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The Department of History and Foreign Languages will hold its first lecture at 5:30 pm tonight in Merrill Hall, Room 250. Dr. Russel Lemmons will speak.



Bre Heard/Chanticleer

Students, faculty and UPD enjoy a special ice cream social as part as the effort to improve better student/officer relationships

Students "chill" with the cops

Brittnay Robertson
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 3, the Student Government Association and the University Police Department held an ice cream social called "Ice Cream with the Cops." The event was held in front of the Theron Montgomery Building.

Students, faculty and staff were all in attendance, as well as the officers of the University Police Department. President Beehler and his wife, Dr. Pamela Beehler attended as well.

"The purpose of today's event is to reach out to students," President Beehler said. "We are trying to help develop relationships between the

students of JSU and the police department and felt that an event like this would be best. Everyone is having a good time and eating great ice cream."

The event served three flavors of ice cream and offered an extensive array of topping options, from crushed cookies and sprinkles to chocolate syrup. Students were seen standing



Dustin Fox/Chanticleer

Thomas Watts, in green, tosses a frisbee in a contested situation at Dillon Field Monday evening

JSU ultimate frisbee shows out

Dustin Fox
Staff Writer

On Monday, as the sun set over Dillon Field, JSU's ultimate frisbee team warmed up with stretches before running drills and scrimmaging.

Between plays, though, the atmosphere on the field changed from competitive to friendly, with the team members cracking jokes and carrying on conversations. To an outsider, the team could appear to just be a group of friends playing a pickup game after class.

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JSU selects deans to oversee two new schools

JSU News Wire

JSU has promoted two well-respected departmental leaders to serve as deans of the university's new School of Science and School of Human Services and Social Sciences.

Dr. Timothy Lindblom, head of the Department of Biology, has been named dean of the School of Science while Dr. Maureen Newton, head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, has been named dean of the School of Human Services and Social Sciences. According to Dr. Rebecca Turner, provost, the two new deans were chosen from a strong pool of qualified candidates.

"We are pleased that these appointments could be made internally and that we have leadership opportunities like these available for employees at JSU,"

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Turner said. "I am looking forward to working with these two new deans on our Academic Affairs leadership team."

The university announced in June that it was reorganizing its four colleges into six schools to create more manageable, marketable and synergistic units. The large College of Arts and Sciences was split into three schools: the School of Arts and Humanities, the School of Science, and the School of Human Services and Social Sciences. With Dean Earl Wade remaining with the School of Arts and Humanities, the university needed to select new deans to oversee its two new schools.

"As JSU moves forward with its new academic structure with six schools, leadership is extremely important to our future success," said President John M. Beehler. "I am very pleased that we have found two excellent leaders in Maureen Newton and Tim Lindblom to be our founding deans of the School of Human Services and Social Sciences and the School of Science. I am confident they are the right people at the right time to lead these two new academic schools to a bright future that is transformative, innovative and engaged for success."

Lindblom arrived at JSU earlier this year as professor and head of biology after serving 14 years at Lyon College in Arkansas, where his appointments included chairing the Division of Natural Science and serving as the Willie Dillard Bryan Professor of Biology. He earned a BS in molecular biology at Auburn University in 1993 and a PhD in cellular biology from the University of Georgia in 2000. After graduate school, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin. He currently serves as managing editor of the "Eastern Biologist" journal and editor of "Aletheia: The Alpha Chi Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship."

"I'm delighted to be a part of this new school that brings the sciences together," Lindblom said. "This new organization will help us work more collaboratively and create synergy between many scientific disciplines. JSU is a special place and the JSU family has welcomed me warmly. I look forward to serving the students, faculty and staff in the coming years."

Newton joined the social work faculty at JSU in 1999 and was promoted to associate professor in 2005 and full professor in 2011. She was named director of the Bachelor of Social Work program in 2012 and head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work in 2013. Before going into academia, she worked as a clinical social worker for ten years in the areas of alcohol and drug recovery, home health and hospice care, and HIV/AIDS. She earned a BS in social work from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1986, a Master of Social Work from Florida State University in 1987 and a PhD in social work from the University of Tennessee in 1998. She has been the Faculty Athletic Representative at JSU since 1996, working with athletes, administrators, the OVC conference and the NCAA.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to work with the students, faculty and staff within the new School of Human Services and Social Sciences," Newton said. "I look forward to supporting our faculty and staff in the continued effort to provide a successful learning environment. We have great programs within our school and our faculty and staff provide innovative and creative opportunities for students to excel in learning and in life. It is my hope that by bringing these departments and programs together in one school we can build upon our success."

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Bre Heard/Chanticleer

Two UPD officers help serve ice cream to guests at the SGA's "Ice Cream with the Cops" event on the front steps of the TMB on Monday.

and talking with University Police and having a good time.

"This was a collaboration between the Student Government Association and the University Police Department," SGA Vice President of Organizational Affairs Dylan Jones said. "The main focus is about the policemen on campus and to show that they are not what the media has portrayed them as. Some of them [policemen] are students, so this event is meant to give everyone common ground and to get to know their campus police."

The SGA and UPD have been working together since the summer to create a friendlier officer-student atmosphere. Events like Ice Cream with the Cops will be held several more times throughout the year, sometimes featuring coffee and donuts in place of ice cream. The idea is to showcase police officers in positive situations, because, often times, students only interact with officers when they are being given tickets.

Both the UPD and SGA are taking steps to ensure that students are provided with quality safety and security on JSU's campus.

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FRISBEE, from page 1

This is intentional, according to team captain Andrew Record.

"We have organized practice, but we're also out here to just have fun, so it's more laid back," he said after practice. This structure helps the team develop a sense of camaraderie, which is vital to the culture of ultimate frisbee.

The game has no official referees, so it relies on players to govern themselves by the Spirit of the Game.

According to the USA Ultimate official website, the Spirit of the Game places the responsibility of fair play on the players.

Highly competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the agreed upon rules, or the basic joy of play.

Ultimate frisbee, which is played on campuses and in leagues across the country, is played by two seven-player teams whose goal is to get the frisbee up the field to the end zone, passing it between players and past the opposing team's defense.

Games are capped by an hour and a half time limit, but the first team to score thirteen points is the winner. There is no contact in ultimate frisbee, which can lead to fouls. Unlike sports with referees, however, the players have to call their own fouls.

"We all hold each other accountable in the way we uphold Spirit of the Game and it's a really beautiful thing to see in action," Record said.

JSU has had regular pickup groups for the sport for at least five years, but this is the first year the team, led by Record and Cameron Born, has been officially recognized by the university. There are about 25 regular players on the team, and even though the fall is usually spent training and recruiting, the team has participated in a few tournaments. The tournaments are typically held on the weekends and allow leagues and teams from area schools to

compete.

Deston Bailey, a graphic design student at JSU and leader of a pickup frisbee program in Anniston, participated in a tournament with the team at Samford University last weekend.

He said that JSU and Calhoun county have room for improvement, but the team has a lot of potential and aren't far behind the established teams in the gulf coast region. At the tournament last week, JSU's team won against a split squad from UAB, which Bailey says is a testament to the new guys' potential.

Ultimate Frisbee is competitive and as more schools develop official teams, it is beginning to gain official recognition. But for Bailey and most players, the sport is about having fun and building camaraderie.

"Everyone tends to be on the helpful side and shares a passion for the sport to grow," he said. He described the atmosphere at last week's tournament, saying that JSU's team joked around with other teams and helped each other's rookies while playing. "You simply just don't see that in many other sports in a competitive setting," he said.

JSU's ultimate frisbee team is still looking to expand,

and are looking for recruits as they gear up for tournaments in the spring.

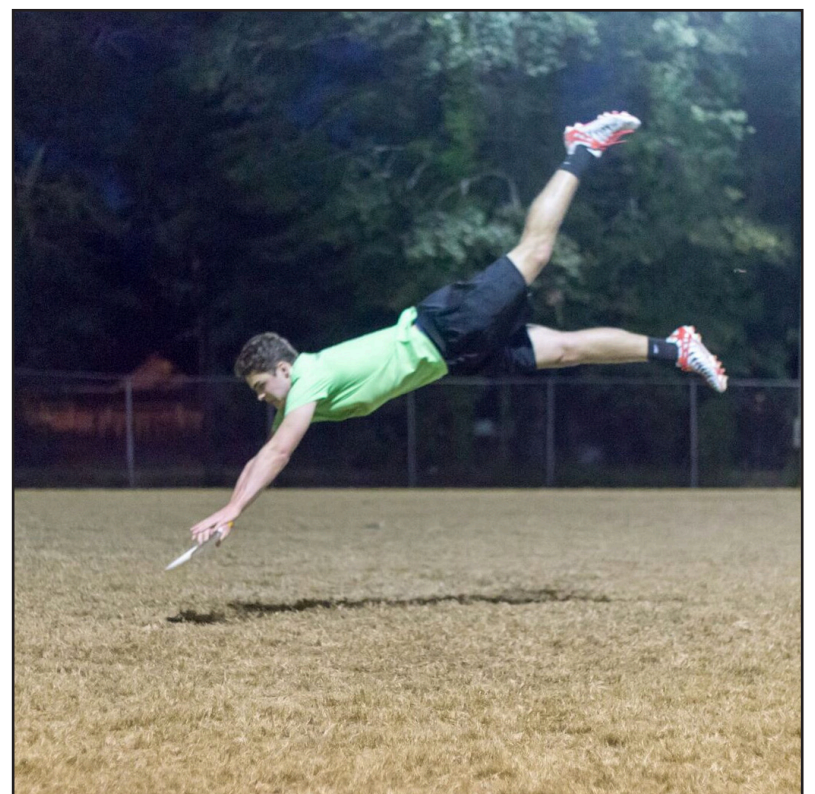
For anyone interested in getting involved, practices are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30, and the team captains can be contacted at andrewrecord@hotmail.com and cameronborn2424@gmail.com



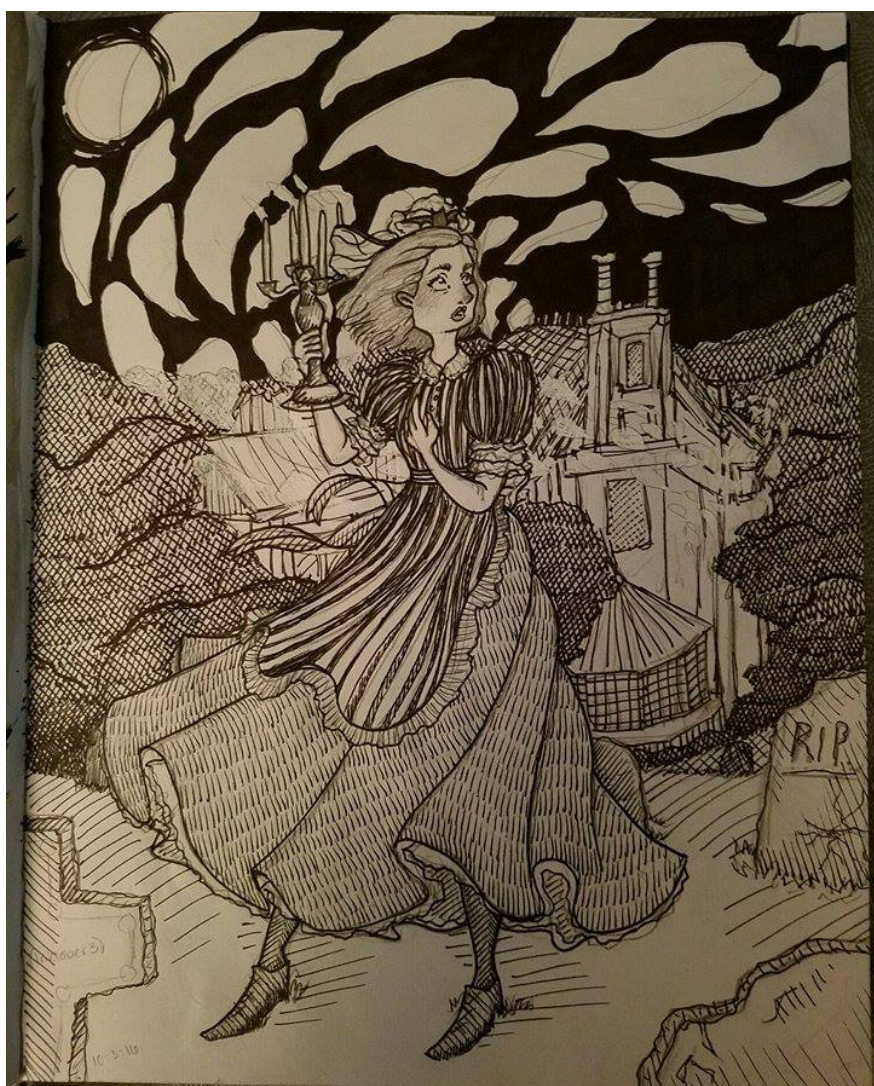
Above: Two players go for the catch as the sun sets behind Jax Apartments.

Below: Thomas Watts makes a diving catch during the team's Monday night practice on Dillon Field.

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STUDY BREAK



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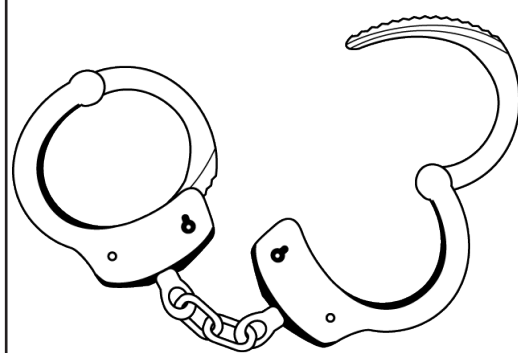
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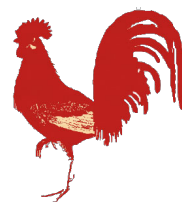
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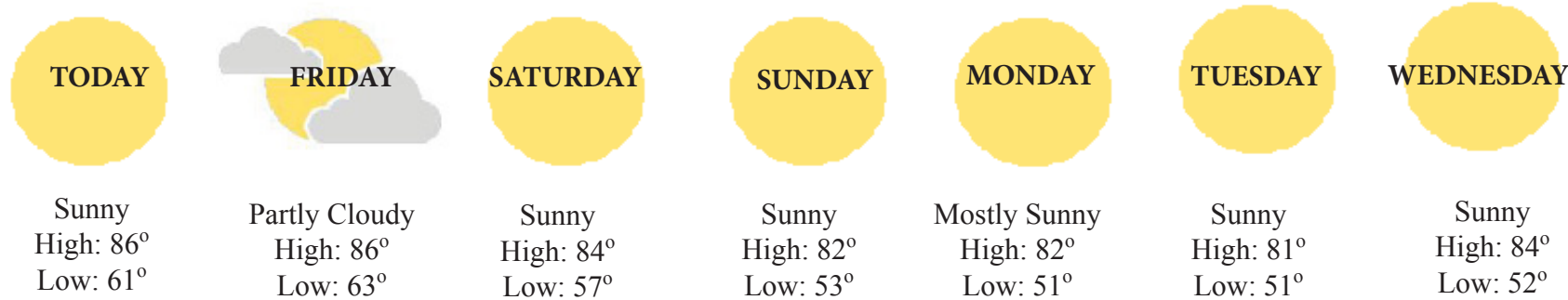
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Y'all. I just bought Halloweentown, Twitches, and Mom's Got a Date with a Vampire on iTunes for \$2.99 each. I won today, and it's not even noon.

7-day weather outlook



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Sunsets cannot be missed in Jacksonville

Katelyn Schneider

Arts & Entertainment Editor

When the sun sets, the fun begins. Local Jacksonville band, The Sunsets, make sure of that whenever they take any stage.

The Sunsets is a band of six men, five of whom are Jacksonville State University students. The band consists of Torsten Dryden, Breihan Dryden, Daniel O'Donnell, Brian Jones, Devin Gordy and Allen Poore. After other past bands failed with the individuals, they all came together to create the sound they have today.

There have been shifts in the band members in the course of the year and a half they have been established.

The band is constantly playing shows and seeking for more to play. They are more than willing to perform at any sort of venue.

"We play at restaurants, bars, scuba diving parks, houses and bedrooms," Torsten Dryden, lead vocalist and synthesizer operator said. He then added with a laugh, "We'll play wherever people want us to."

The Sunsets are mainly a rock band but also incorporate other styles into their sound. They often include a jazz style and styles from the 80s and 90s into their work, so it is difficult to classify them as one genre.

"It's readily or wildly available to basically anyone who likes music,"

Torsten said.

So far, not just anyone has liked their music--a lot of people have. The band is happy about the crowd's response to them. People of all ages have showed an interest in their work.

At shows, the crowd sings along to covers, dances along to the band's original songs and just reacts, which is exactly what the musicians want.

Although the band has high hopes of being signed and getting to tour the world, they are happy with just being able to play.

"We would like to be signed to a record label and actually get to tour the world regardless of any kind of world renown success or anything," Torsten said shrugging. Smiling, he added, "As long as we can project our message and positive attitudes to our music listeners and make sure they have a good time, then that's getting the job done."

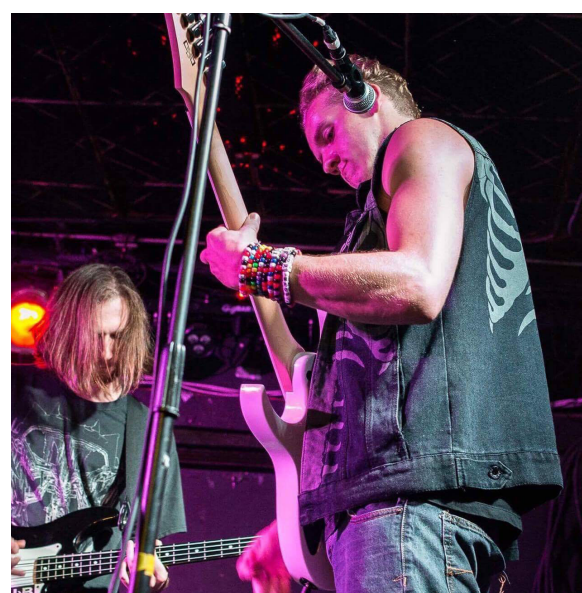
Despite the difficulty of balancing class, work or both alongside extracurricular activities and this band, the men always make time to create music. This past summer, The Sunsets recorded an EP titled "The Fatal Attraction." They recorded with pro-



ducer Brett Stewart at The Sound Shelter near Nashville, Tenn.

Their music can be found on free platforms such as YouTube or Spotify, or it can be purchased through iTunes, Amazon or Google Play.

If interested in catching a live performance, The Sunsets will be playing a free show at Phi Mu's "Bonnamu" Music Festival this Friday. They will also be playing Oct. 28 for Sigma Nu's Homecoming party.



Toby Satterfield/Special to The Chanticleer

The band performs together at one of their many shows.

Faculty recital benefits Legacy Scholarship

Hannah Ashford

Staff Reporter

On Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Mason Hall Performance Center, a recital was held to benefit the Legacy Scholarship. The recital featured over 20 of Jacksonville State University's music faculty.

The Legacy Scholarship is for students who have a parent or grandparent who attended JSU. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA to stay eligible.

At an intermission of the recital, the Legacy and Genesis scholarships were presented to the recipients.

Andrew Epperson, one of the Legacy scholarship recipients said, "I feel really honored! It made me feel proud to think

that because of my mother's hard work for her dreams, I can work hard towards mine."

The performance center was packed with students, faculty and various relatives of those performing.

The recital started out with a piano quartet by Gail Steward, Kathy Gregory, Andy Nevala and Wendy Freeland. Each also played either solos or with other members throughout the program.

James Woodward performed a piece he arranged. He used a piano and certain electronics to create different sounds with the piano.

As Jeremy Benson was performing on flute, a little girl imitated him playing. The girl also started playing an invisible piano with

accompanist Kathy Gregory.

"I love that she already has an interest in music at this age. It makes me feel better about her future," the girl's mother said during the intermission.

After the intermission, there was a very enjoyable performance by Nathan Wright and Kathy Gregory. They showed how technology can help pianists and other instruments and vocalist with page turning. Gregory had an iPad pro and Wright had another tablet as he sang. Instead of having to turn a sheet of paper, one can touch a certain part of the tablet screen and turn to a page. In the performance, Kathy would pretend to not like the song and turn the page as he was

singing. They were acting of course, as Wright pretended to be annoyed with Kathy. Their humorous frustration towards each other made the performance very entertaining. Their performance ended with Wright leaving and Kathy flipping to a page and started playing saying, "I like this one."

The crowd loved it. Throughout the second half of the recital,

there were a variety of other performances. Myrtice Collins sang the traditional song, "When the Saints Go Marching In." With her was Dr. McCuthen, Nevala and Woodward as accompaniment. All three would appear with other performers in the recital as well. The program ended with the jazz piece "Caravan," which had several solos in it.

When the recital was

over, the crowd gave a standing ovation. Even the young children there showed excitement.

The recital had several meanings that day. It helped provide a better future for some students, and it gave inspiration for the ones not yet in college. The recital was very much a success for both the faculty and everyone who saw it.



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Twenty of JSU's music faculty hosted a scholarship that benefitted the Legacy Scholarship. The recital had a great turnout.

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Southerners host BOA regional competition

Alissa Camplin
Staff Reporter

This weekend, thousands of musicians from all over the south flocked to Jacksonville as it hosted the Bands of America Regional marching band competition this past Saturday. This event was presented and sponsored by Yamaha.

The day began in Jacksonville at 10:15 in the morning as the box office of Burgess-Snow began to sell tickets. The stadium gates opened thirty minutes later.

Parkway High School of Louisiana began the competition at 11:15 a.m., and bands from all over the south continued until around four in the afternoon. There were fifteen bands that came to compete. The states of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina were all represented.

From the fifteen bands that performed in the preliminary round, only ten of them

advanced to finals and were invited to present their show a second time that night.

These ten finalist bands were, in performance order: Cleveland High School from Tennessee, Hoover High School from Alabama, Saint James School from Alabama, Kell High School from Georgia, Brentwood High School from Tennessee, Powdersville High School from South Carolina, River Ridge High School in Georgia, East Coweta High School in Georgia, Kennesaw Mountain High School in Georgia and Nation Ford High School in South Carolina. This order was picked at random.

At the end of the night, the first place victory went home to the Palmetto State as Nation Ford High School beat the second place band, Kennesaw Mountain High School by nearly three points.

The Marching Southerners on band scholarship were assigned jobs throughout



Mark Du Pont/Special to The Chanticleer

The Southerners performed their full show during their exhibition performance.

the day to ensure a successful and smooth event. Such jobs included parking duty, program sales, and clean up.

The Southerners were also the exhibition band of the evening, performing their 2016 production, "Heroes: Lost and Fallen" between prelims and finals.

The goal of Bands of America by Music for All is, to "create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through

music for all," according to their website.

Their Vision continues with: "We will use our resources to provide national programs that recognize and support music students' performance and success, offer music educator training and professional development, and deliver tools and resources to participants and their communities that will assist them in supporting music education by promot-

ing awareness of music's impact on student growth and achievement."

Bands of America, or BOA, was created by Music for All in 1975. It is an organization that creates Regional and Super Regional marching band competitions. BOA is also responsible for the annual Grand National Championships held in the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Grand National Championships is a three-day event and is considered to be the most prestigious band competition open to high schools. The format of this competition goes as follows: a preliminary round, a semi-final round, and a final round. From the final round comes the overall winner of the event.

If anyone missed the performance by The Southerners, they will perform this Saturday at halftime during the JSU vs. Tennessee Tech game. Kick-off is at 1 p.m. and will be at Burgess-Snow.

Masterminds not masterfully presented

Katelyn Schneider
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Masterminds, a comedy heist movie, arrived to the big screen on Friday, Sept. 30.

The movie is based on a real bank robbery but tells the story as though it is not a serious crime. The film tells the story of the 1997 Loomis Fargo Robbery. This robbery, sometimes referred to as the "hillbilly heist," is one of the largest cash robberies in the history of the United States, according to pajiba.com.

Director Jared Hess relied heavily on the hillbilly aspect to bring laughs to the audience. The characters were portrayed as moronic and what people would consider simple-minded "trailer trash."

The protagonist David Gantt, portrayed by Zach Galifianakis, is an armored truck driver for Loomis Fargo. His life lacks the adventure that he always dreamed of. He is stuck in a routine, but that changes when Kel-

ly Campbell, portrayed by Kristen Wiig, steps into his life.

Kelly and some of her not-so-good friends manipulate Gantt into stealing \$17.2 million and later let him take the fall. Kelly begins to feel bad for her actions, and Gantt decides to make the most of this adventure. Gantt, although not the sharpest tool in the shed, devises a plan that brings the movie to a semi-realistic ending.

Other comedic favorites play larger roles as well. The cast also includes Owen Wilson, Jason Sudeikis, Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones, and Mary Elizabeth Ellis.

Despite the popular cast, *Masterminds* was not masterful at all. The jokes lacked creativity and centered too much on toilet humor, according to a review by Lloyd Bayer. He said the movie showed lazy writing.

Jeff Pool, a JSU student was not sure exactly how to feel about the film.

"It was funny, and the characters played each part

well. It definitely had some very good humor and some very bad humor, so overall, I'd give it about a two out of five," Pool said.

Pool did say it was interesting because he did not know that it was based off of a true story.

Although the film does contain some violence and crude humor, it is rated PG-13.

Overall, the film received a mixed set of ratings and reviews from others who saw it. Rotten Tomatoes only gave the film a 38 percent while Roger Ebert gave it a 3 out of 4. Imdb fell close to the center giving it a 5.7 out of 10.

Mixed reviews make it hard for viewers to decide whether or not *Masterminds* is worth paying to see. The best way to form an opinion on the film is for viewers to go see it make up their own mind.

Masterminds is showing at AmStar 12 in the Quintard Mall in Oxford and at Premiere Cinema 16 at the Gadsden Mall.



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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Coq Au Vin with Nicki Arnold Swindle

I came up with two possible titles for this column: "A Different Perspective" and "Coq Au Vin." My preferred title, "Coq Au Vin," comes from the French method of cooking chicken, particularly older chickens and roosters, in wine in order to make the meat more tender. I felt this was very fitting for a couple of what I consider fairly obvious reasons—we non-traditional students are usually older, tougher, and we can legally drink, as well as we have been seasoned for longer, as it takes time to cook a chicken this way but it is the best way to cook an older chicken.

I have been a student at Jacksonville State University off-and-on now for twenty-four years but an actual student for only seven years of that. I started when I was still in high school, taking a couple of classes for college credit. I

came back at twenty, as a young married woman expecting my first child.

I had my oldest biological child the week before the fall semester of 1997 started, and I took him to several of my political science classes in Martin Hall and criminal justice classes in Brewer Hall. He slept in a carrier on my chest during classes, and I also worked while going to school after he was about six weeks old.

I got to walk across the field to participate in commencement in the summer of 2000 because my mother was terminally ill, and I only had six hours left to finish my degree.

It felt like I would never make it when I switched from political science/pre-law to social work in what would have been my last semester of school. My mother's battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and life had influenced my decision to pursue a Bachelor of Social

Work (BSW) degree.

I had my second biological child in January of 2001, and I changed back to political science in order to graduate in April of 2002, just before my mother succumbed to her illness.

I came back to Jacksonville State in 2005, planning to complete a degree in social work and communications and go through the ROTC program. I wanted to be an Army officer, but caring for two children as a single mother and the difficult decisions involved with military service and parenting convinced me to apply for a job as an Army Civilian through JSU's Career Center. I loved working for the Army, provided for my children well, and that job led me to meet my husband.

When I was deciding what to do with the rest of my life, I decided to finally come back to JSU once more and to finish the BSW that I had started fifteen years earlier.

I have never been a traditional



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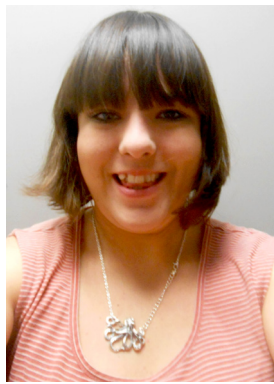
Nicki Arnold Swindle

student at Jacksonville State University, but I love JSU and am proud to be a GAMECOCK!

Each week, I will discuss issues of importance to other non-trads (non-traditional students), and if you are one of us, I would love to hear from you. It can be easy to feel like we do not truly belong or to get the college experience, but together we can make a difference and bring awareness to issues in order to initiate change.

I support Christmas decorations before Halloween

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief
Christmas lover



Katie Cline

I walked into Walmart with my roommate and her boyfriend on September 22, and they had already started to put out Christmas decorations. My friends cringed. I rejoiced.

You may all yell at me and demand my head on a pike now.

Because I am THAT person. I love Christmas. Halloween and Thanksgiving are nice, but Christmas is my absolute favorite time of the year. Granted, September is a *little* early for Christmas, but I'm not going to complain. Because Christmas is the time of year when everyone seems to care about each other, and I refuse to let caring about people be a one month a year thing.

Ask anyone who knows me: Christmas is my favorite time of year. Last year, I decorated the dorm room on November 6. There was tinsel wrapped around lamps, door covers on our doors, Christmas canvases hanging on the walls, Christmas bulbs

hanging from the ceiling on fishing line and 6ft. silver tree in the corner. It almost killed my roommate.

I've always loved Christmas, ever since I was little. Then, it meant travelling 16 hours to my parents' hometown in Pennsylvania and seeing family I only saw once a year. It meant waking up at 6:00 a.m. and seeing the living room piled high with presents. It meant eating Christmas cookies until I got sick and using my aunt and uncle's porch as a makeshift refrigerator when there was too much food to fit inside.

Now, Christmas is a little different. Everyone's a little too busy to travel, and I have more stuff than I need, but I still get childishly giddy about baking cookies and buying gifts. (I've already bought one of my roommates' presents. I'll let them read this and

stew over whose it is.) I still make my friends take "family pictures" in front of the tree, and I make them a new ornament every year.

I still watch the Claymation *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and the Island of Misfit Toys* and *Elf* every year, and I still hate most covers of Christmas songs that were done after the 1970s. Cinnamon and cigarette smoke still smell like Christmas to me, because I have some relatives who were heavy smokers when I was young, and my favorite thing in the world is to watch people open the present I got them.

Christmas, for me, isn't about all the stuff. It's about the things you do with the people you love. It's about remembering how lucky you are to have each other and to appreciate everything you've gone through that year. It's about remembering the pure magic of childhood and going back to that for a little while. It's about love.

And, gosh darn it, I will celebrate that in September and all year long if I want to. You can't stop me.

Miss JSU Pageant offers service and scholarships

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The 2017 Miss JSU pageant is just around the corner!

The pageant will be held on Jan. 13, 2017. Participants get the opportunity to meet new people, volunteer and create a platform. Miss JSU gets a scholarship that pays for sixteen hours of tuition during the year she reigns. There are also other chances to win scholarship money other than earning the title of Miss JSU: the first runner-up receives a \$1,000 scholarship; the winner of the talent portion receives a \$250 scholarship, and the swimsuit winner receives a \$100 scholarship. Local businesses that sponsor the Miss JSU pageant donate gifts to Miss JSU, the first and second runner-up, the talent show winner and the swimsuit winner.

Being crowned Miss JSU also qualifies the title-holder to participate in the annual Miss Alabama pageant, usually held in June.

One of the most rewarding aspects of earning the title of Miss JSU are the opportunities it presents. Earning the title of Miss JSU gives a Jacksonville State University stu-



Steve Latham/JSU

Madelynn Barker is crowned as Miss JSU 2016 by Miss JSU 2015, Cortlynn Watson.

dent the opportunity to participate in the Miss Alabama pageant and to use their publicity to positively affect the community.

The current Miss JSU, Madelynn Barker, has done an outstanding job of representing Jacksonville State University. Ms. Barker graduated from Weaver High School in Weaver, Ala. in 2015. She is currently a sophomore majoring in psychology at Jacksonville State University and hopes to become a school counselor after graduation. Since becoming Miss JSU, Barker has been able to travel to local middle and high schools to share her platform, G.I.R.L.S. (Growing, Initiating and Realizing Lessons in Self-respect). Barker has the opportunity to speak to young girls about respecting themselves and gain-

ing confidence.

"I do believe girls can benefit from participating in pageants," Barker told the JSU Office of Public Relations just after she won the crown in January 2016. "These pageants helped to bring me out of my shell. I have learned to always stand firm in my beliefs, and it has given me the confidence to overcome my shyness."

Barker shares her message on her website, G.I.R.L.S. She has also been a guest speaker for the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun County and the Church of the Highlands.

There will be a Miss JSU interest meeting held on Oct. 7, 2016 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at McClure Chapel. Anyone who wants to learn more about the Miss JSU pageant is invited to attend.

SPORTS

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

10/6
- **Softball**
vs. Snead State
University Field 5 p.m.

10/7
- **Men's Tennis**
at Samford Invitational
Birmingham, Ala.

- **Soccer**
vs. Southeast Missouri
Soccer Complex 7 p.m.

10/8
- **Men's, Women's Cross Country at Disney XC Classic Orlando, Fla.**

- **Football**
vs. Tennessee Tech
Burgess-Snow Field 1 p.m.

10/9
- **Soccer**
vs. UT Martin
Soccer Complex 1 p.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. Southeast Missouri
"The Pete" 2 p.m.

10/10
- **Men's Golf at WKU Kenny Perry Invitational - Bowling Green, Ky.**

- **Women's Golf at Pinehurst Challenge - Pinehurst, N. C.**

10/11
- **Softball**
vs. Talladega College
University Field 4 p.m.

- **Volleyball**
at Jackson State
Jackson, Miss. 7 p.m.

10/13
- **Soccer**
at Morehead State
Morehead, Ky. 6 p.m.

OVC Soccer Standings

School	OVC	O/R
Eastern Kentucky	2-0	7-2-0
Tennessee Tech	2-0	6-4-1
SIUE	2-0	4-4-2
Austin Peay	1-0	6-4-0
Murray State	1-0	2-4-1
SEMO	1-1	7-3-1
Eastern Illinois	1-1	4-6-0
Jacksonville State	0-2	3-7-1
Morehead State	0-2	3-7-1
UT Martin	0-2	3-7-0
Belmont	0-2	1-6-3

OVC Volleyball Standings

School	OVC	O/R
SIUE	2-0	9-4
Belmont	2-0	8-4
Austin Peay	2-0	11-6
Jacksonville State	2-0	12-8
Murray State	2-0	7-7
Morehead State	1-1	5-10
Tennessee Tech	1-1	5-10
Tennessee State	0-2	7-8
Eastern Kentucky	0-2	5-9
UT Martin	0-2	4-13
Eastern Illinois	0-2	3-13
SEMO	0-2	1-15

Harper holds first practice

JACKSONVILLE – A new era of Jacksonville State men's basketball began Friday with the team's first practice under head coach Ray Harper.

It was the first full-squad practice of the 2016-17 season for the Gamecocks.

JSU looks to improve following an eight-win 2015-16 season.

"I thought the guys worked hard today," Harper said.

"I saw some really good things today.

We spent a lot of time on the offense today, but we will come back Sunday and flip it.

We focused a lot on toughness and how hard we expect guys to play."

The 2016-17 roster features six returners, including All-OVC Preseason nominee senior Erik Durham and junior Malcolm Drumwright, along with

nine newcomers.

The Gamecocks return three starters from the previous year.

Jacksonville State hits the court Oct. 28 and Nov. 3 as it hosts Shorter University and Spring Hill College, respectively, for two 7 p.m. preseason exhibition games.

The Gamecocks open the regular season on the road Nov. 11 at Tulsa.

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Women's tennis picks up 6 wins at UTC Steve Barns Fall Classic

JACKSONVILLE – The JSU women's tennis team completed the two-day UTC Steve Barns Fall Classic on Saturday.

The Gamecocks picked up six individual wins and a team victory at the

Champions Club in Chattanooga.

Diana Monsalve earned a victory over UTC's Delaney Edwards, while Svea Mai downed McKenzie Barco on Friday.

Jacksonville State's team win came Saturday vs. Kennesaw State.

The Gamecocks took five of the six matches en route to victory.

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Jackson added to defense watchlist

JACKSONVILLE – Junior defensive end Darius Jackson has been added to the STATS FCS Defensive Player of the Year Watch List, the organization announced on Tuesday.

Jackson, the 2016 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, is off to a fast start in his third season as one of the Gamecocks' defensive bookends.

The Bessemer, Ala., native's play early in the season earned him the right to be added

to the list that was originally put together prior to the start of the season.

Jackson has been one of the catalysts for the JSU defense, which ranks fifth in the FCS in total defense and 12th in the nation in rushing defense.

He is also a big reason the Gamecocks are second in the nation in sacks and fourth in tackles for a loss.

He leads the OVC and is third in the nation with 1.25 sacks per game, while his 1.9 tackles for loss per outing is second in

the OVC and 18th nationally.

Just a junior, Jackson already has a few school career records in his sights.

He needs just one more sack to break Chris Landrum, Sr., and Warren Blair's school record of 16, while his 32.0 career tackles for a loss are tied with Blair for second all-time.

Landrum holds that record with 39.5.

Jackson has accounted for 131 yards from his tackles for a loss, third in school his-



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tory and just behind Devin Phillips' 136 in second place.

Landrum also holds that record with 162.

Through four games in 2016, Jackson has 15 tackles, 7.5 for a loss, and 5.0 sacks.

He has also broken up a pass, forced and recovered a fumble.

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Personal bests set at Foothills Invitational

OXFORD - The Jacksonville State cross country teams saw four individuals set personal best times at the 11th Annual Foothills Invitational held at Oxford Lake on Saturday.

In the men's 8K race, senior Stephen Payne led the way for JSU with a time of 26:14.6 to place 30th in the 161-competitor field.

Teammate Kole Pettit also set a new best just behind Payne crossing the finish at 26:39.2.

Junior Daniel Burton turned in a mark of 27:26.4 to round out the top Gamecock finishers.

Chattanooga's men won the Red Division representing all Division I schools with a total time of 2:07:09 and a 25:25 average.

Georgia Tech was second and JSU finished seventh just two minutes off UTC's average pace.

Montebello topped Tennessee-Wesleyan to win the White Division consisting of Div. II, III, NAIA and Club teams.

In the women's 5K race, it was Georgia Tech who topped Chattanooga with a finishing mark of 1:32:02.

Just six minutes off the winning pace, JSU finished sixth with a 1:38:58.

The Gamecocks finished just ahead of the only other Ohio Valley Conference team in Austin Peay.

Just like on the men's side, it was Montevallo who took home the team title in the White Division.

For the Gamecock women, sophomore Autumn Rich's 17th-place finish led the way as she also set a new best time of 18:42.6.

Senior Ju-ells McLeod and freshman Emily Sorrell also placed in the top 50 in a field of 165.

The Gamecocks travel to Orlando, Fla., next weekend to compete in the Disney Cross Country Classic.

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STATS FCS Top 25 FCS Coaches Poll Top 25

1. North Dakota State
2. Sam Houston State
3. Jacksonville State
4. Eastern Washington
5. Chattanooga
6. Richmond
7. James Madison
8. Charleston Southern
9. The Citadel
10. Montana
11. Northern Iowa
12. South Dakota State
13. Western Illinois

14. Villanova
15. Youngstown State
16. Albany
17. Coastal Carolina
18. North Carolina A&T
19. Eastern Illinois
20. McNeese State
21. Cal Poly
22. Harvard
23. Illinois State
24. North Dakota
25. Central Arkansas

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20. Eastern Illinois
21. North Dakota
22. Cal Poly
23. Illinois State
24. Central Arkansas
25. Grambling State

Pietri returns stars, adds new faces

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville State women's basketball team will hold its first official practice of the 2016-17 season on Sunday at Pete Mathews Coliseum on the JSU campus.

Jax State will be looking to bounce back from a 10-18 overall mark in 2015-16.

Fans will get a first look of Rick Pietri's squad on Sunday, Nov. 6 in an exhibition contest against the Golden Bears of Miles College.

Tip off is set for 3:30 p.m.

The Gamecocks will open the 2016-17 campaign on Friday, Nov. 11 against Florida State in Tallahassee, Florida.

The first home contest for JSU is set for Nov. 20, hosting Georgia Southern.

The Gamecocks return an abundance of experience after just losing two seniors from last season's squad.

Pietri, entering his fourth year in charge of the program, returns six players from a season ago, including top point producer senior Briana Benson.

JSU will also welcome back the services of red-shirt senior and 2014-15 All-Ohio Valley Conference performer Destany McLin for the upcoming season.

McLin, from Athens, Ala., sat out last season with an injury.

With the departure of guard Destiny James, senior Lacey Buchanan will be called upon to fill the point guard position left behind by James.

Buchanan, a native of Jacksonville, sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules after coming to JSU from Troy.

Senior Kelly Naughton will add veteran leadership to Jax State's guard position.

JSU returns the outside presence of junior Gretchen Morrison and the post position with junior Tyler Phelion and sophomore Chloe Long.

Morrison, from South Lake, Texas, was the club's top three-point shooter last season with 59 treys on the season and averaged 8.1 points per game.

Morrison was the only player on the 2015-16 roster to start all 28 games.

Phelion ranked second on the team in scoring at 9.3 points per game, but pulled down a team best 7.6 rebounds per game.

Long and Rayven Pearson bolstered the post for JSU as the tandem from Hazel Green, Ala., combined for 27 starts in their freshman season at JSU.

Long averaged over six points per contest and five boards per game.

Pearson ranked behind Phelion in rebounding with 6.1 rebounds per game and added 5.8 points per game.

The Gamecocks will have four new faces intertwined in the program with the addition of two junior college transfers and a pair of freshmen.

Pietri reached in to the junior college ranks for added depth at guard and in the post.

Junior Kiandria 'Ki-Ki' Patterson, a 5-foot-9 guard, comes to JSU after two seasons at East Mississippi Community College.

She originally inked with Mississippi State out of Columbus (Miss.) High School in 2012 before enrolling at EMCC, which is 45 minutes south of her hometown.

In two seasons on the junior college level, Patterson averaged 17 points per game over her 46-game career at EMCC en route to earning Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College All-State honors.

Junior Tasha Magruder will be another option in the post after solid two seasons at Walters State Community College.

The 6-foot-1 native of Taneytown, Maryland helped the Senators, coached by Dave Kragel, a pair of Tennessee Community College Athletic Association Championships and back-to-back appearances in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament.

In two seasons at WSCC, Magruder guided the program to a 65-5 overall mark and 36-0 in conference play, including a 33-1 overall mark in 2015-16.

JSU added two prep performers from the state of Georgia with guards McKenna Lawrence and Morgan Towells.

Lawrence, from Evans, Ga., finished her prep career on a high note by averaging 18.7 points per game as a senior, averaged a double-double with 10.6 rebounds per game in her final season at Evans High School.

Towells joins the Gamecocks after one season at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

At the IMG Academy, the Atlanta, Ga. guard averaged 12.5 points per game, 3.5 assists per game and pulled down 2.5 rebounds per contest.

Fourteen home games, including a visit by Atlantic Coast Conference member Clemson in December, highlight the 2016-17 campaign.

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Gamecocks rebound to defeat Belmont 3-1

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Reporter

After a disappointing loss to Tennessee State on Friday, the Gamecocks turned it around and gave Belmont their first OVC loss of the season on Saturday.

The Gamecocks are now 3-1 in OVC play and sit third in conference standings two places behind Belmont.

JSU started off strong in the first set.

They picked up four quick and jumped out to a fast lead.

The Bruins' attempted to jump ahead, but they were always a few points behind.

It wasn't until the Gamecocks were halted at 16 that Belmont came closed in.

An error by Shayla Schmidt cost the Gamecocks a tying point.

A quick four-point run started by a Belmont service error gave the Gamecocks the lead again.

The Bruins stayed behind and the Gamecocks took the set 25-22.

The second set opened with a volley of four-point runs first by Belmont and then tied up by the Gamecocks.

It was followed by another Belmont three, then by JSU's

own three-point answer.

The two teams traded points and ties until the Bruins slowed the Gamecocks at 17 while they jumped ahead at 19.

The Gamecocks couldn't quite find their pace and were narrowly defeated 23-25.

Set three was overall the Gamecocks' best set as they hit .310 overall and held Belmont to just .128 overall.

JSU also accounted for 12 total kills in the set.

It started back and forth between the two teams.

After an early tie at three, the Gamecocks jumped out ahead by another three before Belmont could score again.

Moments later JSU had another quick succession of three to bring their lead to 9-5.

The score sat at 15-10 after the Bruins climbed their way closer, but then the Gamecocks quickly scored six in a row three off kills from both Allyson Zuhlke and Sadie Anderson.

With the set all but closed at 24-14 the Bruins suddenly erupted with a quick five of their own to catch up.

Charis Ludtke made sure that wouldn't happen with her kill that sealed the Gamecocks' 25-19 win.

In the final set the Gamecocks quickly jumped out to a 7-1 lead.

A quick timeout helped the Bruins regroup before they put another two on the board.

Zuhlke and Mackenzie Rombach added two more kills to the set.

The Gamecocks were head 9-3 with a solid hold.

Belmont, helped by a few Gamecock attack errors, added another six points while the Gamecocks only added another three.

Still ahead 12-6, JSU added another few off Bruins' attack errors and a quick kill from Kaylee Frear to continue ahead 16-9.

The Bruins were finally able to come within two at 19-17 but attack errors cost them at the end.

The Gamecocks capitalized and took the Bruins down with a 25-18 win.

Zuhlke claimed lead in kills for the day with 11, while Rachel Perucki led in assists with 23.

Hannah Kirk had 13 digs and Rombach led both teams in blocks with her nine.

The Gamecocks return home to Pete Mathews on Oct. 9 to play Southeast Missouri State.

JSU Soccer fall in double OT

Daniel Mayes
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State soccer fell 2-1 in a heartbreaking double overtime contest to the Cougars of Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville on Sunday.

Sunday's loss comes on the heels of a 1-0 Gamecock victory over Eastern Illinois on Friday, and brings JSU's record on the season to 4-8-1, including a 1-3 mark in OVC play.

SIUE scored the winning goal just 28 seconds into the second overtime period, ensuring a 2-1 victory for the Cougars.

Sunday was only JSU's second overtime game of the 2016 season, with the first ending in a 0-0 tie against Geor-

gia State.

The Cougars held a 12-2 shot advantage over Jacksonville State in the first period of play, and the Gamecocks did not manage to get a shot off until almost 30 minutes into the contest.

An Avery Anderson goal 37 minutes in gave SIUE a 1-0 advantage over the Gamecocks, and the Cougars held the same lead at intermission.

However, Jacksonville State fought right back into the game in the second half.

The Gamecocks matched the Cougars' shot total in the second half after a dismal performance before the intermission, as both teams tallied 7 shots in the second period.

Gamecock freshman Danielle Mon-

roe tied the match at 1-1 with her goal at the 53:16 mark, which was assisted by Kayla Thompson.

Thompson's attack drew SIUE goalkeeper Juli Rossi out of the goal, and Thompson fired a shot that deflected off Rossi.

Monroe collected the rebound and scored the first goal in her young career at JSU.

The second period ended with the score deadlocked at 1-1, making overtime necessary to decide the outcome.

Neither team was able to convert on a shot attempt in the first overtime period, and the game remained tied heading into double overtime.

Ashley Lewman fired home a goal off of an Emily Grahl

assist at the beginning of the second overtime period to clinch the 2-1 win for SIUE.

Monroe's goal would remain JSU's lone shot on goal for the afternoon, while the Cougars racked up 9 of their own.

Gamecock goalkeeper Caroline Robinson's stellar play kept Jacksonville State in the game, despite the lopsided shot on goal totals.

She recorded 7 saves in the match, but the Cougars' relentless offensive attack proved too much for the Gamecocks in the end.

Jacksonville State will return to the pitch on Friday, Oct. 7 to take on the Southeast Missouri Redhawks at the JSU Soccer Complex for Senior Night.



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