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The Southerners and Marching Ballerinas perform at Freshman Convocation on Aug. 22, 2016 at Burgess-Snow Field. Come November, the 533-member band will have its own practice field.

Practice (field) makes perfect

Nathan Cavitt
Associate Editor

Jacksonville State University has made great strides in showcasing its athletics over the past few years with the renovations at Pete Matthews Coliseum, the new turf at Burgess Snow field and the soon-to-begin construction of a new baseball field.

Now it's the band's turn to reap the benefits of success.

For the first time in the 60-year history

of the Southerners and Marching Ballerinas, the band will have a practice field for their personal use. The facility is to include a parking lot, lights, fencing and storage and restrooms as well as brand new artificial turf.

"It feels like we finally have a place to call our own," Mikey Petersen, a third-year band member, said. "It's like the school really appreciates all the work we put in. I'm grateful . . . it feels good."

The field will be located near Paul Carpenter Village and will provide band

members an escape from the harsh pavement of the Pete Matthews' parking lot where the Southerners have been practicing on for decades.

Not only did the pavement amplify the heat of late summer and early fall, but practicing on the asphalt for several hours each day increased the likelihood of leg and ankle injuries.

"I think the band deserves something better than the asphalt they've been practicing

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Secratry retires after 30-year tenure

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

Pam Stinson began working at JSU in 1986. Now, she's hanging up the phone one last time and bidding her university a fond farewell after thirty years of service.

Stinson's first position was as the secretary to then-Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bill Meehan. Some thirteen years later, Meehan would go on to become the university president. He named Stinson the executive secretary to the president in 2006, and she held the position for 10 years. Stinson's last day at JSU was Friday, Aug. 26.

"Mrs. Stinson and I worked together in serving our university for the better part of thirty years," Meehan recalled. "We were of-



Steve Latham/JSU

Pam Stinson, who worked at JSU for 30 years, retired last week. Stinson was the Secretary to the President for 10 years.

fice partners in every position I held over those years. She did an outstanding job for the university and for me. She served all the students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff who came to our offices with sincerity and professionalism. I am happy that she has reached the life goal of retirement and will have more time to be with and enjoy her beautiful family."

Stinson is originally from Alpine, Ala., but moved to Anniston in 1979 after graduating from Winterboro High School. Here, she met her future husband, Sam, and the couple was married in 1983. Their first daughter, Leslie, was born in 1986, just six months before Stinson started working at JSU. Their youngest daughter, Kristen, was born in 1988. Both

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Gamecocks to face old rival in season opener

Tim Cash
Sports Editor

Before the days of Jax State competing at the Division-I level, the Gamecocks and the Lions of North Alabama were fierce rivals on the gridiron. JSU's Sept. 1 season opener may mark the revival of this rivalry. It will be the forty-sixth time the two schools have squared off. The overall record is in JSU's favor with 24 wins, 18 losses and 3 ties.

Fans know about Jax State's

historic run in 2015, but North Alabama had great success in 2015, too. Head coach Bobby Wallace led the Lions to a 9-3 season, 6-1 in the Gulf South Conference. That was good enough to share the conference crown with West Georgia, who also finished 6-1 in the conference.

UNA boast that they have had the winningest college football program in the state of Alabama since the start of the 1990 season, with a record of 222-87-1, and a 71.7 winning percentage.

Bobby Wallace was named the

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Steve Latham/JSU

JSU last faced UNA during the 2013 season. The Gamecocks defeated their rival 24-21 in double overtime.

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women attended JSU, where they met their husbands. Leslie graduated in 2012, and she and her husband Steven Cruse have two children, Choley, 5, and Oliver, 1. Kristen graduated in 2010, and she and her husband Christopher Duke live in Atlanta.

Stinson plans to spend her retirement helping her husband at their business, Stinson-Howard Fine Jewelry in Oxford, and spending time with her family.

“I tell everyone that I’m going to be the ‘Special Assistant to Choley and Oliver’ now,” Stinson laughed. “I’m on-call to take Choley to gymnastics, and my husband says that mowing the lawn is my job now.”

Over the decades, Stinson has seen a lot of change come to JSU. She witnessed the onset of the Internet in the ’90s, the implementation of the university’s first doctoral program in 2011 and the construction and renovation of several campus buildings. But her favorite thing has been the relationships she’s formed.

“The most enjoyable thing I’ve done is being able to work with Dr. Meehan,” Stinson said. “He’s just a wonderful person. He was at the hospital for the birth of my second daughter and both of my grandchildren. I have enjoyed all the friendships I have made and the people I have met throughout the years. JSU has been like a second family to me, and being able to be a part of the ‘friendliest campus in the South’ and the great family atmosphere at JSU have made it a pleasure to keep coming to work all these years.”



Jacksonville State University

Stinson, right, and her husband, Sam, watch their daughter, Kristen, receive her undergraduate degree in December 2010.



Mark du Pont/Special to The Chanticleer

Members of the Marching Southerners rehearse in the Pete Matthews Coliseum parking lot during band camp 2016. With Alabama summer temperatures easily reaching 100 degrees F, band members have to stay hydrated to avoid serious heat stroke and other health problems. The new practice field is meant to help ease some of these concerns.

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on for so long, and I’m glad this is becoming a reality,” said Andrew Record, one of the drum majors for the Southerners. “I’m really happy for the Ballerinas, because I know it tears up their knees and shins to dance out at the coliseum so much. It’s also great for the front ensemble, because the new storage space we’re getting means they won’t have to hide their equipment in the truck every week!”

Over the course of their 9-day band camp, the Southerners spent over 36 hours rehearsing at the coliseum. The new turf will be less damaging and allow the Southerners to be more comfortable practicing on a similar field to the one they will march on during game days.

The original plan had been to reuse the old turf from Burgess Snow, but with brand new turf the facility will be able to house not only the Southerners but also be used a recreational point for JSU students in other sports and for high school band camps who host their band camps at JSU.

Band members have showcased their excitement in wake of the practice field announcement on Aug. 25.

“I’m super excited, because the university is showing recognition to the band and all the hours and work we put in,” band member Carly Smith said. “It’s really nice to see the band and the football team both get rewarded for their hard work, because that’s something you don’t really see in schools much.”

Completion of the new field is expected to be sometime in mid-November, just in time for the Marching Southerners’ reunion and 60th anniversary celebration.

Scuba diving ‘swims’ in the family

Father-son team runs scuba diving park in Glencoe

Katie Cline
Editor-in-Chief

Some things run in the family, and if you’re a Valdes, that thing is scuba diving. John Valdes, Jr. and his father, John Valdes, Sr. graduated from JSU the same year: 1985. John Jr. graduated with a degree in general studies and a concentration in communications just one semester before the university instated its communications degree. While in school, John Jr. worked for The Chanticleer and was a brother of Sigma Nu fraternity. Meanwhile, John Sr., also a Sigma Nu brother, graduated with a degree in management and an art minor.

Decades later, the two men run Dive Land Park, a natural quarry for snorkeling and scuba diving. John Jr. has been scuba diving since 1971, and John Sr. was a military scuba instructor who helped found a scuba diving school in Key West, Fla. The Valdeses bought what is now Dive and Park from a private owner in the early 90s. The site is approximately eight acres of water that is between five and 135 feet deep and 80 acres of land.

“We’re trying to develop it as a park for divers,” John Jr. said. “Right now it has gazebos and pavilions and changing areas, but we’re getting ready to put in volleyball courts to go with our corn hole games and picnic tables that we have out. We want to make it family friendly.”

Dive Land Park is open from the first weekend in April to the last weekend in October. The park also sponsors group trips to various diving locations, such as the Gulf Coast and the Bahamas. Guests do not have to

be scuba certified to go on these trips, but Dive Land Park does offer scuba certification classes.

Over the course of three to four weeks, interested persons age 12 and older can become scuba certified for \$395. This fee includes classwork, books and diving equipment. Or for \$595, one can get certified in a single week.

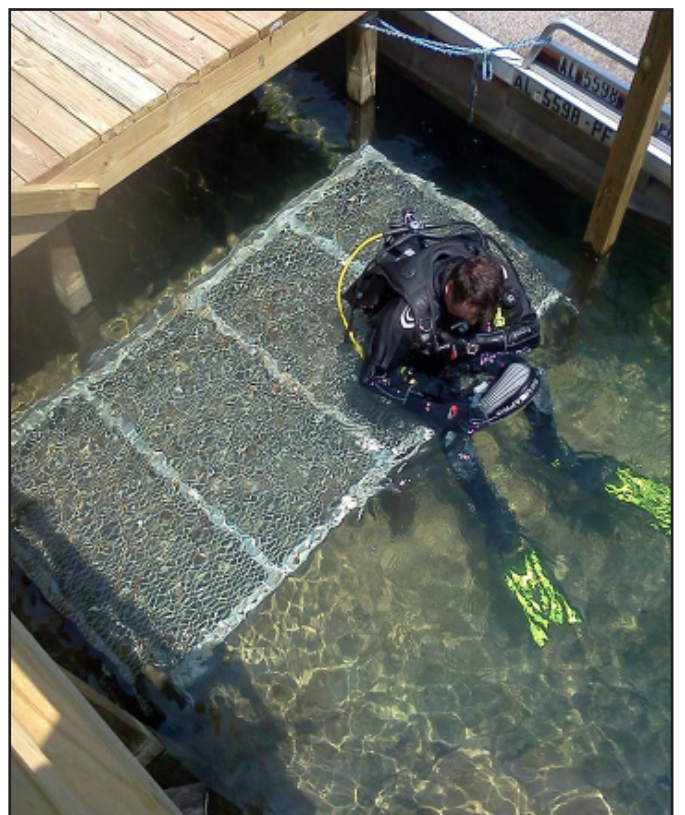
“All you have to do is show up with pencil, paper and a bathing suit,” Valdes said. “We’ll provide all the equipment through the course, the certification—everything.”

Dive Land Park is open Fridays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A day of diving is \$25 dollars per person. Snorkeling is \$10 per person. The park also hosts a monthly night dive and a variety of events from live music to an underwater pumpkin carving contest.

For more information on trips or lessons or if you have questions, you can find Dive Land Park on

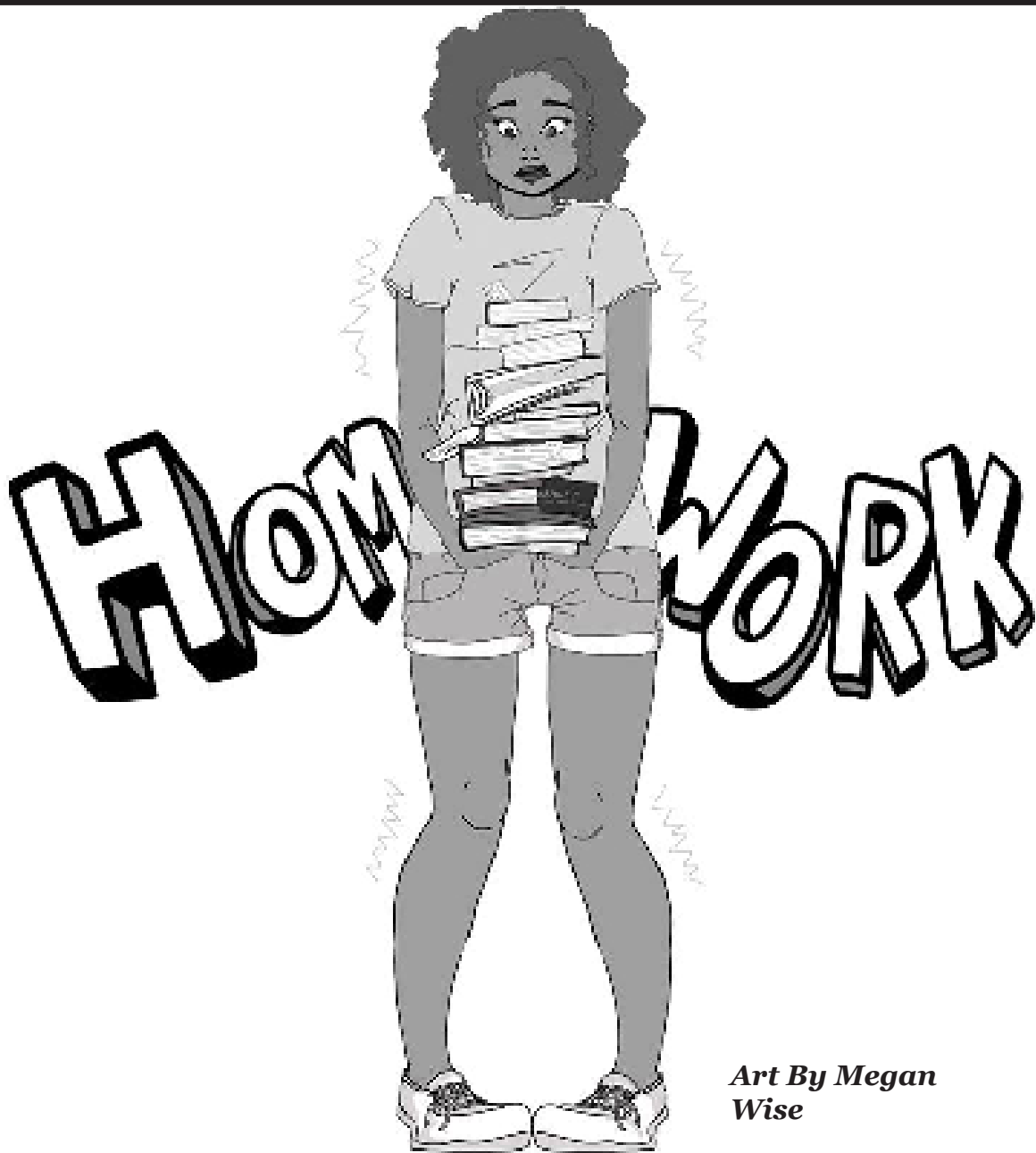
Top: A diver prepares to enter the water. The surface temperature of the water in Dive Land Park is around 86 degrees F. Divers wear wet suirs because the water gets colder the deeper one dives.

Right: A diver enjoys the aquatic scenery at Dive Land Park during a dive in July 2016. The park sports an array of fish species such as bass, catfish and crappie. There are also submerged shipwrecks and other sites for divers to explore.



Photos by Dive Land Park

STUDY BREAK



Art By Megan Wise

Campus crime report: 08/23 to 08/30

08/23/2016	Arrest- Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia	Medical Emergency Salls Hall
08/24/2016	Medical Emergency	08/28/2016 Medical Emergency Merrill Hall
08/25/2016	Unlawful Breaking & Entering a Vehicle	08/28/16 Criminal Mischief Meehan Hall Parking Lot
08/26/2016	Medical Emergency	08/29/2016 Automobile Accident Bibb Graves Parking Lot
08/27/2016	Information Report- Disabled Motorist	Medical Emergency Pete Mathews Coliseum
08/28/2016	Theft of Property	Automobile Accident Carlisle Building Parking Lot
	Medical Emergency Dining Hall	08/30/2026 Suspicious Person Quad
		Domestic Violence Curtiss Hall
		Medical Emergency Stone Center

The JSU Men's Rugby Club is back and is seeking new members!

- Practices will be held Monday-Wednesday from 5PM-7PM at the intramural field located behind the soccer field and next to the track.
- We are also attempting to start a women's club! Several women have expressed interest in a women's club. If any women are interested in playing rugby feel free to join us at practices!
- For more information contact John Maurer (President of the Club) at 256-613-4161 or jmaurer@stu.jsu.edu.

Chicken Scratch



I'm hearing parking may be crazy today...

Hurricane Party? It's in the works...

Kayne West is everything that's wrong with the world

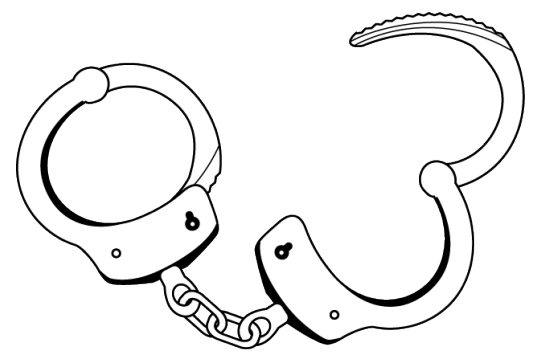
You may cross Pelham Street

Dear JSU freshmen: we hate UTC and NDSU

Where do I sign up for a meal plan?

JSU students really think you won't hit them! Better walk faster. I have class just like you do.

What's the exchange rate on a pair of socks?



Witness a crime?

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7-day weather outlook

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny High: 93° Low: 70°	Some Rain High: 88° Low: 66°	Sunny High: 89° Low: 65°	Sunny High: 89° Low: 64°	Sunny High: 90° Low: 64°	Sunny High: 92° Low: 66°	Sunny High: 92° Low: 69°

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

College students can dress to conquer

Matt Hill
Staff Writer

“What am I going to wear?” is a common question when one starts planning for an important interview or meeting. With the Fall semester beginning, most college students everywhere are looking in their closets for leggings, oversized t-shirts, gym shorts, and Chaco’s.

Though those items are extremely comfortable and mostly acceptable for class, one would not—and definitely should not—consider wearing very casual items to a setting where a person of higher authority could affect the future of the student.

A common misconception among college students is that dressing nicely requires lots of money. Fortunately, this is far from the truth. In fact, a shopper can find professional and beautiful wear in stores, such as Target or Ross, for less than twenty dollars, usually. These particular findings may not last forever, but they will suffice

until one can save for better quality clothing.

Some college students, particularly freshmen, do not realize that appearance can carry one to better opportunities.

College is not all about passing the classes but also about networking and working with people on a visual basis. A student who takes a simple fifteen extra minutes of the morning to prepare a nice outfit and looks well-groomed automatically sends an image of dedication and positivity to someone who is scouting new talent for a company.

Generally, men can wear a pair of pants, button-down shirt, and a belt. If the interview is a little more formal,



Kendall Gullledge/Special to The Chanticleer
Autumn Cole, a junior at Jacksonville State University, shows dressing nicely can be simple with an inexpensive dress from Target.

simply add a blazer. For women, a dress, pants suit, or pencil skirt exudes a high level of confidence to colleagues.

According to a study conducted in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, male subjects

displayed how dressing nicely is directly proportional to performing well.

The men were divided into two groups, one group wore suits and the other wore casual clothing. Once the experiment was over, the group wearing suits received better offers and had higher levels of confidence.

However, dressing well is not just for the eyes of others, w more importantly, the wearer of the clothes. Clothes are an extension of the human self—they allow us to feel good and expressive.

Autumn Cole, a junior studying nursing, expressed how she feels when dressing nice. She said, “When I’m dressed up, I feel ready to accomplish everything

planned in my day. I feel professional and tend to complete tasks quicker.”

Cole even feels that dressing nicely helps her confidence: “When you feel good about yourself, you are more confident in everything you do and face, so I definitely feel that I accomplish more!”

Cole regularly partakes in blind auditions for concert band placement. Despite nobody being able to see her during the audition, dressing nicely automatically changes her feelings to ones of positivity and makes her eager to perform well.

No matter the reason why students are dressing up, they should always be sure the primary reason is for themselves.

Clothes are just a mere extension of the happiness people feel inside. If the clothes do not fit with who people are, then they should try experimenting with something else. The great thing about clothes is there are infinite possibilities and combinations.

WLJS unveils new schedule

Collins Maroa
Staff Writer

It’s a new academic year and as they say, “A new year comes with new things.” WLJS, in this case, has revamped its schedule with new exciting shows, while at the same time retaining some of last year’s shows.

The new show schedule was released on Monday Aug. 29 by WLJS program director Jeff Varner. The list includes a variety of shows, ranging from political talk shows to genre-specific music shows. The time stamps of some shows may be subject to change.

This is the most shows that the radio station has had in a long time according to Varner. He thinks that in the past, many students shied away from having a show because they did not know how to work the board.

Varner fixed that issue by working with show hosts. He has working and helping students for the past two and a half weeks. He constantly encourages students to come to him if they have any questions about anything.

Varner is incredibly excited about the semester because all of the different types of shows. There are shows relating to music, movies, sports, and more. Even students with a heavy political interest will have something to listen to as there are three different political shows this semester.

“I think the shows are going to have a profound impact on a lot of people,” Varner said.

For entertaining talk shows or important JSU updates, know when to tune in to WLJS 91.9 Jacksonville. **Check out the new schedule:**

Monday

1 pm to 3 pm: “CONTROVERSIAL FOOTBALL FILES with OWEN GILBERT”
5 pm to 7 pm: “THE CODY DEAN SHOW” with SHAY GARRETT
7 pm to 8 pm: KYLE ROBINSON – “SQUAREBUZZ” (MOVIE REVIEW SPOT)
9pm to 10 pm: DUSTIN LYBRAND – “THE DIXIE 60” (REPUBLICAN SHOW)

Tuesday

2 pm to 4 pm: LAUREN APRIL MCCAULEY – “THE BLUE NOTE, JAZZ/BLUE STANDARDS”
4 pm to 6 pm: ETHAN GARRETT – “80’S ROCK SHOW”
6 pm to 7 pm: SETH ALEXANDER – “CHECKS & BALANCES” (NEUTRAL POLITIC SHOW)
7pm to 9 pm: CJ GILBERT – “THE SCRIMMAGE” (SPORTS)
9 pm to 11 pm: BEN WILLIAMS – “THE SKEPTICOCK EXPERIENCE”
11 pm to 1 am: JOHN BRUCE – “DUBSTEP/EDM SHOW”
10 am to 11 am: KAYLA THOMPSON – “K.CORINE AT 10” (NEW/OLD SCHOOL R&B)

Wednesday

4 pm to 5 pm: PEIGHTON JOLLEY – “ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT SHOW”
5 pm to 7 pm: “THE JSU REPORT”
7 pm to 9 pm: RENEE & BUG – “COCKY COUNTRY”
9 pm to 10 pm: NICKI SWINDLE – “SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUR” (DEMOCRATIC SHOW)
10 pm to 12 am: JESSE & BONES – “THE NEW SCHOOL METAL SHOW”

Thursday

9 am to 11 am: TORI BREE’AN – “OLD SCHOOL R&B MORNING MIX”
3 pm to 5 pm: KEITH KNIGHT – “THE KNIGHT’S DEN” (90s/2000s ROCK/METAL MIX)
5 pm to 7 pm: BILLY DUNN – “3 GUYS TALKING” (SPORTS)
7 pm to 9 pm: “HEY TECHIES”

Friday

3 pm to 5 pm: BLANKS CAITLIN WILLOW – “SUNSHINE AND RADIO” (70s FOLK/ROCK)
5 pm to 7 pm: AJ LONG – “GEEK STREAK”
7 pm to 9 pm: JEFFERSON VARNER IV – “THE JVcool FILES” (URBAN POP SHOW)

Saturday

6 am to 10 am: LATIN SOUNDS
10 am to 12 pm: DJ LION’S “REGGAE SHOW”
11 am – 1 pm: THE JASON CHILDS SHOW (LGBT INFORMATIVE SHOW)

Sunday

5 pm – 7 pm: ABBY PARKS – “FOLK/RENAISSANCE SHOW”

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Beyoncé collects awards at VMAs

Alissa Camplin
Staff Writer

The main show, however, had no actual host.

Beyoncé ended the night with eight wins out of her eleven nominations. One of which was the show's highest honor and most respected, the Video of the Year. She won this with her song "Formation," and in her acceptance speech, thanked her husband, Jay Z and daughter, Blue Ivy.

Not only did Beyoncé nab the most wins of the night, she also broke history as the newly most decorated artist of the VMAs. She now has a total number of twenty-four wins, which beats the previous record that Madonna held of twenty.

Rihanna opened and closed the ceremony with even more performances scattered in-between. She also took home the Lifetime Achievement Award named the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award. This award was first given in 1984 and is given to artists who create a long-standing effect in pop culture with their work.

The award was presented to Rihanna by Drake. He said, "Captivating from day one, [she] is already at a place most artists only dream of going. For them, that is often the peak. For her, that is only the starting

MTV presented its live annual Music Video Awards Sunday night from Manhattan's Madison Square Gardens. This is the first time the show has been held here. It started at 8 o'clock at night and lasted for about three hours.

This is the 31st year in a row that the VMAs have taken place with the first being in 1984. Since then, the statue given out to winners called a "moonman" has become very coveted among artists.

Most VMA winners are decided via vote by fans from a poll on MTV's website. This includes categories like Video of the Year and Best Male and Female Videos.

There are six categories, however, that are not voted on by the public. These categories include Best Cinematography, Best Choreography, and Best Visual Effects. These are voted by the people in the industry who are most knowledgeable in those respective fields.

The 2016 pre-show was hosted by DJ Khaled and co-hosted by Charlamagne Tha God and Lizzo.



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Beyoncé accepts one of the eight awards she received at the VMAs Sunday night. She thanked family in her acceptance speech.

point and she has kept ascending to an untouchable level ever since."

When accepting the award, she said, "My success is not my own. It is my family's, it's my fans', it's my country's." Spewing with pride of her nationality, Rihanna—who is from Barbados—mentions in her speech how thankful she is for the Vanguard award because it's "the first to land anywhere near [her] country."

Another notable name from the night was Britney Spears. The seasoned artist performed following Beyoncé's set. This was the

first time Spears has taken the stage of the VMAs since her disastrous performance in 2007 of her single of, "Gimme More."

She performed a single from her ninth album entitled *Glory* that released on Friday, Aug. 26.

Other accomplishments of the night include the Best New Artist of the year. DNCE took home the win, leaving other nominations like Lukas Graham and Bryson Tiller empty-handed. DNCE is responsible for summer hits like "Coke by the Ocean," and "Toothbrush."

Fifth Harmony had an eventful night, taking home two "moonmen" trophies for the two nominations they had. The five person band, along with Ty Dolla Sign won the award for Best Collaboration Video. In another collaboration, Fifth Harmony featuring Fetty Wap won the Song of Summer award with their song, "All in My Head (Flex)."

The MTV Video and Music Award ceremony is held annually before summer ends, usually in late August or early September. According to MTV's website, plans have already begun for 2017's show.



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Movie is more than meets the eye

Katelyn Schneider
Arts & Entertainment
Editor

Don't Breathe, a much anticipated horror film, released Friday, Aug. 26 in the U.S..

This must-see thriller revolves around three burglars and a man who cannot see at all. Three young burglars have hopes of getting out of their dead end town, and the money that a blind veteran who lives alone has is their ticket. Upon breaking in, the three soon find out that this man is anything but an easy target. Their

hopes of getting out of town switch to getting out of this man's house alive.

Don't Breathe is unique in that it takes a different approach when it comes to the human senses. At one point, the blind veteran knocks out the power in order to level the playing field.

Burglary is a crime, and these young thieves are guilty for everything they have taken. Not only did this veteran lose his sight, but his daughter was also taken from him after a car crash. A plot twist reveals that this man doesn't just get

things taken from him. He is not entirely innocent and has taken justice into his own hands. Viewers quickly find themselves rooting for the safety of the burglars.

JSU student Jeff Pool said, "The movie kept me guessing about what was going to happen next and if they were ever going to get out of the house."

The R rated film directed by Fede Alvarez received 8 out of 10 stars on imdb.com and a 71 average on metacritic.com. Some critics applaud Alvarez for his unique character approach and idea but

others feel the characters lacked dimension and that the plot got muddled.

Jordan Schneider said, "I guess as an avid horror movie lover, it didn't meet the expectations I had for it. The previews made it seem much scarier than it actually was, so in that aspect, I was disappointed."

There was way more to the story line than what the previews suggested. Overall, the film leaves viewers with a lot to process.

Don't Breathe is now showing in Oxford and Anniston.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Forgiving student debt

By Linda Featheringill
Special to the Chanticleer

According to Phan Fei (ProPublica), the median income in the US is falling but public college tuition is climbing.

In the US as a whole, median income has fallen 7% since 2000, while tuition has risen 80% during the same time period.

In the state of Alabama, the situation is even worse. Median income since 2000 has dropped by 13%, while tuition has climbed 111%.

Tuition and fees at Jacksonville State University amounted to \$3617 in the 2000-2001 school year. In the 2014-2015 school year,

these same costs added up to \$8790, an increase of 143%.

Current college graduates are burdened with debt now, but it's going to be even worse for students who are in attending classes now.

What can we do about it?

In 2009, we bailed out the big Wall Street banks with TARP loans and quantitative easing (QE).

The TARP loans were just plain money loans and were paid back over time. QE involved the government, through the Federal Reserve, purchasing loans that were uncollectible because the borrowers were in financial distress.

The Federal Reserve did this repeatedly, until the

banks were more stable. The debts involved in the QE process were never paid back. The government essentially wrote them off.

The Green Party, with Jill Stein, M.D. and Ajamu Baraka, Ph.D., want to do the same thing with student debt.

The government, probably working through the Federal Reserve, would buy the student loans from the holding entities (Sallie Mae, for instance), and then just forgive the loans. Wipe them out. Erase them.

What would be the result of this action? The effect on the individual debtor would be immediate and clear. He or she would have a better credit rating because of less debt and would have funds to actually buy things.

The effect on the overall economy would take a little longer to become apparent but it would be inevitable. More people would be buying things, increasing overall demand, which would force more production, which would create more jobs. It would be a boost to the entire economy.

The only way we can do this any time soon is to vote for the Green Party candidates for President this year. Are you willing to do so?

For more information on the Green Party visit www.gp.org/2016, or visit www.jill2016.com.

Jill Stein is the current GP candidate for

Spirit on Mountain Street falls short of expectations

By Brittany Robertson
Staff Writer

On August 25 at 6 p.m., the Cocky Daze Block Party and the 11th annual Spirit on Mountain Street both kicked off for new students and old to go and enjoy good food and good fun.

However, both events fell a bit flat.

Spirit on Mountain Street had the most flow throughout the evening, providing people with food stands and baked goods auctions. There was also fun for the kids, which included a dunking booth, face-painting, bounce houses, ring toss and more.

The fundraising event raised \$5,523 for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC). Non-restaurant businesses donated \$3,000 and the cake auction earned \$1,555. In total, the event raised \$10,078.

While the event did well, most of the stands ran out of food before the event really began, which was a huge portion of the

event. There wasn't much else to do once the food was gone.

Spirit on Mountain Street could have been an overwhelming success not only for JSU, but also for the community. However, the event left me wanting more.

The Cocky Daze Block Party had a similar result as the Spirit on Mountain Street.

The block party was meant to encourage new students to come out and have a night of fun while meeting new people.

There was fun, but it died off before the event really even started. There was not much to do activity wise, either. However, there was a ball pit where people were paired up to ask questions to make new friends. There was also a live band, but the music lacked energy.

While both events made money for good causes, they fell short of their expectations to provide a well-planned community event.



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Jill Stein, the 2016 Green Party candidate for President of the U.S..

Today's game day information



VS.



Important Information About Game Day Student Parking

- Due to the large number of students, employees and fans present on our campus on Game Day, we must make parking adjustments. Students, please note that the following lots MUST be CLEARED by 11 a.m. on THURSDAY Morning!
- Student Resident Parking is only allowed in Logan Hall, Crow Hall, Dixon Hall, Pannell Hall, Patterson Hall and adjacent to Ayers Hall in the Green Zone this Thursday due to the home football game. JSU housing residents in Meehan Hall, Curtiss Hall, Daugette Hall and the Jerry Cole Parking Lot in front of the Football Field House MUST relocate vehicles from these lots by 11 a.m. on Thursday. Students can relocate to the Pete Mathews Coliseum parking lot and ride the Gamecock shuttle, which will be running until one hour after the football game, or park in the Green Zone for Thursday after 11 a.m.
- Commuter Student Parking is available until 11 a.m. in the Silver Commuter parking lots on Thursday. However, the Stephenson Hall Parking Lot, the Mason Hall Parking Lot, the Jerry Cole Parking Lot in front of the Football Field House MUST relocate vehicles from these lots by 11 a.m. on Thursday. Students can relocate to the Houston Cole Library parking lot and ride the Gamecock shuttle.
- The Mason Hall Lot, the Curtiss Hall Lot, the Field House Lot, the Meehan Hall Lot, the Gamecock Diner Lot and the Stephenson Hall Lot are designated as reserved or pay lot for this Thursday's football game, and will open at noon for this week's football game. Please be advised that if your car is in any of these lots and not relocated by 11 a.m., it is subject to being towed at the owner's expense.
- All student lots will re-open to students immediately after the football game.
- Student parking is available at Patterson Hall, Crow Hall, Dixon Hall, Ayers Hall, Brewer Hall, Merrill Hall, Stone Center, Pete Mathews Coliseum and Houston Cole Library for Thursday's game.

Tickets

- All JSU Stadium Ticket Booths and Gates open at 4 p.m.
- General Tickets are available at three ticket booths at the stadium:
- * Ticket Booth A (main plaza facing Mountain Street on the SOUTH side of the Stadium)
- * Ticket Booth C (NORTH side of stadium near the OLD press box)
- * Ticket Booth D (near Football Field House on press box side of the Stadium)

Student Tickets

- * Free admission to students with current valid JSU ID
- * Ticket Booth E near Dillon Field is the Student Gate
- * The Student Seating Section is located in the east end zone next to the Marching Southerners
- Order Tickets Online and Print at Home - www.JSUGamecockSports.com/tickets

Both the Campus Bookstore and the Jacksonville Bookstore on Mountain Street will sell tickets on Game Day.

Tailgating

The ROOST! is JSU's designated tailgating area, located on the Kennamer Hall lawn near Hwy. 21

Reserve your tailgating spot by calling Joe Whitmore at 256-782-5557 or email theroost@jsu.edu in advance, or beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Game Day.

Student

Dillon Field will open at 1 p.m. for Student Tailgating. Dillon Field is located off Forney Avenue near the Football Field House.

Gamecock Walk

Welcome the team on Game Day at the Gamecock Walk! This week's Gamecock Walk will be at 3:45 p.m. between the Meehan Hall/Stadium Towers and Dillon Field.

For more information visit GameDay Central @ <http://www.jsugamecocksports.com>

SPORTS

Gamecock Side Bar

Upcoming Gamecock Action

9/1
- **Volleyball**
at Georgia Southern
Statesboro, Ga. 1 p.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. The Citadel
Statesboro, Ga. 5 p.m.

- **Football**
vs. North Alabama Bur-
gess-Snow Field
6 p.m.

9/2
- **Soccer**
vs. Louisiana Tech
Soccer Field 7 p.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. Charleston Southern
Statesboro, Ga. 11 a.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. Savannah State
Statesboro, Ga. 5 p.m.

- **Cross County**
Men's and Women's at
Strut's Season Opener

9/7
- **Volleyball**
vs. North Dakota
Jacksonville High School
10 a.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. Alcorn State
"The Pete" 6 p.m.

9/9
- **Volleyball**
vs. Jackson State
"The Pete" 11:30 a.m.

- **Volleyball**
vs. New Orleans
"The Pete" 7 p.m.

STATS FCS Top 10

1. North Dakota St. (152)
2. Sam Houston St. (2)
3. **Jacksonville St. (4)**
4. Richmond
5. U. of Northern Iowa
6. Chattanooga
7. Charleston Southern
8. South Dakota St.
9. William & Mary
10. Illinois State



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Athletic director Greg Seitz and president Dr. John Beehler celebrate after the Gamecocks won their second straight OVC title.

AD Seitz named to Division-I Football Committee

Jacksonville State Director of Athletics Greg Seitz was recently named to the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee and will serve a four-year term beginning on Sept. 1, 2016.

"I am honored for the opportunity to serve on the NCAA Division I Football Committee," said Seitz.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work with some great athletic administrators and the NCAA staff to provide the best championship experience for our student-athletes, coaches and fans."

Responsible for the playoff selections, seedings and structure of the NCAA Division I Football Championship, the committee meets twice a year, including the playoff selection weekend each November.

The committee selects the at-large teams in the 24-team Championship, while also setting the bracket and determining the Top 8 National Seeds.

Seitz is joined on the committee by fellow directors of athletics Chuck Burch of Gardner-Webb, Brian Hutchinson of Morehead State, Richard Johnson of Wofford, Nathan Pine of Holy Cross, Marty Scarano of New Hampshire, Paul Schlickmann of Central Connecticut, Brad Teague of Central Arkansas, Kyle Moates of



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Seitz was named to the D - I Football Committee.

Missouri State and Jeff Tingey of Idaho State.

During his term as interim and Athletic Director, the JSU football team has enjoyed a rise to national prominence.

The Gamecocks are unbeaten in Ohio Valley Conference play of the last two years, claiming back-to-back titles and automatic bids into the FCS Playoffs.

The 2015 football season saw the Gamecock football team post its first-ever No. 1 ranking in school history, and earn the No. 1 National seed in the FCS Playoffs before advancing to JSU's first Division I National Championship Game appearance.

The Gamecocks set more than 50 school records and ranked

second in average attendance, while leading the nation in playoff attendance after hosting three-straight home playoff games.

Seitz has served on the NCAA Men's Final Four Media Coordination team for the last seven years, and also serves as a site representative for the NCAA during the Division I Baseball Regionals and Super Regionals.

He will represent the Ohio Valley Conference on the 10-person committee and replaces outgoing Committee Chairman Mark Wilson of Tennessee Tech.

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fifth head coach in UNA's history in 1987.

By 1993, he assembled three teams that combined a 41-1 record, a D-II record and three national titles (1993, 1994 and 1995).

The Gamecocks and the Lions first met in 1949 with the Gamecocks winning 12-7.

The series played every year until 1956.

The two teams became charter members of the Alabama Collegiate Conference in 1960.

UNA and Jax State shared the conference titles in the 1962 and 1963 seasons.

By 1969, the conference was struggling to survive, so Jax State and UNA left to help form the Mid-South Athletic Conference in 1970, changing their name to the Gulf South Conference in 1972.

The teams played year-in and year-out until 1993, when the JSU made the jump to Division I.

This will be the third meeting between the old rivals since the Gamecocks moved to the upper division.

The first came in 2003 with the Lions topping JSU at home 28-16.

The series renewed itself a decade later in 2013 with Jacksonville State squeaking by with a 24-21 victory after double overtime.

Jacksonville State holds three of UNA's worst losses (60-7 in 1971, 48-13 in 1991 and 38-3 in 1988).

Although they have had success of late, that was not always the case.

The Florence State Normal College, as they were named, first took the field in 1912.

As legend has it, they were not successful in their first 16 seasons, and in 1928 the school decided to suspend the team.

It was not until 1949 when president Dr. E. B. Norton, announced on March 30, that they would field a team in September.

The rebirth of the Lion's football program brought their modern

Curent Jacksonville State Standings

OVC Volleyball Standings

School	OVC	Overall Record
Tennessee State	0-0	4-0
Belmont	0-0	3-0
Murray State	0-0	3-0
Tennessee Tech	0-0	3-0
Morehead State	0-0	2-1
Austin Peay	0-0	2-2
SIUE	0-0	1-2
SEMO	0-0	1-2
UT Martin	0-0	1-2
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	0-3
Jacksonville State	0-0	0-3
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0-4

OVC Soccer Standings

School	OVC	Overall Record
SEMO	0-0	4-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0	3-0-0
Tennessee Tech	0-0	3-1-0
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	2-2-0
Murray State	0-0	1-1-0
SIUE	0-0	1-2-1
Morehead State	0-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville State	0-0	1-3-1
Belmont	0-0	0-2-2
Eastern Illinois	0-0	0-3-0
UT Martin	0-0	0-3-0

Gamecock soccer team fall in Trojan Classic tournament

Daniel Mayes
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University has a long-standing athletics rivalry with Troy University, dating back to the two institutions' concurrent membership in the Gulf South Conference for over two decades.

While the football rivalry between the two schools has been put on hold, with no contests between JSU and Troy having been held on the gridiron since 2001, competition between the two schools still flourishes on the soccer pitch.

The former Gulf South Conference rivals squared off on Sunday in Troy's annual Trojan Classic soccer tournament, with the Gamecocks falling to the Trojans 1-0.

The two teams played an evenly matched first half, with neither squad managing to net a goal against the other team's goalkeeper, resulting in a scoreless tie at the halfway point of the game.

The 0-0 stalemate continued into much of the second period, with the first and only goal of the game, scored by Troy's Qarli Stone, coming 71 minutes into the action.

The Gamecocks managed to take only 6 shots on the day, with only 1 of those coming in the second half, while the Trojans doubled that tally, attempting 12 shots of their own in the contest.



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Senior Mackenzie Bellows cored the Gamecocks' lone goal in the tournament at Troy University.

Danielle Monroe, a freshman forward/midfielder for the Gamecocks, had a chance to tie the match in the final minute of play, but her shot was turned away by the goalkeeper for Troy, ensuring victory for the Trojans.

Madison Carruthers and Claire Petersen each also had a scoring opportunity, but both shots on goal were stopped by the Trojan goalkeeper.

Jacksonville State's junior goalkeeper Caroline Robinson had 3 saves for the Gamecocks on the day, and Monroe led JSU with 2 shots attempted.

Jacksonville State also dropped their opener in the Trojan Classic, falling to the

University of South Alabama Jaguars 4-1 on Friday.

The Jaguars got out to a fast start against the Gamecocks, scoring two goals within the first 10 minutes of action to take an early lead over JSU.

USA held their 2-0 lead until the end of the first period, and it was not until 72 minutes in that the Jaguars scored another goal to take a commanding 3-0 lead over the Gamecocks.

JSU struck back quickly, however, as senior midfielder Mackenzie Bellows converted on a penalty kick for the Gamecocks less than a minute later, cutting the USA lead to 3-1.

The goal for Bellows, a native of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was her first of the young 2016 season.

The Jaguars scored once again to increase JSU's deficit, however, and South Alabama defeated Jacksonville State by a final score of 4-1.

Senior midfielder Nicola Dominkovich attempted 4 shots for the Gamecocks, including 2 shots on goal, but she could not convert on any of her scoring chances.

The two losses suffered by Jacksonville State in the Trojan Classic drop the Gamecocks' overall record to 1-3 on the season.

JSU will look to bounce back when they return to Jacksonville to host Louisiana Tech on Sept. 2.

Quotes from Monday's football press conference

Jacksonville State Head Coach John Grass Opening Comments:

"I usually don't speak for everybody, but I think everyone is glad that it is game week.

It is good to be playing someone else.

You get through fall camp and through the whole offseason and this is what you work for.

To play in a venue like Burgess-Snow Field on a Thursday night will be an electric atmosphere.

We got to play one Friday night game last year against Charleston Southern and it was an awesome atmosphere, so I can't wait to see our crowd and everything that goes along with our game day activities.

It will be great to play a rival in North Alabama and they will bring a lot of folks and it will be a big-time game.

I like where our football team is depth-wise and we are pretty healthy coming out of camp.

We are a pretty healthy team at this point in the season, except for a couple of bumps and bruises.

We just can't wait to see these guys play and show everyone all the hard work that has gone in to this season.

It will be good to see where we are at and you think you know by scrimmaging each other, but there will be some things that we will need to work on after we play a game."

"Opening the season against a team like UNA will be a task.

They are a team that is picked to win their conference or near the top of the conference and will be in the national championship talks at the Division II level.

This is not any Division II team and I will say this at any level, if you are playing a team on the upper tier of that classification, then it is going to be a great game.

They are one of the best at that level and we have our work cut out for us.

We go back to what we talk daily about – it's about how we play and we don't really look at who we play, its how we play.

I am interested to see how we play on Thursday and excited to get the season started."

On when you started focusing on North Alabama:

"Typically, for the first opponent, you are going to put a lot more preseason work in to it

just because naturally it's the first game.

You have a lot more time than four of five days to prep when you are playing someone a week after a game.

We started working on them last week and some over the summer.

Over the spring and summer, we have a breakdown of all of our conference opponents as well as our four non-conference opponents."

On what has surprised him this preseason:

"All these guys surprise me in how they do their job.

It is amazing to watch these guys work and handle the business that they have.

It is not a lot of bells and whistles to it and they have their nose to the ground and they are not distracted by anything.

There is not a lot of hype in that, they just go to work.

It is neat to watch them practice and how they carry themselves.

I think as a group collectively, I would have to say our depth."

Eli Jenkins, R-Sr. Quarterback

On the atmosphere around campus:

"Everywhere I go everyone is talking about football and the UNA game.

It is a crazy atmosphere around here.

Last year everyone was hyped about it and it is just different after how we played last year.

Everyone can't wait to see how we are going to be this year and we can't wait to play."

Nick Johnson R-Sr. Offensive line

On the atmosphere around campus:

"Playing on Thursday night is really exciting and we are excited about getting started. We had a great fan day and a lot of people will be in the stands on Thursday to see us play."

Joel McCandless, Jr. Linebacker

On the atmosphere around campus:

"It has been different around the classes, more people are talking about the football program and a lot of that has to do with how we did last season."

Jaylen Hill, R-Sr. Defensive Back

On the atmosphere around campus:

"Everybody is excited around town and the community is behind us.

They are ready to watch us play and we are ready to play."

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Volleyball looks to rebound after early tourney

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Writer

It was a rough beginning for JSU volleyball at the Air Force Tournament in Colorado where they fell in three matches against tough opponents.

The Gamecocks began their season against the U.S. Air Force Academy on Friday night.

JSU took the Falcons to five sets before ultimately falling to a loss 2-3.

Seven Gamecocks started their first game and several familiar faces returned to the floor.

The first two sets belonged to the Falcons although not without a fight from JSU.

They kept up with Air Force only falling 21-25 in the first set and 19-25 in the second.

The third set was easier for the Gamecocks.

It was a tight set with a moment that saw Air Force go up by five points but it didn't take long for the Gamecocks to come back.

They stole the set from the Falcons and forced extra sets with their 25-23 victory.

Set number four again saw tense moments where Air Force led by a substantial margin but JSU emerged victorious, 25-23.

In the final set the Gamecocks couldn't quite hold on despite their impressive comeback and fell 10-15.

Saturday was an opportunity for the Gamecocks to try again.

They started the day with a morning match against the Grand Canyon University Lopes.

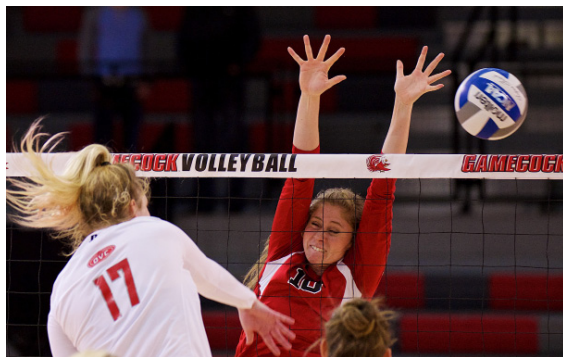
The Gamecocks fought hard but couldn't hold up to GCU and fell 0-3.

In the first set the Gamecocks kept up with the Lobes throughout.

With the score only a point apart in the Lobes' favor 12-11, they took off and scored seven straight before the Gamecocks scored again.

Although the Gamecocks managed to catch up they lost the set by four, 21-25.

In the second set the Lobes' jumped out to an early lead and continued to build on it while the Gamecocks were unable to keep up.



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After losing three-straight matches, the Gamecocks look to turn things around against Georgia Southern.

They lost the second set by ten 15-25.

The Gamecocks attempted to make a comeback in the final set.

They were only ahead one time throughout the set and lost 18-25.

Returning junior Allyson Zuhlke contributed 11 kills and three blocks on the day.

Newcomers Kaylee Frear and Sadie Anderson had nine kills and five kills, respectively.

The final match of the day was the Gamecocks' final chance to add a win to their opening record.

They played the Montana State Bobcats in the final match of the tournament.

Although they forced extra sets the Game-

cocks were unable to gain a victory losing 3-1.

The Gamecocks managed to keep things fairly close for both the first and second sets although they lost the first set 19-25 and the second 17-25.

The Gamecocks then found their footing and managed to win the third set 26-24 and send the match into extra sets.

The final set was close but the Bobcats managed to secure their victory 21-25.

Zuhlke had 18 kills on the day.

Hannah Kirk had 17 digs and Jennifer Hart had 28 assists.

The Gamecocks return to action against Georgia Southern on Sept. 1.



WHERE YOU'RE GOING.