On Saturday, January 9, the Gamecocks lost the FCS National Championship game against the North Dakota State Bison 37-10. The Gamecocks finished the season with a 13-2 record. The other loss was in overtime against the Auburn Tigers.

The first quarter opened optimistically enough. JSU was able to contain the Bison enough to hold them to a 13-0 with 11:13 left in the half. A touchdown on a pass from Carson Wentz to Andrew Bonnet to put the them up 10-0.

The second quarter seemed to blow up for the Bison. They scored to only three points in the first. The momentum shifted briefly, but the half ended with the Bison leading 24-0.

The second half saw the momentum carry as the Gamecocks drove Eli Jenkins’ legs. It continued to look up for JSU as they struggled to get anything together offensively.

The Gamecocks managed several first downs on their next possession before ultimately having to punt back to the Bison. An interception by Carson Wentz handed the ball back to JSU with 36 seconds left in the half.

The Bison took home their fifth title winner.

No the season didn’t end with a win but the Gamecocks made it. They finish with their only losses to top seeded Gamecocks.

The season saw record-breaking numbers. Eli Jenkins tied the school record in rushing, and scored behind Troymaine Pope only ended the day with 31 yards rushing, but he breaks the OVC’s single-season rushing record with his 1,788 yards.

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Final Score: 37-10.
Hearing dates set for alleged BB gun vandals

Jefferson Varner IV Staff Reporter

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Describe yourself in three words: Lazy.

Class starts in 4 minutes and I’m in bed: a college memoir.

College motto: Do it for the free T-shirt!

Is the ocean salty because the land doesn’t wave back?

I just want to cuddle and watch horror movies...I guess I can lock my cat in the room.

I will befriend a squirrel in front of Bibb Graves by the end of the semester.

Why can’t the weather just say, “Wear a jacket” or “You don’t need a jacket?”

Adele’s song ‘Hello’ will make you miss someone you made awkward eye contact with in the grocery story years ago.

College: When all of the sudden, pizza for breakfast doesn’t sound like a bad idea.

College would be so much better if you only had to take your major classes.

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Matthew Hill
Special to The Chanticleer

Imagine the blaring sum- mer of 1961; a little man stands in front of the Jack- sonville State University marching band not knowing how much of an impact his legacy would bring to thou- sands of students for years to come.

Dr. David L. Walters served in the Navy for six years and graduated from the United States Navy School of Music. Walters contin- ued his education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and received his Bachelors in music.

He would later work on his graduate studies in musi- cology at Washington Uni- versity and eventually ob- tained a music doctorate degree from Florida State University. Before coming to Jack- sonville State University, Walters worked as a band director for Fairfield High School in Hamilton, Ohio and also served as the super- visor of music for the New Bern school system in New Bern, N.C.

In 1961, Walters received the position of Director of Bands at Jacksonville State University — a position he held for thirty years until 1991.

Walters was an integral part in the development for the sound of the Marching Southerners. Through Walters’ compositions, the Southerners started reflec- ting its one-of-a-kind sound, especially emphasizing the Marching Hallerinas in its dance tune arrangements, such as “Quilting Party.”

These developments quickly garnered the Marching Southerners national recog- nition and attention. Walters also brought new, innovative ideas to promote leadership and strengthen the band’s traditions.

One of the most important traditions started by Dr. Wal- ters is still instilled in South- erners is family. He proposed the section leader system, a special system where each musi- cal section of the March- ing Southerners would elect two or three people as its leaders.

This system proved quite effective because it allowed everyone to have a say in how they wanted the band to be, and the system is still in use today.

Even after retiring from the position of Director of Bands in 1991, Walters al- ways attended events in- volving the Southerners, ev- erything from band camp to football games, as the Emer- itus Director of Bands.

A key highlight to the first day of band camp was always Walters stepping in front of the Marching Southerners and rehearsing “Quilting Party,” followed by a speech with his famous saying: “Be kind to each other. It’s important.” Those simple seven words resonated in the minds of thousands of students over his teaching career and trickled down to their students.

One of Walters’ most no- table students is the current Director of Bands at Jack- sonville State University, Dr. Kenneth G. Bodiford.

Dr. Walters always stressed how important it was to put the students first. He always led by example teaching with a kind hu- manity that made all of his students comfortable and ea- ger to learn,” said Bodiford.

Walters wanted a good band, but more importantly, he aimed to create a fam- ily among the members. He knew that uniting each indi- vidual personality toward a common goal would prove to be the secret ingredient to success.

Walters left a huge impact on the Marching South- erners, and he will be missed. In honor of Dr. Walters, the Southerners dedicated their last performance of their 2013 show, “Celebration” to him. This dedication was an- nounced over the intercom before the Southerners per- formed part of their halftime show in Frisco, Texas at the FCS National Champion- ship.

Walters leaves behind a legacy that is very rare — a legacy that cannot be taught, but can only be truly understood once the student feels the meaning of the words.

Creator of Southerners’ sound dies

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Dr. David L. Walters died on December 30. Dr. Walters served as the director of bands from 1961 until 1991 and is responsible for many of the Marching Southerners’ traditions.
Review: Concussion brings real problems to big screen

Collins Marcus
Staff Reporter

For those who fancy “David versus Goli- th” stories, this is a must watch film. Will Smith stars as forensic pathologist Dr. Hennet Omalu, a Nigerian im- migrant working and living in Pittsburgh. He is portrayed to have no little to no knowledge about football as he concentrates fully on work and his numerous duties.

The movie does a good job on the back- ground stories before diving into the gritty details. Dr. Omalu (Smith) gains interest with the medi- cal aspect of the game after the death of Mike Webster, a Pittsburgh Steelers center, played by David Morse. Morse does a good job portraying the suffer- ing that Webster faces, from headaches to dizziness to hearing strange voices in his head and even inno- nia. Webster dies from an apparent heart attack but Dr. Omalu is not fully convinced by the cause of death and begins to dig deeper. Omalu starts watch- ing football clips and studying blood samples and concludes that all the knocks to the head in the long run lead to a disorder known as Chronic Traumatic En- cephalopathy (CTE).

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There is a romantic spin to the movie as well. Omalu meets a Kenyan immigrant named Par- ma, played by British actress Gugu Mbatha- Raw. She is portrayed as an integral pillar in Omalu’s struggles with the NFL. Will Smith received a Golden Globe nomi- nation, which was well deserved as the accent is accurate and the performance makes one forget that it is Will Smith and not Dr. Omalu. This might be a movie many fans want to watch before the Su- per bowl as it does get one thinking.

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JSU Drama prepares for upcoming season

Michelle Megill
Staff Reporter

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Approval of bill represents Christmas miracle

Kevin Spann
Political Columnist

Before returning to the messier side of politics, it is important to note when government does something truly altruistic. In the years following the 9/11 attacks, it began to become obvious that numerous first responders were exposed to hazardous materials with the potential to significantly increase their chances of developing cancer or other fatal illnesses.

Named after James Zadroga, a young police officer who died of respiratory illness following the attack, the Zadroga Act was authored to pay compensations to first responders who worked on the World Trade Center site and to their family members in the black mafia of New Orleans in the 1960s.

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Mafia III introduces racially diverse character

Eric Taunton
Staff Reporter

The third installment of the video game series, Mafia III will be released for Xbox One, and PC. The game re-introduces our old friend with the Zadroga Act passing both Houses of Congress and being signed into law by the President.

By 2013, the bill who relied on the act began to worry as the law seemed at risk of being repealed. The majority leader Mitch McConnell promised that the act would be renewed but by October the act had indeed formally expired though renamed and being available temporarily.

As such new efforts were launched in order to rally support for the act. Again comedian Jon Stewart traveled to Capitol Hill with numerous other scans dials and stories filling the air.

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The game helps to make the video game industry more diverse in its representation of racial character.

Many people also find piano music particularly soothing. Experts’ advice? Buy bubbles, especially if your parents posted an article titled “7 Sleep Doctors Revel Themselves in a Sleepless Fast” in August 2015 on the best way to help yourself fall asleep. Professor Beren- gry, Rachel Marie E. Salas, M.D., said that blowing bubbles before you go to bed promotes heavy breathing exercises that trick your brain into thinking that you are getting tired.

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Grass named AFCA FCS Coach of the Year.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Jacksonville State’s John Grass was honored on Tuesday at the American Football Coaches Association’s annual convention in the 2017 AFCA National Coach of the Year. Grass finished the 13-2 season that saw him win his second Ohio Valley Conference title in as many years and guide the Gamecocks to the FCS National Championship Game for the first time in school history. Grass became the first coach in FCS history to go unbeaten in conference play in a first two seasons as a head coach. He also tied for the best yearly winning percentage in FCS history (.969). Grass started to a head coaching career in FCS history through his first 26 games (22-4).

He was named the OVC Roy Kidd Coach of the Year for the second-straight season in 2015. Grass was one of five coaches honored at Tuesday’s day, convention, joining Clemsons’ Dabo Swinney (FBS), Northwest Missouri State’s Adam Doerell (Division III), St. Thomas’ (Minn.) Glen Caruso (Division III) and Marian’s Andrew Lanman (NAIA) as the 2015 AFCA National Coach of the Year winners.

The Gamecocks suffered a 9-2 run in just over a two-minute span fueled by two Green Bay three-pointers to create separation and enter the half, 46-32. With 16:57 remaining in the second half, Drum- ham who each had eight points. MSU took its lead midway through the first half, but the game went back-and-forth often before the Racers began to pull away from a 25-23 tie late in the period. The Racers made a 9-2 run in just over a two-minute span fueled by two Green Bay three-pointers to create separation and enter the half. The Racers took possession of the ball, sophomore Mal- com Drumwright added another as JSU held a five-point lead at the first media break. Drumwright was the only Gamecock to finish in double figures in scoring with a team-high 14 points. Tackler finished with nine followed by JaQuail Turner and Erik Dur- ham who each had eight points. MSU took its lead midway through the first half, but the game went back-and-forth often before the Racers began to pull away from a 25-23 tie late in the period. The Racers made a 9-2 run in just over a two-minute span fueled by two Green Bay three-pointers to create separation and enter the half with a 32-25 lead.

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Murray State 69-54

MURRAY, Ky. – The Jacksonville State mens’ basketball team suffered a 69-54 road setback to Ohio Valley Conference foe, Murray State, at the CFSB Center.

The Gamecocks opened the contest jumpin- out to an 8-2 advantage over the Racers. The Racers were led by freshman Tucker who each had eight points. MSU took its lead midway through the first half, but the game went back-and-forth often before the Racers began to pull away from a 25-23 tie late in the period.

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Pope and quarterback Eli Jenkins (1,161) became the first JSU tandem to rush for 1,500 yards and scored 19 touchdowns since 1986. Pope ran for over 100 yards eight times in 2015 and scored 19 touchdowns on the ground, tied for second-most in a season in school history. He was the leader on an offense that destroyed the school’s single-season rushing record with 4,511 yards, 654 more than the previous record set in 1991.

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