 20-March 2, 2014

FOOL FOR LOVE

By Sam Shepard

May 15-18, 2014

THE VANISHING POINT

By Nedra Pezold Roberts

June 26-29, 2014

Greek tragedy.

Written by Jean Anouilh, the play debuted in Nazi-controlled Paris in 1944. “There are overtones of resistance to regimes and meeting your fate,” explains

Blades.

JSU Drama’s approach for “Antigone” will be completely different than in “The Curious Savage”—expect it to be “more sterile and cold,” says Blades.

A guest designer—and former JSU student—will also assist the Drama Department on the lighting for “Antigone.”

“Both of our shows this year will be really entertaining,” says Blades. “Whether they laugh at the comedy of ‘The Curious Savage’ or enjoy the drama of ‘Antigone,’ students will appreciate what we’ve done.”

Auditions for this

upcoming season of plays closed Monday, August 26, but auditions for the 10-minute play festival are open until Friday.

JSU Drama has scheduled two productions for next semester—the musical “Kiss Me, Kate,” and the for-mature-audiences-only “Fool for Love.” Check out The Chanticleer’s first issue of the spring semester for a preview of both.

Ticket prices:

Non-Musicals

Adults, \$10

Senior Citizen/JSU Personnel, \$8

Students/Military, \$5

Musicals

Adults, \$15

Senior Citizens/JSU Personnel, \$12

Students/Military, \$10

Subscription

Adult, \$41

Senior Citizens/JSU Personnel, \$33

Students/Military, \$27

Tickets may be purchased by phoning the JSU Drama Department Box Office, 256-782-5648.

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# Op/Ed

## Sweet home Alabama: life on both sides of the fence

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Most incoming freshman and returning students are from Alabama or the surrounding states.

However, many of our students come from as far as Washington, Canada, Indiana, and even international origins. As my introductory political column, I feel it is my duty to orient each reader to the current political climate of Alabama: where everything you know about politics is backward.

Up until 2010, the Democratic Party had held majorities in state government for about 136 years. In 2010, riding on a wave of antiObama and pro-Tea Party sentiments, the Republican Party not only took a majority in state government; they took a Supermajority.

Since November of 2010, the Republican Party has held all 7 statewide constitutionally elected offices, and currently hold more than 2/3 of seats in both the State Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives. Also, 8 of Alabama’s 9 Congressional delegates belong to the Republican Party.

I’m sure it is becoming clear as to why Alabama is considered a part of the ‘Deep Red South.’

While it is true that, statewide and nationally, Alabama voters tend to lean toward Republicans (at least lately), it must be noted that over 60% (about 2/3) of “courthouse” offices such as County Sheriff, Commissioner, Mayor, Judge, etc. are held by Democrats statewide.

Also, there is a handful of Alabama Republicans that just recently (within the past 12 months) have switched parties to the GOP.

Many Senators, Representatives, and even “courthouse” officials were elected as Democrats in 2008 & 2010 and have since switched to the Republican Party in fear of becoming identified as members of the “Obama Party”. This shows that while Alabama jumped the proverbial “fence” to the GOP in

2010 and since, voters still have a belt loop hung on one of its prongs.

Most Alabama citizens get their political information from national media: CNN, Fox, MSNBC. Therefore they relate the Alabama Republican Party to the Party that they see represented by Speaker of the US House John Boehner and New Jersey Governor Chris

Christie. They also relate the Alabama Democratic Party to the one that they see represented by Democrats like President Obama and US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

The sad reality is these national personalities are not representative of their respective parties in the State of Alabama, on either side of the aisle. No, in fact, Alabama’s Republican Party is better represented by AL Chief Justice Roy Moore: famed for being removed from office as a result of his defiance of federal law. Moreover, the Alabama Democratic Party would find a better suitor in Governor Mitt Romney when served as Governor of Massachusetts. I’ve actually heard it stated that a typical Massachusetts Republican is likely to be more liberal than a typical Alabama Democrat. That’s just the nature of the Southern “Politosphere.” We are Conservative: Democrats AND Republicans.

Nationally, it is safe to say that Democrats have a slight hold on the electorate. Locally, it is certain that the Republicans claim that rank.

But, one must not forget how much easier it is to climb back over the fence when your belt loop is still caught. We have a gubernatorial and state legislative election cycle coming up in 2014 and there are a lot of educators, state employees, and working families that are beginning to grab a hold of that fence once again. Alabamians have now experienced life on both sides of the fence. Next year’s elections will shine a light on which side grows the greener grass.



## Lessons I learned from the kids this summer

**Kara Coleman**  
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As any of my friends will testify, I am a little bit of a neat freak, especially when it comes to my car. I feel like I’m always vaccuming and washing to keep it looking clean, and I never, ever, under any circumstances, *eat* in the car.

But this was the summer of all-Kara’s-rules-were-meant-to-be-broken. While cleaning out my car over the past couple of months, I discovered, hidden under and between the seats, a Kindle fire, a picture of Justin Bieber, a beef jerky wrapper, a pair of socks, and even a live cat. I learned how to steer with one hand while using my other hand to dig through the console, find a napkin, and hand it to someone in the backseat with a bloody nose or dripping ice cream cone.

This summer, I was a babysitter. And as strange as it sounds, I feel like spending time with a bunch of kids made me more of an adult in some ways. Those kids taught me some pretty important lessons.

One thing I learned from my kids this summer was not to sweat the small stuff. There were times when I would break up a fight or listen to a dramatic he said-she said story, and stifle a laugh. To children, it’s the end of the world if they have to be Player Two instead of Player One on the Wii, or, heaven forbid, if someone touches a book or toy that belongs to someone else. But as adults, we realize how petty those “problems” are. I couldn’t help but think that God probably thinks the same thing when I freak out over little things that seem big to me at the time: I spilled dye on my favorite shirt or my hot water heater is broken and I have to take cold showers for a day or two until it can be fixed.

These aren’t the things that matter. What always matters is that in the end, no matter what conflict, difficulty, or inconvenience these kids handled each day, they always had each oth-

er. For every “I hate you”, there were two “I love you”s. The drama was over, everyone was friends again, and life moved on.

The second lesson the kids taught me was to shoot for the stars. I enjoyed the conversations I had with them about their dreams and plans, and admired the way they think that nothing is impossible. One of the girls is sold on the idea of being an actress and living in Paris. One of the boys is convinced that he has a career in major league baseball. Even though very few people can actually make their living doing those things, their enthusiasm reminded me that I should always strive to be at my best.

Perhaps the most important lesson I learned this summer was that sometimes, life gets messy.

I realize that everything in my life isn’t going to go exactly the way I plan. At some time or another, someone is going to come along with muddy shoes or a juice box (who invented red Kool-Aid, anyway?) and make their mark on my perfect little pre-planned world. But that’s okay. Some messes can be quickly attended to and forgotten, while some can leave a permanent stain. But behind each mess is a can’t-help-but-love-them child who caused it.

I’ve met lots of people during my time at JSU, and now as I am on track to graduate in 2014, I am learning to appreciate every one of them.

Not that I’m comparing my friends to stains in the floorboard of my car, but so many of them have made lasting impressions on me.

In every phase throughout our lives, people will come and go. Some will leave lasting impressions: some positive, some negative. But each person who leaves their mark on you while you are here at JSU is helping to shape you into the person you will be after you graduate and make your own mark on the world.



## Upcoming SGA events: Tailgates on Dillon Field

**September 7th:**

“Out Doll the Dolphins”; dress in your best Game Day attire, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**September 14th:**

“Lace and Tie up the Lions”; lace dresses and ties, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**September 28th:**

“Wrangle the Racers”; Western attire, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**October 12th: Homecoming**

“Tank the Tigers”; salute our troops America theme, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**November 9th:**

“Color the Colonels”; wear bright colors, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**November 23rd:**

“Red out the Redhawks”; wear red, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.





# Sports

## Rifle opens new campaign in NCAA preseason Top 10

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

2013 Football Schedule:

8/31 @ Alabama State  
9/7 vs Jacksonville U.  
9/14 vs North Alabama^  
9/21 @ Georgia State  
9/28 vs Murray State\*  
10/5 @ UT-Martin\*  
10/12 vs Tenn State\*  
10/26 @ Tenn Tech\*  
11/2 @ Austin Peay\*  
11/9 vs Eastern Kentucky\*  
11/16 @ Eastern Illinois\*  
11/23 vs SE Missouri St.\*  
^ Rivalry / \* OVC game

OVC Preseason Poll

- 1. Eastern Illinois
- 2. Eastern Kentucky
- 3. Tennessee State
- 4. Jacksonville State
- 5. UT-Martin
- 6. Murray State
- 7. Tennessee Tech
- 8. SE Missouri State
- 9. Austin Peay

Upcoming Action:

Friday: Soccer @ The Citadel  
Volleyball vs Minnesota  
Volleyball vs Mercer  
Saturday: Volleyball vs Presbyterian/UAB  
Football @ Alabama State  
Sunday: Soccer @ Charleston Southern

OVC W. Soccer standings:

- Austin Peay (2-0)
- Jacksonville State (1-0-1)
- Murray State (1-0-1)
- Belmont (1-1)
- SIUe (1-1)
- Morehead State (0-1-1)
- UT-Martin (0-1-1)
- Eastern Kentucky (0-2)
- Eastern Illinois (0-2)
- SE Missouri State (0-2)
- Tennessee Tech (0-2)

Be sure to check out The Chanticleer online page on the JSU homepage, and like The Chanticleer on Facebook and follow on Twitter for more news.

Remember to grab a new issue every Thursday around campus.

**MURRAY, Ky.** – After making its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Rifle Championships a season ago, the Jacksonville State rifle team begins the 2013-14 campaign ranked eighth in the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association’s Preseason Poll, announced by the organization on Tuesday.

JSU, who also claimed its seventh Ohio Valley Conference title in 2012-13, is the highest ranked OVC team in the poll. The Gamecocks are one spot in front of No. 9 Murray State. Rile-only OVC member, Columbus State is listed No. 17, UT Martin and Morehead State round out the poll at No. 19 and No. 20 respectively. Defending NCAA Champion West Virginia starts the year as the favorite with the top spot. Kentucky, Alaska, Texas Christian and Army rounded out the top-five teams in the initial poll of the season.

Jax State will host No. 3 Alaska on Nov. 7 at the Gamecock Rifle Range, while also competing against No. 4 TCU in Fort Worth,

Texas in November. JSU opens the 2013-14 season on Saturday, Sept. 28 against Memphis, followed by a match at the University of Mississippi on Sunday, Sept. 29. JSU’s first home competition will be on Saturday, Oct. 5 as it will host OVC foe UT Martin.

The Gamecocks, under the guidance of veteran head coach Ron Frost, wrapped up 2012-13 placing eighth at the NCAA Championships that were held in Columbus, Ohio. Frost, the 2012-13 OVC Rifle Coach of the Year, returns a host of experienced shooters, led by senior Sam Muegge. Junior Cole Tucker will bolster the line up after placing second in the air rifle competition at the NCAA Championships. After a successful freshman campaign in which she won the OVC smallbore medalist honors, Samantha Bullard will look to continue her steady marks as a sophomore.

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- CRC Preseason Poll
- 1. West Virginia
  - 2. Kentucky
  - 3. Alaska
  - 4. TCU
  - 5. Army
  - 6. Nebraska
  - 7. Air Force
  - 8. Jacksonville St.
  - 9. Murray State
  - 10. Ohio State
  - 11. Ole Miss
  - 12. Memphis
  - 13. Nevada
  - 14. Navy
  - 15. NC State
  - 16. Akron
  - 17. Columbus St.
  - 18. UTEP
  - 19. UT-Martin
  - 20 Morehead St.

## Jax State to face Auburn in 2015

**Daniel Porter**  
*Sports Editor*

Better late than never, right? It was originally slated to happen this year, in 2013, when Jacksonville State would play Auburn in football, but after Missouri and Texas A&M entered the SEC late it added conference games that forced the Tigers back in the spring to go ahead and drop JSU from their 2013 schedule.

On Tuesday, Jacksonville State A.D. Warren Koegel announced that the Gamecocks would indeed face the Auburn Tigers in 2015. The game is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2015 at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

“We are very excited that Auburn was able to work with us and lock down a date after we were not able to play in 2013” said Koegel. “We had to adjust our 2015 schedule in order to play Auburn, and I know our coaches, players, fans and alumni will be excited to visit Jordan-Hare Stadium.”

Some of the altering of the

schedule consisted of pushing an already locked SEC game back an extra year. Jacksonville State was already scheduled to play LSU in 2015, but that trip to Death Valley has been delayed now until 2016.

Even though the SEC’s expansion caused Auburn to cancel the 2013 game with the Gamecocks, it still went as Auburn breaking the agreed contract which forced Auburn to pay the game fee of \$500,000 to JSU anyways. A similar contract and game fee will likely come with the 2015 meeting meaning Jax State will most likely pocket over \$1 million from AU by the time the game actually arrives.

Money aside, the Gamecocks haven’t shown any fear in stepping up to higher opponents. Auburn, and then LSU the following year, will be the sixth and seventh different SEC schools faced in football since 2006. Not to forget that the Gamecocks are currently scheduled to open next



season’s 2014 campaign at Michigan State.

Among an exciting game that will give Gamecock fans a chance to see their team against one of the state’s big boys, it will also be a chance for non-regular JSU fans to get a look at the Gamecocks. Among some of those watching may be future recruits that may take to Red better than Orange or even Crimson.

As for coach Clark, he seemed pleased with the announcement Tuesday, but most likely was more focused on games much closer than two years away.

## Softball stole the show in Spring

article previously ran online over the summer

**Daniel Porter**  
*Sports Editor*

Coach Jana McGinnis and Gamecocks do it again, Jax State heads back to NCAA Tournament for fifth time in the last six years. The Jacksonville State softball team rallied through unfavorable conditions in Charleston, Ill. at the Ohio Valley Conference softball tournament, including having to win a game which included a 20 hour rain delay between the sec-

ond and third inning, to win their fourth OVC tournament title in school history.

The 2013 tournament run may be the most impressive as the Gamecocks made history winning four straight games to win the title as a sixth seed, the lowest seeding to ever bring home the tournament trophy.

The Gamecocks opened a newly renovated University Field early in the season and are now rewarded with getting to play in what is considered the best softball complex in the OVC. Jacksonville State had a strong first half to the season winning 14 of 18 during one stretch with the four losses coming to power conference teams Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Arkansas, and Mississippi State.

After a 16-10 start, JSU struggled some when it entered conference play down the stretch. The Gamecocks went 2-7 in their final nine games of the regular season and finished just above .500 at 11-10 in conference play falling

to a sixth seed in the upcoming tournament.

However, Coach McGinnis wasn’t giving up on the season and began preparing her team during practices to make a run at the tournament title. It worked. JSU beat Eastern Kentucky 5-3 in the opening game of the tournament. In the following round, JSU faced the top offense in the OVC in SIUe. Junior pitcher Tiffany Harbin, the career leader in strikeouts in JSU school history, shut down the Cougars in a 2-0 Gamecock win. The game lasted two days as a storm blew in between the second and third innings pushing the game to the following day. Jacksonville State then used 2-1 and 2-0 wins over Murray State and pre-season favorite UT-Martin to claim the conference title and earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

The Gamecocks got a tough draw when they were matched up with the Alabama Crimson Tide in their opening game of the NCAA tournament. For the season to continue the Gamecocks would have to go through the defending national champions on their home turf in Tuscaloosa. JSU lost 4-0 to UA but there’s no shame in being knocked out of the tournament once you’re one of the final 64 teams remaining.

It was another strong season for what may be the best team on campus, of course there are numerous teams under the Gamecock athletics banner that could argue for that title.



**JSU Sportswire**  
Jax State softball made their fifth trip to the NCAA Regionals in the last six years.



# Cunningham debuts for Braves

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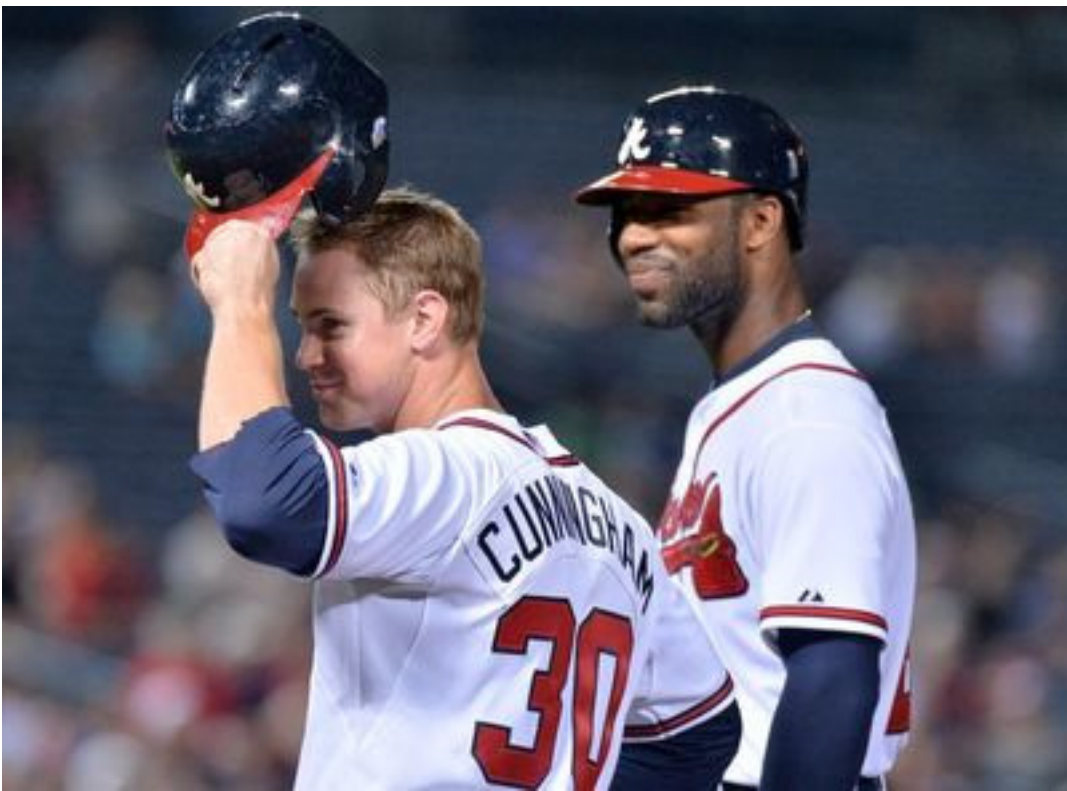
It was nearly midnight on July 29 when Jacksonville native Todd Cunningham got a call from his agent. While Cunningham had been playing very well for the AAA Gwinnett Braves, a call just days before the Major League trading deadline often means pack the bags. He would need to grab a bag, but to Cunningham’s surprise he wasn’t in a trade... he was getting his Major League call-up to join the Atlanta Braves.

Cunningham was a star for Gamecocks on the baseball diamond not long ago. He was drafted by Atlanta, his longtime favorite team, in 2010 out of JSU in the second round of the MLB Draft. Last year Cunningham was named the Minor League Player of the Year in the Braves’ organization posting big numbers and playing stellar defense in 120 games at AA Mississippi.

Within 24 hours of that call, Cunningham was suiting up with the Atlanta Braves and found himself just a few hours later stepping into the batter’s box at Turner Field for his first big league at-bat. He later said all the clichés were in effect as his heart raced and palms sweated, but it didn’t stop the former Gamecock from taking a 2-0 pitch off Rockies’ pitcher Jeff Francis and serving a hard line shot into left field for a base hit. He would get to jog home a few batters later when Freddie Freeman sent one over the outfield fence.

Not all from Cunningham’s one at-bat, and the outfield defense he played the rest of the game, but the Braves demolished the Rockies 11-3. Infact for his first ten games in the Majors, Cunningham never experienced a loss at Atlanta went on a 14-game winning streak. Atlanta sent Cunningham back to Gwinnett for a short period before recalling him back to Atlanta where he remains.

Cunningham’s exciting entrance to the Majors wasn’t the first by a



**JSU Sportswire**  
Former Gamecock Todd Cunningham salutes the Turner Field crowd after a roaring ovation following his first big league hit.

Jacksonville State alum as the Milwaukee Brewers called up former JSU pitcher Donovan Hand in May to make his big league debut. Hand came out of the bullpen, and was then put into a starters role after successful outings.

It’s a testament to Jacksonville State baseball head coach Jim Case’s program at the level of athletes Jax State is producing. The next is likely to be Coty Blanchard, who in June was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays and is currently working his way through the minors.



**Sportswire**  
Freshman Blair Barker’s goal became the game winner

## Gamecocks win season opener

**LAKE CHARLES, La.** – Jacksonville State ushered in the Neil Macdonald era with a blanking of McNeese State, 1-0, on Friday night in the JSU lid lifter at Cowgirl Field.

The season-opening win is the first since opening the 2000 campaign with a 3-1 win over College of Charleston. The Gamecocks also notched their third win all time against McNeese State after posting a draw against the Cowgirls.

Another new face of the program proved to be the difference as freshman Blair Barker came off the bench to score the game-winning goal in the 38th minute of the contest. Barker, from Hixson, Tenn., was in the

right spot near the goal as a shot from Kelsey Bright was deflected by McNeese keeper Lauren Sestak right to her to net the first goal of the season and her first collegiate goal. Barker, who prepped at Notre Dame High School, picked up right where she left off on the high school level as she scored ten goals last season as a senior at NDHS.

Both squads had offensive firepower as they combined for 34 shots with each team producing 17 shots each. JSU had ten shot on goal opportunities, led by junior Jackie Rush’s five on-goal chances. Bright, who as an All-Ohio Valley Conference Second Team selection as a freshman in 2012, turned in three scoring chances. Kristen Hoo, a sophomore transfer from West Virginia Wesleyan, was

the other Gamecock with multiple shots.

Jax State’s Taylor Hammond made her debut in goal on Friday and turned in a solid outing. The Suwanee, Ga.-native made eight stops throughout the contest, including four in the second half as the Cowgirls were battling to get the equalizing goal.

Macdonald wanted to see how his squad responded to game action and played 15 different players. JSU had four newcomers in the starting line up on Friday with Olivia Drapes, a transfer from Mississippi State, Carsen Taylor (Leesburg, Ga), Mackenzie Bellows (Calgary, Alberta, Canada) and Hammond.

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## JSU opens Coach Clark era against ASU

**Daniel Porter**  
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The coach Bill Clark era will get underway in the capital city Saturday night as Jacksonville State will travel to play Alabama State for it’s 2013 football season opener.

The Gamecocks are coming off a 6-5 season that was the last under longtime coach Jack Crowe.

The offense will have to fill some key positions as quarterbacks Marques Ivory and Coty Blanchard are gone. For the past four years JSU has seen one of those two under center almost every snap, but after graduation for Ivory, and being drafted in the MLB draft for Blanchard, a two sports star at JSU, the signal caller position was left vacant.

As fall camp began it appeared five guys had the opportunity to show the new coaching staff they were the man for the job. While coach Clark has not named his starter pub-

licly, his depth charts indicate it is down to three choices.

Kyle Wesr had heavy playing time in the spring J-Day game and has a solid arm, but he may be third on the list at this point in the season.

Eli Jenkins redshirted last year waiting for his chance to prove he could play QB. He shined in the spring game including an 85-yard TD pass on the first play of the night.

Max Shortell is the new name, he transferred in from Minnesota over the summer af-

No matter the guy in shotgun, they will have a pretty strong O-line anchored by center Max Holcombe. On the outside is a different story as JSU lost it’s top three wide receivers from a year ago. Kevyn Cooper and Trey Smith are gone and so is Jax State standout Alan Bonner who finds himself playing for the Houston Texans after being taken in the NFL Draft.

Gabe Chambers and Telvin Brown have performed well stepping up in their receiver roles along with Markis Merrill and Anthony Johnson becoming starters on the outside.

The defense lost peices last year, but the core stays together and play makers Pierre Warren and Jermaine Hough will be big in containing opposing offenses. Rashad Smith and Ben Endress will be the power inside at the linebacker spots.

ASU is a non-conference game, but a win would be huge in giving the Gamecocks a strong chance for a playoff push.



ter the Golden Gophers decided they wanted to go in a different direction in their offense. Shortell has experience in Big Ten action over the past two seasons which may turn out to be key in him possibly getting the first game reps for the Gamecocks.

## Jax State/Alabama St. game to air on CSS live

Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS), the regional sports channel focused on sports throughout the south, has announced the Jacksonville State at Alabama State football game will be carried live on the network on August 31.

The game will kickoff at 5 p.m. from the new ASU Stadium in

Montgomery. James Verrett will handle the play-by-play duties, while Ryan Stewart with serve as analyst on the broadcast.

“This is a great opportunity for Jacksonville State,” said JSU head coach Bill Clark. “We are excited that fans across the southeast will be able to watch the Gamecocks play. The footprint of the CSS

market is also our recruiting area and this will only enhance our recruiting efforts.”

Jacksonville State has appeared on CSS more than any other regional network, posting a 14-6 record on the network. Jax State will now be live on television nine times this season, including six home games broadcast live on

TV24, and road games at UT Martin and Eastern Illinois will be live on ESPN3.

CSS is a 24-hour sports channel that reaches more than 8.5 million homes in 13 states throughout the southeast.

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