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Tailgating season returns



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Gamecock fans and JSU students enjoying a tailgate party before last year's game against Murray State University. This year's tailgate parties will be themed.

With great football comes great tailgating

JSU's tailgating season kicks off with game against Jacksonville State Dolphins Saturday

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Gamecock fans and JSU students have two things to look forward to on September 7: filling Burgess-Snow Stadium at game-time, and enjoying the pre-game tailgating.

This year, the SGA is asking members of organizations

on campus to dress according to a predetermined theme at each tailgating event.

It isn't the first time that JSU's SGA has set themes for the tailgate parties, but SGA President Jade Wagner says it is the first time they've made adherence to those themes a priority.

"I really feel like

with some sort of tangible theme tying you together, it gives you more school spirit," says Wagner.

Just like in high school, JSU's home games will have an accompanying theme of dress.

Wagner thinks

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Providing a 'safe place' for students and faculty

How the Division of Student Affairs is supporting victimized members of the JSU community

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Students who visit any of the offices that are a part of Student Affairs at Jacksonville State University may notice small, green stickers reading "Safe Zone +" on their doors.

Only the offices of Student Affairs have this sticker, begging the question: What does it mean?

Dr. Timothy King, Vice President of Student Affairs at JSU, has the answer.

"What it means is if you're a student, or a member of faculty and staff, and you're feeling like you need to talk to someone about something that is troubling you," if you see one of those stickers, you know that is a safe place to go.

The green stickers indicate that the office to which they are affixed participates in the Safe Zone Plus project, a program that Dr. King implemented at JSU a year ago.

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President Meehan hosts Organizational Council's first meeting

Kara Coleman
Editor-in-Chief

If students want to get involved on campus but don't know how or where to start, it's okay. There's a meeting for that.

The Organizational Council (OC) is a collective group of various student organizations at JSU that meets twice each month to share upcoming events and projects with one another.

SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs Ariel Tolson presides over the council. She describes the OC as "a council of different



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Tiffany Gorham speaks on behalf of the Student Senate at Tuesday's Organizational Council meeting.

organizations, from Greeks to service organizations to religious

organizations, that foster a spirit of unity."

The OC meets on the first and third

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Reaching your potential

How registering with JSU's Office of Disability Support Services can help disabled students excel

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Every day at Jacksonville State University, hundreds of disabled students rely on the assistance of the Office of Disability Support Services to excel in their studies.

From providing sign-language interpreters for the deaf to making sure students with ADHD get more time on tests, the DSS is an indispensable tool for those with disabilities.

The DSS at Jacksonville State University operates under the philosophy that "otherwise qualified individuals with documented disabilities have an equal right to access existing programs and services of the University."

Worth noting is the phrase "otherwise qualified individuals."

Katy Goodgame, a disability specialist at DSS, says that although many people think that having a disability gets you a free ride into college, nothing could be further from the truth.

"Not only do these students have a disability, but they go through the same enrollment process that students like you did," she said. "They have to make the same grades on the ACT and SAT as you do in order to get in."

Julie Nix, who directs both the Office of Counseling Services and Disability Support Services at JSU, says that accommodations

in post-secondary education are not a guarantee of success, but "level the playing field."

The DSS levels the playing field against a large range of chronic illnesses, but they can be broken down into

three sections: learning disabilities, physical disabilities and sensory impairments.

Learning disabilities includes ailments like Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD and even schizophrenia.

A student with a physical disability could have cerebral palsy or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Sensory impairments would include being deaf or blind, as well as having epilepsy or cancer that is in remission.

When a student approaches DSS for assistance, the most basic form of help they can supply is a letter outlining the student's needs to his or her professors.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, the professors work with the student to the best of their ability," said Goodgame. "Every once in a while we have to step in to make sure there are no problems, though."

The letter doesn't specify what disability the student is afflicted with, just that they have special needs that must be met by the professor.

That's because the DSS prefers that students "self-advocate" and become more comfortable with confronting their disability in the process.

"There are students that don't approach us," says Nix. "We have over 300 students registered in the program, but we have no idea of knowing how many of the students at JSU have disabilities."

According to Nix, disability support systems at the post-secondary level are different than the K-12 system of identifying and serving those with disabilities.

"The individual has to come forward; the onus is on them to seek and utilize their accommodations," she says.

Many deaf and blind students choose to come to JSU because of its proximity to the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind in Talladega, and because the disability support services in place help ensure success.

Heather Whitestone, who lost her hearing when she was 18 months old, is one success story: she graduated from JSU after being crowned Miss Alabama in 1994, and then Miss America in 1995.

By trying to reach as many students as possible with information about disability services at JSU, Goodgame hopes that more will take advantage of the DSS.

This will benefit JSU in two ways: one, the university's mission statement to "provide for a diverse undergraduate and graduate student population" will be fulfilled.

Second and arguably more important, vital federal funding that JSU receives won't be cut.

Statutes established in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 require JSU to offer assistance to students with documentable chronic illness and disability.

All federal funding received by the university would be cut if JSU were to fail to offer that assistance.

If you're a student with a disability, Nix urges you not to "wait until you're in academic trouble to seek us out."

"Be proactive and speak to us from the beginning," she says.

Tailgate, from page 1

wants JSU students to get ready for a throw-back to high school days with this season's themed tailgate parties

The SGA offices offer incentives to organizations on campus who participate in the dress-up: a publicity-boosting photo opportunity will be presented to the group best dressed to fit the theme of the tailgates.

It was also suggested that at the end of the football and tailgating season the organization that is most consistently outfitted to the theme of the tailgate will receive an accolade in addition to the photo.

The SGA wants a large crowd at the parties, so it decided against giving out awards to individuals.

The hope is that this will increase the participation of organizational members, and help students not



Matt Reynolds/JSU

Tailgate parties are an opportunity for Gamecocks to show off their team spirit, and SGA President Jade Wagner hopes that this year's theme;s will boost that spirit.

a part of any organization build ties with those around them.

At least twenty-two on-campus organizations will have spaces reserved for the tailgating activities going on in front of Kennamer Hall this season.

Tailgaters could either be dressed up in lace, like for September 14th's "Lace and Tie up the Lions,"

or dressed down in Western attire, like for September 28th's "Wrangle the Racers."

"It sounds like it's going to be interesting," says JSU student Terrance Wray of the themes.

The SGA has also released the list of performers for each tailgate party, with the exception of the tailgate planned for

November 23. The winner of the September 12th "Music Madness Battle of the Bands" will perform then.

The theme for JSU's first home game of the season is "Out-Doll the Dolphins," and the SGA is asking those participating to dress in their "best Game Day attire."

Safe Zone, from page 1

King originally intended it to be a support program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) members of the JSU community.

He decided to expand the program after a hazing event involving the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in November 2011 left a student recovering in the hospital from internal injuries for 24 days.

Now the Safe Zone Plus project encompasses "difficulties or crisis due to... sexual orientation, gender identity, being the victim of crime, hazing, bullying or sexual assault, and/or... discrimination due to... mental health status, disability, race, religion, ethnic or national origin."

Its purpose is to "provide advocacy, guidance, and compassion for students" who are experiencing any of the above, according to the Safe Zone Plus section of JSU's Division of Student Affairs website.

"It's really a program based on providing students and anyone else with a place to come and talk freely about whatever is on their mind that's troubling them or a problem they've encountered," says Dr. King.

If the student needs more assistance than simply a safe place to talk about issues affecting them, Dr. King says that Safe Zone Plus advocates are trained to escort that student to either Counseling Services or the University Police Department, rather than refer them to those services.

"If you're here with me, I take that to mean you are in a crisis situation," he says.

"People in a crisis situation don't need to be told where to go; they need to be led there."

A possible resolution to a crisis situation could be that Safe Zone Plus pairs the student with a mentor—someone who has endured a similar experience and can help the student overcome it.

Most other colleges have programs similar to JSU's Safe Zone Plus, and King participated in them at each of the other schools he's worked at.

When he arrived at JSU, he "knew we needed something," but wasn't quite sure what.

The project "just evolved over a couple of years of investigating what would be appropriate for our campus," he says.

JSU's version of Safe Zone is unique, because while other schools offer support programs to LGBT members of their communities, few have expanded that support to victims of hazing, bullying or crime.

"I get phone calls all the time from other schools who want to replicate what we're doing," says King.

Over the summer, Dr. King says he plans to develop a training manual for Safe Zone Plus advocates at JSU.

Some situations, like sexual abuse and crime, have reporting requirements—as the Title IX coordinator for JSU, Dr. King must be informed if any student suffers from those crises.

The training manual will inform faculty and staff participating in Safe Zone Plus of what must be reported, as well as the correct procedure for doing so.

"I wanted to make sure that we had a good grip on what we were doing before I went

out and starting giving those green stickers to everybody," says Dr. King.

"I don't want to put someone in a situation where they are uncomfortable and don't know what to do and then make the situation worse."

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third Tuesdays of each month in the TMB auditorium, but their first meeting of the new school year was held this past Tuesday at the President's house.

University President Dr. Bill Meehan addressed the students who had gathered for the meeting. "You hear me say at orientation that students who have a good relationship with their parents and who are involved on campus, who are involved in your organizations and have a tie to their university, they do better academically, they graduate, they become leaders," Meehan said. "So what you do is extremely important."

At the meetings, representatives from student groups share the events and projects that their organizations are currently working on and are planning for in the near future.



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President Meehan addresses members of the Organizational Council at Tuesday's meeting.

All students are welcome to attend the OC meetings so that they can hear what is going on in each organization.

If students are unable to attend meetings, they have another option.

"If a student wants to get involved with an organization but doesn't know how, he or she can always come to the Office of Student Life," Tolson says. "We will get you where you're going."

Organizations can benefit from participating in the OC in various ways. Attendance at council meetings activates a group's seat as a recognized organization. If a group meets the requirements, they may be eligible to receive up to \$300 in allocations for school-related projects. And together, groups can learn about and participate in service projects that benefit the surrounding community.

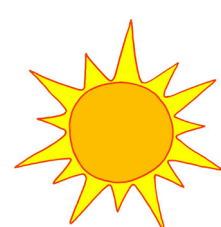
Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, was present at Tuesday's meeting. At the close of the meeting, she told the students, "I'm glad to hear about all of these service projects. This room is full of them; it's great. It speaks well for your heart."



Safe Zone Plus advocates offer consolation to students and faculty wrestling with difficulties related to these issues:

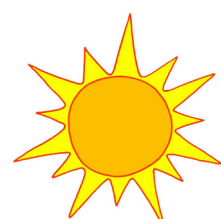
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- *bullying*
- *sexual assault*
- *mental health*
- *disability*
- *race*
- *religion*
- *ethnic/national origin*

7-day forecast



TODAY
Mostly sunny
High: 88
Low: 61

Chance of precipitation: 10%



FRIDAY
Mostly sunny
High: 89
Low: 63

Chance of precipitation: 10%



SATURDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 87
Low: 63

Chance of precipitation: 10%



SUNDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 89
Low: 64

Chance of precipitation: 10%



MONDAY
Partly cloudy
High: 88
Low: 65

Chance of precipitation: 0%



TUESDAY
Mostly sunny
High: 84
Low: 64

Chance of precipitation: 10%



WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny
High: 84
Low: 64

Chance of precipitation: 10%

Chicken Scratch

Oh, the parking! Oh, the tickets!
#hellonewsemester

Sometimes, you just need to take a nap and get over it.

To do: Go to Australia. Locate 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney.

There's always that one person who never comes to class, but shows up on test day. You see them and think, "Do you even go here?!"

Tell someone you love them today, because life is short. But shout it at them in German, because life is also terrifying and confusing.

I finally found where all of my classes are!!!!

Asking for help when you need it

Zach Tyler
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The American College Health Association conducts a national survey of student health, known as the National College Health Assessment, at college institutions each year.

Last year, the survey found that 29.5 percent of students felt "so depressed that it was difficult to function." Nearly 7 percent "seriously considered suicide."

But only 10.6 percent said they sought help with those feelings from a professional.

Julie Nix, director of Jacksonville State University's Office of Counseling Services in 140 Daugette Hall, knows why.

"There's a stigma attached to it," she says. Students think that "they're going to have to lie down on a couch and talk about their childhood or issues with their mother. It's really not like that."

Nix says that this period of life—from the time a student leaves high school to the time they finish college—is "probably the period when you go through the most life changes."

Even good changes bring stress, the number one cause of mental health problems.

For Nix, it's important that students know her office is accessible when they feel too stressed to function.

She says she's "really put an emphasis on programming across campus" in an effort to make herself and her staff more familiar to students.

The office of Counseling Services employs two counselors, Linda Shelton and Mary Clark, and two licensed and certified social workers: Nix herself, and Len McCauley.

Each member of Nix's staff teaches a portion of the STU 101 course, which is a mandatory elective for any student with less than 24 earned hours.

Shelton also advises the Active Minds student group, which promotes good mental health by hosting events addressing topics such as self-esteem and body image.

Nix says that the group is considering showing the award-winning film "Silver Linings Playbook" this fall.

Her goal is for students to see her and the other counseling staff members at events and in the classroom, and feel comfortable talking to them about issues like anxiety, depression, and substance abuse.

Counseling is free and available to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and staff, and can be arranged either in person, by phone or online with a request form.

"At some point in everyone's life, they're going to benefit from talking to a counselor," says Nix. "Why not take advantage of it while it's free and accessible right on campus?"

By working closely with JSU's Student Health Center, the Counseling Services office can also provide prescriptive services to students and faculty who require medication for their anxiety or depression.

If her office can't meet the needs of a member of the JSU community, Nix says that they also provide referrals to psychiatric care, hospitalization or more intensive substance abuse treatment.

The services that Nix and her staff provide are confidential.

"The student has to give us permission to talk to anybody on their behalf," says Nix. "Don't be afraid to ask for help."

Asking for help can be as simple as joining one of the student groups that operate out of the

Counseling Services office, such as Active Minds.

One group, Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships (SOAR), meets on the third Tuesday of each month and is open to members of the Jacksonville community.

Two substance abuse recovery groups, New Pathways and the Gamecock Recovery Group, exist to help those with addiction; however, New Pathways requires a meeting with a counselor first.

Julie and her office also serve as the testing center for the University. If a student needs to take a residual ACT or the CBASE, they can do so at Counseling Services.

Counseling Services arranges CLEP tests and math placement tests, and while most testing services are available on a walk-in basis from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the ACT and CBASE are scheduled in advance.

Testing schedules can be found on the office's website.

JSU's Peer Educators also operates through the Office of Counseling Services.

Nix and her staff advise the group of 23 students in putting on presentations for residence halls, classrooms and other student groups in exchange for course credit.

During the school year, Peer Educators also organizes week-long events at JSU, like a Campus Safety Week and National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

The group also hosts events and projects for domestic violence awareness in October, World Aids Day in December, and healthy relationships during the month of February.

Visit Counseling Services' website at <http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/> to access more information about counseling at JSU, schedule a test or view the office's collection of virtual pamphlets. Pamphlet topics are divided into three subsections and include the following:

Personal Topics:

- Alcohol Abuse
- Anxiety and Panic Disorders
- Assertiveness
- Anger
- Communication in Relationships
- Conflict Resolution
- Depression
- Depression, Recognizing and Coping
- Domestic Violence
- Dysfunctional Families
- Eating Disorders
- Grief and Loss
- Holiday Stress
- Homesickness
- Internet Addiction
- Listening Skills
- Social/Cultural Problems
- Stress Management

Adjusting to College:

- Making the Most of the First Year

Academic Topics:

- Procrastination
- Test Anxiety
- Time Management

Campus crime report

9-3-13, Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle
Pannell Hall Parking Lot

9-2-13, Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Crow Hall

9-2-13, Assault
Paul Carpenter Village

9-2-13, Theft of Property
JSU Stadium

8-30-13, Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Fitzpatrick Hall

8-30-13, Arrest-Possession of Alcohol by a Minor
Paul Carpenter Village

8-30-13, Arrest-Possession of Marijuana
Paul Carpenter Village

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8-30-13, Arrest-Possession of Marijuana
Paul Carpenter Village

8-30-13, Arrest-Possession of Marijuana and Alcohol by a Minor

8-30-13, Arrest-Driving Under the Influence
Mountain Street

8-30-13, Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Crow Hall

SGA events this week

Sept. 7-Tailgate, "Out Doll the Dolphins", Dress in your best Game Day attire Dillon Field
Tailgate opens at 11:00 a.m, closes at 6:00 p.m., featuring Blake Flood from 4:00 p.m-6:00 p.m.

Sept. 9-Traffic Court TMB Auditorium 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 9-Student Senate Meeting TMB Auditorium 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sept. 10-Student Activities Council Meeting TMB Auditorium 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sept. 11-SGA Higher Education Open Forum TMB Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 12-Music Madness TMB Auditorium 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment

Differing opinions on books-turned-movies

The Great Gatsby: from the page to the big screen

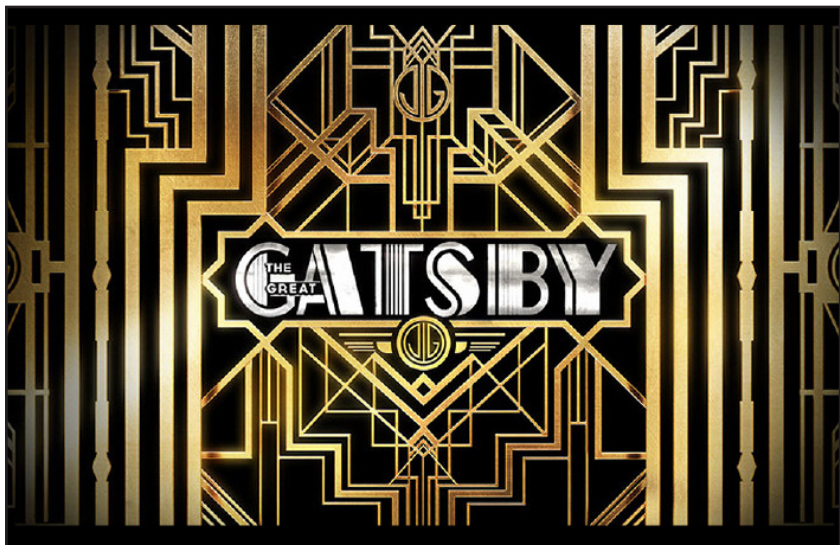
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Staff Writer

From the written word to the big screen, many novels have been making their debut in theaters across the nation this past summer.

Book and movie fans alike flocked

to theaters in anticipation of the seeing the visual adaptations their favorite stories have made.

Among these films, such as *The Mortal Instruments: The City of Bones*, *World War Z*, *The Hobbit: The Unexpected Journey*,



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they visually were able to handle Nick's narrations and inner thoughts quite beautifully throughout the duration of the film.

The special effects chosen to overlay both what Nick is writing and thinking adds a whole new realm for the viewers, as well as a wonderfully artistic flare as the words arrange themselves across the screen during the course of the narrations.

Well, here comes the hard part. Was the book better than the movie?

For this writer, *The Great Gatsby* is a golden piece amongst literature with a beauty of written words that is seldom found in other works in today's world.

Needless to say, the book can easily stand its own, but in the case of Baz Luhrmann's film, it too makes a lasting impression.

The movie might not always beat the book, but in this case it has come pretty close.

and *Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*, is the notorious 1925 masterpiece by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*.

Staring Leonardo Di Caprio and Tobey Maguire, this film quickly became one of the most anticipated films of the year with an award winning accompanying soundtrack that included everything from Lana Del Ray to Fergie, and costume collaborators such as Prada and Tiffany and Co. all at work to create a fantastical new experience.

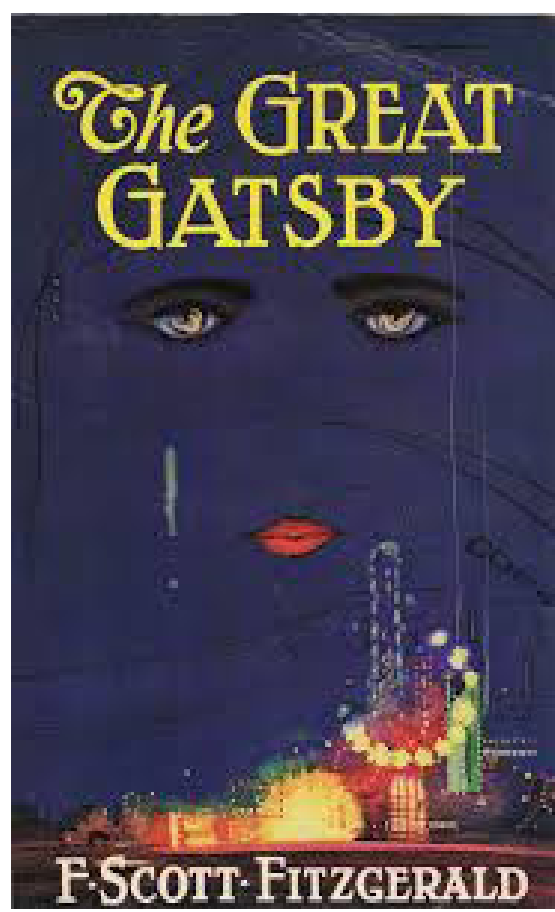
In the 2013 release of *The Great Gatsby*, Di Caprio does a marvelous job playing opposite Carey Mulligan as Daisy.

His performance focuses more on the desperateness Gatsby has over his love for Daisy, which he portrays beautifully as the two characters are reunited, unbeknownst to Daisy's husband, Tom Buchanan. This is a nice contrast from the previous film adaption of 1974, where Robert Redford's *Gatsby's* focus relied more on the passion and sensitive side that Jay had for his

unrequited love.

Fitzgerald's work has survived as a classic novel because of its romanticism of the Roaring Twenties and as one of the best examples of an inner monologue heavy novel, which usually is where the film adaptations tend to stray from the book or lack the effects of its written counterpart.

I'm happy to say, that along with a beautifully rounded cast, musical score, and costume and set design, this is where the 2013 adaptation truly shined as



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Sometimes, the film adaptation is better than the novel: *The Host*

Catherine Foote
Staff Writer

As an avid reader, I rarely prefer the movie version of a written work. Mostly, I complain that many details are left out of the film, or certain facts are stretched or changed completely.

After watching a film adaptation, I am left sitting in a movie theater with a feeling of dissatisfaction, wondering why *"Dumb and Dumber"* wasn't included, or

realizing that "those giant dogs didn't look anything like the fallen tributes."

Visually, musically, and emotionally stunning, the film adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's *"The Host"* is much better than its novel counterpart.

I was pleasantly surprised that this film was nothing like its book, and I could watch it in one sitting without being mind-numbingly bored.

Meyer's novel, while full of detail,

begins slowly, weighing the reader down with facts and play-by-play.

I found myself wanting to quit reading, hopeless that the storyline would never progress past walking speed.

The film version also started a little slow, but it was not nearly as painstaking as the novel; I was immediately captured visually and the storyline kept a consistent, timely pace.

The novel and the film do have one thing in common: the best part is the end. While I felt relieved finishing the paper version of *"The Host"*, I was fulfilled by the end of the movie version.

Spoiler Alert: Wanda gets her own body, Melanie gets to keep her man,

and *The Seeker* is banished.

Everyone is happy, and the film ends with the song "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons.

The song captures the attitude of the film, and also carries a little bit of symbolism. The song and *"The Host"* are both about an apocalyptic world and humanity fighting against "the end."

Even though the expert critics (mostly) prefer the novel version of *"The Host"*, I must disagree.

I was engrossed in the film from start to finish, even with the long conversations between characters and the novice group of actors chosen.

"The Host" as a novel was a chore and a bore, and I will not be reading it again.

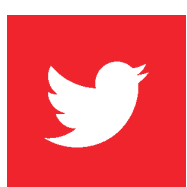


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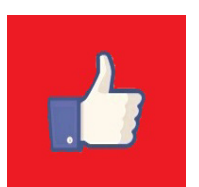


WLJS Top 10 for the week of
August 29, 2013

1. First Right Theft - All Right
2. ZZ Ward - Put the Gun Down
3. These City Limits - Empty Hands
4. of Montreal - Our Love is Senile
5. My Radio - Bricks and Mortar
6. I'm Not A Pilot - Too Late
7. Air Traffic Controller - You Know Me
8. All The Locals - Monday
9. Bend Sinister - Don't You Know
10. Tiger High - So Long



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With Longleaf Studios, JSU film classes get new home

Alex McFry
Staff Writer

With classes back in full swing, Jacksonville State University has unveiled its all-new location for the introduction film classes: the newly finished Longleaf Studios just off campus.

With a 7,000 square foot green screen, numerous classrooms, and offices for staff and other crewmembers, the facility brings opportunity for students to further delve into the world of filmmaking.

This semester's DR 230 class has toured the facilities to show students what it would be like working in a similar scenario.

Over the course of the next few semesters, the studio should be fully functioning to accommodate both projects brought in from the outside and classes on campus just next door.

Through the North Eastern Alabama Entertainment Initiative (NEAEI), those involved with Longleaf Studios hope to ignite a spark for the film industry in Jacksonville, Alabama.

Pete Conroy, the chairman of the NEAEI committee, has been responsible for collaborating with Alabama State Senator Del Marsh and Alabama State Representative Richard Lindsey to make everything involving Longleaf Studios possible.

This summer, Longleaf Studios hosted a film camp for students interested in the field as well. Taught by Jacksonville State's very own Jeffrey Nichols, the camp consisted of five days of nonstop, hands-on experience for all those involved.

During the camp, students from surrounding high schools got a chance to learn the specifics of lighting, camera work, and much more.

In addition to the studio itself, the famous EMPACT (Entertainment Media Production & Crew Training) truck, full of top-of-the-line lighting and audio equipment, was utilized by campers.

For the camp's grand finale, the attendees tried their hand at creating a two to three minute short film of their very own.

For the DR 399 class,



Photo courtesy of Longleaf Studios

also held previously this summer, students that applied for the film study scholarship learned the same aspects in a shorter period of time.

At the end of the course, there was a trip to Baton Rouge to the Celtic Media Centre, a film studio in Louisiana that acted as a model for the Longleaf Studios. Students got to hone in on the skills they learned during the month of July and put them to

the test.

The JSU Film Club, headed up by Mr. Nichols and run by President Bo Bailey, held their first meeting this Tuesday in the Stone Center.

There, the group talked with students who showed interest in the film industry.

The film club has partnered with the drama department to give actors experience in front of the camera, while at the same

time giving film students hands-on, professional experience as well.

The group plans to utilize people with many different talents, some of which include directors, producers, writers, musicians, historians.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6PM in the Black Box in Stone Center, Room 338 and all who have an interest are welcome.

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Op/Ed

Free drinks and flashy rides

Brett Johnson
Staff Writer

Most college students don't vote. This is common knowledge. However, what if you were offered free drinks at the local bar to vote? Or a free ride in a stretch hummer limousine to the polls? Would you take the 15 minutes to go cast your vote then? Would you even vote for a particular candidate if asked to do so in exchange for these incentives?

It is rumored that "the machine" is a group of closely-bonded leaders of the Greek community at the University of Alabama that support select candidates for Student Government.

This "machine" is rumored to have hand-picked candidates for SGA for about a century now; much like the political bosses that we all read about in 8th grade history. It seems, now, that this "machine" is expanding its influence into city-wide elections.

On August 27th the City of Tuscaloosa held its municipal elections. One of the candidates running for Tuscaloosa school board was former SGA President Cason Kirby. The former SGA President defeated the incumbent school board member by a narrow margin. He must have had a strong message, right? Maybe, but here's what else we know...

A series of emails have surfaced that "encouraged" members of UA Greek organizations to vote for the former SGA President as well as a UA alumni who was in the city's election for school board chair. No harm done, right? Free speech, right? Well, these emails also offered those members who voted free drinks at a host of local bars on election night as well as free limo rides to and from the polls. Also, 75% of those registered to

vote in Tuscaloosa in 2013 did so between Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. Also, 256 of 267 of them were born after 1990.



Now, let me speak as a member of the Greek community, as an SGA leader, and as someone who believes it is our responsibility to support and maintain the tenets of democracy.

I can appreciate the organization of voters, as it is vital to any serious campaign. You form a message, register voters, and turn out those voters.

Without mass voter registration efforts of the 2008 Obama campaign, we could be entering a second term of President McCain.

What I do disagree with is that these voters may have been registered for the sole purpose of electing one candidate to office.

This, I believe, may serve to undermine the tenet of democracy that states that leaders should be chosen by the people in regular, free, and fair elections.

All of that said, I must say that the registration of voters in masses does not come close to the disturbance that I feel in the idea that dozens, maybe hundreds of voters were influenced to vote - and to vote a particular way - merely by free drinks and flashy rides. We can't say for sure that these voters would or wouldn't have turned out on Election Day in Tuscaloosa otherwise, but there had to have been some motivation behind the groups offering the incentives.

I ask you again, what would it take to get you to the polls? Free drinks? Flashy rides?

Or are you going to stay home for your city elections like most college students would otherwise.

Stay off the roof, and other life lessons

Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Sometimes, it seems like people have the wrong idea about getting a college degree.

You get way more than a BMA, BFA or even a job after graduation. You aren't just forced to learn algebra, underwater basket weaving and foreign language.

You learn about life, love and all that other deep, metaphysical stuff you have to experience in order to grow and develop as a person. And maybe for the first time in your life, you make choices as an adult.

Because of that freedom of choice, you take a few knocks. You'll make a mistake or do something you come to regret, but that's part of the process.

Last weekend, I made a mistake. I learned a lesson the hard way.

It was Saturday night. I had just gotten off work at my other job at a local supermarket. All I wanted to do was sit in my recliner and watch 13 episodes of *Lost* on Netflix. My friends had other plans for me.

"It's Saturday night," they whined collectively. "You can sit around and watch television tomorrow. Tonight, we celebrate, because you only live once, right?" They had me at YOLO.

Lots of people will tell you that you don't have to drink alcohol in order to have a good time and enjoy yourself around your friends. And that's a true statement.

But at this age, there's going to be some drinking. Call it experimentation—call it reckless partying—call it what you will, college kids drink.

That Saturday night, I chose to drink with my friends, and later I made the decision to sit

on my roof. It's not very high off the ground—9 or ten feet, at the most—but when someone told me not to jump off of it without shoes on because it would probably hurt, I did it anyway.

I'm sure the alcohol in my system had nothing to do with that.

But anyway, it did hurt. I spent four hours in the ER to learn I didn't break any bones (I was a little disappointed). I'm still limping around and regretting that

choice, a week and one prescription for strong painkillers later.

Life is about choices. And for every choice you make, there is a consequence. Or there are several consequences. Sometimes the consequences of your actions directly affect you, and sometimes they affect the people around you.

For example: when I chose to jump from a roof that I thought was low to the ground, the consequence—bruising my Achilles tendon—affected me (painfully).

But it also affected my parents, who I had to call from the emergency room to tell them I thought I had broken my foot doing something incredibly stupid. My mom is still mad at me.

Things could have turned out worse for me. Ten feet may not seem all that far to fall, but it's far enough to do lasting damage. That fact wasn't lost on my loving parents.

So here are two free pieces of advice, lessons that I've learned about making choices while getting through college:

While you're away from home, it's easy to make bad choices and regret them later. The challenge is to know that you've made a mistake, and to recognize that your mistake might hurt more than just you.

And if you're going to drink, by all means... stay off the roof.



JSU Blackboard to test emergency notifications

Special to The Chanticleer

The JSU Blackboard Connect system is being upgraded, and now allows you to personalize your preferences for receiving

messages! You can define your preferences for receiving emergency and outreach notifications, and even define which methods should be used to deliver each type of message to

you - SMS, phone, email (JSU or non-JSU), or any combination that you choose.

The JSU Emergency Alert System phone number reflected on your caller I.D. will be still

be 256-782-8558.

Program this number into your phone so you will immediately recognize it as coming from JSU Emergency Alert System.

To change your preferences for receiving notifications from JSU, follow these instructions:

1. Go to jsu.bbcportal.com. Click the Sign Me Up link, and enter your Name, JSU Email Address, and choose a password.

2. After you click Continue, you will receive an email with instructions on how to complete sign-up. (Parents can enter their own non-JSU email address, but will be required to enter their student's JSU ID number).

3. After clicking the link in the email, you'll be asked to enter an identification code - enter your Student ID or Employee ID INCLUDING the leading zeros.

4. You'll be asked to enter a phone number or email address - Enter your JSU email address.

5. Click on Edit My Contact Information. From here you can add or edit phone numbers and email addresses, as well as choose whether you want to receive voice calls or text messages for each phone number.

6. Select how you would like to receive notifications by making selections under the Subscriptions tab (JSU Alert is for emergency and public outreach communications from the University Police Department).

For more detailed instructions on how to edit your contact information and subscriptions, please see http://www.jsu.edu/distance/blackboard/Blackboard_Connect.html#campus

Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

2013 Football Schedule:

- 8/31 @ Alabama State (W)
- 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 Football Standings:

1. Eastern Illinois (1-0)
2. Eastern Kentucky (1-0)
3. Jacksonville State (1-0)
4. UT-Martin (1-0)
5. Tennessee Tech (1-0)
6. Murray State (0-1)
7. Tennessee State (0-1)
8. SE Missouri State (0-1)
9. Austin Peay (0-1)

Upcoming Action:

- Friday: Soccer vs Ala. A&M
- Volleyball vs Lipscomb
- Volleyball vs South Ala.
- Saturday: Volleyball vs Samford
- Cross Country (JSU/Struts season opener)
- Football vs Jacksonville U.
- Sunday: M/W Golf (Golfweek Challenge)

OVC W. Soccer standings:

- Austin Peay (3-0)
- Murray State (3-0-1)
- SIUE (2-1)
- Jacksonville State (1-2-1)
- UT-Martin (1-2-1)
- Belmont (1-2)
- Morehead State (0-3-1)
- Eastern Kentucky (0-4)
- Eastern Illinois (0-4)
- SE Missouri State (0-3)
- Tennessee Tech (0-4)

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Remember to grab a new issue every Thursday around campus.

Volleyball has tough start to season from strong teams

Dillon Floyd
Sports Writer

The Gamecock volleyball team started the 2013 campaign at the UAB/Samford Volleyball Challenge with two losses on Friday.

The two losses coming against No. 6 Minnesota and Mercer. The first game of the day started out rough for the Gamecocks by having to face the nationally ranked Minnesota Lady Golden Gophers. The game was a 3-0 (25-8, 25-15, 25-16) decision.

The Golden Gophers were led by four players in double figures in kills, three of which posted double-doubles.

Abbey Heredia started off her Senior season with a double-double with 15 assists and 11 digs. Junior Nicole Merget led the Gamecocks with six kills. On defense, the Gamecocks were led by Sophomore Samantha Bohne and Senior Kelly Cole, who had eleven and ten digs respectively.

The Gamecocks faced the Mercer Bears and lost on a 3-1 (25-17, 25-23, 18-25, 28-26) decision in the final match of the day. Sophomore Emily Rutherford had 12 kills and 13 digs for her first double-

double of the season, Merget also had 10 kills for the Gamecocks. Junior Alina Agamy led the team in assists and digs with 23 and 15. Heredia recorded her second double-double of the day with 21 assists and 13 digs. Cole led the team with 22 digs on defense. After being held to a .114 and .060 hitting percentage in the first two sets, the Gamecocks hit .324 as a team in the third set. Rutherford's five kills helped JSU pull out the 25-18 victory. The Gamecocks had the 24-20 lead in the the fourth set looking to force a fifth before four costly, consecutive errors left the game tied at 24-24. After the teams swapped scores to tie the game at 26-26, Mercer was able to score to clinch the Match.

The Gamecocks wrapped the tournament up on Saturday by splitting matches with Presbyterian and tournament host UAB.

The Gamecocks opened their Saturday with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-20 win over Presbyterian by sweeping the Blue Hose. The Gamecocks used a balanced attack led by Emily Rutherford, who had nine kills and 15 digs. Freshman Kacy Clinkenbeard also had nine kills along with Sophomore Tay-

lor Long adding seven and Nicole Merget finished with six. The assist leader for the Gamecocks was Alina Agamy and Kelly Cole had 21 digs to lead defensively.

The Gamecocks limited Presbyterian to a .008 hitting percentage for the match. Rutherford jumped started JSU to a fast start in the first set by posting seven kills in the 25-19 victory. The Gamecocks put up a strong defensive effort in the second set, limiting the Blue Hose to a -.167 hitting percentage. In the final match of the tournament for the Gamecocks then faced the UAB Blazers. The Gamecocks lost the match 3-1 (25-23, 21-25, 25-18, 25-16). Rutherford had another good performance for the day by posting a double-double, recording 22 kills and 11 digs. Merget and Freshman Liza Pflugradt had 11 kills each for the Gamecocks. Agamy again led JSU with 39 assists and Cole led the defense with 21 digs.

JSU (1-3) will return to action next weekend as they travel to Nashville to play in the Lipscomb Tournament. They will play Lipscomb and South Alabama on Friday and will close the tournament against Samford on Saturday.

Shortell earns OVC Honors in debut

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – Jacksonville State quarterback Max Shortell was named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week, the league office announced on Monday.

In his Gamecock debut, Shortell led the Gamecocks to a 24-22 road win at Alabama State, where finished

the game 13-of-23 passing for 216 yards and a pair of touchdowns and posted a 155.41 passing efficiency rating.

Shortell entered the game trailing 6-0 in the second quarter and led JSU to all four scoring drives in the third quarter.

~ *Sportswire*

Jordan Smith
Senior Sports Writer

One thing is apparent with the JSU Football, Soccer and Volleyball teams; they have a massive chip on their shoulders.

In football, the Gamecocks face an uphill battle in the eyes of the other OVC teams as they were voted to finish fourth.

At the OVC's media day in July, new head coach Bill Clark expected to be ranked lower than fourth due to the new staff and not knowing the players. He was pleased that the Gamecocks are still held in such high regard by the other OVC schools. "It says what our program has been. It's been a program that's won conference championships and been

right up there."

The team started off in the right direction with an opening win under coach Bill Clark who took over the reins of the program in December.

Football is not the only program under the direction of a new coach, the soccer team is also. Neil Macdonald is the new man in charge and he takes over a team that is picked to place seventh in the OVC.

The Gamecocks have responded well to the preseason poll. The Macdonald Era began with a 1-0 victory over McNeese State and a 1-1 draw against Louisiana Lafayette.

"I was pleased with the way we played on our first outing. We had some great phases of play

in possession, and defended really well as a team throughout the weekend. We still have a lot to work on but have a solid platform to build from," said Macdonald.

The only team returning its head coach is volleyball. Coach Joseph Goodson is preparing for his third season at JSU.

The Gamecocks were picked fourth in the east division and seventh overall in the OVC. Coach Goodson does not put stock into the preseason polls.

"Last year, they picked us 11th," he said. The Gamecocks finished tied for sixth with Eastern Illinois.

"I have an idea in my mind where I think we'll finish. I also have an idea where we could finish if we play well."

State Report: Tigers, Tide get out with wins

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

- AUBURN, AL -

Auburn almost let their lead slip away late in the fourth quarter during their win over Washington State.

The game was a close matchup for the entirety of the game with neither of the teams running away with it.

Auburn had three interceptions with two of them being by Robinson Therezie. Two of the interceptions resulted in points for Auburn.

In addition to the interceptions for points Tre Mason also scored two touchdowns, one on an eight yard rush and the other on a 100-yard kickoff return. Auburn's only other touchdown came from a Cory Grant 75-yard run with six minutes left in the second quarter.

The remainder of the Tigers' points came from field goals most

of which came in the final half of the game. Auburn won 31-24 but nearly lost it in last five minutes of the fourth quarter. After Robinson Therezie's interception in the end zone Auburn gave the ball back to the Cougars less than a minute later on a fumble. However, Washington State failed to convert on 4th down and Auburn took a knee to complete their victory.

Auburn struggled on offense although there was only 70 yards separating the team's total yardage accumulated.

Gus Malzahn won his first game at Auburn but not without realizing that they had room for improvement.

He said in a postgame interview with ESPN that his team "made a lot of mistakes, some of which were critical—but our guys found a way to overcome them."

Auburn plays against Arkansas State September 7th.

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

- ATLANTA, GA -

The Crimson Tide may have had the win at the end of the night but it was hardly as dominant as Tide fans are used to.

Alabama entered into Saturday's game against the Virginia Tech Hokies a 20-point favorite to win. Although they proved that they could win by that and more; it just didn't feel quite like the typical Crimson Tide victory.

The Hokies received the ball first but were forced to punt quickly and as soon as the ball dropped into the hands of Tide wide receiver Christian Jones he was just as quick to score Bama's first points. In fact, Jones would score three times throughout the night, twice on kick returns and once on a catch in the third quar-

ter. TJ Yeldon and Vinny Sunseri each contributed to the win by scoring touchdowns. Yeldon's on a pass from AJ McCarron and Sunseri's on an interception.

While the Tide emerged from the game victorious with a 35-10 final score, it was clear that there was room for improvement.

Alabama had only 206 yards of total offense and Virginia Tech had 212.

While they outmatched Virginia Tech on passing yards 110 to 59 the Hokies were better on rushing yards with 153 to Bama's 96.

In a postgame interview Nick Saban said that improvement starts "with the offensive line up front."

He also said that the Tide had "too good of players on offense not to be a little more explosive and a little more consistent."

Alabama will face Texas A&M on September 14.



FCS Scoreboard

JU (0-1) EKU (1-0)
JSU (1-0) L'Ville (1-0)

TN Tech (1-0)
Wiscon. (1-0)

This week:

UTM (1-0) Chat (0-1) Cen. Ark. (1-0) Furman (0-1)
Boise ST (0-1) GSU (0-1) Colorado (1-0) Coa. Car. (1-0)

Last week:

JSU - 24 (1-0) R. Mor. - 6 (0-1) EIU - 40 (1-0) UTM - 31 (1-0) ND ST. - 24 (1-0) E. Wash - 49 (1-0) APP ST. - 6 (0-1)
ASU - 22 (0-1) EKU - 38 (1-0) SD ST. - 19 (0-1) Chat - 21 (0-1) Kan ST. - 21 (0-1) Ore ST. - 46 (0-1) Mont. - 30 (1-0)

Gamecocks grab dramatic season opening victory at ASU

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

The hours leading up to the kickoff of the 2013 Gamecock football season and the debut of new head coach Bill Clark was like the calm before the storm, only, it was a storm. The 5:00 kickoff time was delayed just over an hour and a half as heavy rain and lightning moved across the Montgomery area.

The game was sloppy early on as teams battled both first game jitters and a wet and slick artificial playing surface. Neither team seemed to take control until Jacksonville State came out hot after halftime. The Gamecocks pulled out to a 15 point lead in the third, but a fourth quarter rally drew the Hornets back within two late. As the final minutes ticked off the clock, ASU was driving deep inside JSU territory and into field goal range for a chance to win the game late. That was until senior linebacker Brenton Tolson ended the late threat when he intercepted ASU's Daniel Duhon with 48 seconds remaining, ultimately sealing the win for the Gamecocks.

The only fireworks of the first half came in the pregame show as the two teams combined for five first downs in the first quarter and went to halftime with ASU leading 6-0 following two second quarter field goals. The much anticipated answer to the question everyone wanted to know, who would start at QB for the Gamecocks, was answered in the form of Birmingham native Eli Jenkins, who played most of the first half.

Coach Clark's halftime speech obviously lit a fire under the Gamecocks as they came out ready to go for the final 30 minutes. Max Shortell was in at QB now. He marched the Gamecocks back down the field on a touchdown drive that was capped when Troymaine Pope found room around the left side on a two-yard rushing TD. ASU would respond



Stephen Gross/Anniston Star

JSU senior LB Brenton Tolson (36) celebrates with teammates after his late interception sealed the win for the Gamecocks.

with a strong drive of the own, but the Gamecock defense, which seemed to be the strong point all night, made a stop and forced a chip shot field goal.

Midway through the third, Shortell threw his first career touchdown pass for Jacksonville State as he hit Anthony Johnson from 23 yards out. After the defense forced a quick turnover less than a minute later, Shortell connected with Telvin Brown for a 45-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the drive. Jax State took a 21-9 lead.

Griffin Thomas would add what would turn out to be a huge field goal late in the third as JSU went to the fourth up by 15.

Two highly critical turnovers in the fourth by JSU gave the Hornets life as ASU put up two touchdowns after taking over in-

side JSU's ten yard line. The later score was an eight-yard TD pass that made it 24-22 with 7:33 remaining. ASU went for two to tie the game but a soft toss just over the goal line fell to the turf for an incompleteness.

Jacksonville State was unable to move the chains enough to run the clock out so a punt gave the ball back to Alabama State late with the home crowd as lively as ever. The Hornets moved fast and with just over a minute remaining, ASU was on the JSU 33 yard line and closing in on field goal range. One play, 13 yards later the Hornets were on the 20 and officially in the red zone. However, ASU stumbled from there with a delay of game penalty pushing the Hornets back to the 25 before the would be hero stepped up on the final two plays.

From the 25 ASU dropped back

to pass when Tolson, assisted by Ketrick Wolfe, brought down the quarterback for another five yard loss back to the 30. The following play Tolson would prove key again with his interception that allowed JSU to take over and melt the final 48 seconds.

Shortell finished 13-23 for 216 yards and two TDs while the ground game was taken care of by Pope and DaMarcus James who combined for 104 yards. Jenkins went 4-7 in tough conditions early and managed to rush for 21 yards. Brandon Bender and Jermaine Hough led the defense in tackling, but Pierre Warren's two huge pass breakups can't be overlooked.

Coach Clark won his collegiate coaching debut and now brings the Gamecocks (1-0) home to face the Jacksonville Dolphins this Saturday.



Sportswire

The Jacksonville State Women's Golf team under head coach James Hobbs won the Chris Banister Classic by a stunning 40 shots.

Golf shatters tournament records

GLENCOE – Sophomore Melani Sisto led a record-breaking performance by the Jacksonville State women's golf team, who ran away with the Chris Banister Golf Classic on Tuesday at Silver Lakes. The Gamecocks won their home tournament by 40 shots over Arkansas-Little Rock, blistering their par-72, 5,943-yard home course with a school-record 881. The 54-hole score is 13 strokes better than the previous school record of 894 set in 2010. They led from wire-to-wire and had the top four individuals to win the tournament for the sixth time but the first since 2010 and the second since 2005.

Sisto shattered individual records during the three-day event, winning by 14 shots over teammate and defending champion Maya Parsons. Her 54-hole 209 (-7) is the lowest 54-hole score in school history by five shots and was five shots better than the previous tourna-

ment record set by Chattanooga in 2008.

The Rosario, Argentina, native made 20 birdies over the three days and made at least one birdie on 16 of the 18 holes on the course. Her second-round 67 is the second-lowest 18-hole score in school history and broke the tournament record by two shots, while her 36-hole score of 139 tied the school record and broke the tournament record for a two-round total.

It marks the first career win for Sisto, who had a 10th place finish as a freshman last year and just one more top 20 when she claimed 16th in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship. She opened the tournament with an even-par 72 before her record-breaking 67 in Monday's second round. Her final round 70 saw her make six birdies.

Parsons' 223 was just four shots off of her tournament winning score from a year ago

and made her the runner-up. She posted a 223 after a final-round 72 saw her jump into second. The Whitby, Ontario, native had 10 birdies in the tournament, third-most in the field.

Sophomore Melania Bajo-Geijo and freshman Anne Albrecht tied for third and wrapped up the JSU foursome atop the individual leaderboard. Bajo Geijo (70-76-80-226) led after the first round before Sisto went on a tear with nine birdies in Monday's second round. Albrecht (76-75-75-226) made her JSU debut an impressive one by tying for third.

UALR finished second, 29 shots better than Austin Peay in third, while Belmont and Lipscomb rounded out the top five, respectively.

The Gamecocks will travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., next week to compete in the GolfWeek Program Challenge at Caledonia Golf & Fish Club.

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