**The eclipse is so bright,**

Rebekah Hawkins
Associate Editor

In the beginning, the earth was dark.
Then there was a sun and a moon, and last Monday the moon decided to come between the sun and the earth for three hours! Even though Jackson ville wasn’t in the path of totality, people still stuck to the stream from wherever they were to see the event that won’t take place again until 2024.

According to JSU Associate Professor of Physics Laura Weinkauff, it’s been a while since there was a total solar eclipse like the one on the 21st. “The last one visible from the contiguous U.S. was on Feb. 26, 1979,” she said.

“Times vary for eclipses, this one was around three hours. Totality was around two and a half minutes, although in 2024 totality is predicted to last more than five minutes. It depends on the details of where in their orbits the moon and earth are.”

Jacksonville State University set up a viewing party on the TMB lawn for anyone who wanted to come and view the eclipse. People in lawn chairs setup shop to watch, and families brought their small children to the bounce houses setup up. It was a community that came together for the once-in-a-lifetime moment.

Sophomore Eric Cline went to the viewing party and said, “It’s not really about the school, it’s about the people.”

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**Homecoming Showcase Applications**

Homecoming Showcase applications are still being accepted from the Dean of Students Office. Starting Friday, September 1. Students wishing to run for Homecoming King or Queen should fill out a Homecoming Showcase application.

**Labor Day 2017**

JSU will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. No classes will meet, and offices will be closed, but...
Above: the “diamond ring effect” occurs when the first spot of the sun is visible behind the moon. This phase only lasts about a second. It is particularly dangerous to look at an eclipse at this time without protective glasses. Left: the moon passes in front of the sun during the eclipse. Above: the “diamond ring effect” occurs when the first spot of the sun is visible from behind the moon. This phase only lasts about a second.

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**GRAD SCHOOL from page 1**

Graduate students Zach Stam, Andrew Collins, Katelyn Henderson and Griffin McDaniel assist biology professor Dr. George Cline with a program at Lake Gunterville State Park in May 2017.
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Attention Gamecocks!
The JSU Police Department is currently investigating an alleged rape that recently occurred in Meehan Hall. In this case, the victim knew the reported assailant. Please use caution when going home or to other private areas after dark.

This is a serious issue, please be aware of your surroundings. Call UPD at 256-782-5050 if you are concerned.

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Inspirational Quotes from Sports Editor Tim Cash

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Your weekly dose of online humor!

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Hurricane Harvey hits hard in Houston

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

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Florida inmate Mark Asay executed by experimental injection

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Poetry & Entertainment Editor

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Asay’s case, jurors recommended death for both murder counts by a 9-3 vote. Even though the new law requires unanimity, Florida’s high court ruled that the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling did not apply to older cases.

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Asay’s second murder was 26-year-old Rob McDowell, in 1988. McDowell was dressed as a woman at the time of his killing. Asay agreed to pay McDowell for oral sex, but became enraged and murdered him when he learned McDowell’s true gender. The execution protocol began at 6:10 p.m. and Asay was pronounced dead at 6:22 p.m.

Asay received a new three-drug anesthetic. The first drug, etomidate, has never been used in the United States. Etomidate induces sleep. About a minute after Asay received the first drug, he jerked slightly and his mouth opened. This drug makes the heart entirely. It is Florida’s first time using potassium acetate as well, which was used in a 2015 execution in Oklahoma by mistake, but has not been used elsewhere, a death penalty expert said.

The second drug, rocuronium bromide, is a muscle relaxant that paralyzes the lungs. This drug made him motionless, which resulted in being death row prisoners and ending capital punishment. Doctors hired by Asay’s attorneys raised questions about etomidate in court declarations, saying it has been reviewed. The court declared the drug to be constitutional, saying it has been reviewed.

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The 36th annual MTV Video Music Awards have come and gone, but viewers were left with some memorable highlights from the show that will stay in their minds for a very long time.

Kicking off the event was eight-nominees hip-hop sensation Kendrick Lamar with his recent hits “Humble” and “DNA.” His crowd-pleasing performance included tapping surrounded by lasers, smoke, and even a back-up dancer on fire.

Following the “psychedelic performance” of Lamar was host and pop music sensation Katy Perry making her grand entrance in a full holographic astronaut suit. The suit—and Perry’s reference to herself as “the moon lady”—was a big risk, but not as risky as trying to launch her stand up comic with fidget spinner joke that left both live and at home audiences uncomfortable.

The funniest joke of the night, however, came from deeply poetic singer and songwriter, Lorde, who, due to flu-like effects on her vocal chords, gave an interpretative dance to her song “Homemade Dynamite.” It was surprisingly very warm, direct, and much funny.

As brave as an interpretive dance might have been, nothing could top Fifth Harmony’s incredible performance of their song “Down.” On the stage were all four members and a stand in who represented former band member Camila Cabello. The stand in was pushed offstage in reference to Cabello’s split from the band. Fifth Harmony also received their first VMA for best pop song for “Down.”

Along with powerful musical performances, quite a few ground-breaking speeches were delivered that touched on serious issues happening in today’s society. Paris Jackson gave an inspiring speech about how America can overcome the hate with unity and love and show that “violence is not inevitable.”

Tiffany Haddish spoke out about being a role model to foster kids at the suicide prevention hotline: “We all have struggles and as long as you never give up on yourself, light will break through the darkness,” she added.

Rock star Peau delivered a speech after receiving the Video Vanguard award concerning her six-year-old daughter and the moving power of all androgynous rock stars. Such as Michael Jackson, David Bowie, and Prince.

Kesha also gave a speech following Logic’s performance of “1-800-273-8255” which led to increased calls at the suicide prevention hotline: “We all have struggles and as long as you never give up on yourself, light will break through the darkness,” she added.

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Katy Perry, who performed at and hosted the 2017 VMAs, made her entrance in a holographic astronaut suit, a nod to the figurine on each VMA award. She later changed costumes for her performance of “Swish Swish” to close the show.

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The 2017 VMA Awards was an evening of surprises, one that the 2018 show will undoubtedly try to top.
At 17 you had a warped view of how love was supposed to be. You thought that arguing, name calling, and using pop culture as a means to the face or pulling of limbs just happened in a relationship when you had disagreements. You thought that you could change that person who was broken, but you didn’t realize you were becoming broken in the process. You finally let go and it was one of the hardest things you gave up on having a future with another human being. You didn’t be-lieve that love really existed. You struggled with depression, but you started to truly get to know yourself. You began to see your strengths and you began to enjoy who you were. You found someone at the age of 21, who loves you with every fiber of their being and wants spend the rest of their life with you. You found the love that you never thought existed, and at age 24 you will be married to your best friend.

So, the other day I was browsing Sat- urday Down South. One of my favor- ite college football blogs and usually a very good source of information and in- teresting reads. How- ever, as I was reading a piece I came across this arti- cle. It’s called “How to (not) lose a guy in 10 games” written by Chris Marler and it’s about how to keep your girlfriend who is uninterested in football throughout a season of college football. It included lovely gems such as saying that you have to figure out her interests and worries to keep her interested, watching a lot of The Bachelor with her so she’ll feel obligated to watch football with you, and buying her cute outfits so she’ll be more inclined to watch the games. If you’re not going to read a lot into it because I know it’s mostly for fun, but I have to say I was a little insulted. Mostly because I’m a girl who loves and enjoys college foot- ball and who usually knows almost as much more than the dudes I watch it with. But again, I know it’s just for fun.

So this article sort of gave me an idea. I thought I would write a re- cipe on how to not lose all guys like foot- ball. I know a lot of people who don’t care about sports and would rather just do anything else than watch football. So here we go, here’s my advice for all the guys who have a new boy, girlfriend who doesn’t know anything about sports.

How to (not) lose a guy in 10 games

Oh college foot- ball. How have I missed you. It’s al- most that time of year again ladies. The first Saturdays are mo- nopolized by our fa- vorite teams, and our friends text us asking when we’ll be avail- able for girls’ night out (the quicker an- swer is no sooner is Saturday). But this year is different for me. This year I have a boy- friend. How could I have done this? How could I have let an- other man distract me from the most important men in my life, the ones on that football field. I didn’t get a chance to study our recruits, I don’t know what our defense is doing this year, all because I had to have that new motor for his truck. How do you do for love, right?

But I’ve had it. No more. I sat him down on the floor the other day, and I had to tell him. With his hands on his lap you really didn’t know anything about sports.

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Every single year even though Alabama wins every single game you should not match it up. Trump’s budget plans would eliminate Environmental Protection Agency funding by an es- timated 31% and would eliminate over 1,000 EPA employees alone. If you want to see these budget cuts protected, call our Alabama Senator’s offices.

Another way that we can make a dif- ference locally is en- couraging your dis- trict representative to join the climate solu- tions caucus. This is a bipartisan caucus, meaning that for a member of the republican must join along with them, and vice versa. It cur- rently includes 46 repub- lican and 26 demo- cratic members. You can call or email your Representatives office and encourage them to join.

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Senator Luther Strange’s office: (202) 224-4124

Representative Mike Rogers’ of- fice: (202) 225-3261

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A response

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Horn has good outing as new Gamecock quarterback

Daniel Mays
Staff Reporter

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Kirk honored as OVC Defensive Player of the Week

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. - Jackson- Knoxville State senior Hannah Kirk has been recognized as the Ohio Valley Conference's De- fensive Player of the Week for the opening weekend of the 2017 volleyball season, the league of- ficially announced on Monday.

Kirk, a 5-foot-3 defensive spe- cialist began her third year serv- ing as JSU's libero last weekend. The Gamecocks' co-captain finished the Western Carolina Catamount Classic with 61 digs and 17 assists. The former is a career-best mark of 33, which she posted 28 digs in the sea- son's first win against Charleston Southern, coming just shy of her career-best mark of 33, which came a season ago.

She later added 294 yards on the ground. She had 89 of that total coming on a 76-yard scamper in JSU's fifth-straight win in the series vs. UTC.

In a week that saw Mocs in the inaugural Guardian Credit Union Kickoff Classic hosted by Louisiana-La- Fayette.

The Gamecocks' defense then limited the Moos to only 18 yards on a 17-play span, forcing two turnovers and stretching the narrow halftime lead to a comfort- able 24-6 cushion entering the fourth quarter.

The game's momentum swung to Jacksonville State's favor for good late in the third quarter when senior linebacker Jonathan Hagler picked off a pass by Moos quarterback Nick Tiano and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown.

Stinnett tacked on the ex- tra point as JSU opened a 14-point lead with 3:45 left in the third quarter.

The Mocs managed only 249 yards against the Jack- sonville State defense boast- ing nine returning starters, with 89 of that total coming on a desperation drive in the game's waning minutes. Reggie Hall also had an interception and All-Amer- ican candidate Darius Jack- son added one tackle for loss entering the Gamecocks' leader in the category with 165 yards.

Horn directed Jacksonville- State to its first points of 2017 on the second pos- session.

Taking over the Moos' 48 after a short UTU punt and kick catching interfer- ence penalty, the Gamecocks moved 34 yards in eight plays, culminating in Stinnett's 31-yard field goal with 8:14 left in the first quarter for a 3-4 lead.

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The Mocs never surrendered. The Gamecocks' defense took down run on JSU's first play and Thomas electrified the crowd of 12,952 at Cramton Bowl with his career-long 76-yard touch- down run on JSU's first play for a 10-3 lead the Game- cocks never surrendered.

Thomas also contributed a game-high 68 receiving yards on three receptions.

Jacksonville State will face Tennessee in their sea- son opener on Labor Day.

JSU handles UTC in Guardian FCS Kickoff

MONTGOMERY – Roc Thomas ran for 122 yards and one touchdown and Jonathan Hagler returned an interception 52 yards for another score as No. 5 Jack- sonville State defeated No. 12 Chattanooga in the inau- gural Guardian Credit Union Kickoff Classic at Cramton Bowl.

Thomas, a senior from Oxford, Ala., accounted for 190 total yards, including a highlight reel 76-yard sprint for a touchdown in the first quarter as the Gamecocks beat the Mocs for the fifth straight time and extended their regular-season winning streak against non-FBS op- ponents to 32.

Bryant of Alexander City, Ala., – making his first career start at quarterback – shook off a pair of first-half interceptions and finished with 192 yards, including a 59-yard TD strike to Shaq Davidson with under 10 minutes left in the game.

Cade Stinnett was successful- ful on both of his field goal attempts as Jacksonville State led 1-0 opened a season at a neutral site and in front of a national ESPN audience for the first time since 1992.

"We've played some really ugly games against Chatta- nooga in the past, but this wasn't one of them," said Jacksonville State fourth- year head coach John Grass.

"I thought our defense re- ally played excellent. Overall, I'm pleased with the effort."