JSU remembers Justin Tinker

Branndon Cabella
Staff Writer

Students gathered to mourn the loss of graduating senior Justin Tinker on Monday evening at the TMH auditorium. Tinker was struck by a vehicle on Highway 204 near campus on Tuesday, February 6.

Active Minds Club President Paris Coleman, the Active Minds Club, ACE tutoring and the SGA came together to plan a candlelight vigil to honor the memory of Tinker. Among those in attendance were his family, friends and professors.

Tinker, a chemistry student, planned to attend graduate school at Auburn University. He shared his knowledge with other students as a tutor with ACE.

Tinker was very intelligent and had a great knack for music and art. He was a talented drawer.”

See TINKER, page 2

AOII brings Mardi Gras spirit to Jacksonville

Nick Adrian
Staff Writer

A bit of New Orleans made its way to Jacksonville this past week as JSU celebrated Mardi Gras culminating with its ever famous Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, February 10.

The event was hosted by Alpha Omicron Pi to raise money for their philanthropy, Arthritis Research.

Mardi Gras is a thousands-of-years old celebration that has roots in the Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia. Today, it is celebrated on Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of the Christian season of Lent—the 40 days preceding Easter. Mardi Gras festivities have gained particular notoriety in America in the post cities of New Orleans and Mobile, but the holiday is celebrated worldwide, including France, Germany, Spain, Italy, England, Canada and Denmark.

In Brazil, it is known as Carnaval, a weeklong festival of vibrant colors, elaborate costumes, dancing, eating, drinking and celebrating.

JSU’s celebrations started early in the week on February 5, which included spreading word for the parade, music and entertainment.

See MARDI GRAS, page 2

Children’s books for Black History Month

Rebekah Hawkins
Special to the Chanticleer

Five books sat posed on the stage that sits in the Children’s Corner of Houston Cole Library.

Every Tuesday is storytime in the Corner and librarian Laurie Heathcock says that although it’s a new thing, she hopes it will take off soon.

“We just finished the Children’s Corner not too long ago,” Heathcock said. “It’s a great chance for both the JSU students to read and the children who are read to.”

JSU students can volunteer or be invited to read to the children each week. Heathcock says Cooks has made a visit with the cheerleaders and that the JSU soccer and softball teams are scheduled to make an appearance.

Sophomore Amari Pearson made her second visit to the Children’s Corner for the special Black History Month reading.

“I got involved because I like kids,” Pearson said. “Kids like to find people that they can look up to, and when people read to them they can learn.”

Beth Heathcock and Pearson took turns reading the four loose biographies and West African legend that made the book list for the week.

Heathcock says she has other special events scheduled for the children’s corner including a bilingual storyline in March. She says there will be movies in Spanish and English as well as readings.

“Children have so much distraction with technology now,” Heathcock said. “It’s important for children to not just read but to be read to. It helps with vocabulary and social skills and imagination. Plus I learn a lot from the books too.”

For Pearson it’s about helping tesponse children to different cultures and ideas.

“jsu chantlyclereseau.edu The Chanticleer is one of the most famous musicals of all time for a reason. And if it ain’t broke don’t fix it.”

Eric Wilkerson, a junior drama major who plays Detroit, has enjoyed being able to find himself in the character.

“The most fun, I have to say, is the sense of satisfaction whenever each of us are able to bring something unique to our characters,” Wilkerson said. “Carrie

See MUSICAL THEATRE, page 1
encouraging people to attend and giving out traditional favors like beads and MoonPies. “Planning this event was a blast,” ASI Philanthropy Chairman Hannah Blue said. “I got to meet so many people and network with my peers and people in my community.”

Rain may have put a damper on the parade route, but it couldn’t dampen the spirits of those in attendance. The inaugural Mardi Gras parade began at 3 p.m. on Saturday, starting off at Bibb Graves Hall, traveling around Trustee Circle and concluding at the Alumni House. Mardi Gras 2018 Lauren Reeves and Homecoming King and Queen 2017 Paris Coleman and Shua O’Donnell all braved the dreary weather to participate. There was also a Mardi Gras float and plenty of beads, candy and even more candy and even more beads and MoonPies. When the parade was finished, the celebration continued with a red beans and rice dinner, raffles, prize and a live jazz concert by members of the JSU Jazz program. Students Bobbie Ann Oliver and Paul Hicks were crowned as JSU’s first ever Mardi Gras queen and king. The event ultimately wound up raising over $9,000 for Arthritis Research, leading to an incredibly successful and thrilling Mardi Gras celebration that will surely become an annual favorite on campus.

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves Deputy US Marshal by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

This biography tells the true story of Bass Reeves a former slave who became a deputy US Marshal and remained one for 32 years.

Women in the Media and the Perception of Domestic Violence: #HereToo Panel

Come to these second annual Unity Meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Self Hall Room 236 to listen and ask questions about sexual harassment and the perception of women in the media. Guest speakers include Veronica Kennedy and Eddie Burkhalter, formally of The Anniston Star and Trace Fleming, a sexual abuse and domestic violence advocate.

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Study Break

Campus Crossword!
Winter Olympic Edition

Winter Olympics 2018

Across
1. This American is the only person to ever win gold medals at both the Winter and Summer Olympics
2. This U.S. city was awarded then rejected the 1976 Winter Olympics
3. This country was banned from participating due to a lengthy doping investigation

Down
1. This country is the only one to ever boycott a Winter Olympics
2. This sport did not break from its regular season to allow athletes to participate in the Games
3. This South Korea city plays host
4. This country is represented for the first time at the Winter Olympics
5. This country has captured more gold medals than any other country

Editor’s Hint: Google is still your friend, everyone!

Chris’ Random Fact: Boston Celtics have won the most championships in NBA history with 17. Lakers are second with 16

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This Mayes is Corny!

... Puns from the collection of: Sports Editor Daniel Mayes #shootpunsnotguns

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Katie Cline  Editor-in-Chief

The sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority, invited audience members to “A Whole New World” as part of their musical on February 6. Twelve members graced the stage in the Mason Hall Performance Center to perform selections from the classic Disney movies “Hercules,” “Cruella De Vil,” “101 Dalmatians,” and “Hercules.”

Katie Urquhart  Staff Writer

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Several people are reportedly injured after a shooting in a south Florida high school Wednesday and the suspect is still at large, police said. 

The shooting happened about 2 p.m. at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., which is about 30 miles northwest of Fort Lauderdale, according to the Coral Springs Police Department. The Broward County Sheriff’s Office said they are also responding to the high school and injuries have been reported. The school district released a statement explaining the shooting happened closed to dismissal time. When students heard what sounded like gunfire, the school was placed on lockdown.

Students ran single file from the school with their hands in the air. Each student was led by two teachers, who covered them with a backpack, in a pile and huddled under trees across the street from the school. Police believe they know who the gunman is and have described him as a student.

Christal Hayes USA TODAY

Nicole Chavez and Keith Allen CNN

A man who was convicted of killing his two daughters while his wife listened on the phone was executed Thursday night in Texas, the state’s Department of Criminal Justice said.

John David Battaglia, 62, died of lethal injection, CNN affiliate KDAF reported.

In 2001, Battaglia and his daughters — ages 6 and 9 — were in his Dallas apartment when he shot them, officials said. The girls’ mother was on the phone with the 9-year-old when she heard the gunfire, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesperson Jason Clark.

“She heard the girl screaming no daddy no, then she heard several gun shots,” an investigator told KDAF at the time of the incident.

On Thursday, Battaglia was given a last opportunity to speak before the execution but he refused to say a statement, instead, he addressed the children’s mother, according to TDCJ.

“No, Well, Hi Mary Dean. I’ll see you all later. Bye,” he said. “Go ahead please.”

He was pronounced deceased at 9:40 p.m. (local time).

Battaglia’s attorneys made several legal attempts to halt the execution throughout the years. They argued that Battaglia was mentally ill and also accused the state of using expired drugs for the lethal injection, the Dallas Morning News reported.

Battaglia’s execution was the third one in Texas this year, officials said. He was the second man put to death in the state this week. Convicted killer William Rayford was executed Tuesday.

Andrew Nelles Tennessean

I am here to talk about the Olympics, not you, know, gossip,” White told reporters on Wednesday of the accusations.

"Many years ago, I exchanged texts with a friend who is now using them to craft a bogus lawsuit,” he told TMZ in 2016.

According to the lawsuit, White “sent sexually explicit and graphic images to Zawaideh and engaged her in sexually disturbing videos, including videos sexualizing human fecal matter, and made vulgar sexual remarks to her such as, ‘Don’t forget to suck his balls!’ while commenting on her boyfriend.”

She also accused him of grabbing her behind, making an unwanted move to kiss her and touching her penis inside his pants, then trying to make her smell his hands afterward. The suit grew from her original claim that he withheld payment when he fired her.
Celtics need Hayward now more than ever

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Gamecocks come back on Senior Day

Long’s free throw pushes Jacksonville State over Tigers with :02 left

Grant Benefield
Staff Sports Writer

After trailing the entire second half, the Gamecocks rallied in the fourth quarter to take the lead with just :02 remaining and defeat OVC opponent Tennessee State.

The wild finish to Saturday’s game at Pete Mathews Coliseum came when freshman guard Taylor Hawks scored an and-1 layup that brought the Gamecocks (15-10, 9-5) within 1. Hawks would convert the ensuing free throw, tying the score at 61 with :01 remaining.

Sophomore guard Morgan Towells then made a great hustle play to steal the ball from Ti- ters (5-18, 3-11) in bounds and give the Gamecocks the opportunity they needed. With :00 left to play, Chad Long would be fouled and given the chance to give her team the first lead since

early in the second quarter. Long hit 1-0-2 free throw attempts to give the Gamecocks the 62-61 lead, and that would be all they needed, as Tennessee State would not be able to take a shot on

their final possession. Senior forward Ty- pher Peladian had a phe- nomenal day for the Gamecocks, scoring a career-high 17 points, as well as recording 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 blocks. Hawks and Rayven

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MOBILE, Ala. – Jacksonville State freshman Jesus Dario Montenegro moved up the individual leader-

board on Tuesday in the final round of the Mobile Sports Author-

ity Intercollegiate with a final round 1-under par score of 71.

Montenegro, from Mir del Plata, Bue-

nes Aires, Argen-

tina, finished just shy of the top-10 on the leaderboard, placing 12th. He entered the final round at the par 72 Magnolia Grove Crossings Golf Course in 17th place after rec-

rounding of 72

place her fifth over-

all in the field of 24. She later posted a score of 218-816 in the 800-Meter to also claim a berth. Also in distance run-

ning, freshman Jasmin Ortega took seventh in the 10,000-Meter cross-

ing the line at 3:17.59. JSU will turn its fo-

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Drumwright sets record as Gamecocks fall to Tigers

JACKSONVILLE – Senior Malcolm Drumwright posted 19 points and recorded a record-breaking 26th career double-double, helping the Gamecocks to an 82-70 victory over the Tigers Saturday night inside the Athletics Center-Okeeffe Hall.

Despite a hot-shooting Tiger offense, Drumwright remained cool and collected, leading the Gamecocks to their first OVC win of the season. Drumwright finished the game with 19 points, nine rebounds, four assists, three steals and one block.

Freshman Juan Pablo Portais made the shot that provided a spark in the opening minutes of the game. Portais' individual win was the catalyst for his win, turning his 1-under score at the hole and led to his 1-under par round. That 71 started his 36-hole 145 that edged Renegar's 146 in the 27-player field.

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