



# High turnout for Welcome Week



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Welcome Week, an annual week-long chain of events planned by JSU's Office of Student Life, proved to be nothing less than a success and the perfect way to begin the 2014-2015 academic year.

Welcome Week was designed to help entering freshmen get acquainted with JSU—as well as to give them the opportunity to meet some of their peers before classes ever begin.

Welcome Week kicked off on Saturday, August 16 with a performance by T-Pain and Matt Carroll and the Browncoats. The festivities concluded on Saturday, August 23 with the Glow Dash and Spirit on Mountain Street. The T-Pain concert was sponsored

by JSU Housing. The Student Government Association was a co-sponsor.

Monday night's event was the annual Movie Night on the Quad, which was moved to the Leone Cole Auditorium due to weather-related issues. 'Divergent' was the movie shown.

Get On Board Day happened at the conclusion of Freshmen Convocation on Tuesday afternoon at Dillon Field. Get On Board Day was an opportunity for the new Gamecocks to meet representatives from several organizations on campus. It also gave students a chance to meet the people with which they will spend their time at JSU.

The first day of class also hosted Casino Night, which allowed students to play choice casino style games, and the students who earned the most tokens at the end of the night won a prize.

Mindreader Eric Dittleman visited the Leone Cole Auditorium on Thursday.

Paint Party took the attention of many students on Friday evening at Dillon Field. Gamecocks doused themselves with bright colors to end the first half-week of classes.

The Welcome Week events ended on Saturday with the Glow Dash and Spirit on Mountain Street. Glow Dash was an event sponsored by the Summer Reading Program Committee to promote the freshmen reading book, 'A Fault in our Stars.' It was a 5k event that raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "We decided that we were going to raise money for an organization that ties into the Summer Reading Program," said Terry Casey, director of Student Life, "We raised close to \$4,000."

Spirit on Mountain Street was an event that held many vendors and door prizes.

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# Police and Citizens Relations Forum tackles current issues

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The Justice and Civil Rights Initiative held a Police and Citizens Relations Forum at the Houston Cole Library on Monday night to discuss current issues dealing with police officers in relation to the public.

Ed Moore III, who is the president and founder of the Initiative, stated that he hoped the audience would gain understanding during this event that certain ethical issues like those concerning police are two-sided.

He claimed that "it is important for us to understand that we must work on problems with both sides of the equation," and that this is a "critical time more than ever to come together and have these types of forums."

To speak on behalf of the police, Birmingham's former Chief of Police, Annetta Nunn, was present as well as Capt. Cleveland Moore from the Special Investigations Division at the



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Former Chief of Police of Birmingham Annetta Nunn, Capt. Cleveland Moore, President and Founder of Justice and Civil Rights Initiative Ed Moore III, Dr. Jeremy Ross and Dr. Jennifer Savage.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Moore asked them questions about the daily tasks of a police officer. Nunn answered that an officer's day is unexpected. They can get called out to several places along with having to go to court or even have extra training.

Capt. Moore explained that these things, plus calls that police have

to respond to that could be handled without them, take away from some of the more important calls due to lack of available staff.

This helped answer some questions about the controversial issue blaming officers for taking too long to respond to certain calls or picking certain areas to respond to over others. Capt. Moore ex-

plained that the crime currently taking place will take priority over suspicions of one.

JSU's own Associate Professor of Social Work Dr. Jennifer J. Savage, and Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Jeremy A. Ross were present to provide explanations about why society responds to events in certain ways. CEO and founder

of the New Order National Human Rights Organization in Atlanta, Gerald E. Rose, spoke on this as well.

Dr. Savage proposed the idea that police officers in every area should be well integrated to get every race and ethnicity more comfortable with each other and with who is enforcing the law. She said this would help with

people accusing officers of responding to certain calls based on the neighborhood in which the crime occurs.

Past controversies with law enforcement like Rodney King, Trayvon Martin and Eric Garner were brought up for brief discussion.

These are similar to today's large controversy in Ferguson, Mo. with the Michael Brown case.

Though this forum was planned several months ago, well before Michael Brown was killed, the speakers were able to use it as an example.

The speakers were in agreement that respect for law officers starts as a child and should be taught at a young age. They said officers should handle their job with respect as well.

Ultimately, of the speakers agreed that the problem that society is facing today is more economic and the relationship between law enforcement and the public needs to be worked on before a catastrophe can arise.

# JSU hosts first Graduation Fair

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Traditionally, graduating seniors are on their own when it comes to getting ready for that big day. Seniors this year, however, got a bit of a helping hand with JSU's first Graduation Fair on August 26, in the Leone Cole Auditorium, lasting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair was the idea of the Bursar's office. "We wanted to offer more to the students," said Emily White, the JSU Registrar. Numerous booths set up by JSU staff or certain companies were located in the auditorium. At the far end of the hall a taping of last fall's graduation ceremony was played on a projector.

Seniors walked in and filled out an information card. Each time a booth was visited, the student would receive a sticker. After six stickers, a student could hand the card back, and be put

into a drawing for an Apple iPad or other door prizes.

Each booth served a different purpose for graduating seniors. For example, a booth by Village Photographers let seniors have a free sitting for cap and gown pictures. Another booth from Balfour let students order class rings. Even Waffle House was available with hot waffles and information about its company. Previously, such companies would have to wait until right before graduation to be visible to students. "This is actually much more open, it seems much more visible to students," said Matthew Phillips, a Balfour representative.

Booths that held various JSU services, such as Alumni and Career services, lined the walls. JSU Testing Services was available to inform graduating students changes in tests from the CBASE test



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The first Graduation Fair was held on Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium.

to the newer EPP test. Booths from different departments such as Communication and Arts and Sciences were available to help students check up on their progress for graduation.

"I think it's an excellent method of making sure that seniors get help for that senioritis; it just reinforces the fact that they are okay and don't have to wait

until the last of the semester," said Debra Goodwin, Department Chair of Family and Consumer Sciences.

President Meehan said, "I'm very pleased. I wish I had something like this when I was an undergraduate. You don't have to go all around campus to ask your questions and get answers,"

## Meet The Chanticleer's 2014-2015 Staff



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# Pandas with a Purpose

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Members of Delta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) sorority have wasted no time at all kicking off community service for the new year here at Jacksonville State. On August 11, before classes were even in session, Caitlin Campbell, AOII vice president for membership and recruitment, and Brooke Bishop, AOII vice president of administration, led the chapter of girls on their first charitable event.

Alpha Omicron Pi partnered with the Jacksonville Fire Department in an effort to give back to children in the community by donating a wide variety of stuffed pandas to the fire department. The girls hope that these bears will be used to calm children who are faced with disasters, such as house fires, traumatic automobile accidents, and other emergency situations.

In association with Fire Chief Wade Buckner, the girls donated the bears to the Jacksonville Fire Department during a presentation at the Wesley Foundation House right off campus. They also contributed by providing a cash donation to the fire department as well.

When Assistant Fire Chief Randy Childs was asked to comment about the donation, he said, "Thank you. We do appreciate these pandas and the donation. The pandas will definitely help when we have to treat children. The pandas will be put to good use." Assistant Chief Childs accepted the donations for the fire department.



Photos by Michael Abrams/Jacksonville Fire Department

Members of Delta Epsilon Chapter of AOII donated toy pandas and cash to the firefighters as part of their community service pledge.

Chief Buckner, who worked with the girls, commented, saying, "I am impressed these young ladies thought, not about themselves or just the first responders at the Jacksonville Fire Department, but about the young victims our men and women will encounter and rescue during future dramatic and emergency situations. As a department, we are very grateful for the sense of community the young ladies of AOII sorority bring to the JSU campus and our community."

In an interview, Campbell said, "We know how important first responders are to any community and we sincerely appreciate what the fire-fighters do and are prepared to do on JSU and in the surrounding area."

Bishop said, "We're glad we could help in some small way to ease the pain, stress, and fear a girl or boy may feel when they are attended to by the fire-fighters in a future emergency."

A senior from Collinsville, Alabama, Campbell said, "AOII has given a lot to me, more than T-shirts and friends. It has made me the woman I am today."

Each panda is equipped with a tag that reads, "AOII has hope for a brighter tomorrow."

LEFT TO RIGHT: Assistant Fire Chief Randy Childs, Caitlin M. Campbell, and Brooke M. Bishop, members of Delta Epsilon Chapter AOII met at the Wesley Foundation House



## Campus crime report

- 08/19/2014  
Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor  
Fitzpatrick Hall  
Parking Lot
- 08/19/2014  
Violation of JSU Weapons  
Cole Drive
- 08/19/2014  
Theft of Property  
Burgess Snow Field
- 08/20/2014  
Possession of Marijuana  
Stadium Tower Parking  
Lot
- 08/21/2014  
Criminal Mischief  
Pannell Hall  
Parking Lot
- 08/21/2014  
Property Damage  
Pete Mathews Coliseum  
Parking Lot
- 08/21/2014  
Property Damage  
Stadium Tower Parking  
Lot
- 08/22/2014  
Threat Assessment  
Bibb Graves
- 08/23/2014  
Automobile Accident  
Kennamer Hall  
Parking Lot
- 08/25/2014  
Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle  
Stadium Tower Parking  
Lot
- 08/25/2014  
Theft of Lost Property  
Dixon Hall

## Chicken Scratch

Welcome back, loyal *Chanticleer* readers, to "The Friendliest Campus in the South." We at *The Chanticleer* hope you have all thoroughly enjoyed your summer—whether it consisted of never leaving the comfort of the couch in fear of falling behind in the vast world of Netflix or going on an incredible journey across the seas, we do hope it was relaxing.

As for *The Chanticleer* staff, we've been hard at work to make sure our readers' voices are going to be heard this year—and what better way to do that than Chicken Scratch? With a brand new website, a new Instagram account and many more changes in store, it's easier than ever to make yourself heard. So get to it, valiant readers! Starting with next week's issue, we will begin publishing Chicken Scratch—blurbs, ideas, rants, thoughts—anything and everything that crosses your minds.

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Interested in becoming a Gamecock Orientation Leader? Applications are available now in the Office of Student Life, TMB room 402. Students applying must have at least 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and must have attended one complete academic year at JSU. Turn in your applications to the Office of Student Life along with two letters of recommendation from JSU full-time faculty or staff. Applications and recommendations are due by October 10, 2014.

## 7-day weather outlook

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Possible Rain	Thunderstorm	Thunderstorm	Partly Cloudy	Thunderstorm
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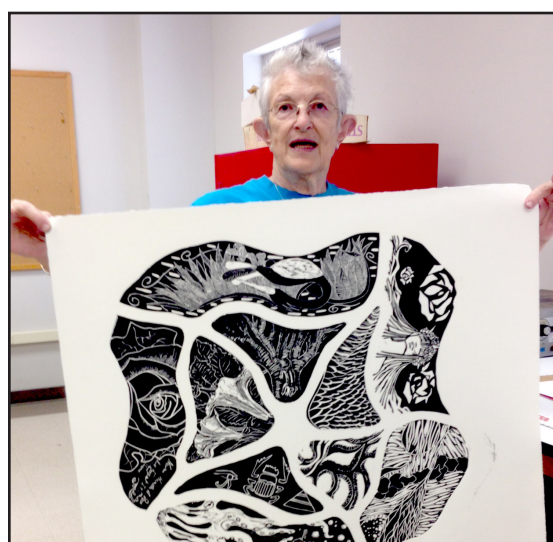
# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Student Gallery in Hammond Hall to host 'Organic Whole' exhibit

Christiana Tyler

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Recently, Professor and Graphic Artist Janueth Skinner in the Jacksonville State University Department of Art, completed a limited edition print collaboration with



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Daisy Stanley with the first print pulled off the press.

her students in Printmaking II: Relief that will be on display in the Student Gallery of Hammond Hall beginning September 1st and continuing until the 30th.

Organic Whole, the title of the finished work, will have a gallery opening on September 4th in the Student Gallery in Hammond Hall

beginning at 5 p.m.

The idea of a collaborative print puzzle came to Daisy Stanley, a non-traditional student with a major in print making, while researching relief printing and print-makers.

Stanley says of seeing an example of the idea, "I was so excited about these prints and the collaborative process that I wanted to see our printmakers create a puzzle print."

This past spring, the printmaking class of Professor Skinner had enough students to attempt the feat and Stanley suggested a concept design of organic forms.

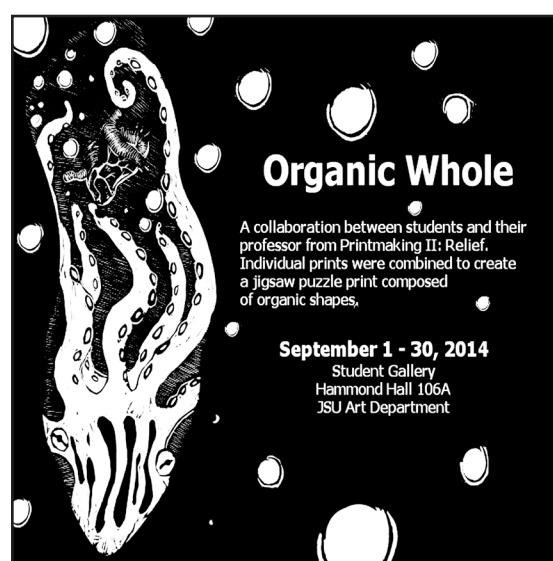
What is involved in making a jigsaw print? Each piece of the puzzle must be completed separately, which in this case meant concept creation around the idea of organic forms from the 10 people involved.

This would then lead to the creation of the individual prints, which would have to be combined together to create the single whole puzzle print.

"The show will have the indi-

vidual plates, the jig (the item that sets and holds each individual piece while printing) we put them into, the whole piece and also each individual print," says Stanley.

Skinner says her piece, inspired by a trumpet flower in her yard, is a "botanical type organic image" that's a bit more realistic than some of the other designs, but that each piece centers on the idea of organic



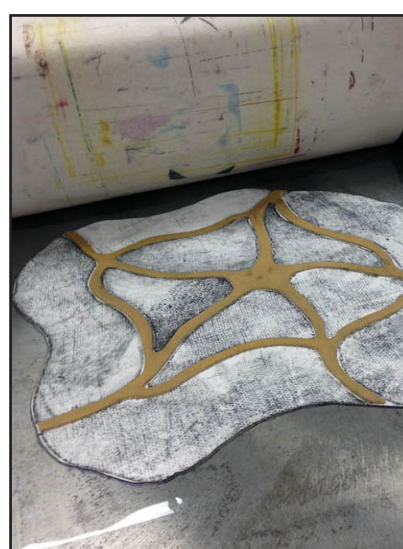
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forms.

The title of the piece came about at the end of the printing process. "Professor Skinner decided she liked the concept of organic whole, so that was the suggestion she made," says Stanley, "and it fit perfectly because each of us took the concept of something organic and put it into the puzzle to create an organic whole."

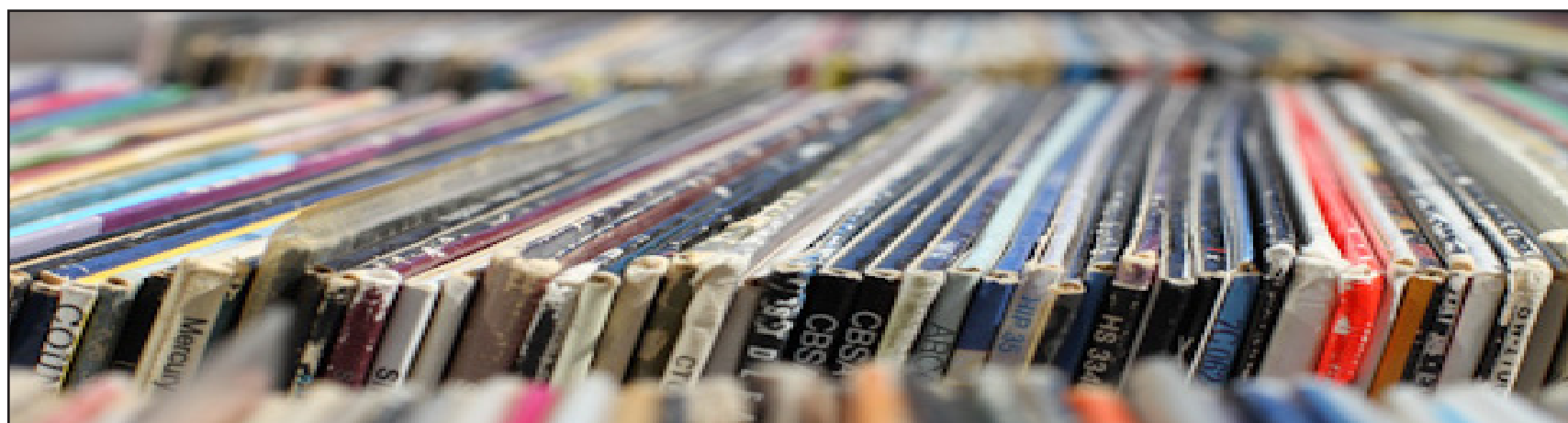
The process of actually printing the completed puzzle required a team of printmakers who met outside of the class due to how large and labor intensive the finished jigsaw print was.

Stanley says of the finished product, "This has been a wonderful process. The outcome is better



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The jig on the intaglio press, ready for the linocut blocks.



Courtesy of ishback.com

## The vinyl comeback: college students revive record sales

Elana Goodwin  
UWire

When most think of music today, they think of Spotify, Pandora, iTunes, YouTube, various personal music-playing devices, the radio and CDs.

But before all of those, there were musical relics called vinyl records. Perhaps that's why it's so surprising that not only have vinyl record sales seen an increase in recent years, but that the driving force behind this upward trend are college students.

Though vinyl sales dropped with the emergence of cassettes, CDs, and then MP3s in the 70s, 80s, and 90s respectively, they never went extinct.

There's always been a small contingent that have lauded the quality and sound of vinyl LPs and held tight to their record players. But now it seems a new generation is jumping aboard the vinyl train.

According to music sales tracking service Nielsen SoundScan, there's been a 32 percent increase in vinyl sales from 2012 to 2013 while CD sales decreased 15 percent.

Because of the demand for records, new pressing plants have

even been popping up all over the U.S. to meet the need, as have record stores. There's also been an influx of record stores located close to college campuses, as the college-aged generation has become vinyl consumers and advocates.

Jason Patton, manager of the Tuscaloosa, AL music store Oz Music, thinks he may have some insight into why college students are buying vinyls.

"I think this generation has discovered 'real music' because the majority of their lives, all they've known are digital files," Patton said. "They're getting a little older, they found their parents' record collection, they're hearing music for the first time essentially because that's how it was meant to be listened to, and it sounds better. So I think the younger generation is starting to appreciate how the music was supposed to sound."

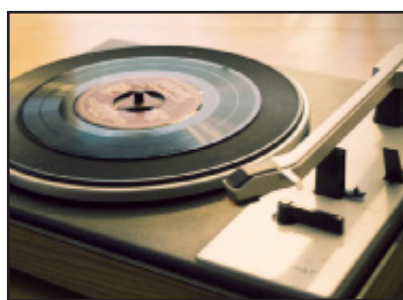
Recently, bands have started releasing vinyl records of their music to cater to the LP-loving fans. Earlier this year, Daft Punk's "Random Access Memories" saw vinyl records make up six percent of their first-week sales, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Other bands have also sold thou-

sands of vinyl copies of their latest albums.

That being said, this revival of LPs is still pretty small scale.

"Vinyl is only about two percent of total album sales, so when you talk about a revival you have to talk about it in the context of everything everyone is listening to," said Bloomberg Businessweek writer Claire Suddath.



Record players can cost anywhere from \$150 to \$300 and Beats manufactures a highend player for consumers.

Courtesy of deviantart.com

In October 2013, Suddath reported that the number of records sold nationwide made up only 1.4 percent of all albums sold.

Of course, there are downsides to being lovers of the black discs: firstly, that it's not portable.

Unlike MP3s, iPods, and other

small music-holding devices, you can't exactly carry around a record player and the records themselves.

Not only that, but LPs are easy to scratch and once they are, the sound becomes warped and distorted.

Additionally, record player needles don't last forever which means you have to replace those every once in a while too. Record players typically run from \$150 to \$300, but they can be more expensive, while replacing a needle can cost you upwards of \$10, and cartridges usually run for at least \$50.

Regardless, it is hard to deny the resurgence of vinyl popularity among college students.

Josh Bizar, the director of sales and marketing for Chicago company Music Direct, said his company sold about half a million LPs in 2012.

"We never expected the vinyl resurgence to become as crazy as it is," Bizar said. "But it's come full circle. We get kids calling us up and telling us why they listen to vinyl, and when we ask them why they don't listen to CDs, they say, 'CDs? My dad listens to CDs — why would I do that?'"



## Dog Daze at Little River Canyon Center

Christiana Tyler

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Many who come to Jacksonville State University, come to be educated. In line with that, JSU hosts a variety of programs that seek to help educate those who take advantage of them.

As an example, this Saturday, August 30 beginning at 10:30 a.m., JSU Field School will host Dog Daze, an effort to help dog owners to become more aware of the life



DeKalb County Humane Society Buster, a dachshund mix, will be looking for a forever home at Dog Daze.

their dog leads.

The JSU Field Schools promotes the "comprehension of Alabama's natural and cultural significance, celebrate diversity, and foster stewardship of the natural world," says Renee Morrison, the assistant director for JSU Field Schools

Dog Daze, which will happen at the Little River Canyon Center near Fort Payne,

Alabama, seeks to help educate those with dogs what it means to be a dog. Morrison, also one of Alabama's National Storytellers, will first start by telling of her own experiences growing up on her grandfather's dairy farm and believing herself to be a hound dog named Midnight, followed by the moving stories of Haley Conroe and her service dog, Indy, who traveled to the Vatican and met the Pope.

While there are many opportunities for humans, there is also many fun things for canines to do, such as a tricks station and a sniffing path. This path will have scents from different animals. Each scent will intrigue the dog into sniffing around, and there will be hints for the humans to understand what their dog is seeing with their nose.

Renee Morrison says of dogs scenting their surroundings, "When we don't allow a dog to finish its sniff during a hike, it is similar to your reading an incredibly interesting scene in a novel when suddenly someone jerks the book out of your hand. To help humans better understand, I've developed a Sniffing Hike."

She continues, "Humans can watch their dogs stop, sniff, and observe the canine reaction to different scents. For example, most dogs wag their tail when they smell a rabbit or squirrel. However, most dogs tuck their tail and flatten their ears when they smell a raccoon or a coyote."

Also in line with Dog Daze,



DeKalb County Humane Society Pearl is a terrier mix that will be available for adoption at Dog Daze from the DeKalb County Humane Society.

the Dekalb County Humane Society will be in attendance with some of their dogs in order to offer on-site adoption. There is an application that must be filled out and approved in order to adopt, similar to going directly to an animal shelter.

JSU Field School provides different programs year round for anyone who would like to participate and relies heavily on the donations from generous visitors in order to fund the more than 400 programs a year, with themes ranging from environmental education and outdoor recreation, to cultural heritage and the arts.

Anyone who would like to donate while at Dog Daze, can donate either to JSU Field Schools or to the Dekalb County Humane Society, which will accept monetary donations or dog food.

If you'd like to have a booth or volunteer for Dog Daze, contact Renee Morrison at [rmorrison@jsu.edu](mailto:rmorrison@jsu.edu) or 256-782-8010.

### Upcoming events on and around campus

**August 30, 2014**

Dog Daze, held at the Little River Canyon Center, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

**September 3, 2014**

Ballroom Dance Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. in the TMB auditorium

**September 5, 2014**

"Q" Ensemble present will present "Friday Night Movie-Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1920) beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall auditorium

**September 8, 2014**

Ready JSU Week begins and will continue until the 12th. Speakers and demonstrations will show how volunteerism can benefit both the world around you and yourself with the goal of promoting disaster preparedness.

**September 17, 2014**

SGA will host the SGA Salsa Party in the TMB auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

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### BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

The first meeting will be September 3, 2014, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium. Lessons from a professional dance teacher will be given in the future.

For more information, contact Joshua Blumenschein at [jblumenschein@jsu.edu](mailto:jblumenschein@jsu.edu) or 256-592-9812.

Dr. Hammet, Dean of College of Education and Professional Studies, is the advisor.

## Coming soon to a theater near you

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September is typically the month most are settling back into the school routine which means students will need a break from the homework, classes and daily grind.

Luckily, there are some awesome-looking movies being released in September that would be the perfect reward after a hard and stressful week of class.

Here are the movies coming out in September that are a must-see.

"Search Party," is a rated-R comedy is slated to come out on September 12 and stars Alison Brie ("Community," "Mad Men"), Krysten Ritter ("Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23," "Veronica Mars"), T.J. Miller ("Silicon Valley," "The Goodwin Games"), and Adam Pally ("The Mindy Project," "Happy Endings").

No trailer for the movie has been released yet but the basic plot of the film is a couple of friends set out on a journey to reunite their friend with the woman he was going to marry.

While there's not too much known about this project yet, it does have a cast made up of funny people, so here's hoping the plot follows through.

"The Maze Runner," based on the bestselling young adult novel by James Dashner, is a PG-13 sci-fi action/mystery

movie that follows Thomas (Dylan O'Brien, "Teen Wolf") who, after his memory is erased, finds himself in a group of boys trapped in a maze.

Thomas soon realizes the only hope of them getting out of the maze is if all the "runners" work together. The film is to be released on September 19 and also stars Kaya Scodelario ("Skins"), Thomas Brodie-Sangster ("Game of Thrones"), and Will Poulter ("We're the Millers").

The movie looks action-packed and hopefully it will stay true to the book so both fans of the novel and non-readers can enjoy the adaptation.

"This Is Where I Leave You," is an emotional comedy based on the bestselling novel by Jonathan Tropper and follows four siblings who come home after their father passes away.

For a week, they live under the same roof, along with their mother, history, problems, various significant others, exes, and more, and reconnect as a family and as people.

The film, which is rated R, stars Jason Bateman ("Arrested Development"), Tina Fey ("30 Rock"), Jane Fonda ("The Newsroom") and Adam Driver ("Girls").

The movie has a talented cast and looks like it'll be a great movie with lots of laughs with serious undercurrents that will make most think of their own dysfunctional family. "This Is

Where I Leave You" opens in theaters September 19.

"A Walk Among the Tombstones," is a rated-R crime/action/mystery movie that stars Liam Neeson (of the "Taken" movies) as a private investigator hired by a drug lord to track down the people who kidnapped and murdered his wife.

Based on the novel by Lawrence Sanders, the dark thriller looks similar to "Taken" and is sure to please fans of high-octane action.

The movie, which comes out September 19, also stars Dan Stevens ("Downton Abbey"), Boyd Holbrook ("Little Accidents"), and Sebastian Roche ("The Originals").

"The Skeleton Twins," slated for release on September 12, is a R-rated drama has an all-star funny cast of Kristen Wiig ("Bridesmaids"), Bill Hader ("Saturday Night Live"), Ty Burrell ("Modern Family") and Luke Wilson ("Enlightened").

The movie follows twin siblings, Wiig and Hader, who after being estranged for 10 years, cheat death on the same day, which ends up moving them to reunite. As they reconnect, they soon realize that in order to fix their lives, they may first have to fix their relationship with each other.

The film won Best Screenplay at the Sundance Film Festival and has been called "really funny and surprisingly emotional" by Chris Nashawaty of

Entertainment and "hilarious and heart-crushingly real" by Peter Travers of Rolling Stone.

"The Equalizer," is a crime action/thriller which stars Denzel Washington ("Flight") as McCall, an ex black ops soldier who, after faking his own death, lives a quiet life in Boston.

McCall flies under the radar in his new life until he meets a young girl (Chloe Grace Moretz, "If I Stay") under the control of brutal Russian gangsters and so feels compelled to rescue her.

His intervention on her behalf draws the attention of the higher-ups in the Russian mob and soon they are after him and those he loves.

The movie, which comes out September 26, has not yet been rated, and also stars Marton Csokas ("Rogue") and David Harbour ("Manhattan").

In the 1980s, "The Equalizer" was a TV show on CBS that starred Edward Woodward as a retired intelligence officer who helped those in trouble; the 2014 movie is a film adaptation based on the TV series.

So this September, take a relaxation break from studying and homework and reward yourself by going to see a movie.

Whether you're in the mood for a comedy, drama, or action/thriller, there are enough new movies coming out in September, that the are sure to have something for everyone.



# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## The politics of college

**Brett Johnson**  
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Ahh, college... Four (or more) years of unapologetic adolescence, all-nighters, memories to last a lifetime and good old-fashioned politics. Wait, what? Did you say PALUH-TICKS?

Yes, in college you are surrounded by politics. The member in your organization going behind your back to get a position you wanted. The guy next to you in class rehearsing his lines to ask for your number. The professor who seems to be impartial to someone in your class and doles out favors to them rather than you.

Politics has a way of working itself into all avenues of life. From college, to family, to work – you find some form or fashion of politics.

In fact, there is a “real” side of politics that will effect your time in college more than the subliminal forms discussed above. As a member of a public university (meaning JSU is supported by tax dollars), you are subject to the “real” side of politics every day and you might not even know it.

In Alabama, there is an ongoing debate over what to do about struggling state budgets. The Education Budget funds JSU and all other public education institutions. The General Fund Budget funds everything else that the state oversees: roads, bridges, prisons, police officers, etc.

The General Fund is approaching dire straits as it is not collecting enough revenue to sustain its programs. This has led some state politicians to discuss the

idea of combining both budgets. So, who cares? Right? Wrong. You care! If this happens, guess who loses?



The Education Budget, for the gain of the General Fund. This means JSU’s share of the proverbial pie becomes jeopardized. Thus, less funding for JSU. Guess who gets to make

up the difference when there is less funding for JSU? Unfortunately, most of the time, it is the students—through tuition. Now, do you see what I mean about the politics of college? It really is everywhere. And it can really affect your bank account.

This is just one example of how politics personally impacts your years in college. So, what do you do about it? You’re making progress now by reading the news. You have to pay attention to what’s going on to know how you’re being affected politically.

The next step is—you guessed it—you have to vote! Luckily, there is an opportunity to do just that coming up in less than nine weeks. On

November 4, 2014 there is an election for statewide and local offices in Alabama. Included in those races are the ones who decide on how to manage the state budgets—remember the Education one?

Over the next few weeks, I will do my best to clue you in on the latest in Alabama and (when relevant) national politics. My challenge to you is that you take the information seriously, form your own opinion and go to the polls to express it!

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## How to: the college experience

**Alex McFry**  
Associate Editor

Hello, class of 2018, and welcome to Jacksonville State University—your home-away-from home for at least the next four years. You’ve finally broken away from the seemingly endless world of high school and entered an entirely new realm of possibilities.



There is freedom. There is responsibility. There is a new beginning.

With the first full week coming to a close, I happened upon a list I made for myself after the end of my own freshman year. This list serves as a “manual” of sorts to keep myself in check (no matter what scenario I might find myself faced with). So here are several tidbits to keep in mind, all you first year Gamecocks who are just getting a taste of the college experience (or any upperclassmen that might just want to compare survival tips of your own), my “How-To” tips for a productive, successful and enjoyable college experience.

Rule 1: College is all about you. This might sound a little harsh at first, but it’s true. The number one reason that you’re here is to gain a quality education. Yes, you are networking with others. Yes, you are going to have a plethora of new relationships right at your fingertips. Just remember when it comes down to making big decisions on this campus that you are the reason you are here and once everything is all said and done, you are really the only person that you can count on.

Rule 2: Keep your eyes on the prize. When you walk onto a college campus, there is an enormous difference from where you just found yourself. In high school, you were essentially trapped indoors for at least eight hours

a day, not counting extracurricular activities that you wanted to pursue. In college, you can essentially do whatever you want

whenever you like. This is a lot of freedom, so don’t squander it. Remember that there is a finish line and the goal is still going to be the same:

receiving an education. That education is only going to reap as much for you as the amount of time and effort that you put into it.

Rule 3: Be realistic. If you’re anything at all like me, you probably were involved in your high school in some way, shape, form or fashion. Student government, football, Beta club, choir, cross country, key club, cheerleading, Future Business Leaders of America, Spanish club—the list goes on. And on. And on. In high school, it was easy to say you wanted to be involved with everything and do just that. In college, it’s a bit different. Try your best to pick just one thing that you care the most about or can do well or makes you the most passionate, then go from there. When all is said and done, you can do several things in a mediocre way or you can hone in on one thing and give it all you’ve got.

Rule 4: Enjoy. The next couple years of your life, no matter where you are, what you’re doing, or who you’re with, are meant to be stressful, hectic, but more importantly, FUN. Refuse to believe that you’ve reached the best years of your life just yet, but know that they’re right around the corner, and what you do in college will influence them greatly. You only get one undergraduate college experience, so do your best to make the best of it.

## New office, new staff, new year at *The Chanticleer*

**Marie McBurnett**  
Editor-In-Chief

This academic year will no doubt bring about many changes for many people, as every new school year inevitably does. The excitement brought on by these new possibilities drive the urge to be a part of it all. The same stands true for campus organizations such as *The Chanticleer*. *The Chanticleer* employs four editors; three of which are entirely new staff members this year, myself included. We are currently undergoing some transitions in our traditions.

My first duty as Editor-in-Chief was to head the production of *The Chanticleer*’s summer publication, the Gamecock Guide. My second was to choose staff members for this school year. That was quite a nerve-

racking task. Interviewing people is almost as terrifying as being the interviewee—almost.

Those experiences were the perfect bedrock to get me in the new mindset of publications and editing and deadlines and communication—things I called “grown-up stuff” when I was younger—the same kind of things we all will face upon or even before graduation.

In addition to my new personal transformation, *The Chanticleer* also went through one of its own. It was assigned a different office on the opposite side of Self Hall. The new office was something we could

fix to be our own; however, some people may say we used entirely too many staples and Command strips. At first, I was not very eager for the move, but once I was able to imprint my personal touch on our new home, I could clearly see all the possibilities that lay in front of me. It was the first room I ever decorated, so it was an interesting experience. As they say, when life gives you lemons...

We at *The Chanticleer* are facing what so many others in the media industry are facing: convergence. This paper has more of a choice in this matter than other media outlets, but it is for the best that we begin turn-

ing our attention to the digital side. The Communication Department now offers the Digital Journalism concentration, and it is for this reason *The Chanticleer* is doing more in the digital world now than it has in the past. After hours of brainstorming, my Associate Editor and I (with assistance from the JSU Information Technology Department) created a new website that allows more producer/consumer interactivity.

There is nothing like the smell of freshly pressed newspaper with a morning cup of coffee, but it just is not reality for many people anymore. As *The Chanticleer* embarks on this new journey with a new office, new staff and a new game plan, we invite all of our readers to travel with us. It is going to be a year full of possibilities.





# SPORTS

Gamecocks Side Bar

FCS 2014 Top 25

1. Eastern Washington
2. North Dakota State
3. Southeastern Louisiana
4. New Hampshire
5. Montana
6. Jacksonville State
7. Coastal Carolina
8. McNeese State
9. Northern Iowa
10. South Dakota State
11. Fordham
12. Villanova
13. Towson
14. Chattanooga
15. Tennessee State
16. Eastern Illinois
17. Sam Houston State
18. Montana State
19. William & Mary
20. Richmond
21. Furman
22. Bethune-Cookman
23. Northern Arizona
24. Youngstown State
25. Maine

2014 Football Schedule

- 8/29 @ Michigan State
  - 9/6 @ Chattanooga
  - 9/13 Open
  - 9/20 vs West Alabama
  - 9/27 @ Murray State \*
  - 10/4 vs UT Martin \*
  - 10/11 @ Tennessee State \*
  - 10/18 Open
  - 10/25 vs Tennessee Tech \*
  - 11/1 vs Austin Peay \*\*
  - 11/8 @ Eastern Kentucky \*
  - 11/15 vs Eastern Illinois \*
  - 11/22 @ Southeast Missouri \*
- \*OVC game/ \*\* Homecoming

Upcoming action

- 8/29
- Volleyball vs Georgia State \*
- Volleyball @ Samford
- Cross Country vs Struts \*
- Football @ Michigan State \*
- Soccer vs Samford
- \* Season opener

- 8/30
- Volleyball vs Michigan State
- Volleyball vs Southeastern Louisiana

- 8/31
- Soccer vs Mississippi Valley St

Men's Golf starts September 7 with Golfweek Program Challenge

Meara Johnson named OVC Goalkeeper of the week

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## Gamecock Football has arrived

**Marvel Robinson**  
*Sports Editor*

The Gamecocks are back for a new season of football with a new coach.

Now that the summer is over, Coach John Grass looks to lead the gamecocks to a successful season in his first year as head coach.

Last season, Coach Bill Clark led JSU to an overall 11-4 record. Jacksonville State lost in the FCS Quarterfinals to Eastern Washington with a final score 24-35. The Gamecocks finished 3rd in the Ohio Valley Conference. After an impressive first year as head coach with JSU, Coach Clark decided to move on to coach UAB while Coach Grass moved up to Head Coach.

This season, the Gamecocks return with a total of 18 starters from last season. Nine starters return from offense. Eli Jenkins returns to lead the offense at quarterback. DaMarcus James, who was named Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, is back for his senior year at running back. Josh Barge, Telvin Brown and Anthony Johnson all return at wide receiver. Max Holcombe returns as the center and is joined on the offensive line with Adam Wright, Blake Burks and Nick Johnson.

Six starters return from defense. Sean Watson and Caleb Lawrence return to the defensive line with Chris Landrum at defensive end. The two starting linebackers returning are Dustin Gayton and Jermaine Hough. Rashod Byers is back in the secondary as one of

the starting cornerbacks. There are three specialty starters returning. Hamish MacInnes returns as punter, Andrew Dean returns as long snapper, and Telvin Brown is back at kick returner. The Gamecocks also have a total of 18 seniors this year.

The Gamecocks are ranked No. 6 in the 2014 Sports Network FCS Top 25 and No. 8 in the FCS Coaches Poll. They are predicted to finish first in the OVC with a total of 10 first-place votes.

The first game will take place in East Lansing, Mich. where the Gamecocks travel to play Michigan State for the first ever meeting between the two. Michigan State only lost one game last season. They are ranked No. 8 in the FBS standings. Kick-off is set for 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 29.

## Green adds Dean to coaching

Jacksonville State men's basketball coach James Green announced on Thursday the addition of longtime college coach and recruiter Ronnie Dean to his Gamecocks coaching staff.

Dean, a coaching veteran with more than 20 years in the college ranks who is nationally recognized as a top recruiter, replaces former assistant Tom Schuberth, who left to take a similar position at Southern Miss.

"Coach Dean has been known as a national recruiter with experience in our league," Green said. "He is familiar with the OVC and with our program here at Jacksonville State. He will be a great addition."

"I'm extremely happy and proud to be a part of James Green's staff and the Gamecock Basketball family," Dean said. "Overt the years, I have admired the way Jacksonville State plays the game and coach Green's ability to always get the best out of his teams. I'm excited to get started and help lead JSU to the top of the OVC."

Dean comes to JSU after working the past several years in scouting, where he served as a talent scout for Ballplayers Scouting Service. Dean was responsible for evaluating junior col-

lege players across the country and high school players in the Midwestern United States.

Prior to that, he served as head coach at Highland Community College in Shreveport, Ill., where he was named Arrowhead Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Cougars to a 23-10 record and a conference championship.

Dean's experience in the OVC came prior to his stint at HCC, when he served as an assistant at Southeast Missouri State. His arrival at SEMO marked a homecoming for the Charleston, Mo., native, who followed SEMO and OVC basketball throughout his life.

Prior to Southeast Missouri, Dean was an assistant at Jacksonville University, where he worked for legendary coach Hugh Durham during the 2003-04 season.

Dean went to Jacksonville from the University of Montana, where he led the Grizzlies to 13 wins in 2002-03, including a 70-68 win over No. 15 Stanford on the Cardinal's home floor.

Prior to joining the Grizzlies staff, Dean spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Long Beach State University,

where he was the 49ers' primary recruiter and established himself as one of the top recruiters in the country. In 2002, Long Beach State's recruiting class was ranked 31st in the nation by Basketball Times, which also ranked the 49ers' junior college recruiting class sixth nationally.

Dean helped Long Beach State win 55 games in three seasons under head coach Wayne Morgan, including a 24-6 mark in 1999-2000 when the 49ers earned a bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

Prior to his stint at Long Beach State, Dean was an assistant at Cal State Fullerton in 1997-98. He has also coached at Barton County (Kan.) Community College in 1994-95, where the Cougars went 21-10 and were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation during the season. Dean was tabbed the top assistant coach in the Jayhawk Conference by Basketball Times magazine.

In 1993-94, Dean served as the head coach at Lamar (Colo.) Community College where he led the Antelopes to a win over Hutchinson Junior College, the nation's top-ranked team at the time. He began his coaching career at

Howard College in Big Spring, Texas in 1992. The Hawks finished the 1992-93 season with a 28-4 record and were ranked as high as No. 2 in the country during the season.

Dean is a 1990 graduate of Harris Stowe State College in St. Louis, Mo., where he earned his B.A. in elementary education. He started his playing career at Jefferson (Mo.) Junior College in 1983 before transferring to Harris Stowe in 1984, where he played one season before multiple knee injuries prematurely ended his career. He earned his degree in elementary education from Harris Stowe in 1990.

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Coach Ronnie Dean



# JACKSONVILLE STATE

## Gamble in for the new volleyball season

**Marvel Robinson**  
*Sports Editor*

Terry Gamble is the new volleyball coach for the Jacksonville State Gamecocks.

Gamble has taken the place of former JSU Volleyball coach Joseph Goodson. Last season, Goodson's volleyball team went 13-18 and 6-10 in conference play. The Gamecocks lost 10 of their last 13 matches that season. However, the volleyball team did win in the classroom that season as they were honored the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Team Academic Award. The Gamecocks posted a 3.67 GPA over the 2013-14 year which was the highest of any JSU's varsity team. Jacksonville State saw 13 of its 15 players post a GPA of 3.6 or higher which was led by Molly Jo Aiken's 4.0. Despite the excel-

lence in the classroom, there was still an issue on the court with winning. To combat this, JSU Athletics Director Warren Koegel felt it was time to move in a different direction and hired Terry Gamble as the new Jacksonville State Volleyball coach.

Gamble has coached for 18 years at the collegiate level with a 799-236 overall record. Gamble was elected to the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007. Gamble spent the last four years as head coach at McNeese State. At McNeese State, Gamble led the Cowgirls to the Southland Conference Tournament in his first season. He also coached four McNeese players who were named to the All-Southland Conference team, including the 2012 SLC Newcomer of the Year.

Gamble has coached 14 All-Americans, 17 Academic All-

Americans, three NJCAA National Players of the Year, 17 All-Tournament players, 19 Regional Players of the Year, 33 All-Region Tournament players, 12 conference Players of the Year, 40 All-State/All-Region players, 46 All-Conference and 35 All-Conference honorable mention players. Gamble, who spent most of his coaching career in the junior college ranks, had a Top 20 National Ranking in 14 of his 15 junior college seasons.

"We are very excited to have Coach Gamble lead our volleyball program," Koegel said. "He is a proven winner with almost 800 career wins, and he has been successful throughout his coaching career."

Gamble looks to continue his success at Jacksonville State with the help of first year assistant coach Ben Kaszeta.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity at Jacksonville State University," Gamble said. "This program has been successful in the Ohio Valley Conference in the past, and I hope we can return back to the top of the league."

The Gamecocks have seven letterwinners returning. Samantha Bohne, Victoria Cross, Nicole Merget, Trisha Mockapetris, Emily Rutherford, Laney Torkelson and Kaitlyn Zelhart are all returning for the 2014 season.

The Gamecocks open the 2014 season against Georgia State on Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. in the UAB/Samford Challenge in Birmingham. They will then play Samford at 7 p.m. the same day. The Gamecocks will face Michigan State and Southeastern Louisiana on Aug. 30. All of JSU's games in the tournament will be played at Samford.

## Coaching with Grass

**Marvel Robinson**  
*Sports Editor*

John Grass enters the 2014 football season as head coach of the Jacksonville State Gamecocks.

This is Grass' second season coaching with JSU and his first season as head coach with the Gamecocks. Coach Grass was the Gamecocks' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for his first season in 2013. As offensive coordinator, Grass' offense set a total of 49 school records, 13 Ohio Valley Conference records and three NCAA records. The Gamecocks finished the 2013 season with an overall 11-4 record.

Now that the 2013 football season is over, Coach Grass looks to have another successful year, but this time as head coach. However, one coach can't do it all, so that's where the staff comes in to help. Coach Grass will be accompanied with some familiar faces as well as some new faces in his coaching staff.

Alongside Grass are 10 staff coaches. Six of the 10 staff coaches are in their first season as a coach at Jacksonville State. Todd Bates is the defensive line-man coach. This is Bates' first season at Jacksonville State. Bates coached under Coach Grass at Oxford High School in 2008. At Oxford High School, Bates was the assistant football coach as well as the strength and conditioning coach. Last season, Coach Bates coached the defensive line at East Central Community College.

David Blackwell is the inside linebacker coach and the co-defensive coordinator. This is also Blackwell's first year coaching at Jacksonville State. Coach Blackwell was the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach at Fordham the previous two years. He also has experience at South Florida, Clemson, Pittsburgh, Illinois State and East Carolina.

Another coach in his first season at Jacksonville State is Brandon Hall. Hall is the co-defensive coordinator and the safeties coach. Hall, who served as the safeties coach under Gus Malzahn at Arkansas State in 2012, followed Malzahn to Auburn as a defensive assistant in 2013 and helped the Tigers advance to the FBS National Championship game against Florida State.

Aashon Larkins begins his first season on the Jacksonville State coaching staff as the cornerbacks coach and the special teams coordinator. For the previous eight years, Larkins coached the linebackers, the defensive backs and was the special teams coordinator at The Citadel.

J.R. Sandlin is in his first season coaching at Jax State as the tight ends coach and the recruiting coordinator. Last sea-

son, Sandlin was the recruiting analyst at Notre Dame. Sandlin is familiar with JSU head coach John Grass since he was under Coach Grass as the tight ends coach, the chief football administrator and the director of player personnel at Oxford High School in 2009.

Nick Williams begins his first season on the Jacksonville State coaching staff as the wide receivers coach. After graduating from Alabama with a degree in Business Management in 2012, Williams began his coaching career as an intern-offensive analyst for the Crimson Tide.

There are three coaches in their second season at Jacksonville State. Larry Smith enters his second season as the quarterbacks coach once again. Smith was coached by former JSU coach Bill Clark at Prattville High School. Last season, Smith served as a graduate assistant and helped the 2013 Gamecock offense set 42 school records.

Nick Gentry is also in his second season as a Jacksonville State football coach and will coach the outside linebackers. Gentry was a defensive graduate assistant last year. He joined the Gamecocks after playing a five-year career at the University of Alabama under Nick Saban. He helped the Crimson Tide win BCS National Championships in 2009 and 2011.

The offensive line coach will be Trey Clark once again as he approaches his second season on the JSU coaching staff. Clark was a graduate assistant in 2013 as he helped the Gamecocks offense set 42 school records. He also played under former JSU coach Bill Clark at Prattville High School.

Jimmy Ogle is the one coach on the Gamecocks coaching staff that has been coaching with JSU the longest. This season is Ogle's 15th season at JSU and his 14th straight season coaching the running backs. Ogle has one of the best rushing attacks in the Ohio Valley Conference after leading the league in rushing six times, including a 239.1 average in 2013 (12th nationally).



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Head Coach John Grass



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Kelsey Bright scored to give JSU the 1-0 win over Gardner-Webb

## Bright lifts JSU soccer past Gardner-Webb

Junior Kelsey Bright capitalized on one of her three shots in the 55th minute to lift Jacksonville State past Gardner-Webb, 1-0, on Sunday afternoon.

The win is the first for the Gamecocks as they opened the 2014 campaign with a 2-0 loss at Elon on Friday. The shutout was the second consecutive setback for the Runnin' Bulldogs of GWU as they suffered an overtime loss to Wofford on Friday.

After being limited to just five shots on Friday against the Phoenix of Elon, JSU put together an offensive charge that out-shot the hosts, 13-10. The Gamecocks had a balanced attack with six shots in the first 45 minutes and seven in the final half, including the game winner by Bright.

A corner kick by JSU sophomore Mackenzie Bellows began the scoring sequence for the Gamecocks. After the corner, a scramble from the kick left Bright with an open shot to the back post and in the back of the net for the lone goal in the contest. The goal was Bright's 10th of her career and first JSU's match with Charleston Southern last season. Bellows, who was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's All-Newcomer Team a year ago, was credited with the assist. It was her third of her career after having a pair of assists as a freshman.

Newcomer Meara Johnson also highlighted JSU's road win as the transfer from Mississippi State recorded a shutout in her first outing as a Gamecock. Johnson turned in seven saves and staved off a late rally by GWU. GWU was limited to just a pair of shots in the opening half, but tallied eight in the final half.

Bright, from Kingwood, Texas, had the game winner, but JSU was led in shots by senior Lindsey Jackson. The Marietta, Ga.-native matched her career-high in shots with five in the affair. Redshirt junior Courtney Hurt accumulated three shots in the win.

After splitting the first weekend of competition, JSU will host Samford on Friday, Aug. 29 for its home opener. Match time is set for 7 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field. The Samford contest begins a three-match homestand for the Gamecocks as they will take on Mississippi Valley State on Aug. 31 before opening the month of September on Sept. 5 versus Jackson State. Admission to matches is free.

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