Former Alabama governor Robert Bentley gives a press conference at the State Capitol on Friday, April 7. Bentley resigned from office on Monday, the first Alabama governor to do so since 1837.

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On April 4, a student in Dr. George Cline’s herpetology class found a rare species of snake in a flowerbed in Baldwin County.

The Brahminy blind snake has been found in Alabama on only two verified occasions. The first was found in Theodore, Ala. in Mobile County only a month ago and released back into the wild.

Cline’s specimen was sent to Auburn University on April 7 where Raymond Corey of the Alabama Herpetological Society confirmed its identity. It will be used for educational purposes in their herpetology department. According to Auburn University, this is the only vouched specimen for the state of Alabama.

The scientific name for the species is Indotyphlops braiminus, which comes from Indo, meaning India or Indonesia, typhlops, a Greek word meaning “the blind” and brahminus, a caste of Hindus. Brahminy blind snakes are found on the southeastern coast of the United States and are considered to be the world’s first venomous snakes.

The snake Cline received is pictured above next to a dime for size comparison.

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Invasssssse snake found by JSU student

5k raises 1k for suicide awareness

Alexander Cooper
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State’s Freshman Forum held its second annual Light Up a Life 5k on Friday, April 7 and raised over $1000 for the suicide awareness and prevention group To Write Love on Her Arms.

The purpose of the 5k was to help raise awareness on the issue of suicide, and all proceeds from the event, including donations and proceeds from a raffle drawn at the outset of the run, went towards To Write Love on Her Arms. This organization serves as the Freshman Forum’s philanthropy for the year, and it is built on both raising awareness on the problem of suicide and consequently working to prevent it.

“We started planning this event in January,” said Keaton Glass, the Freshman Forum advisor. “It’s a race, and it’s an awareness thing for suicide prevention. That’s what this event is all about, and we wanted to get members of campus to come and hang out just to let them know they’re not alone, and suicide affects everyone.”

Suicide remains the second leading cause of death among college-aged people, and that is one of the
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BENTLEY from page 1

Bentley, who was serving his second term as governor, had been under investigation by the Alabama Attorney General’s office for criminal felony charges. The Alabama Ethics Commission confirmed that it had probable cause to support these accusations.

On Monday afternoon, Bentley pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors: failing to file a major contribution report and knowingly converting campaign contributions to personal use.

As per the plea deal, Bentley has one week to pay $36,912 in campaign funds, essentially emptying that fund and giving the money to the state. He will also be required to pay thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket fines to return the misappropriated money to the campaign fund before that fund can be closed.

Bentley must also perform 100 hours of community service and is prohibited from running for public office again.

In a report released on April 7, the lawyer for the Alabama House of Representatives alleged that Bentley had coerced, sent threatening messages to and threatened to prosecute some of those who had criticized his affair with Mason. The report described how Bentley reportedly used a member of his security detail to end his relationship with Mason.

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Ivey, who is currently serving as Lt. Gov., has expressed an interest in running for the top job again and is expected to formally announce her candidacy soon.

She is the first woman to hold the office of governor in Alabama and has been praised for her leadership in the time of crisis that followed the 2013 tornado that left 237 people dead and thousands homeless.

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**Artist’s Showcase**

"Succulents" by Katelyn Sims

About the Artist: Katelyn is a junior art major who hopes to pursue painting and become a fine artist someday. To see more of Katelyn's art, like her on Facebook at Katelyn Sims - Artist/Painter.

"Buddy" by Justin Turner

About the Artist: Justin is a junior art major focusing on graphic design and photography. Justin hopes to do more with photography in the future. To see more of his pictures visit justinclayturner.com.

"Lion with Roses" by Olivia Sims

About the Artist: Olivia is a freshman art major who hopes to pursue art education and become an art historian. To see more of Olivia’s art, you can follow her on her personal Instagram account @bobcatwithasaddle.

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**Chicken Scratch**

Your weekly dose of online humor!

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On Wednesday, March 29, Brewer Hall room 230 saw the gathering of a group of passionate young students who stand together against inequality. The group served donuts and drinks while discussing issues within our society.

The College Democrats are a nationally chartered branch of the Democratic Party who seek to further the ideals of the party through fundraising and other forms of issue based campaigning. "We want to be the armed force for everyone at JSU," said Kyteria Marshall, the Public Relations Director for the JSU chapter. "We stand for everyone."

Founded in August 2011, the group focuses mainly on issues of inequality and acceptance within society. According to their Facebook page, JSU College Democrats, they are "committed to providing JSU students and the community with the 'other side' of the story in Alabama politics." The group also seeks to encourage students to educate themselves on the issues affecting our society. Other Chapter officers include President Tyler Gay, Vice President Landon Watson, Secretary Caftin Waits, Treasurer Dalton Cuttergoode and Hayden Hope, and Community Relations Director Alexis Paige.

One issue concerning the College Democrats is that of mental health. Marshall has noticed that within African American communities especially, mental health is not given proper attention. This issue is close to the heart of Marshall, who recently lost a loved one to suicide. Marshall’s cousin Erica was told to “pray it away” when she approached their grandmother about her depression. Without proper support and professional attention, Erica could not cope with her mental health issues. Marshall hopes to educate people and prevent others from losing their life to a treatable illness. The group is also concerned with issues involving the LGBTQ community. Several members of the College Democrats are also members of the LGBTQ community and the group feels strongly about understanding. "They are our brothers, sisters, friends," said Marshall. She feels that in the south, many people fail to recognize this.

The College Democrats also tackle the issue of race relations within U.S. society. The "I Refuse to Hate" campaign was started to bring students together regardless of race, gender, or sexuality, in telling the world why they refuse to hate one another. The campaign posts pictures of students holding a sign stating "I refuse to hate" along with a brief statement, to social media.

Marshall began this campaign after experiencing discrimination as a black woman. The photos can be found at any of the groups social media accounts. Search "JSU College Democrats" on Facebook and Twitter. The bi-weekly meetings for the College Democrats are held every other Wednesday in Brewer Hall room 230 and begin at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the group, you may email a member via the social media accounts. There is a $10 membership fee.
13 Reasons Why creates big splash on Netflix

Alissa Camplin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Thirteen Reasons Why has been rocking Netflix screens since its release on March 31, 2017. According to Huffington Post, the series is actually the most talked about in Netflix history. According to leading social media research firm Fizzology, 13 Reasons Why has seen more social media volume than any other Netflix original show in its first week post-premiere.

The series deals with important issues like suicide, death, betrayal, denial, and guilt. It portrays high school in a more authentic and uncensored way than in other broadcast networks. The bullying is harsh and often obscene, but that is not the darkest part of the story. There are elements of rape and suicide scenes that are real and scary.

The series tells the story of Hannah Baker and the thirteen tapes that she left behind for the thirteen people, or reasons, why she killed herself. The teens spend thirteen episodes piecing together a story left behind by Hannah Baker, who is played by actress Katherine Langford. The main male counterpart, Clay Jensen, is played by actor Dylan Minnette.

Most were familiar with the series prior to the Netflix release. It is based off the best-seller Thirteen Reasons Why written by Jay Asher in 2007. It was published by RazorBill, a young adult imprint of Penguin Books.

The official IMDb of the series is mostly surrounded with positive reviews.

One user said, “[Thirteen Reasons Why] is a difficult, but an important... no... a necessity to watch. A refreshing and unflinching look at taboo subjects that are rarely touched upon in mainstream media.”

Rotten Tomatoes gives the series an approval rating of 90% based off of 30 reviews. The average rating is 7.5/10.

Not everyone is convinced that the show is the correct way to bring awareness to mental health, though. A popular still from the series recently circulated on Twitter that shows a line where Clay Jensen says, “I cost a girl her life because I was too afraid to love her.”

An upset user replied with, “No offense, but if you want to raise awareness for suicide then you should drop the whole ‘Love can save you’ trope and actually discuss mental health.”

Rebecca Nicholson of The Guardian also said that she thought the show did a poor job at trying to attract older viewers.

Regardless of specific user views, the show had brought attention to suicide and teens. The series was credited for an almost 100% increase in the number of calls to Brazil’s suicide hotlines.

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255 for anyone that may be struggling with suicidal thoughts and tendencies.

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LIVE YOUR COLLEGE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Taylor Mitchell Special to The Chanticleer

The first review I ever wrote for The Chanticleer was about a small Indie game called “To the Moon.” The article was so short I remember I wanted to write this, with no real expectation of it being published, to tell the story of why.

The story goes back to 2014 when I was 18 year old senior in high school. After always not understanding and being unable to relate to other neurotypicals, or even regular me, my mostly own, I was brought to my attention that I might have autism. It was confirmed not long after that I did have autism. You see I was told when I was a kid that doctors didn’t understand autism very well and were scared of me. A diagnosis was received that I had been diagnosed with ADHD instead. I was floored, I couldn’t understand it. I was like me entire life had been somehow normal, but I was like I was not myself anymore in some way, but that wasn’t true. I knew that just like my dad, my step mom, and my grandpa, especially my recently departed Nana Ginny, all told me. I had grown up learning how to deal with this thing and got so much better with it. I have a name didn’t change that, it didn’t change me, but I could not understand it. I was spaired, but then a YouTuber I watch be- gan “a let’s play” se- ries of “To the Moon.” That is when I learned about River. River is one of the main charac- ters in “To the Moon.” She also is a high functioning autistic being diagnosed with what was previously called Asperger’s syndrome. This is the same condition I was diagnosed with. Now she and I were the same as, no two au- tistic people are the same like no two neurotypicals are the same, but I saw some of myself in her. Riv- er folds paper rabbits, and she wants to be friends with a lighthouse. Yes, I saw some of myself in River. I have a physical ability to be at least 30 minutes early to every event, I chew on straws to come up with ideas, and have a desperate need to know every- thing without having any way to do it. I put this into perspective, over once I did two days of research on Marx- ist-Leninist thought and the communist revolution in Russia. Maybe her life isn’t normal but what is normal really? What fun would normal be? She has a good life and that is what matters most. I think that may be the thing River taught me in the end. She taught me that this condition doesn’t doom you to some sad and lonely life. She taught me that I should just em- brace it, that this is who I am, I no longer care if I am normal because I know I am me. No matter what happens, no matter what I cannot understand or who or what can understand me, that doesn’t change who I am.

For River, however, she never feared, she never feared about her life. She thought she was normal, she were like me, she were like Johnny. She were like me, she who I am. She had to go and survive without my shoul- ders these last few weeks, and now that I have you, our team is complete! My job isn’t easy. But I love it. I definitely want more than I get paid for it. I don’t usu- ally mind. I might have complained about it in the past, but I’m convinced that you don’t show about this anymore. I love my job a lot. I haven’t done every- thing I wanted to do and I’m feeling of the hardest work- ers these last few weeks, and now that I have you, our team is complete!

One day the week- end, I was sitting at my kitchen table, talking to my step mother, and my older sister about it and my Nana looks at me and tells me that it had been dealing with this my whole life without even knowing it and that the diagnosis was the change who I was. She was right. She died last year, and I never told her how right she was. I regret it, but I thank God everyday she was right. I guess I said all that to say: if you have some kind of “defect” or are just what people call “weird” remember that you are you, and that all that matters. Don’t let some diagnos- is rule your life because you are more than that. 

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Tennessee State had no idea what they were getting into when the Gamecocks came into town, shutting them out and sweeping a doubleheader last Sunday. The Gamecocks gave the Tigers no chance to score in either of the games, winning the first 7-0 and the second 8-0. Alexia Jermerson continued her impressive first year with three runs on the day. Taylor Sloan was behind her as 2-0-4.

Torre Roberts and Stephanie Lewis contributed with one run apiece. At the top of the first the Gamecocks jumped out ahead by two after a Lewis triple. With Sloan on third and Jermerson on second, both Gamecocks grabbed a run before the inning turned over to TSU. It wasn’t until the top of the fourth, with help from Whitney Gillespie’s single, that Lewis was able to score her first run of the game and put the Gamecocks out ahead 3-0. The Gamecocks exploded in the fifth inning with Sloan, Jermerson and Roberts scoring. Sloan went to bat first in the top of the fifth and singled to put her on first base. With help from Jermerson, Alexus Jimmerson contributed with three runs on the day. Jeff Miller and Payton Young hit back to back and the Gamecocks grabbed a run after the two clubs tripled and made it to third base. McGuire doubled on the next pitch and Jermerson ran home. The game finished after a scoreless bottom sixth and seventh inning, with the score 7-0. Game two saw eight different batters score on the run apiece to give the Gamecocks their 8-0 win. Every one went through the lineup three times except for Anna Chisolm, who had two at bats. McGuire scored the first run of the game at the top of the second with help from Chambres and Gillespie who both singled to put McGuire on third. The Gamecocks scored the remainder of their runs in the top of the third inning. Chisolm scored first after she walked to first and was pushed to third with a hit from Jermerson and an error the helped Sloan advance. The sweep in the series gave the Gamecocks a 30-8 record overall and they remain at the top of the OVC standings.

The Gamecocks return home to play a doubleheader against Austin Peay tommorow, with the first game beginning at 1 p.m.