



# Beehler 'feels at home' at JSU

**Adam Higgins**  
Associate Editor

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 dorms 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.

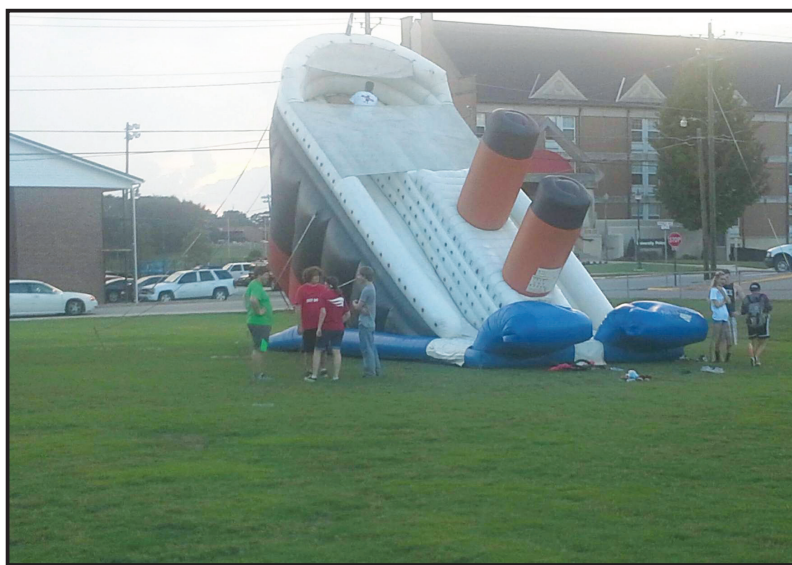
## FAMILY

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



Marvel Robinson/The Chanticleer

Students gather at JSU's Block Party on Saturday, August 22 on Dillon Field. The Block Party is part of Cocky Daze 2015, a week filled with events designed to get students acquainted, or reacquainted, with JSU.



Marie McBurnett/The Chanticleer

ABOVE: Cocky "flies" on the swings at Cocky's Carnival on Monday. BELOW: Cocky tries his luck at riding the mechanical bull at Cocky's Carnival.



### 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



Marie McBurnett/The Chanticleer

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



Marie McBurnett/The Chanticleer

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

## JSU implements new procedure for taking attendance, receiving aid

**Marie McBurnett**  
Editor-in-Chief

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 use 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.

Attendance will be verified by each professor twice every semester, on the last day to add/drop a class and once more a week later. The first verification date is September 1.

"Individual professors will determine how he or she will verify attendance in these classes," said Moore.

When it applies to hybrid or online classes, "Attendance is defined as academic engagement in the courses, so this could be a discussion board post, syllabus quiz, or any other online engagement."

"Simply logging into Blackboard does not count as academic engagement," Moore clarified.

Students have to attend and participate in order to receive federal aid in a lecture setting. Departmental or class at-

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being a first lady, but also in academics and sports," he said. The Beehlers have one daughter who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and serves as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

**POLICY**

Beehler said that in order for JSU to prosper, the school would have to act more like a private institution. In response to declining state funding, he plans to implement a three-prong focus on enrollment, student success and fundraising. "We have had a declining trend in enrollment which we need to reverse. My most immediate concern and project will be to try to find out what we are doing in enrollment and student success -- because they go together," Beehler said.

He plans to use his fundraising experience "to build a culture of philanthropy here." Beehler believes regional stewardship is a duty of state regional universities. A large part of his mission as President is to try and help northeastern Alabama grow and prosper. "Our Education school can help local schools to improve; our business school can help businesses to improve. We can take the expertise we have and transfer it out through a lot of engagement and interaction with our community," he said.

**CREDENTIALS**

Beehler previously served as dean of the School of Business at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. Prior to working at Robert Morris, he served as founding provost and vice president for academic excellence

and student success at the University of North Texas at Dallas, associate provost for economic initiatives and dean of the College of Business at Northern Kentucky University, dean of the School of Business at Wichita State University, and associate dean at the University of Texas at Arlington. Beehler received his B.S. from The Pennsylvania State University. He earned his MBA in Finance and Taxation and his doctorate in Accounting and Taxation with a minor in Law from Indiana University. Beehler is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of the Harvard Institutes of Higher Education Management and Development Program and the American Academic Leadership Institute's Executive Leadership Academy.

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tendance policies still apply, and this verification process is separate. We are required to verify that students have started each class before disbursing financial aid, said Moore. If a student's attendance is not verified by the professor, the students will not receive aid for that class. Where overcutting a class can result in academic penalty, the federal attendance verification has the ability to reduce the amount of aid a student receives for a class, whether it is for one class or all classes for which

a student registered. If students do not verify attendance, they see a drop in their federal aid, whether it is a loan or a grant. The only way for a student to know his or her aid was reduced is to go to the financial aid portion of MyJSU. If aid is reduced, there is no way to get it back. After aid is reduced, the student will have to pay the balance. "If a student drops or withdraws from all classes of receives all failing or no credit grades in all classes, he or she will be required to pay back all or a portion of financial

aid at the end of the semester," said Miller. Aid will not be expended to the student body until after the second verification date, despite the fact it appears in the students' accounts beforehand. "As soon as attendance or academic engagement is verified for each course, that student's aid will be disbursed," said Moore. "This does not mean that students aren't required to continue to attend classes, in fact, students still must abide by the contract they signed to receive the aid."

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**JSU Cheerleaders, Cocky Get Gold Bid to Nationals**

They may root for the red and white, but today they're golden. Last week at the National Cheerleading Association College Camp in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the JSU Cheerleaders won both the game day routine and rally day routine to receive a gold bid to the 2016 NCA College Nationals in Daytona Beach, slated for April. Mascot Cocky also won Best All Around Mascot and All-Amer-



ican Mascot, which sealed his qualification for the 2016 NCA College Nationals, as well. "JSU represented well. I just can't believe what

they have accomplished in two years," said Donna Callan, manager. Callan is referring to the JSU squad's second consecutive year to com-

pete in Daytona. Last year they received a silver bid at Myrtle Beach and went on to capture 10th place in their division at Nationals, which took place in June. Cocky was one of only three out of 20 mascots to receive an award at Nationals, earning "Most Improved." Dave Almeida serves as the squad's head coach. Johnnie Neal is the volunteer coach. **-Photo and story from JSU News**

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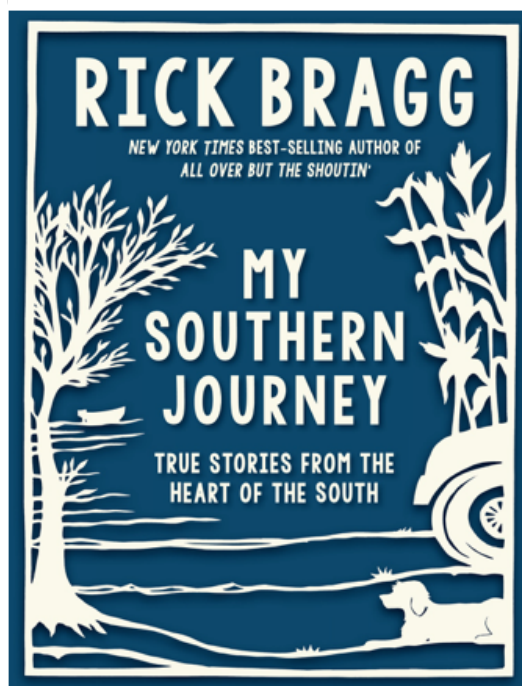
at kmobbs@jsu.edu for more information.

**New Faculty Introduction to Blackboard**  
**Description:** This session is for new faculty members.  
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# STUDY BREAK



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## Campus crime report: 08/23 to 08/25

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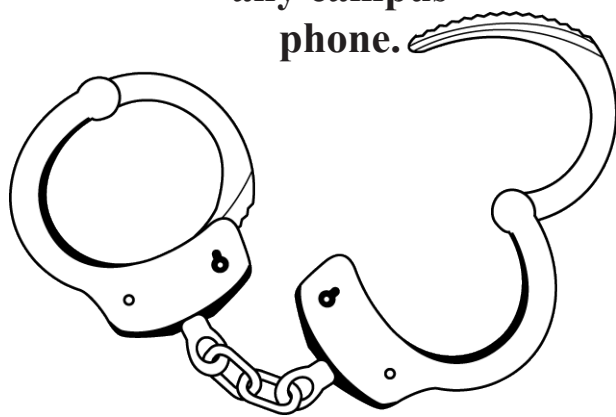
08/25/2015  
Theft of Property  
Stone Center

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Theft of Property  
Merrill Hall

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08/25/2015  
Theft of Property  
Dixon Hall

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Duty Upon Striking an  
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Stephenson Hall Parking  
Lot

08/24/2015  
Theft of Property  
Stone Center

08/23/2015  
Arrest-Public Intoxication  
Fitzpatrick Hall

## Dear Chanty,

I am a first-time freshman here and I do not know anyone on campus. I left all of my friends in my hometown to come here, and they are all too far away for us to see each other during the week. I would really like to make some new friends so that I don't feel so lonely. Also, if I don't find some friends here, I won't really have anything to do when I am not in class besides study; let's be honest, no one wants to spend all of their time studying and doing homework. However, I am a little shy when it comes to talking to people. If someone starts a conversation with me, then I don't have any trouble talking. But I can't ever bring myself to initiate a conversation with a complete stranger. I really need some way to connect with people so that I can find at least a couple of friends here.

Sincerely,  
Lonely Freshman

## Lonely Freshman,

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

### Need Advice?

The Chanticleer staff is happy to help!

Email [chantynewstips@gmail.com](mailto:chantynewstips@gmail.com) with your problems and look in the paper next week for our newest "Dear Chanty" section.

NOTE: All entries will remain anonymous, and Chanty will respond to all inquiries.

## Chicken Scratch



That moment when you're torn between doing something really fun but really bad, and being smart but lonely.

You have 5 cookies. You ate 3 and saved 2. The next day you found 2 and ate 3. The third day you had 6 cookies....WHERE ARE YOU GETTING THESE COOKIES?!!

3 things college students can't live without: (1.) WiFi (2.) Refund Checks (3.) Waffle House

Not sure who's above me, but they need to chill with the combat boot stomping.

My diet? The fair rejected that one real quick as I inhaled deep fried everything.

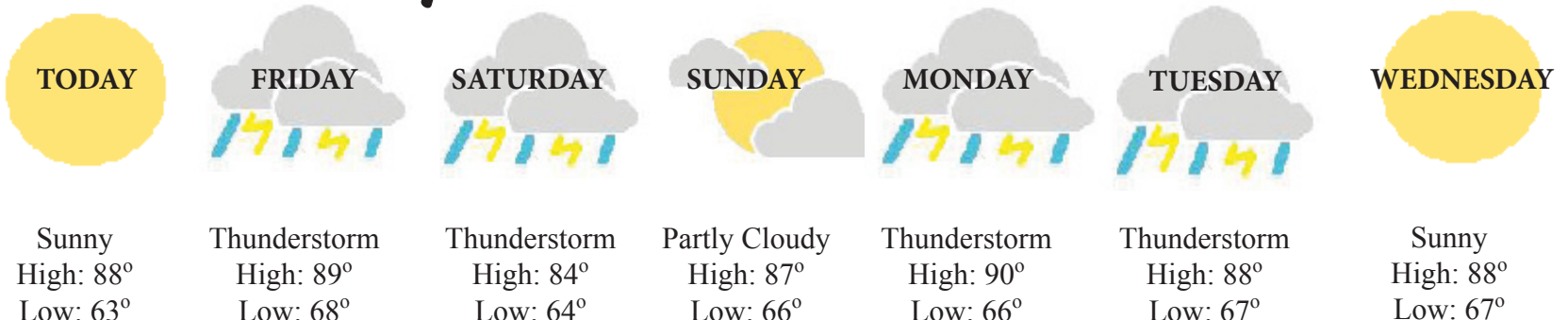
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Carlee Slay/ Phi Mu

Phi Mu members greet their new sister members on Bid Day.

## Recruiting sisterhood

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.

Jacksonville State University is no different.

This year JSU had over 160 girls sign up for recruitment with about 140 finding their homes within one of the five Panhellenic sororities here on campus. Recruitment consists of five days. The first four days girls meet and get to know each of the sororities on campus.

Throughout these four days, the sororities and Potential New Members (PNWs) go through a decision making 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 bittersweet 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.



JSU International House

The Jones International House Program boasts a minimal of twenty international house annually.

## Student studies abroad

By Jwan AlZoubi  
*Staff Reporter*

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 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. When I first arrived at the Jones International House, 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.

Over these past three semesters, I have made the International House my home. The first semester here I grew. And much like a baby does, I crawled and took tentative baby steps. I was confused and rushing to learn different things, but I had so much to learn in such

a short period of time.

During my second semester, like a child, I started to walk properly here at Jacksonville State. I made friends outside the International House, talked to professors, and went to different events in the campus. Also, I started to learn more about college life here in the United States. And as I start my third semester, life has seen me fall head-over-heels in love with the state of Alabama. As I stated before, if you had asked me two years ago where I would be studying abroad, I probably would have said somewhere in Europe, never thinking of studying in the United States. But through the international programs here at JSU, I found myself in Alabama for college, falling in love with the state and being more intrigued by the country.

### KELLIE PICKLER COMES TO JSU

Jacksonville State University is known to be nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the hills are alive with the sound of music! Kellie Pickler, along with special guest The Michael Stacey Band will be performing on Burgess-Snow Field on August 29, starting at 7:00 p.m., as part of the Farmers & Merchants Bank Centennial Celebration. Come out and hear some good ole country music. Maybe even wearing your red high heels.

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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 generic 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 Benson 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 are both important and completely within your control.

It's great having Moe's, Chick-fil-A and Boar's Head so 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 dol-

lars and Old Golds quickly. You'll find the healthiest 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 to not 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 coun-

try 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 get started, it'll seem like you have no time to work out with the pages and pages of reading that begin on day one. Honestly, you just have to get used to it, because the work won't slow down often 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.

-UWire

## Calhoun County Civic Chorale begins its winter season

By Christina MacDonald  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Monday, August 31 marks the beginning of the Calhoun County Civic Chorale's fall season.

The group will meet in the Performance Center of Mason Hall on the Jacksonville State University campus at 7:15 p.m. to start preparing for its Winter Concert, which will take place on December 6, 2015.

The Chorale is under the direction of Dr. Patricia Corbin, JSU director of choral activities, and will be accompanied by Dr. Lornalee Curtis.

The Calhoun County Civic Chorale is one of five choral ensembles sponsored by the David L. Walters Department of Music of Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Corbin said, "The Chorale is currently accepting members from the local community and the Jacksonville State student body.

Rehearsals are set to take place every Monday evening, following the JSU calendar, until the final performance date."

August 31, the first rehearsal is a "New Member Open House," where interested singers may come and learn more about the Chorale without further obligation.

It's a great way for students to find out if the group is a good fit for them.

As for the group themselves, Dr. Corbin describes the needs of the group by saying, "The Chorale welcomes singers who have voices that can blend well with others, are able to learn their individual vocal part from written music, and enjoy singing classical choral masterworks."

The featured work on the concert will be Camille Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio, Mozart's Regina Coeli along with other smaller works.

The concert will be held at First United Methodist Church in Anniston, located at 1400 Noble Street.

For further information about the Calhoun County Civic Chorale, or any other JSU Choral ensemble, please contact Dr. Corbin at pcorbin@jsu.edu.

Love to be in the know?  
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Where: Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium

When: September 1 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.



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- Kylie Jenner lip challenge...that happened.

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# OPINION & EDITORIAL

## Advice: How to survive moving out

**Marie McBurnett**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Many college students – with their hands full of their collegiate necessities – step out of their parents’ houses in mid-August and think to themselves, ‘Free at last,’ but for first-timers, ‘free’ is hardly an appropriate description.

First off, there’s rent. Rent is a contractual agreement between the tenant and the landlord – an agreement you must follow. Without it, you’ll be forced to live out of your car, which doesn’t seem like a terrible idea until you have to brush your teeth or shower.

And for those of us who have had a camping trip rained out, sleeping in a car is no picnic.

Depending on where you decide to live, you will have to live in your rented apartment or dorm for a certain amount of time, and you will have to pay for that amount of time, regardless.

You say, ‘Sure, voice in my head, I can cover rent.’ What about utilities? Some complexes include water, some include power, some include both, and some include neither. And price depends on your living conditions.

Do you take two showers a day? Do you forget to turn lights off? The type of air conditioning unit the apartment has also needs factoring.

Now we’re definitely getting up in the hundreds of dollars.

What about gas money? Groceries are also a big income drainer. Meal plans are great if you have to have them, but for students that don’t, buying grown-up, balanced groceries is a necessity. That can also burn a hole in a wallet. \$200 on groceries a month sounds like a steep slope, but trust me, \$200 is pretty accurate.

There are also start-up costs to living alone for the first time. Alabama Power requires a deposit to open an account for a person that doesn’t have established credit – and it isn’t cheap. There is also an activation fee that runs around \$40.

Most apartment complexes also require a security deposit, to ensure that future tenants are interested in the apartment, and also to fix any damage that may happen to the property before you leave. My advice?

First and foremost, research. I

spent months searching. Take size, age of the apartment complex, types of renovation, neighborhood and helpfulness of the landlord into account before choosing your next home. Leave no stone unturned – no one will blame you for asking questions. If the manager or landlord is annoyed at your questions, take note.

Keep in mind that not all complexes are listed online, so driving around an ‘ideal’ neighborhood may be helpful for finding ‘Goldilocks’ places that no one knows about.

What’s next?

Build a budget. Be sure there is a stock pile of at least \$1,000 in the bank before you even pack any boxes. Compare a monthly budget with your monthly income. Will there be any left over to save for the future?

The budget needs to fit YOUR needs, not the other way around. Living on a budget that is too tight can result in more financial pain than living on your own is worth.

Dave Ramsey has a good system he explains in *The Total Money Makeover*. The Envelope System is really helpful when everyone in this country just swipes a card to complete transactions.

Take a couple envelopes and label them with things like “gas,” “groceries,” “fun,” “clothing,” and an important one for me, “haircut.”

Each month, put CASH (I know, what is cash?) in each envelope. No more, no less than what you allotted yourself in that budget. Take the cash out as you need it. If you run out of money in one envelope before the month is up, sorry, it’s going to be Ramen and cheap grains for the rest of the month. After which, adjust the budget to fit the needs you missed.

“When your gas money and grocery money and entertainment money are all sitting in one big lump in your bank account, one category can plow right past the line without you knowing,” said Ramsey in his book.

The ideal outcome is to have a little cash left in your envelopes at the end of the month. It would also be wise to put a fraction of it in a savings account.

Think and plan before making any big decisions. Only then can you be free at last.

## Alabama asserts its role in the upcoming election

**Kevin Spann**  
*Political Columnist*

On August 21, real-estate tycoon and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump drew, by 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.

Most commentary regarding the rally will likely focus on what this high attendance means for the Republican primary in general, or on the potentially poor optics of the state showing such high support for the controversial candidate.

However, let us examine a lighter aspect of the rally: how it harkens back to a more dynamic time in Alabama politics.

Alabama is of course no stranger to embracing controversial outsider candidates.

During the 1940s and 1950s, Alabama voters rallied around the heavy drinking and womanizing redneck liberal Big Jim Folsom in his campaigns for governor.

From the 1960s through 1980s, attorney George Wallace, who was a former boxer, was able to dominate Alabama politics through his mixing of economic populism and--until his later years--a fiery support of segregation.

Save for former Governor Don Siegalmen’s lengthy legal battles following his hotly contested corruption charges, Alabama politics have become considerably less colorful in recent decades.

The virtual collapse of the state’s Democratic Party has, among other things, made Alabama politics a considerably less appealing spectator sport.

For example, the 2014 gubernatorial race proved perhaps one of the least engaging in the state’s modern history. Democratic nominee and former Congressman Parker Griffith lacked even the clout to force Governor Bentley into a proper debate.

Alabama’s role in presidential

politics has also become considerably less dynamic in recent cycles. From 1964 to 1976, Governor Wallace frustrated the Democratic National Committee with one independent run for the presidency and three ill-fated attempts at securing the Democratic nomination.

Following Wallace’s final presidential run, the state has emerged as a reliable Republican stronghold--which has resulted in minimal campaigning on the part of presidential candidates.

During the Republican and Democratic primaries, the state has tended to place very low on candidates’ schedules as well.

Democrats have tended to skip the state with the exception of stops at Civil Rights landmarks such as Selma--where the Clinton and Obama campaigns famously crossed paths in 2007.

Meanwhile, republican candidates have tended to invest only moderate attention in the state.

The competitiveness of the 2012 Republican Primary lead to some changes in this trend; however, Romney, Gingrich, and Santorum--who carried the state--are investing some notable time in Alabama and neighboring Mississippi.

However, if recent events are any indication, Alabama may play a more vibrant role in the 2016 Republican primary. The same week as Trump’s massive rally, Governor Bentley invited another Republican hopeful -- Governor of Ohio John Kasich -- to Birmingham in order to offer his endorsement.

Alabama seems to be on the minds of both frontrunner Donald Trump and underdog John Kasich. With Alabama’s March 1 primary still far in the future, it seems possible that the state will be a more frequent stop for the candidates than in past cycles.

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## Commuting: help or hindrance?

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*Associate Editor*

During my three years here at Jacksonville State University, I have always commuted to class. Personally, I have found it to be more convenient financially and easier to concentrate on schoolwork. While commuting certainly has its downsides, there are some advantages as well.

Commuters do not have to pay for housing or a meal plan--which saves at least \$3,000 per semester. Of course, it is likely that commuters will still have to spend some money on food while they are on campus. They will also likely spend more money on gas than students who live on campus.

However, for many students commuting includes living at home with their parents. This can be both a blessing and a curse for a college student.

Parents might help out by doing laundry or making food while you are busy studying. But

at the same time, most of them do not want their young adult child staying out late or skipping class--even if you insist that you already know what pages to read out of the textbook, or that the notes are posted on Blackboard.

Commuting to class allows you to find balance by coming home to your own personal space rather than a dorm room or a cramped apartment--which may or may not include an obnoxious roommate that hinders your ability to study and do homework.

But commuting can be quite boring when you have two or more hours between classes--doing homework, walking around campus, and using a smartphone for entertainment can only pass so much time during these long breaks.

If you already have a problem being on time, then commuting may not be a good idea. Unexpected traffic issues and waking up just a few minutes late can make anyone

several minutes late to class; if no parks are available, then things only get worse from there.

Perhaps the largest downside to commuting to class is missing out on much of the college experience. Unless you get involved in clubs or organizations, it can be very difficult to meet new people and cultivate new friendships.

Commuting can detach you from campus life and several fun events. Additionally, it is easier for students who live on campus to meet with their professors during their office hours.

Students who live on campus have the advantages of being immersed in campus life, independence, constant access to university resources and the opportunity to meet plenty of new people. When deciding whether you want to commute or live on campus, first decide what you want from your college experience. Both choices have their benefits and disadvantages, and neither one is suitable for every student.

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# SPORTS

## Gamecocks get first win of season due to second half goals

**JACKSONVILLE** – Jacksonville State scored two goals within a seven-minute span in the second half to earn its first win of the season with a 2-1 result over Gardner-Webb on Sunday afternoon at the JSU Soccer Field.

The Gamecocks bounced back to gain a split on the opening weekend of the season after falling to Ball State on Friday night to start the 2015 season. The Runnin' Bulldogs dropped to 0-2 on the season with the setback. JSU has won back-to-back matches over GWU coupled with last season's 1-0 win in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

After a scoreless 50 minutes, JSU induced a GWU penalty inside the box to set up a penalty kick by senior Olivia Drapes. Drapes tallied her first career goal with a punch shot past the keeper in the right back post. The Round Rock, Texas native gave the Gamecocks their first goal of the season. With the 1-0 advantage Jax State kept the pressure on GWU over the next seven minutes as senior Kelsey Bright took a ball deep in the box on the left side before serving it to the front of the box to find freshman Claire Petersen open for her first career goal in the 57th minute.

After a sluggish offensive start on Friday night and in the first 45 minutes of Sunday's contest, the



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**Senior Olivia Drapes 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.**

Gamecocks put together 10 shots in the final half and finished with 14 total shots. GWU tallied 10 in the match. Bright and Petersen led the charge with five combined shots.

Jax State knew the Runnin' Bulldogs would make a run at them in the final 30 minutes. After allowing GWU goal in the 72nd minute, JSU thwarted many threats from the visitors. GWU's Shelby Hoe registered the lone goal after taking a cross from Jessica Ferguson.

JSU sophomore goalkeeper Caroline Robinson finished the weekend with 11 saves after turning in seven saves on Sunday.

The Gamecocks hit the road for the first time in 2015 as they visit the state of Tennessee for a pair of matches. JSU will stop in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on Friday, August 28 to face Middle Tennessee before continuing on to Nashville on Sunday for an afternoon affair at Lipscomb.

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**JSU head volleyball coach Terry Gamble is gathered with the team in a huddle. JSU's season opener is Friday, Aug. 28.**

## JSU Volleyball prepared for season opener in weekend tournament

Youth will be evident as Gamble has seven freshmen on roster

**Marvel Robiinson**  
*Sports Editor*

Jacksonville State Volleyball is back and so is head coach Terry Gamble. Gamble is entering his second season as head coach of the Gamecocks, where he excelled 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 is what I think they did."

The Gamecocks finished 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 Tournament last season.

Gamble said this season will be a little different 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 expect 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 about that is the future can be very promising.

"Our freshmen class is extremely good, our recruiting class coming in next year is very good, so I think that the future is

very bright," said Gamble.

One thing the Gamecocks have been working on this preseason is getting the freshmen in shape and up-to-speed. Gamble said they've been doing a lot of drills to enhance them 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. Emily Rutherford is a senior and she's one of the leaders along with senior Samantha Bohne. Laney Torkelson is the third and final senior on the team. Charis Ludtke is a sophomore and Gamble thinks she's going to be a "go-to

girl." Hannah Kirk, Allyson Zuhlke 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. 28 at 4 p.m. against Savannah State in the Kennesaw State Tournament in Kennesaw, Ga. The weekend tournament will continue with games against Alabama State and Kennesaw State on Saturday, Aug. 29.

"I'm excited going into the first match," Gamble said. "After the weekend, it is going to give us a better idea in game situation what we have to improve on."

### Gamecocks Side Bar

#### JSU Upcoming Action

8/28

-Soccer at Middle Tennessee

-Volleyball vs Savannah State  
4:00 p.m.

8/29

-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 5 p.m.

9/12 @ Auburn 11 a.m.

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

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

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

10/10 Open

10/17 @ Tennessee Tech\*  
6p.m.

10/24 @ Austin Peay\* 4 p.m.

10/31 vs Eastern Kentucky\*\*  
1 p.m.

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

11/14 vs Southeast Missouri\*  
1 p.m.

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

\*OVC game/ \*\* Homecoming

#### JSU Student-Athletes Earn OVC Academic Medal of Honor

The OVC Academic Medal of Honor Presented by Army ROTC is given annually to the student-athletes who achieve the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. Every Academic Medal of Honor recipient for the 2014-15 academic year carried a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

#### Women's Basketball

Kelly Naughton  
Courtney Strain  
Leah Strain

#### Men's Cross Country

Daniel Burton  
Paul Lueck

#### Football

Justin Lea  
Dalton Screws

#### Soccer

Brianna Salverda

#### Softball

Casey Akenberger  
Peyton Barthel  
Ella Denes  
Jordan Sims  
Savannah Sloan

#### Women's Tennis

Courtney Conley  
Diana Mirceta

#### Track & Field

Selena Tarvin

#### Volleyball

Charis Ludtke





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Jacksonville State quarterback Eli Jenkins set to throw a pass. 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

**Marvel Robinson**  
Sports Editor

Close isn't close enough. Jacksonville State redshirt junior quarterback Eli Jenkins, along with 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 Gamecocks made it the Quarterfinals 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 trying to go further and steer right to the final destination.

This summer, the Gamecocks were working and trying to do the extra things to get better.

"You'll be amazed how many people doing the extra things 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 growing up," Jenkins said.

Jenkins – who was first team all-OVC last year – is also growing as he is continually 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 respect him and understands that he has the right to say this and that. So, he is starting 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 years' OVC Championship team.

"We lost DaMarcus James – that was a big part of our offense – 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 landed some pretty good recruits and transfers that Jenkins believes are on the right track. However, the freshmen 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 always 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 first, so that's who I'm looking forward to playing," Jenkins said. "I'm not going 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 Championship," Jenkins said. "OVC Championship – we're picked 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."

## 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 Jacksonville State, interim athletics director Greg 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 Gamecock tennis programs," said Seitz. "We want to continue to build on the success and great tradition that our tennis programs have experienced in the past, and we feel like Andres is the perfect coach to continue our success."

Amores, a native of Quito, Ecuador, returns to his alma mater from Division III North Carolina Wesleyan College, where he served as head men's and women's tennis coach for

two years. He led the Battling Bishops to the top of the USA South Conference rankings in just two short years and leaves both programs ranked No. 1 in their respective leagues.

Amores claimed both the men's and women's USA South Regular Season titles in 2015, with both programs going undefeated for the first time in school history. The men finished the season ranked No. 4 in the Atlantic South Region and 22nd in the country, while his women's team finished with a No. 8 ranking in the Atlantic South Region.

Prior to his first head coaching stint at North Carolina Wesleyan, Amores served one season as the assistant men's tennis coach at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In that season, he helped the regionally-ranked Brewers capture the 2013 Liberty League championship and secure a berth in the NCAA Div. 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 Tournament titles in 2005 and 2007 and was named to the All-OVC Second Team in 2007. He and Jax State competed in the NCAA Oxford, Miss., Regional in 2005 and again in 2007.

He then joined Bailey on the sidelines as a graduate assistant, where he helped the Gamecocks 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 country's No. 1 player in both singles and doubles in the Under-14 and Under-16 divisions. Additionally, he was ranked No. 1 in doubles for the Under-18 division, while representing his country in four South American Junior Circuits, as well as several European junior tournaments. 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 Performance Coach for top-level players. He passed as a Professional, which is the highest level attainable.

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JSU new tennis coach Andres Amores.



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