James Waller
Staff Reporter

In a presentation entitled “Retaking Our Story: Re-framing the Sexual Assault Conversation,” speaker Tim Mousseau presented the realities of sexual assault on a university campus to Jacksonville State University students at Pete Matthews Coliseum on Tuesday.

Mousseau, an activist and advocate for victims of sexual assault, has spoken professionally for five years, delivering over 300 keynotes, many on college campuses through an organization called CAMPUSPEAK, an organization that arranges and promotes speakers on college campuses.

“Using powerful stories grounded in personal experiences, Tim Mousseau uses his passion and vulnerability to guide conversations that will leave students inspired to combat sexual violence, redefine masculinity, and provoke change,” says Mousseau’s web page on CAMPUSPEAK.

Mousseau’s speech opened with a story of his own victimhood of a sexual assault: a story in which he was stalked for a lengthy period of time and sent letters by an unknown sender.

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Katie Peyton
Special to the Chanticleer

Next week, the JSU Honors Program will give students the opportunity to escape homework—and from a mad scientist’s lab.

The program’s second-annual Escape Room is an event that challenges participants to find clues, solve puzzles, and decode messages all within a period of 30 minutes.

The event will be held March 18—March 21 from 6:00—10:00 p.m. each night in the basement of the Baptist Campus Ministries building.

This year’s theme will be escaping a mad scientist’s lab. Dr. Wakefield, a morally ambiguous geneticist, has been working on creating a perfect (but potentially dangerous) specimen. Participants will act as a group of federal spies who have infiltrated his lab. They will have to think quickly in order to find the ID badge that will keep him locked out of his own experiments for good.

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that contained photos of his own, unre- 
membered, sexual assault while he was 
intoxicated. Mousseau explained society- 
at-large's poor reaction to him as a male 
sexual assault survivor.

“As a male survivor of sexual vio-

cence and severe sexual harassment, it is 
my mission to ensure no one has to ex-
perience what I went through,” Mousseau

says. “It is my mission to redefine how our 
companies, leaders, and employees create 
workplaces welcoming to all and devoid of 
harassment.”

Mousseau also gave advice on tackling 
sexual assault and preventing sexual vio-

lence, envisioning the creation of a culture 
where people (especially other men) treat 
sexual assault and its survivors with due 
respect, creating a consent-based narra-

tive around sex positivity, and listening to 
the stories of victims of sexual violence.

“When I say that we are going to re-
take our story, what I mean is that we are 
going to change the way we are having 
conversations around this topic, because 
right now the way that we talk about this 
conversation is wrong,” Mousseau said.

CAMPUS

JSU Strong: One Year Later

Monday, March 18

Meet and Greet with James Spann: Meet Ala-

bama’s favorite meteorologist, James Spann of ABC 
33:40, 4-6 p.m., on the fifth floor of JSU Stadium. 
He will chat with guests and pose for selfies in-between 
broadcasting his evening weather forecasts live from 
campus. Bring your own weather radio (with batter-
es) and have it programmed by the weather team!

Tuesday and the 19

Aniversary Ceremony: “JSU Strong: One Year Later” - Take part in a short commemorative cere-

mony recognizing how far we have come in the past 
year. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum, followed by luncheon. Attendants will be 
provided a free $5 voucher, which can be used at any 
campus dining location from 12-2 p.m. Take a stroll 
through campus and check out the repairs and renova-
tions that have been the result of the experiences from last March, with friends and colleagues over lunch. Offices will 
be closed and employees will not meet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to 
give employees and students the opportunity to 
participate.

Candlelight Commemorative Ceremony: Return to campus at 7:30 p.m., in front of Bibb Graves Hall, 
to hear a diverse group of local and campus storm

survivors share their stories of resilience. In the event 
of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to 
the TMB Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 20

Emergency Preparedness Lunch and Learn: Hear 
from a panel of emergency management experts, 12-1 
p.m., at the Rec Center’s multipurpose activity cen-
ter. Panels will include JSU emergency manage-
ment faculty Dr. Tanweer Islam and Calhoun County EMA Di-
rector Michael Burton. Our emergency management 
students will unveil JSU’s new emergency preparedness 
video. Boxed lunches from Momma G’s will be served. Seating is limited. Please RSVP online.

Thursday, March 21

Campus Safety Day: The third annual Campus 
Safety Day will be presented by the University Police 
Department. The event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the Quad, 
are invited to enjoy free food, t-shirts and other give-
aways while learning safety tips and best practices.

To participate, public parking decals for the 2019-2020 academic year 
will be given away to five lucky students! Life South 
will be on site conducting a blood drive.

STATE

Gov. Kay Ivey signs Alabama gas tax hike into law

Mike Cason

AL.com

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signed a bill into law Tuesday afternoon that raises Alabama’s fuel taxes by 28 cents over three years to inCREASE

revenues and will promote economic opportunity.

The plan received bipartisan support in the 
state. The Senate passed the bill in a vote of 28-6 earlier in the day.

It passed the House by a vote of 84-20 last 
month. In addition to the 10-cent increase over

three years, the bill links the state fuel tax to a national index on highway construction 
costs that could adjust it by a penny every two years.

“I look at this as a great opportunity for 
Alabama, find good jobs here, earn a good 
living,” Marsh said. “So, this is about the fu-

ture of Alabama. We’re all participating in 
this. But it’s a great day for Alabama.

Despite the plan’s strong support in the 
state, there was opposition outside the 
State House. The state Republican Party ex-
ecutive committee voted to oppose a gas tax 
increase without an offsetting tax decrease.

Opponents of the plan formed a political ac-
dvocacy committee to campaign against it.

They say the tax would be a betrayal of 
Alabama taxpayers who elected Republican 
leaders.

Others have argued that the tax will hurt 
low-income families, the same group that 
could have benefited from Medicaid expan-
sion, which Republicans have opposed.

Proponents say the plan has been studied 
and revised and will address problems of ag-

ing bridges, traffic jams, Alabama’s high rate 
of traffic fatalities and difficulties in moving 
products for business.

“I look at this as a great opportunity for 
citizens,” Marsh said. “We’re doing the right 
thing for Alabama.”

The plan will raise the state tax on gas and 
diesel fuel by 6 cents after Aug. 31, 2021. 
It will increase by 2 cents a gallon on Oct. 1, 2020 and again on Oct. 1, 2021.

It tax is now 18 cents a gallon for gasoline and 
19 cents for diesel. It has not changed since 

Sen. Clete Chambless, R-Prattville, spon-
sored the legislation in the Senate.

In addition to the 10-cent increase over 
three years, the bill links the state fuel tax 

to the national index on highway construction costs that could adjust it by a penny every two years.

“It’s not extreme, it’s not exorbitant,” Chamblias said. 

Chambliss opposed the increase.

Chambliss also opposed adding the amendment and 
the Senate tabled it. Chambless pledged to work with supporters of the amendment 
during the regular session, which resumes 
March 19.
Cosmetic testing on animals must stop

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Cosmetic testing on animals has been going on for far too long, and it needs to be stopped. It’s estimated that approximately 100,000 to 200,000 animals are killed every year because of cosmetic testing, which should be illegal not only in the United States but the rest of the world as well. Companies that still choose to harm animals in such a way is disgusting and terribly unfair to the little creatures who are unable to keep it from happening. Innocent and gentle creatures are being used to test cosmetics such as lipstick, shampoos, and other possible hazardous chemicals. They need our help. So what can we do? What can we do to get the United States to join in with the other countries and finally ban this awful cosmetic testing that is taking place throughout our country? One of the biggest ways we can all help out is by joining the #BeCrueltyFree campaign. Thankfully there are legislative bills being considered to help stop such animal abuse. Another simple thing that can help promote the disbanding of animal testing would be to only shop for products that have a guarantee no animal testing policy. Do the research if you have to. We need to educate ourselves on issues like animal testing in the cosmetic and ingredient industries.

Almost there!

Jacksonville State takes on Spring Break

Breanna Hill
News Editor

Spring Break for Jacksonville State is quickly picking up approaching and will be here before any of us know it. Spring Break is a time for students to unwind and relax a bit doing various activities ranging from sleeping in to taking a trip. It’s not uncommon for most of us to eagerly plan ahead to try and swipe up all the good hotel rooms for a weekend getaway, but if you’ve been a bit preoccupied with classes and extracurricular activities you may be too busy to even attempt to plan anything. Never fear, there are plenty of exciting endeavors to fill your week no matter your budget. Starting off with the cheapest, and the most appealing option in my opinion…being lazy! This semester has definitely been one for the books—the crazy weather, continuation of construction and demanding coursework can make spending a week off and sleeping in till noon sound like pure bliss. Picture it. Monday, spring break. The alarm is nonexistent, you get those precious extra hours of sleep, and then you’re able to wake up and lay in bed for who knows how long. Go ahead and binge-watch that show you’ve been wanting to catch up on, or read a book if that’s your cup of tea. Just relax. Sounds nice, right?

Maybe you’re not into the whole couch potato scene, no worries. Let’s talk about an option for the adventurists. Though it might make your wallet just a tad bit thinner. An easy, slightly more affordable alternative to going to the beach or on a cruise would be going to an amusement park—no, not one halfway around the world. Let’s think closer. Perhaps Six Flags Over Georgia? Most of us have been. Who doesn’t enjoy thrilling rollercoasters and slightly overpriced, yet delicious, food? I know I do. Grab a couple of friends who have nothing else going on and pile into a car. Drive on over to Georgia and enjoy rollercoasters and sick rides and sweet shows.

Onto the next category of spring break activities, which seems as if everybody’s first choice for spring break shenanigans includes making a trip to the beach. There’s just some-thing about taking ‘gram worthy pictures with the ocean waves in the background. The beach is always a popular option. Most people in Alabama who are in the process of setting up a beach vacation usually picture going to Panama City Beach, or may-be even Fort Walton, which are both in Florida. Take the time to tally up the extra dollars it takes to make it all the way to Florida and you’ll be happy to know that there’s a cheaper, and closer beach right here in Alabama. That’s right, Gulf Shores. So if you’re just DYING to taste the salty air and watch the ocean waves roll in just ride down on Orange Beach and enjoy yourself.

Hopefully with a few new ideas up in the air for spring break you’ll be able to enjoy yourself a bit more. Only one more week standing between spring break and us. We got this.
FILM REVIEW

The Phantom Menace bores

James King
A&E Writer

The Phantom Menace is the most boring movie I have ever seen. I don’t feel like it deserves the hate it gets as a bad movie, but I can certainly see where it comes from. The previous Star Wars movies have had their boring parts, but this movie doesn’t do either right. The visuals run the gambit between somewhat interesting and completely boring. Its dialogue had me begging for characters to emote and it’s a chore to sit through and watch.

I’ll start with what I liked about the movie, it isn’t much though. All the familiar things I and most people love in the star wars movies are in it. The costume design is on point especially for Queen Padme who wears amazingly elaborate costumes in every scene that she’s in. The world is colorful with almost every piece of tech, and every alien having interesting and fun designs. The callbacks to earlier (or later since this is the prequel trilogy) characters are fun and nostalgic. The pod racing was a lot of fun and the battles at the end are pretty fun.

Though that’s where my positivity ends for this movie. My biggest complaint about this movie is that the acting is extremely wooden. Every flesh and blood character in this movie feels like they’re reading their lines just off-screen. The CGI characters actually feel like better actors, because they’re allowed to emote, but some of the CGI hasn’t really aged well, particularly some of the Naboo scenes the backgrounds look blank.

The characters have no growth in the movie; they end pretty much where they begin for the entirety of the movie, it almost feels like filler. The kind of thing studios put out because they need to make to fulfill a contract.

This movie gives me nothing interesting to ponder as an audience member. I wasn’t wowed by the visuals. There are no interesting lines for me to mull over. The action isn’t well choreographed or animated depending on the scene. There is little to no growth for any of the characters and worst of all there is nothing I would say even looked all that cool. It is a wasteland of half-baked ideas, poor writing, and acting.

There are many minor things that fans of the franchise tend to be annoyed by, but didn’t bother me as much as I thought they would. Jar Jar Binks was grating, but I never was all that bothered by the character. The retcon of the force being tied to a person’s cells even made some sense within the universe as not everyone is or can be a Jedi. The Jedi did feel a bit overpowered in this movie though compared to the older movies. None of the droids felt like a threat and even the Sith characters felt completely underdeveloped.

This is one of the few Star Wars movies I have actually seen before, and I honestly remember liking this movie more back then, then I do now. I might be spoiled by superhero movies and more modern CGI, but it came out the same year as the Matrix and Galaxy Quest, movies with CGI that has more or less stood the test of time. It’s a real shame that this movie hasn’t considered the movies made in the late 70s have aged better than the one from the late 90s.
Captain Marvel has had an interesting history recently. Carol Danvers has been had a surge of popularity in comics since taking the mantle of Captain Marvel in 2012, even going as far as being one of the big players in Marvel’s Civil War 2 storyline. She is by far one of Marvel’s most popular female characters going back as far as before she took the mantle of Captain Marvel. It was only a matter of time before Marvel decided to bring such a character their cinematic universe and boy did they.

Captain Marvel is a 2019 entry into the Marvel Cinematic Universe starring Brie Larson as Carol Danvers, the eponymous Captain Marvel. The story of the film follows Danvers, believing herself to be a Kree warrior named Vers, as she is thrown into conflict with the shape shifting Skrulls and her own memories on planet Earth. Along the way, she meets up with a young Nick Fury, played by Samuel L. Jackson, and begins to unravel how she ended up working with the Kree. The story actually takes a wonderfully unexpected turn about half way through, so I will not go into anymore on that, but it will be sure to keep you guessing for a bit.

One of the movies biggest strengths is the performance of the actors. Brie Larson is an absolute treat. She is not only incredibly funny but incredibly believable in her role. Larson’s performance keeps Captain Marvel grounded, which is a feat considering there is a point in the movie where she basically proves invincible. A cocky rebel with very little consequences, can easily come off as unlikable but she is able to keep you firmly on her side which really speaks to writing and acting. Another standout performance comes from Ben Mendelsohn, who plays the Skrull commander Talos. Talos is a long time fighter against the Kree, and this brings him into conflict with Danvers over the course of the film. Mendelsohn gives him a wonderfully affable air that just makes every moment he is on screen a lot of fun. Other performances from Samuel Jackson and Jude Law are also great. Jackson really sells a younger, less intense and experienced Nick Fury just as well as he does the older version of the character. Jude Law also really sells Yon-Rogg, showing the kind of soldiers an incredibly strict society would be full of.

One thing that also really needs praising in this film is the effects. I was originally very worried about the de-aging effects that had to be used on Samuel L. Jackson for the film, but that was for the most part unfounded. He looks completely natural for most of the film with very few noticeable hiccups. The effects in the movies are in general just great but getting that younger Nick Fury look right really impressed me even if it only works due to Jackson’s very graceful aging.

The only major problem with the film is that is that it doesn’t feel as big as Avengers: Infinity War did, but it’s also not supposed to. It’s a complaint I have seen since Ant-Man and The Wasp came out and it really has no feet under it. With cinematic universes it is still important to keep each film as a single product. So while it won’t give you the same kind of ride as Infinity War, I still highly recommend Captain Marvel. Don’t believe the haters my dear readers, because this new Avenger packs a punch.

Captain Marvel gets 8.5 Golden Breihans out of 10
Trivia Answers: March 7th Edition!

1. Who holds the record for the most home runs in a single major league baseball season?
   Answer: Barry Bonds

2. What was the first all-professional baseball team with salaried players?
   Answer: Cincinnati Red Stockings

3. The 1927 New York Yankees batting order, including Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, was known by what nickname?
   Answer: Murderer’s Row

4. Which baseball team won the first World Series championship in 1903?
   Answer: Boston Americans

5. What was major league baseball’s Yogi Berra’s real name?
   Answer: Lawrence Peter Berra

6. What is the most common type of pitch thrown by pitchers in baseball?
   Answer: Fastball

Did ya know?

In 1963, major league baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, “They’ll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run.” On July 20, 1969, an hour after Neil Armstrong set foot on the surface of the moon, Perry hit his first, and only, home run while playing for the San Francisco Giants.

The Olympic flag’s colors are always red, black, blue, green, and yellow rings on a field of white. This is because at least one of those colors appears on the flag of every nation on the planet.

The moon is moving away from the Earth at a tiny, although measurable, rate every year. 85 million years ago it was orbiting the Earth about 35 feet from the planet’s surface.

The student has missed an excessive number of days at school and thus the principal called him to his office and requested for an explanation.

The student said, “There just isn’t enough time for school. I need 8 hours of sleep a day, which adds up to about 122 days a year. Weekends off is 104 days a year. Summer vacation is about 60 days. If I spend about an hour on each meal, that’s 3 hours a day or 45 days a year. I need at least 2 hours of exercise and relaxation time each day to stay physically and mentally fit, adding another 30 days.

Add all of that up and you get about 361 days. That only leaves 4 days for school.”

The principal is confused, but can’t figure out why. What is wrong with the student’s argument?
UPCOMING EVENTS

Baseball
vs Purdue 3/15 - 3/17
- Murray St 3/22 - 3/24
- vs ASU 3/27

Men's Tennis
- @ KSU 3/19
- @ EIU 3/22

Women's Tennis
- @ KSU 3/19
- @ EIU 3/22

Softball
vs Jacksonville University 3/16 & 3/17
- @ Morehead St 3/22
- @ EKU 3/24

Women's Track
- @ Doc Anderson Invitational 3/15
- Beach Volleyball 3/15
- vs Central Arkansas 3/15
- @ 8 am 3/15
- vs Missouri Baptist 3/15
- @ 4 pm 3/15

Gamecocks claim OVC series with 12-5 win over Eastern Illinois

JACKSONVILLE – Jack- sonville State claimed the opening series of Ohio Val- ley. Columbus play after erupting for eight runs over the last four innings to down Eastern Illinois, 12-5, on Sunday afternoon at Rudy Abbott Field at Jim Case Sta- dium.

Coached with Jax State's 12th-inning walk off win, it has now won eight straight series over the Panthers, dating back to 2012. The Gamecocks improved to 7-10 overall and 2-1 after the first weekend of conference activity. JSU dropped to 4-9 on the season and 1-2 in the OVC.

Junior Chase Robinson broke up a 4-4 deadlock in the fifth with a two-out dou- ble in the top of the fifth, plating senior Nic Gaddis and sophomore Alex Strachan. Gaddis, who finished Sun- day 3-for-4 at the plate, had a one-out single, followed by Strachan's double inside the right field line. Robinson posted a 3.33 batting aver- age in the first OVC set with four hits, including a home- run on Friday. Gaddis, from Trenton, Georgia, capped off his first league weekend of the season with a three-run home run that broke open the game in the home half of the eighth.

The lead was extended to 8-4 in the seventh on the third of three home runs the day by U. After junior Taylor Cowan belted his OVC-best sixth home run of the season. The Wadley, Alabama native entered the weekend as the conference leader in home runs but start- ed Sunday as the co-leader in the OVC with Morehead State's Hunter Fain. Sopho- more Cole Frederick, who connected on the walk off home run on Friday, tallied his second home run on the weekend in the fourth. Fred- erick's solo dinger equalized the contest at 4-4.

It was a battle of the bull- pens between EIU and JSU as both Sunday starters ex- amined before the end of the first inning. EIU took a 2-0 lead in the first inning without recording a hit of Dylan Hathcock. EIU starter, Ryan Ignoffo, could not finish the first frame as JSU plated two runs off of an errant throw by the Panther shortstop.

Sophomore Colin Casey turned in a career-long 3.2 innings to settle in to the contest before junior Alex London recorded the final base on balls as a Gamecock. Junior Corley Abbott picked up his first win as the co-leader in home runs but started Saturday. The Gamecocks are scheduled to return to University Field on March 15 for the first time in over a year. The field was dam- aged by an EF-3 Tornado on March 19, 2018, forcing the Gamecocks to play their home games at Chocoloco Park in Oxford. JSU will host Kennesaw State in a 4 p.m. CT doubleheader on Wednesday.

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Daniel Mayes Editor-in-Chief

Three years ago, while Cochran was preparing his regular season final to suit up in Division I basketball, just a few games into his long season for the Titans, he signed to play for Jacksonville State.

"I remember the first day I stepped on campus, I meet Maurice on the stairs, and we just got to talking and laughing it up," Burnell said. "That's been my boy ever since.

With the transfers already on board, Harper's team had been filled out with one of those non-traditional players again.

"The talent level on this team is far beyond the usual feel-good story of first-year head coach doing it on a shoestring budget. All four transfers gives us sort of a chip on our shoulder. That's what makes us so unique.

The DeLand, Fla., native moved from high-major schools to JSU, but neither had proven he was ready-made to take up the slack. Giga, who anchored the front-court offense for the previous two seasons, had graduated as well. The Gamecocks appeared to need of a new leader.

"It was Burnell who stepped up. Mostella and Hudson had their moments, but Hunter and Gregory all had their flashes in 2017-18, but none seemed to be in control. Both Harper and the Gamecocks had just kicked off their 2016-17 campaign, then Dunlap in the Gamecocks' young signing class. Dunlap, a 6-2 guard, shared a similar story to Burnell.

That season it's showed more than it did in 2017. It always has been. I think this year's season is better than it did last year.

Coming into 2018-19, the expectations were certainly there for Jacksonville State. The Gamecocks were picked third in the OVC headed into this season.

But there were still questions. Who's going to step up at point guard? Is Gregory going to again be the go-to guy and stay rock at the 2-guard position? Can Harper and the Gamecocks improve their record again, finishing 23-13, but JSU fell in the semi-finals of the OVC tournament, then were bounced in the same round of the College Basketball Invitational.

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