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Even though President John M. Beehler has only been on campus two months, he said he already feels at home in Jacksonville. “I grew up in a really small town in the Appalachian Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania called the Pocono Mountains. It’s very much like home here with all the mountains and nature,” Beehler said.

For the past two months, Beehler and his wife Pamela have been staying in the Patterson Hall dorm while their house is being renovated. Since the renovations have been delayed, he believes they will not be living in the house until Thanksgiving. However, Beehler is taking advantage of living in the dorm.

During welcome weekend, he helped incoming students move in. “For about two hours I was carrying things up to dorm rooms with parents and students. It was sort of funny because some of them recognized me and some of them didn’t,” he said.

Beehler and his wife Pamela have been married for 37 years. She holds a doctorate in kinesiology (exercise science/human performance) from Indiana University and was a professor for 30 years. “She works as a Chief Scientific Officer for a startup company that develops software to measure brain performance,” Beehler said. She also played softball and basketball at Penn State University. “She can help the university not only in the social aspect of...”

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Annual Cocky Daze encourages student involvement

UPCOMING WELCOME ACTIVITIES:

SGA Casino Night
When: August 27, 6-9 p.m.
Where: Leone Cole Auditorium

Minute to Win it Game Show
When: August 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Where: Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium

SGA members Ariel Tolson and Andrew York hand out funnel cakes and drinks at Cocky’s Carnival on Monday, August 24.

Various inflatables and carnival games were featured at Cocky’s Carnival.

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Adam Higgins
Associate Editor

The campus is abuzz with worry about what some students call the “new” attendance policy. Truth is, the policy itself is not new, JSU’s procedure in relation to the policy is new. So what does that mean for students? “It has always been a federal regulation; however, the JSU policy needed to be updated to note new available technology,” said Assistant Director of Student Financial Services Stephanie Miller in an email.

“In order for a student to have financial aid applied to his/her account, the student must have begun attendance or have academic engagement in class,” said Miller. “We are, in effect, verifying that students have started the race, not that they have finished the race,” said Director of Academic Enhancement and Tutoring Services Dr. Janet Moore, also in an email.

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Don’t worry! You are not alone. People from all over Alabama come here, and so do students from other states and countries. There is nothing wrong with being a little shy to initiate conversation. As you meet more people on campus, you will find that you are not the only person like this. As for making friends, I suggest that you involve yourself in a club or organization of your interest. Try to pick one that is affiliated with your major. But remember, you will also need time to study and just relax, so don’t go joining so many clubs that you feel overwhelmed. By joining one or two clubs that interest you, you will be able to meet several new people who are just like you. All you have to do is be yourself and be friendly to people, and you will make new friends here on campus.

Yours truly,
Chanty
Phi Mu members greet their new sister members on Bid Day.

By Kristin Roberts
Special for the Chanticleer

If you happened to be near the TMB lawn on Monday morning around 10 a.m., you may be wondering what the huge commotion of running and screaming girls was. Well, let me give you some insight: it was sorority recruitment.

Every year on college campuses across the U.S., hundreds of girls sign up to participate in sorority recruitment.

For some, this means an intense five days of sorts—through a decision process, which narrows down the selection of girls that return to each sorority. After the fourth day, the PNMs and the sororities make their final decisions on which sorority is best suited for them.

The fifth day, which is obviously the best day of them all, is Bid Day. On Bid Day each sorority dresses up in accordance with their chosen Bid Day theme and gets ready to welcome their new members.

The PNMs get the daunting task of sitting on their bid cards until it’s time to open them, put on their new letters, and run to their new “home.” So, if you happened to witness the massive group of girls screaming and running out of the TMB, feel special.

You were able to witness one of the most special moments in these girls’ lives. When I look back and remember the year I got to run out in my new letters, I knew that there would never be another moment in my life quite like that one.

As a senior who just participated in her last year of recruitment, I can honestly say it’s been a bit nerve-wracking experience.

From my last Meet & Greet to my last Preference ceremony, the whole experience has been completely eye opening.

I’ve known since my year going through recruitment that sororities are not just letters you put on everyday to seem like you are a part of something. Your letters represent the women who you will go through your college years with. These women will become the bridesmaids in your wedding and the godmothers of your children. They are there for you when you’re at your best, and they stand by you and support you when you are at your worst. Through the good times and the bad times, they stand by your side. Sororities truly are a sisterhood.

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Student studies abroad

By Jwan AlZoubi
Staff Reporter

Like any person in college, I had fear and excitement all at the same time. Being far away from my parents and my country was a big challenge for me.

Living in the International House affected my personal thoughts and my way of living. It gave me the chance to learn about different cultures and be friends with people from all over the world.

Studying abroad is one of the most exciting experiences one can ever have in their life. Being in a different country, speaking a different language, and experiencing a culture and environment, gives every student a push to be better and think about life in a different way.

Like any person in my age, traveling and studying abroad is a dream. And few have the chance to experience it. Jacksonville State University is one of few universities that offer international program for foreign students to experience culture exchange. And what makes this program so great is that it also benefits American students, through the international house.

As an international student for the first time in the United States, I had a lot of challenges in different areas; such as language, culture and, the way of living.

During my second semester, life, like a baby does, I crawled and learned. I did not speak much English, but I learned and wishing to learn different things, but I had so much to learn in such a short period of time.

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Over these past three semesters, I have made the International House my home. The first semester here I grew. And much more than a baby does, I crawled and took tentative baby steps. I stood out of my comfort zone and pushing to learn different things, but I had so much to learn in such a short period of time.

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Avoid the dreaded ‘freshman 15’

Living on your own for the first time means that you have a lot of new responsibilities, like doing your laundry, going to class and choosing all of your meals. It’s exciting to have all of that independence, but it can be pretty overwhelming too.

I’m sure after that general repetitive conversation where everyone asks you where you’re going to college, they also joke or make a remark about the infamous “freshman 15.” It’s true that many freshmen gain weight because of the variety of food choices, and a meal in Bensen such as Moe’s or Chick-fil-A often sounds more appealing than the healthier options in either of the dining halls. But eating healthy and living a generally healthy lifestyle in college is both important and completely within your control. It’s great having Moe’s, Chick-fil-A and Bower’s Head close by, but you should try to limit how often you eat there. You’ll contribute to the freshman 15 legend, and you’ll use up your food dollars and Old Golds quickly. You’ll find the healthier options in the Pit or the New Pit, but you’ll also find lots of unhealthy foods like pizza and burgers there, too. Anyone would choose a slice of pizza over steamed broccoli, but try to limit how often you eat those foods. Try the deli, or the Southern Grill. It can be hard to walk past the better tasting junk foods when they’re close by, but you’ll be healthier for it. Another way to avoid gaining weight during your first year in college is to watch what snacks you buy for your dorm. It’s nice being able to stock your room with whatever you want, but when you’re doing homework or watching TV, it’s easy not to pay attention to what or how much you’re snacking on.

The other part of being healthy in college is exercising. You’ll notice you’re most likely more active just with the amount of walking you’re doing going to meals and classes, but you should also take advantage of the gym and cross country trails. It’s easy to eat junk food and skip exercising, but with so many resources nearby, there are plenty of ways to stay active. Of course, once classes start, it’ll seem like you have no time to work out or to read pages of reading that begin on day one. Honestly, you just have to get used to it, because the work won’t slow down once during your four years here. Sure, you might have to skip working out once in a while when you have a big test, but as long as you manage your time you should be able to stay active. Working out late at night or early in the morning can be a good way to fit in some exercise. Working out doesn’t just keep you physically healthy, it is also a great way to eliminate stress and stay focused. So, my advice is to try to get in the habit of working out and eating healthy right away; that will make your transition to college much easier. Make an exercise schedule right away and sticking to it.

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Advice: How to survive moving out

Commuting, help or hindrance? 

Kevin Spinn
Political Columnist

On August 21, real-estate tycoon and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, along with some estimates, as many as 30,000 people to his Mobile rally, according to a recent CNN article.

This exceeds—or at least rivals—Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders Portland rally of roughly 28,000 attendees for the most attended event of the 2016 campaign thus far.

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JSU Upcoming Action

9/28
Soccer at Middle Tennessee

-Volleyball vs Savannah State

4:00 p.m.

8/27
-Volleyball vs Alabama State

9:00 a.m.

-Volleyball at Kennesaw State

6:00 p.m.

8/30
-Soccer at Lipscomb

1:00 p.m.

2015 Football Schedule

9/5 @ Chattanooga 9 p.m.

9/12 @ Auburn 11 a.m.

9/19 vs Tennessee State* 1 p.m.

9/26 @ UT Martin* 2 p.m.

10/3 vs Mississippi Valley State 1 p.m.

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10/17 vs Tennessee Tech

6 p.m.

10/24 vs Austin Peay* 4 p.m.

10/31 vs Eastern Kentucky** 11 a.m.

11/7 @ Eastern Illinois* 1 p.m.

11/14 vs Southeast Missouri State 1 p.m.

11/21 vs Murray State* 1 p.m.

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JSU Student-Athletes Earn

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JSU boy’s soccer coach Terry Gamble is gathered with the team in a huddle. JSU’s season opener is Friday, Aug. 28.

Marvel Robinson

Sports Editor

Jacksonville State Volleyball is back and so is head coach Terry Gamble. Gamble is re- ning his second season as head coach of the Gamecocks, where he ex- celled in his first season. "I felt really good about the first year," Gamble said. "I thought the girls did a really nice job. I think they overachieved a little bit, I think what they did." The Gamecocks fin- ished last season with an 18-16 overall record—the best they’ve done since 2009 when they went an impressive 27-8. They lost to Tennes- see Tech 3-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference Tour- nament last season. Gamble said this sea- son will be a little differ- ent because of the youth. “This year is different from last year in the way that we are extremely young this year. I have seven freshmen and I ex- pect three or four of them to play a lot,” said Gamble. He expects to be on the learning curve for most of the year with so many freshmen. One good thing is what is the future can be very promising. “Our freshman class is extremely good, our re- cruiting class coming in is very next year is very good, so I think that the future is very bright,” said Gamble. One thing the Game- cocks have been work- ing on this preseason is getting the freshmen in shape and up-to-speed. Gamble said they’ve been doing a lot of drills to help them enhance their thinking faster and reacting faster. “It's not all about the freshmen, though. There are some familiar names and faces returning this year from last year. Em-ily Rutherford is a se- nior and she’s one of the leaders along with senior Samantha Bolme. Lacey Turkett is the third and final senior on the team. Chari Ludtke is a sopho- more and Gamble thinks she’s going to be a “go-to” girl.” Hannah Kirk, Ally- son Zulhike and Jennifer Hart are also sophomores who are all back from last year to contribute and help out in a big way. JSU Volleyball will tip- off the first game of the season on Friday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. against Savannah State in the Kennesaw State Tournament in Ken- nesaw, Ga. The weekend tournament will continue with games against Alabama State and Kennesaw State on Saturday, Aug. 29.

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Senior Olivia Dapes scored her first career goal and Jacksonville State’s first goal of the season with her penalty kick. The Gamecocks went on to win 2-1.

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men’s and women’s tennis coach for College, where he served as head dor, returns to his alma mater from and we feel like Andres is the per grams have experienced in the past, great tradition that our tennis pro continue to build on the success and programs,” said Seitz. “We want to and 10 women’s conference titles. career that saw him win 10 men’s played for Steve Bailey, who re cocks during his playing career Conference player for the Game Amores announced on Tuesday. Jackson men’s and women’s tennis coach at Jackson has been named the head men’s and Gamecock standout Andres Amores Jackiecksonville – Former Gamecocks during his playing career from 2005-08 and led JSU to OVC titles and berths in the NCAA Division III Tournament in 2005 and 2007. He played for Steve Bailey, who retired after a remarkable 35-year career that saw him win 10 men’s and 10 women’s conference titles. “We are very excited to have Andres lead our Gamecocks tennis programs,” said Seitz. “We want to continue to build on the success and great tradition that our tennis pro grams have experienced in the past, and we feel like Andres is the per fect coach to continue our success.” Amores, a native of Quito, Equador, returns to his alma mater from Division III North Carolina Wesley- more recently, Amores has served as the assistant men’s tennis coach at Vassar College in Phila delphia, N.Y. In that season, he helped regionally-ranked Brewers capture the 2013 Liberty League championship and secure a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Amores received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from JSU in 2009 and earned his masters in sports management in 2011. Capping career at JSU that saw him excel on the court and off. As a player for the Gamecocks, Amores guided JSU to OVC Tour nament titles in 2005 and 2007 and was named to the All-OVC Second Team in 2007. He and Jax State com peted in the NCAA Oxford, Miss., Regionals in 2005 and again in 2007. He then joined Bailey on the sidelines as a graduate assis tant, where he helped the Game cocks to two more OVC titles, a men’s championship in 2009 and one on the women’s side in 2011. Amores was heralded as his coun try’s No. 1 player in both singles and doubles in the Under-14 and Under-16 divisions. Additionally, he ranked No. 1 in the Under-18 division, while re presenting his country in four South American Junior Circuits, as well as several European junior tourna ments. At the age of 16, Amores moved to Europe to train and play ITF and satellite tournaments, and he has since competed and trained with Davis Cup players from Ec uador. More recently, Amores has volunteered his time and efforts to work with the top junior players from Ecuador, coaching players who have been ranked in the top-10 in both Ecuador and South America. Amores is a Certified Professional with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and was certified in 2014 as a Per for mance Coach for top-level play ers. He passed as a Professional, which is the highest level attainable. ~ JSU Sportswire

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Close isn’t close enough. Jacksonville State redshirt junior quarterback Eli Jenkins, along the rest of the team, feels this way as they have fallen a little short of a National Championship two times in a row – both last year and in 2013. In the 2013 season, the Game cocks made it the Quarter finals of the FCS Playoffs, where they lost to Eastern Washington. Last season, in 2014, the Gamecocks had a bye for the first round and played Sam Houston State in the second round in front of their home crowd. They once again fell short and lost. Now, the Gamecocks are try ing to go further and steer right to the final destination. This summer, the Gamecocks were work ing hard and trying to do extra things to get better. ‘You’ll be amazed how many people doing the extra things they have this year,” Jenkins said. He mentioned that the players get together on their own time and do 7-on-7 and 1-on-1s. Sometimes they’re on the track running. Sometimes they get together at night and sometimes it’s in the morning after workouts when they do extra stuff. “We’re looking really good and you can tell the team’s getting up,” Jenkins said. Juniors – who was a first team all-OVC last year – is also growing as he is con tinuously growing in that leadership role. He said he’s not the yelling type of guy and rather lead by example. However, he understands that the other players re spect him and understands that he has the right to say this and that, so he is start ing to speak up more – with words, but mostly action. “I always try to be first and I never try to be late,” Jenkins said. “I’m just growing every day.” Jenkins also showed his love and respect for his head coach John Grass who is entering his second year as head coach. Jenkins said he’s a good hearted guy and he stays on them. “He knows when to push us and he knows when to pick us up,” Jenkins said. “He’s one of the best head coaches I ever played with.” JSU only lost a few players off the offense and defense, so they have most of their guys back from last year’s OVC Championship team. “We lost DaMarcus James – that was a big part of our off ense – and we lost a couple of guys on defense, but for the most part I feel like we got a good chance to make a run for it this year,” Jenkins said. The Gamecocks also land ed some pretty good recruits and transfers that Jenkins believes are on the right track. However, the fresh men are still trying to get adjusted to that college speed. “You know we do a lot of running, so when they’re not tired, they look real good,” Jenkins said. “I feel like we got guys that can come in and make big plays for us and we all need those big plays.” One of Jacksonville State’s biggest hyped games of the season is the one against Auburn on Sept. 12. This is the first time JSU has ever played Auburn. Through all the hype and commotion, Jenkins is not looking ahead and is focusing on Sept. 5 when they play the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. “We play UTC – that’s who I’m looking for ward to playing,” Jenkins said. “I’m not go ing to say I’m not thinking about Auburn, but I mean UTC is our first game, so that’s who I’m focused on.” “This year, our ultimate goal is the National Champi onship,” Jenkins said. “OVC Champions – we’re supposed to win it – that’s cool, but our ultimate goal is the National Championship. Everybody’s bought in and everybody feel like we got a chance and that’s how it need to be.” JSU Sportswire

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Jacksonville State quarterback Eli Jenkins is tired of falling short of reaching their goals. Jenkins is a redshirt junior who is looking to lead the Gamecocks to a national championship. JSU QB Jenkins tired of falling short, has his eyes on a national title

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Andres Amores named JSU Tennis coach

JACKSONVILLE – Former Gamecock standout Andres Amores has been named the head men’s and women’s tennis coach at Jacksonvil le State, interim athletics director Cirig Seitz announced on Tuesday. Amores was an All-Ohio Valley Conference player for the Gamecocks during his playing career from 2005-08 and led JSU to OVC titles and berths in the NCAA Tournament in 2005 and 2007. He played for Steve Bailey, who retired after a remarkable 35-year career that saw him win 10 men’s and 10 women’s conference titles. “We are very excited to have Andres lead our Gamecocks tennis programs,” said Seitz. “We want to continue to build on the success and great tradition that our tennis pro grams have experienced in the past, and we feel like Andres is the per fect coach to continue our success.” Amores, a native of Quito, Equador, returns to his alma mater from Division III North Carolina Wesley- more recently, Amores has served as the assistant men’s tennis coach at Vassar College in Philadelphi a, N.Y. In that season, he helped the regionally-ranked Brewers capture the 2013 Liberty League championship and secure a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Amores received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from JSU in 2009 and earned his masters in sports management in 2011. Capping career at JSU that saw him excel on the court and off. As a player for the Gamecocks, Amores guided JSU to OVC Tour nament titles in 2005 and 2007 and was named to the All-OVC Second Team in 2007. He and Jax State com peted in the NCAA Oxford, Miss., Regionals in 2005 and again in 2007. He then joined Bailey on the sidelines as a graduate assis tant, where he helped the Game cocks to two more OVC titles, a men’s championship in 2009 and one on the women’s side in 2011. Amores was heralded as his coun try’s No. 1 player in both singles and doubles in the Under-14 and Under-16 divisions. Additionally, he ranked No. 1 in the Under-18 division, while re presenting his country in four South American Junior Circuits, as well as several European junior tourna ments. At the age of 16, Amores moved to Europe to train and play ITF and satellite tournaments, and he has since competed and trained with Davis Cup players from Ec uador. More recently, Amores has volunteered his time and efforts to work with the top junior players from Ecuador, coaching players who have been ranked in the top-10 in both Ecuador and South America. Amores is a Certified Professional with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and was certified in 2014 as a Per for mance Coach for top-level play ers. He passed as a Professional, which is the highest level attainable. ~ JSU Sportswire

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