**UNIVERSITY UNDER FIRE**

**Students protest at Athletics Committee meeting**

On January 12, a group of students stepped onto the stage in LeoneCole Auditorium to protest the decision to sign Landon Rice to the football team. The theme is "Sweetwater Help," and students are encouraged to wear their best or tackiest sweater. Tickets are $3 and provide a night of fun games and talented performers. More information is available at jsuapro@gmail.com.

**Katie Cline**

**Editor-in-Chief**

**Lauren Reaves crowned Miss JSU 2018**

On January 12, ten beautiful, intelligent, and classy women stepped onto the stage in Leone Cole Auditorium and gave it their all in the hopes of being crowned Miss Jacksonville State University 2018.

One contestant, Lauren Reaves, impressed the judges the most, not just in one category, but overall. Reaves won the talent portion of the pageant and was ultimately named Miss JSU 2018, following her predecessor, Camden Swatts. The psychology major is very excited about her upcoming journey, but the road to her title required hard work.

Reaves philanthropy platform is Autism Speaks, a national advocacy organization that sponsors research and outreach for those affected by autism and education opportunities for communities, families, and government entities. "I plan to get my Master’s degree in Behavioral Analysis, so I can forever work with children that are on the Autism Spectrum," Reaves told JSU. "My heart absolutely melts for people with Autism, which is why I love volunteering my time with my platform."

Reaves’s winning talent performance was a Michael Jackson rendition on flute. She describes winning the talent category as "so exciting and rewarding." As a flute player since seventh grade, her work from the past years amounted to something magnificent. "Winning the whole describes winning the talent category as "so exciting and rewarding." As a flute player since seventh grade, her work from the past years amounted to something magnificent. "Winning the whole experience at JSU."
Storytime success at Children’s Corner

Cocky and the JSU cheerleaders smile with the children at the fifth floor Children’s Corner.

“I think it’s great that athletes are giving back to the community in a way that makes these kids so happy,” said Jennifer. “It not only brings joy to the children to have such strong role models read to them. “It really just puts smiles on all of our kids’ faces, even after reading about it in The Anniston Star.”

The first installment of story time at Houston Cole Children’s corner was certainly a success, but Laurie Heathcock has big plans for the space’s future. “We would love partner up with local public libraries to provide them with more space to do their summer reading programs” Heathcock said. “It would be amazing if we could bring in children’s authors and illustrators to meet and interact with the kids.”

If you are interested in being a reader at Children’s Corner, please contact Laurie Heathcock through her e-mail at heathcockk@jsu.edu, or give her a call at (256) 728-5425.

Heathcock said she would love to see fraternities and sororities volunteer to read, so if your Greek organization needs community service projects, contact her immediately.

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Kathleen Carnegie
Staff Writer

Tuesday, January 23 marked the first ever Children’s Corner story time on the fifth floor of the Houston Cole Library.

A group of children were prepared to listen, laughed and clapped along as JSU’s cheerleaders read them titles selected by fifth floor librarian MRS. Laurie Heathcock.

Jacksonville State University Houston Cole Library/Facebook

Formerly inhabited by old reference books and shelves, Heathcock decided the space would better be used as a fun area where children could come to read and relax.

The first guest readers at Houston Cole Children’s Corner were JSU cheerleaders and Cocky. There were many laughs and smiles by all in attendance as the cheerleaders got to take time to meet with the children before story time began. “It’s an honor to be asked to read to these children,” said cheer captain Carlee Waits. “It’s amazing to be seen as a mentor and a role model to these kids. These complete strangers know who I am, and it’s great to represent the university in a positive way.”

Head cheerleading coach R.J. Conroy was also there to show his support for the new children’s reading adjacent to Houston Cole.

“This is a great way to get to the kids the importance of reading, which is something we’ve kind of gotten away from,” Conroy said. “This is just a great way to share with the community something new going on at JSU.”

Stephen and Jennifer Craig, JSU alumni, brought their daughter Bella to the event after reviewing about it in The Anniston Star.

The first question, she stayed informed with for events while developing her own opinions and articulate little mind. “It just really put her in the role of being someone who has big plans for the space’s future. “We would love partner up with local public libraries to provide them with more space to do their summer reading programs” Heathcock said. “It would be amazing if we could bring in children’s authors and illustrators to meet and interact with the kids.”

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**Study Break**

**Campus Crossword Returns!**

**Week 1**

Welcome back! Answers can be found on the JSU website homepage!

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**Across**
1. According to the homepage, what lies before you? You can hear it calling.
2. Takes place on March 8, 2018
3. What is known as the "Friendliest Campus in the South"?
4. Sport currently ongoing, new Gamecocks can catch a game at Pete Mathews Coliseum

**Down**
1. Crowned Miss JSU
2. "Classes are starting and we're saving you a seat”
3. Program that recently marked it's one year anniversary
4. Currently in the faculty spotlight

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

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Happy Holidays!

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Welcome back, Gamecocks! Thank you for reading The Chanticleer last semester!

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... Puns from the collection of:
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One after another, athletes face Larry Nassar and recount sexual abuse

Dr. Nassar pleaded guilty to seven counts of sexual assault, but his sentencing hearing, which began Tuesday, is now expected to extend beyond the end of this month. A jury in a case that has evolved into not the first but the 69th recount before a judge decide Dr. Nassar’s forensic physician to take every last one was a part of the American team that won the gymnastics and when she appeared next Tuesday, is now expected to extend beyond the end of this month. A jury in a case that has evolved into not the first but the 69th recount before a judge.
Chris Allen Brown
Assistant Editor

Ever wondered what would happen if an emergency official pressed the wrong button? Let’s find out more about Hawaii’s direction.

Last weekend, a civil defense employee in the United States’s 50th state pushed the wrong button and sent out an emergency alert to residents’ cellphones about an incoming missile threat. The alert read “BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT EXISTS. GET TO IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.”

This threat, however, was later deemed false. “Even after learning it was a mistake I felt maybe they were trying to shock us so we would panic,” Lori Cinotto of Newark, Delaware told CNN. Cinotto’s daughter, Kelsey, lives in Honolulu. “I feel like if they are practicing this drill it’s because it’s a possibility. Maybe they were really expecting an actual attack and it was thwarted at the last minute…” I am still afraid.”

From North Korea, Hawaii, according to CNN, started a monthly testing of a nuclear warning siren system in December 2016 to alert residents of possible nuclear missile strikes. The state is 4,661 miles from North Korea and would only have roughly a 20-minute warning before a strike would hit the islands. The tests are the first of their kind for Hawaii, which are home to 1.4 million people, since the Cold War concluded. It took Hawaii emergency officials 38 minutes to notify the state’s residents that the alert was false.

“It’s a human error we are going to fix,” said Vern Miyagi, the administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, in a press conference. “The threat is there. If this goes out, there will be a 20-minute warning for an actual event.”

Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, told CBSN last Saturday, “We’re taking a deep breath knowing that it was a false alarm. What I am hearing, and I don’t know what the reality is that it was a human error. Regardless of whether it was human error, a glitch or a hack, whatever it was, it is totally unacceptable.”

The alert was particularly poignant in Hawaii because of Pearl Harbor, a U.S. naval base near Honolulu, Hawaii, was the destination of a surprise attack by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941. The attack resulted in more than 2,400 American deaths and 1,000 more people were wounded. The action resulted in President Franklin D. Roosevelt asking Congress to declare war on Japan the next day, entering the U.S. into World War II.

This is one man’s cover letter for being a boyfriend, if relationships required them.

If the interview for a job is like the first date, then cover letter is almost like asking for a phone number.

Timothy Reid Warren
Texas Tech University
Special to the Chanticleer

1/17/18

Potential Girlfriend
Heaven Productions Inc.

101 Wil-Wiala Blvd
Breath-taking Town, United States of Gorgeous 588359

Dear Ms. Beautiful,

During a recent vacation, my family’s car broke down at a vacuum station. Usually, if your car breaks down on the road, you are going to be ruined. However, due to my quick thinking and mild wine intoxicated state, I was able to fix the car in minutes.

If you are looking for a boyfriend who can not only fix your car but is also classy enough to know decent wine, then please accept this letter as my formal application for your open boyfriend position.

I currently study at Texas Tech University, where I major in physics with two minors in math and actuarial sciences. I am a nerd in science.”

If you decide to take this application to the interview portion (first date), then you will get someone who is not only loyal but also communicative and exceptionally funny with a track record to prove it.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Yours,
Timothy Warren

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Assistant Editor

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Allow me to re-introduce myself: New Chanticleer editor a familiar face around JSU

Chris Allen Brown
Associate Editor

My name is Chris Allen Brown. But you’ve probably heard me introduced ever you see fit — as long as we leave the Chris Brown jokes in 2009.

To get the basic information out of the way first, I’m a 24-year-old senior Communications major from Jackson- ville, Ala., but graduated from Weaver High in 2011. Walks on the beach aren’t as bad as long as we beat the walk far to find some- where to sit down. The dress is blue and black, and gold not white. Lefton Jones isn’t the greatest bas- ketball player of all time. One can’t go wrong watching Harry Potter or Star Wars movies. I saw nothing wrong with the finale of How I Met Your Mother — because tears were flowing out of my eyes, so I couldn’t really see anything. I’ll throw do in Ma- rrio Kart 64 any time, any day.

I have the atten- tion span of a squirrel (it’s taken me over an hour and a half to write this — and I often talk with my hands, which means I’m better than Ricky Bobby. I’m unique in that I self-describe as an introvert, but more times than not I’m the complete op- posite. I just like to make sure everyone is laughing and hav- ing a good time when I’m around.

Sports are my life. Besides Sunkist sports — baseball, basketball, football, soccer, light- ing, etc. — are my second love. I could lose myself watch- ing any of the above, especially col- lege sports because they’re doing it for the thrill rather than a paycheck.

Now, onto more valuable information

I didn’t start writ- ing until I was a sophomore at Jack- sonville State Uni- versity, but since then, I’ve taken it upon myself to get better each and every time I open a Micro- soft Word document. Hanging in my room is a painting from a high school class- mate that reads, “I’m a nobody trying to tell everybody about a somebody who can save anybody.” I’m not into writing for personal gain, but rather the plea- sure of telling some- one’s story in hopes that another person comes across it, con- templates it, and some- thing changes their life for the better.

Today’s random: Chris fact that may become a weekly thing in The Chanti- cleer, so watch out I know all 50 U.S. state capitals when I was in fifth grade. To this day, I can tell you the capital of any state. For example, Montana’s capital in Helena. Boom. Mind Blown.

Now, let’s have some fun!

Daniel Mayes
Sports Editor

That has a nice ring to it, don’t you think? (You probably don’t think so, but I do)

That probably works too. Every time I see it in print through- out the semester, I think I will be just as amazed as Future Daniel will be when he sees it for the first time.

Since August 25, 2016, when my name first appeared in The Chanticleer (it read Daniel Mayes, Staff Writer), I have written a story for the sports sec- tion for every week that the newspaper has been placed in those red newstands around campus for you to reluctantly grab on the way to class.

In that time, I have grown love sports, journalism, and sports journalism, even more than I did when I started (which was quite a lot, by the way). Working for The Chanticleer has already lead me on some incredible experiences that I al- ready know I’ll never forget. From stress- ing way too much over the specific wording in my first Journalistic writing for JSU’s NCAA Tour- nament game. In Ac- tual March Madness, On Actual, National, TV CBS.

In my time with The Chanticleer I have grown as a writ- er, I have grown as a journalistic a writer, and I’d like to think I have grown as a person. It has forced me out of my introverted com- fort-zone and helped me develop into a more well-rounded person.

I think that’s enough mushy-gushy stuff, don’t you? So a little more about me:

I’m from a no- where town on Sand Mountain in DeKalb County Alabama (where?). I love sports (obviously) but rather the plea- sure of telling someone’s story in hopes that another person comes across it, contem- plates it, and something changes their life for the better.

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Alisha Camplin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Twenty years is a long time. Within the past two decades, the world has challenged the rules and regula- tions of what is ac- ceptable and what we previously thought of as tradi- tion were times of tri- umph, tribulation, and, yes, terrorism and that’s only the start.

It was during this time that we met Dolly the sheep. She was the first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell using nuclear transfer in 1996 (not EXACT- LY within the past twenty years but don’t love Dolly?).

We’ve seen the ar- rive of streaming-to-peer file sharing services since Nap- sampoo’s. The earth stood still as America was rock- ed to its core by 9/11. That resulted in the deaths of nearly three thousand. The first iPhone made its debut into the tech world in 2007.

We survived the recession that be- came Wall Street crashed.

The United States took a stand against racial tensions as they elected President Barack Obama in 2009, but also felt the tremor as President Donald Trump’s national emergency. This epi- demic infected 22 people in 1996 in that year alone.

Zappy Bird ruled iTunes top app charts in 2014, and the game received even more attention for its “addictive nature.”

Personally, the past twenty years were just as pretty eventful, too.

I said goodbye to my oldest brother, Bobby, who was taken by an unfortunate set of unanswerable circum- stances from a family that had made him the only son...

I experienced the horror as I woke up on a school bus parked in the driver’s yard for the night ...

To finish reading Alissa’s story, please visit https:// thechanticleer.wordpress. com/
Gamecocks deliver on expectations

Daniel Mayes
Sports Editor

For the Jacksonville State men’s basketball team, things just keep getting better in two year under Coach Harper. After finishing as an OVC Championship and the school’s first NCAA Tournament birth in his first season in Jacksonville- Harper has set expectations high for the basketball program coming into the 2017-18 season.

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A rifle sparks third place at Withrow

MURRAY, Ky. – Junior Mark Withrow led the Jackson- ville State men's basketball team to a third place finish in the Withrow Invitational Tournament held by Murray State.

State's Richardson from Rhodesville, Maryland, claimed second place in the overall individual standings aft- er an aggregate score of 227.5. Richardson, a 2016 NCAA Cham- pionship qualifier, posted a 581 in air rifle and followed that with a 582 in smallbore. Her final tally gave the Game- cocks to a team score of 4698. Jax State col- leges closed with a 2280 and 2307 in smallbore.

Sophomore Zach Groff, a member of Richardson's 2016 NCAA Champion- ship qualifier, scored a 584, while Sink added a 582. Rounding out the JSU scorecard at MSU on February 25, 2016 were Sink and Richardson with final scores of 1156 and 1135 respectively. Both Richardson and Sink were sold in the air rifle por- tion of the tournament.

The Gamecocks will return to face Texas next weekend to face Texas El-Paso in a game that will be the third place for the Rifle Champion- ship tournaments that will be held in MSU on February 25. 3-JSU Sportswire

JSU Athletes

Burnnell named OVC Newcomer of the Week

JACKSONVILLE—JSU's Jason Burnell was named the adidas® Ohio Valley Confer- ence Comic/Performer of the Week Monday, following wins over Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky over the weekend. The 6-6, 275-lb. for- ward posted 35 total points in two games, scoring 20 Thursday at More- head State in a 58-57 win over the Eagles on CBS Sports Network and 15 more Saturday at Eastern Kentucky. His 20 points at Morehead State followed his career-high of 31 points against the DeLa, Fla., native, totaling his previous record of 16 scored Dec. 30 against More- head State in Jackson- ville. He was 8-for-11 shooting against the Eagles and hit three of six 3-point attempts in the Gamecocks one- point win on national television.

Since OVC play began, Burnell leads the high-performance at Morehead State with 141 points per game average, 15 points per game and averaging .579 (44-for-76). He tops the stat sheet with his four rebounds per game and 11 steals with a 3.43 steal percentage, knock- ing down 12 through eight games, and has the second-most team rebounds in league play with 49.

Burnell is the first JSU Gamecock selected for the Week．

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