Cocky Pride Parade brings campus and community together

Cassy Smith

The rain couldn’t stop the proud from celebrating the first annual Cocky Pride Parade on November 1. A crowd of over 70 attendees convened in the Thorton Montgomery Building’s lawn to celebrate their identities or to be an ally to those they love. Many members of the LGBTQ+ community, whether they were students at JSU or Jacksonville community members, gathered for the event, which came to a head in the town square with a parade at 6 p.m. Many of the attendees held or wore flags, umbrellas, clothing, hats and posters portraying the rainbow, the symbol for gay rights and pride. Other attendees, at the request of the event planner, brought their dogs to march with them.

The event was hosted by JSU Students for Equality, a student organization on campus. Through promotional advertisement, like Face- book ads and flyers taped up in dorms and academic buildings, the organization was able to reach much of the student body to invite them to celebrate themselves.

“The Students for Equality are here for any historical minorities,” said Adrienne Swindle, the president of Students for Equality. “Women, African-American, anybody who has been historically oppressed is totally welcome. We are active for Women’s History Month, Black History Month, LGBT History month; that’s actually what this parade is organized to celebrate.”

She cited the comedy show and the women’s discussion panel, both held earlier this semester, as two events that “set the stage for the community to come out and celebrate”.

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U.N. representative talks education and activism

Katie Cline Editor-in-Chief RESULTS Jacksonville, a local chapter of the national non-profit RESULTS, hosted its first meeting on Friday, November 3. The headline was guest speaker Selma/Atchafalaya Native American Bekele, an education and gender activist and Ethiopian United Nations representative.

RESULTS is a non-partisan organization that “seeks to change the system that puts people in situations of poverty by advocating to local and national government for changes,” according to Amanda Beals, RESULTS’ grassroots expansion officer. One of the group’s primary concerns is providing universal access to education for children in developing countries.

“I got to achieve what I wanted to achieve because of my education,” Bekele, who has degrees in both economic development and gender studies, said.

Katie Cline

Bekele was born in Ethiopia and attended a religious school in Addis Ababa. She joined the ethiopian national house and became a member of the the Ethiopian national house. She cited the comedy show and the women’s discussion panel, both held earlier this semester, as two events that “set the stage for the community to come out and celebrate”.

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Tuesday Talks

November’s Tuesday Talk will be November 14 from 5:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. This month’s theme is Arts and Humanities and includes the areas of Drama, English, Art and Integrated Studies.
in raised in the capi-
tal of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa and moved to the United States four years ago. A majority of Ethiopian lives live below the poverty line, mean-
ing they make less than $12.25 per day, and can-
not afford schooling for their children. Bekele’s family was fortunate in that she and her sib-
ing were able to at-
tend school.

“Both of my par-
ents are educated, and
they really prioritized
our education,” Bekele
said. “I had a neighbor
who got polio. He nev-
er got the vaccine. He
paralyzed now. But,
because my mother is a
nurse, I got the vac-
cine. The only thing
that kept me from be-
ing a statistic was my
education.”

After graduating college in Ethiopia, Bekele began teaching primary school, where she saw firsthand the hardships facing im-
poor children. She
told the Chanticleer,
many of these children
could not afford the
pencils, paper, and
other school supplies
ecessary for their edu-
cation. Young female
students particularly
struggled.

According to
Bekele, there are 263
million children around
the world who do not at-
tend school, and many
of them are girls. Girls
who are not in school
are more susceptible to
contracting HIV/AIDS, be-
ing victims of street
violence, human traf-
icking, child marriage and
teen pregnancy and are more likely to die in childbirth and have children who die before the age of five. In South Sudan, a girl
is more likely to die in
childbirth than she is to
finish secondary school.

Bekele is currently
the U.N. representative
for the Moimm Initiative,
a Ghana-based pan-African
organization that meets with
local African leaders to
work together to pre-
vent child marriage and
other issues that affect
children’s ability to go
to school.

Our program that
Bekele and RESULTS
work closely with is the
Global Partnership for
Education (GPE), which
pairs developing
countries and donor
countries together with
the goal of improving
access to education.

Last year,
Bekele explained. In Ethio-
pia, where the lack of
school building
and supplies are the
main concern, GPE
works to build schools
and provide students
with a sufficient en-
vironment. In Kenya,
many girls cannot
attend school while they
are on their periods, be-
cause they do not have
access to sanitary pads
so the GPE allocates
funds for providing
sanitary pads to the
students.

Students particularly
in countries such as the
U.S., the U.K., or Aus-
tralia, “fill in the gaps.”

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What are the most aggressive shades of purple? Violets.

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Democratic candidate Doug Jones packs out Anniston meet and greet

JoAnna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

“All across the state, excitement is building for this race. There is just an exciting breeze for change,” said Demo- crat Doug Jones, opening his speech to a cheering crowd at Classic Tool on Noble Street in downtown Anniston this Tuesday, November 7th.

“It isn’t about me. It isn’t about Roy Moore,” said Jones, referring to his controversial Republican opponent.

“It’s about you. It’s about every man, woman, and child in Alabama who wants to see this state go forward, not backward.”

With the whole nation tuning its eye to the up- coming December 12th election to fill Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ vacant senate seat, Doug Jones has been putting in a good deal of footwork.

“Travelling across the state to meet citizens, Mr. Jones has learned a lot about what issues are important to the every-day Alabamian. He has gained valu- able insight into what the citizens of Alabama are hoping to get out of our next representative.”

“My experience with the people in this state is that we have a lot more in common than we do that divides us.”

Mr. Jones believes that the most important issue to most Alabamians is healthcare. “People want good healthcare,” Jones said, eliciting a round of applause.

“The Affordable Care Act was never meant to be the end of the discus- sion. It was supposed to be a work in progress, but we have to find ways to make it bet- ter,” Jones acknowledged that work needs to be done to help bring down premiums while con- taining costs and making health care more affordable to Alabamas’s struggling cit- izens.

“We’ve got to go out there and make sure that people talk about health care.”

Jones believes that another issue impor- tant to Alabamians is build- ing up the state’s manufactur- ing job opportunities. “We have an opportunity to help build the state’s best foot forward,” said Jones. “To bring in jobs, to expand the jobs, and to do it in a way that saves the planet and is environmen- tally friendly, but also lifts the state’s middle class by bringing back these manufacturing jobs, along with other business. He believes we can do so through and education and with good workforce de- velopment. He believes that “putting the best foot forward” will attract busi- nesses and other people to the great state of Alabama.

“The people of this state are saying ‘no more’ to the divisiveness, ‘no more’ to treating people like 2nd citizens. The bot- tom line is the people of this state are saying ‘No More!’”

After his speech, Jones personally met with nearly every- one at the rally- and ended the meeting with a brief meeting with the press.

“I think to just throw cold water on it. Just tamp everything down with the rhetoric and make sure people start talk- ing to one another and reach across the aisle and reach within my own par- ty to find the things work- ing with healthcare and examine those things that are not working so that we can find the com- mon ground and ways to fix a broken healthcare system. I think we can do that with honor and civil- ity. I think that is the only way we can fix this broken healthcare system.”

Jones said in response to be- ing asked what he felt he could do in the senate to put an end to the multiple failed attempts at repeal- ing the ACA.

After being asked what he would say to millen- nials, a voting age group with notoriously low voter turnout, to get them to the polls, Jones said

“You’re not always going to be young. Sooner or later you will be my age and you will need to worry about Medicare. You’re going to need to worry about social secu- rity. You’re going to need make sure that your children are educated and that there are hospitals in the community. I would also tell them to look at the elections that we’ve had the last two or three cycles. Elections have consequences. They have short term consequences, and they have long term consequences. I would tell them to examine the elections, really study. Millenials do that every day. They look at the issues that affect them every day and they make deci- sions, whether its jobs, family, or education. They need to look at the electoral process in the same way. A vote is an in- vestment in the future. As much as they need to save money for retirement now, they need to think about voting.”

For more information on Mr. Jones and his platform visit dougjones- forsenate.com.

Coast to Coast

Queen Milky Juicy posing on stage.
Jennifer Callas and Mahita Gajare
The Chanticleer Special to the Chanticleer

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The church’s pastor Frank Martin said during a press conference Sunday that 23 people were found dead inside the church, and two people were found dead outside. Kelley, a man of Asian appearance, was found dead, after two gunshots, wounded, one self-inflicted to the head, and two—one in the leg, one in the buttocks—from an armed citizen.

With their ages ranging from just 18 months to 77 years old, the victims had gathered at the church and fired, before the attack began. The church’s pastor, as well as eight family members, including a pregnant woman and three of her children, and also featured a number of songs. The small church regularly posts videos of its services on YouTube and recently hosted a church in a small town south of San Antonio. The gunman, who once served in the Air Force, was identified as 26-year-old Devin Patrick Kelley, from San Antonio. The gunman, who was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, served a one-year prison sentence following his court-martial and discharge in 2012 for allegedly assaulting his wife and child, AP reported. Kelley’s shooting came days after a terrorist attack at the Texas Baptist Church in Suther- land Springs, Texas, a small community located in Wilson County about 30 miles away from San Antonio. The gunman, identified as 26-year-old Devin Kelley, dressed in a black “tactical type gear,” as he fired into the crowded church sanctuary. At least 26 people were killed and 20 others injured Sunday when a gunman opened fire at a church in a small town south- east of San Antonio.

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‘A Life I Love’: 
Open letters to my family during National Adoption Awareness Month

Alissa Camplin
Arts and Entertainment Editor

I like to believe that I lead a fairly normal life.

I go to school full time to get a degree that I may not get a well-paying job for. I spend my Tuesday nights at Loco Mex for tacos and margaritas. I have an in-credible dog named Liberry that I am ob-sessed with. I also am loved and sup-ported by my family wholeheartedly and you are all the source of most things I do.

The only differ-ence to the start of my life, my fam-ily had the chance to choose me.

I am adopted, and both of my birth par-ents are dead.

My “story” is sad, but—in turn—my life is so, so, so happy.

To my birth moth-er:

I am in awe of the Thursday I spent angry at you. For the times I assumed I was too much weight on your life, amidst your oth-er decisions of drugs and alcohol. You never asked for me to be born. But back then, I didn’t ask for it either. I didn’t ask for my hair color to closely match yours or for our smiles to be the same. I didn’t ask to carry around the weight of wondering what I did wrong so much that my own mother couldn’t find the drive to keep me.

I also didn’t ask how you felt. How your heart must have ached to hug me for the last time before going home to an empty life and an empty house. I have learned that you couldn’t rational-ize anything outside of your need for the next “fix.” You did what you had to, so that I could breathe on my own body when I couldn’t care for my baby above and beyond. Thank you for never telling me no when I wanted to do things. Or play softball. Or swim. Or take karate. Thank you for allow-ing me to grow up in an environment when I could be anything I wanted to be, even if that meant a ballerina MLB’er or that I swam to first base and got her black belt on the way there. “The world is your oyster” is what you tell me con-stantly, but you gave above and beyond to ensure I had the whole sea.

Thank you for sav-ing me when I didn’t know I needed it.

To my adoptive fa-ther:

Thank you for al-lowing me to have a second chance.

A life I would be proud of.

A life I love.

I think about you, my adoptive father, in the small moments of my life more than anything. During my morning cof-fee, I wonder how you liked yours and try to find a connec-tion. Were you like me and a “box of sugar and creamer” kind of person, or did you prefer the dark and bitter taste of the real deal? Are these telling of our personalities? Did you like to dance? I love to dance. I’ll find myself jazzy- ing around in my kitchen while James Taylor plays and think for a moment that you’re twirling beside me. Are we alike? Did you like to read and did you like to cook? Did sweet gestures make you tear up? What was your fa-vorite color? Mine is glitter. Would you find my sense of hu-mor funny? Remember the time I called you be-cause my car had died in the Sonic park-ing lot and I didn’t have pants on? You came from Gadsden at 10 o’clock at night when I had to be up for work the next morning to change my battery and to take me to my apart-ment to grab shorts. I’ll never forget the look of disappointment on your face or the laugh that came soon after. Or the two hours and three trips to WalMart it took for us to figure out how to change the battery.

You were my first best friend and I have never been more proud of a title than I am to be your daugh-ter. Thank you for teaching me to be fearless in my pursuit of what I want. I owe everything I am to you.

To my adoptive moth-er:

I’m sorry for the way past acceptable.

I need to live com-fortably and happily.

I have everything I need to live com-fortably and happily. Thank you for the years I spent in my room, angry you didn’t tell me sooner that I was adopted. I’m sorry I fought you every step of the way when all you wanted to do was know I was safe. I was, and thanks to you, I am. I am safe in my choice to live my life confidently and independently, a trait that I learned from you. I am safe in who I am entirely because you always allowed me to be and accepted noth-ing less. I am safe because you love me fiercely enough that your voice could cause the trees out-side to shake, but gently enough to lead me home for a date at Chili’s and a shop-ping trip to Birming-ham. Thank you for tak-ing care of my baby body when I couldn’t breathe on my own or when I would have another withdrawal episode. Thank you for letting me sleep next to the chest until way past acceptable.

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Adoption saves lives. It saved Alissa’s.

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To my birth moth-er Elva

I am adopted, and you are the family I have ever met, Dad.

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The OVC Schol-ath-Award is the highest individ-ual honor that can be earned by an OVC-student-athletes, and annually to three men and three women student-athletes for their accomplish-ments in both the classroom and ath-letic arena, and be cause of the lead-ership qualities. The six winners were selected from a group of 21 fi-nalists by a vote of OVC Faculty Athletics Represen-tatives. Honorees must have performed athleti-cally with distinc-tion, earned at least a 3.25 grade point average, and have contributed to an OVC-schol-Athlete. The OVC Schol-ath-Award is a symbol of the best tennis players in the world, with the club’s first round and de-cided 10-6 in round one. The Gamecocks made 10-9 and Dunbar Screws (2015-16) and five women athletes from JSU’s season on the ground, with the third round of competition to wrap up our fall season. He averaged 8.1 yards per carry, scoring on touch-down runs of four and nine yards, and had a game-long 86-yard carry against the third quarter. The Gamecocks return to action in January to begin their special season. The season, 323 yards and two touchowns on 17 carries dur-ing the final moments of the game of the season. After leading the game against conference oppo-nents. One of many highlight plays with an assist. Monroe, a for-mer Team as a colle-giate athlete, his or her average and con-finement, earned at least a 3.25 grade point average, and have contributed to an OVC-schol-Athlete. The OVC Schol-ath-Award is a symbol of the best tennis players in the world, with the club’s first round and de-cided 10-6 in round one. The Gamecocks made 10-9 and Dunbar Screws (2015-16) and five women athletes from JSU’s season on the ground, with the third round of competition to wrap up our fall season. He averaged 8.1 yards per carry, scoring on touch-down runs of four and nine yards, and had a game-long 86-yard carry against the third quarter. The Gamecocks return to action in January to begin their special season. The season, 323 yards and two touchowns on 17 carries dur-ing the final moments of the game of the season. After leading the game against conference oppo-nents. One of many highlight plays with an assist. Monroe, a for-mer Team as a colle-giate athlete, his or her average and con-finement, earned at least a 3.25 grade point average, and have contributed to an OVC-schol-Athlete. The OVC Schol-ath-Award is a symbol of the best tennis players in the world, with the club’s first round and de-cided 10-6 in round one. The Gamecocks made 10-9 and Dunbar Screws (2015-16) and five women athletes from JSU’s season on the ground, with the third round of competition to wrap up our fall season. He averaged 8.1 yards per carry, scoring on touch-down runs of four and nine yards, and had a game-long 86-yard carry against the third quarter. The Gamecocks return to action in January to begin their special season. The season, 323 yards and two touchowns on 17 carries dur-
In their first action since taking the court at Basketball Life Fieldhouse in Indiana during the NCAA tournament, the Jacksonville State men’s basketball team had a great exhibition outing.

After falling in a quick 6-9 hole to begin the game, Jacksonville State had no problem in demolishing their Division II exhibition opponent Delta State 78-41 on Thursday, November 2. The Chanticleers were without their first two outs, both of which came from behind the point before, and Head Coach Christian Cunningham made the first bucket for JSU on a lay-in after a steal.

Cunningham was the star of the night for JSU, as the junior forward led the Gamecocks with 11 point in Jacksonville State’s 78-41 victory over Delta State inside Pete Mathews Coliseum. Cunningham also recorded nine rebounds, five blocks and two steals.

Jacksonville State offense led the Gamecocks to just 153 yards of total offense. For JSU.

Men’s Basketball impresses at preseason game against Alabama-Huntsville

Grant Benefield
Chanty Sports Reporter

In a final tune-up before kicking off their regular season on November 10, Jacksonville State women’s basketball defeated Alabama-Huntsville 63-47 at home on Sunday.

Despite having to replace three of last year’s starters and welcome seven new faces to the team, the Gamecocks executed superb ball control against the Chargers, taking 72 shots to UAH’s 42 and surrendering just nine turnovers. Division II poll, to just 30 points. JSU scored 22-14, and 13-10 across the final three periods.

JSU’s two returning starters, seniors Cocoa Phelon and Tasha Maginder, had solid contributions, playing four points each in their 24 and 22 minutes played, respectively. Phelon also added seven rebounds, two blocks, and two steals.

But it was newcomer Brianna Perry who led the way for the Gamecocks on Sunday. In 12 minutes of playing time, the junior guard from Mesquite, TX, went 3-13 from the field, including one 3-point basket, for 13 points. Perry also added 10 rebounds and 4 assists.

For UAH, Chandler Eldred led the team with 18 points on 6-12 shooting from the field. She also added 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

With the promising exhibition performance under their belts, the Gamecocks looked to improve on last year’s performance in 2017-18. Last year, Jax State went 13-15 overall and 6-10 in OVC play, just missing out on an OVC tournament appearance.

This will be head coach Rick Pietri’s fifth season at the helm of the women’s basketball team, and he has already become the fourth winningest coach in the program’s history, and the second winningest coach since the team moved to Division 1 in 1995. Pietri also won 203-144 Coach of the Year honors.

The Gamecocks will open their regular season sched- ule on November 10th as they host Breverton-Parker at 5:30 p.m.

JSU takes down Delta State in exhibition contest

Daniel Mayes
Chanty Sports Reporter

Jacksonville State’s volleyball team reversed the tables on Morehead State Saturday night in a thrilling five-set win that averaged an earlier five-set win on the Eagles. Four Gamecocks forced the Lady Eagles to the limit, for the final time at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Saturday, and overall, they would go out with- out a fight.

The improved JSU over 22-11 overall and 8-4 in the OVC where they now own sole possession of fifth-place in the league standings with one weekend remaining.

“it could not have been a better time to be a coach of this team right now,” head coach Terry Gamble said.

Jacksonville State defeated Alabama-Huntsville 63-47 at home on Saturday, November 4.

JSU Sportswire

Jacksonville State’s Jamari Hester (ABOVE) caught two of Bryant Horn’s three touchdowns passes in the Gamecocks’ 59-23 victory over Murray State. Hester recorded 14 yards on four catches in JSU’s 30th-straight Ohio Valley Conference win.

Gamecocks race past Murray State

Daniel Mayes
Chanty Sports Reporter

After a bit of a rocky start that led to Jacksonville State trailing after the first quarter, the Gamecocks recovered to blow away Murray State 59-23 for their 30th consecutive Ohio Valley Conference victory on Saturday.

The story of the game, as has become usual for Jacksonville State, was their dominant defense.

The Gamecocks held the Rac- ers to just 153 yards of total offense and 3 rushing yards, which was a school-record low for JSU.

In this game however, the Jacksonville State offense proved to be just as dominant. JSU marched right down the field in five plays on their opening drive, and Bryant Horn ran it in for a touchdown.

“I thought we played really well outside of turnovers,” Jack- sonville State head coach John Grau said. “We’ve got to clean those up. But other than that, you have to be pleased.”

Those turnovers, led by the Gamecocks’ early deficit of 13- 7. On the Gamecocks’ next drive, Horn was picked off, and Murray State immediately converted the opportunity into a touchdown pass from Shuler Bentley to Jordan Gandy in the game to tie the score 13-7.

Then, Sean Rodgers returned it for a 47-yard touchdown to make the score 20-7. After that, the JSU offense came alive.

Horn, who got most of the playing time on the day at quarterback, with three first half performances, was a hero. Horn found Demontez Terry for a 45-yard bomb early in the second quarter, then completed two touchdowns to Jamari Hes- ter, with two coming in the final seconds before halftime, mak- ing the score 28-13 at the break.

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