SPORTS

Pearson breaks JSU touchdown record

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Sports Correspondent

Josh Pearson is someone who screams inspiration. Through hardship in life, he endured hardship and found a way out of it to make something of himself. It all started in the fall semester of 2015.

Pearson was a star athlete from Decatur looking for a school to further his academic and athletic career. He chose Jacksonville State University and with a full-ride athletic scholarship, he secured a spot on the football team. Pearson thought he had it made, but that’s when the immaturity of a college freshman hit Pearson.

Pearson ended up putting too much focus on other things rather than being a student-athlete first. That’s when things came to a halt. He was deemed ineligible for the 2016 college football season. Pearson ended up losing part of his scholarship as well. The reality of life then hit Pearson, and he realized he needed to change his life around.

After days of studying to 3 a.m., making good grades and doing good deeds around the community of Jacksonville, Pearson regained confidence in himself, which resulted in him being deemed eligible for the 2017 football season. Pearson not only excelled in the classroom as a full-time student, but he succeeded on the gridiron as well.

While only playing in one game in 2017, Pearson found his way up the depth chart in the receivers’ room - and in 2018 things began to skyrocket for Pearson.

Being a redshirt Junior for the Gamecocks didn’t put any pressure on Pearson. Pearson blossomed in the offense with his quarterback counterpart, Zerrick Cooper. The two have an on-field relationship that is like none other. Pearson was known for his quick speed in the slot and could run routes to perfection, which upped his game on the field.

Seeing Pearson’s 67 catches and 1,123 yards in the 2018 season was very impressive. But the thing that is special about his talent on the field is his ability to get in the endzone.

Pearson has excelled at catching and running routes, but if there was one thing that stands out about him, it’s that he is a touchdown machine. Pearson’s 2018 season ended with a total of 17 total touchdowns on his record, averaging up to more than one touchdown per game. In 2019, he only continued to be that special weapon for the Gamecocks in the endzone.

With the Gamecocks already five games into the season, Pearson has seen plenty of action on the field. But last week in Clarksville, Tennessee, he had an extraordinary moment in his football career, one which no one can take away from him.

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NEWS

Alabama lawmakers considering vaping ban

Scott Young
News Editor

After weeks of news stories on the negative impacts of vaping products, several states have passed laws banning their sale - and Alabama may follow.

Alabama State Rep. Shane Stringer told ABC 33/40 that he is considering legislation to ban e-cigarettes in the state until the Food and Drug Administration takes action on vaping.

"This has become an epidemic in the last year or two," said Stringer. "We've got to have more regulation and more accountability to deal with these vapes and the vaping industry."

Fourteen deaths related to vaping have been reported throughout the United States. The Centers for Disease Control is now saying that vaping products containing THC is playing a role in the outbreak of deaths.

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Organizations of JSU

American Chemical Society Chapter at JSU

Organization name: American Chemical Society Chapter

How many members does your organization have? 10 members

When are your meetings held? Meetings are held every other Thursday at 6 p.m.

How can students get involved with the organization? By volunteering and participating in scheduled events.

What type of activities does your organization participate in? We have conducted a bake sale every semester in March. Participated in the Harvest Festival, held trivia and other social events at our regularly scheduled meetings, and offered volunteer opportunities for students pertaining to chemistry.

Organizations of JSU: a questionnaire designed to allow student organizations reach new members and spread the word about what they represent. If your organization would like to take part in this questionnaire, please email blilt@jsu.edu.

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Pearson, who was coming into the game with 22 career touchdowns during his time at JSU, only needed one more to tie the all-time career touchdown record for wide receivers previously held by JSU for wide receivers against Austin for career touchdowns.

The three-yard touchdown run by Pearson has accomplished throughout his time at JSU, the sky is the limit for him. The redshirt freshman is currently majors in exercise science and well and would like to pursue a career in being a strength and conditioning coach if football does not work out long term.

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The Jacksonville State University Student Senate moved unanimously to approve a bill to establish a Presidential Cabinet in their first meeting of the academic year on Monday, Sept. 16 in the auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building.

The bill, authored by Sens. Patrick Charles and Nick Walls, allows the SGA President to nominate six members to the Presidential Cabinet when he or she assumes the Student Senate. Each of the six Cabinet members represent one of the six colleges on campus.

The duties of the Presidential Cabinet will be to meet monthly with the SGA President to discuss issues pertinent to their specific school and advise the SGA President.

“The SGA President needs a Cabinet to perform his duties,” said Davis. “If you lose because it stands alone at 24 years of age, you're probably not doing your job.”

Sen. Guadalupe Orozco initially moved creating a 2.5 GPA minimum for the Presidential Cabinet is too low and introduced an amendment to the bill, increasing the minimum to a 3.0 GPA.

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Final two arrests made in JSU rape investigation

Asheleigh Crouch  
News Correspondent

There were additional suspects charged in connection to second-degree rape cases that allegedly occurred at Jacksonville State University. All of the eleven people charged with second-degree rape are under the age of 21 and are no more than 18 years old. The suspect's names are James Lyle, 19, charged with second-degree rape; Walker Harris, 18, charged with second-degree sodomy; Reec Barton, 19, charged with second-degree rape; Avrey Triston Cosby, 20, charged with second-degree rape; Sodoh Robert Esmenegger, 22, charged with second-degree rape; Christian Lane Homeyeld, 19, charged with second-degree rape; Daniel Ralph George, 18, charged with second-degree rape; Caleb Matthew Lafiollette, 21, charged with second-degree rape and Kylee Taran Morgan, 18, charged with second-degree rape.

The JSU crime log has record of six incidents that were investigated by the Calhoun-Clayton Ma- jor Crimes Unit, the two additional suspects were both arrested on Monday, Sept. 20, bringing the total of suspects to twelve.

According to Jay Harrington, an investigator in the Calhoun-Clayton Major Crimes Unit, the meeting was not called to involve JSU. "I do want to stress that this was an isolated incident and the students, faculty and the students, faculty and the members suffering from serious medical issues."

"In my absence, I am confident that the appoint- ed management team of Dr. Christie Shelton, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Jim Brigham, Vice President for Finance and Adminis-
New JSU rock climbing club gets off the ground

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News Correspondent

Southern Senders, the new JSU rock climbing team, is a brand new club that currently has sixteen members, and they are accepting any student who is interested. Aaron Tucker, a JSU student who is interested in the sport that they might not be familiar with,” said Tucker. The Southern Senders will be traveling to local competitions and all over the Southeast. They will also be taking trips to outdoor climbing facilities like Horse Pens 40 and Sandrock.

“I’m very excited to travel to other schools and have the opportunity to meet students who share the same interests as us,” said Tucker. The team secretary, said “I love rock climbing, and I get to meet new people and be around people who are just as passionate as I am.” Schwind also said they will be practicing after hours at the Recreation and Fitness Center with their coach.

The JSU rock climbing team will be competing soon, and they are selling shirts with their logo to support the team.
Horror movies to add to your watch list

Breanna Hill
A&E Editor

It is officially spooky season, and with that in mind, I have decided to rate my top three horror films based on my own personal checklist. I highly recommend each film because they are all incredibly well directed and have everything you need for a terrifying night.

This first one is definitely one of the scariest movies I have ever seen. The reason I find it so terrifying is because of the different horrific aspects it was able to lay through the entire film. It didn’t just focus on a single scary concept, but rather handled the whole pro

The movie I’m talking about is called “Hereditary” that was released in June of 2018. The film tells a tale of an absolutely incredible their grandmother. The family falls apart after the death and the mother becomes more and more distant. The granddaughter continues to grieve but makes. She continued to grieve but ended her youngest child’s life. The mother of the family and the son brother’s body. Hannah Grace who the movie opens up on. It shows Hannah having an exorcism done to her, but it clearly fails and kills her and the priest. The scene where that takes place is incredibly scary to me.

The movie continues with the corpse causing certain things to happen. The jump scares are pretty phenemenal and the acting is incredulous. Watch and turn the lights on for a couple days after you watch this. This is definitely a must watch.

The final movie that I urge any horror film fan to watch is “Mother.” starring Jennifer Lawrence and her free time renovating and decorating their new home, while taking care of her hus

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Hey guys! My name is Breanna Hill and I’m the Arts & Entertainment Editor for The Chanticleer this year and I couldn’t be more thrilled to have this incredible opportunity! I am currently a junior, majoring in Communications with a concentration in digital journalism. My writing for the paper began during the end of my freshman year. I wrote my first piece about the new SGA president Kasey Farnsworth. I immediately fell in love with the whole process of writing for a paper, having it published and having so much support from family, friends and student...
HOT TAKE

Miranda Prescott
A&E Correspondent

You would be lying to yourself if you said that you have never heard of a small concept known as fanfiction. Or, rather, you would be a normal human being who does not geek out over book characters or television shows. So, rather, you would be a normal person with a normal life.

For those who love the previously mentioned activity, fanfiction is a wonderful world where people who call themselves “inspiring authors” write the same plot line within the album for 50 other authors have done before, using someone else’s characters from major works. They do this because, normally, they can’t create more than five characters for their given plotline on their own.

I should know. I was a fanfiction writer.

The keyword there is “was.” I finally quit around 2015, after spending four years of my life doing such activities. However, I’ll check in from time to time to see how everything is going in the communities I once wrote under. In my illustrious career as a fanfiction writer, I noticed three main types of writers that feel sum up the idea of fan fiction quite nicely.

“The Almost Novelist”

This is the type of writer that writes so well that their story could possibly, in some cases, be better than the story they have modeled theirs after. This archetype, surprisingly, has allowed many major authors today to have a platform to create, define their works, mostly. Some authors today use their fandom to create their own stories. They will point you at you, E.L. James. You are the perfect example of this type of fan fiction writer.

“The Insert Self Here” writer

This writer is found mostly in fanfiction written about real-life celebrities. One Direction, BTS, you name it. The reason they are found here is because they like to insert themselves into their own stories. These writers use their work to live the dream of being with Harry Styles. They are also probably the most common type of writer you will see. This is because if you ever read fanfiction, you are probably reading stories like these. Some writers will even let you fill in the blank. Like Mad Libs, but slightly more awkward because these scenarios are with real people in fictional settings.

“The…what?”

This is the writer that absolutely makes no sense. Their storyline is all over the place, and their descriptions of things are inconsistent and they impossibly use the right words in them. Characters jump in and get killed off at random. When they speak, the characters often cannot even say words properly. And do not get me started on the plotline of these stories. More than likely, this writer is of ages 14 or less and have no idea how the world really works. For laughs, I often investigate these types of stories, and I immediately add at least 10 years to my lifespan while doing so.

Sure, there are more types of fanfiction writers out there, but these are the ones every one has probably run into more than once or twice while scrolling through websites dedicated to this valuable art form. Now, is all fanfiction bad? Not really, but it is slightly illegal in some contexts. Thankfully, fair use does indeed exist.

ALBUM REVIEW

Thoughts on Post Malone’s ‘Hollywood’s Bleeding’

Breanna Hill
A&E Editor

Post Malone has risen to the top of the charts on numerous occasions and continues to make musical history. He recently just dropped a new album on September 6 of this year titled ‘Hollywood’s Bleeding’. It features collaborations with Ozzy Osbourne, Future, Halsey and a few others.

Post Malone has been one of my favorite artists since he emerged not too long ago. I found his music to be quite refreshing, not just because of the beats and the rhythms he used but because of the truth he shares within his lyrics. He has always been quite open about his past relationships, which are described time and time again within several of his favorites from the album that are littered throughout the songs. It has been quite refreshing, not just because you can really get to know Post Malone shows off his rap skills that Post Malone writes so well that their story could possibly, in some cases, be better than the story they have modeled theirs after. This archetype, surprisingly, has allowed many major authors today to have a platform to create, define their works, mostly. Some authors today use their fandom to create their own stories. They will point you at you, E.L. James. You are the perfect example of this type of fan fiction writer.

Though I find myself jamming out to most of the album, there is a couple of songs that I stay away from because of personal interests. The reason is simply okay. Everybody interprets music differently and not everybody likes the same thing. I definitely have my favorites from the album, but it’s on constant repeat. The one I find myself playing first every single time I open the album on Spotify is “Take What You Want” featuring Ozzy and Travis Scott (shocker, huh?). Another favorite of mine is “Circles” because of the beat. It gives me hippie vibes and it genuinely makes me happy, despite the not-so-easy message the song conveys. If you’re a big fan of the times that Post Malone shows off his rap skills in his songs, you definitely recommend listening to “On The Road” featuring Meek Mill and Lil Baby. It’s a reminder of his talent in this fast paced lane.

The album has something for everybody. It has various subjects littered throughout the songs. It has upbeat tempos and slower tempos and it shows off Post Malone’s ability to change things up a bit. I highly recommend listening to the entire album because of the good quality music it produces. I rate it a 9/10.
The Chanticleers also accomplished at least a .500 hitting followed closely by Kaylee Frear with 12. Three match with a 3-0 sweep. 18-18, before utilizing the momentum to close 15-9 to TTU. After a timeout called by JSU, the Gamecocks returned home, they looked to continue this drive in a pair of matches against Tennessee Tech and UT Martin. Once straight match sweeps against University of New Orleans and College of Charleston. Once, the squad combined for an eyebrow-raising .398 hitting percentage on the night. Pribyl also achieved a career high seven kills. Anderson, and Taylor Pribyl. A true freshman, have 62 yards rushing. We have to change our approach and not look at records. We have to go out there and play. Jacksonville State football, and that is the problem, we are not doing that. We are focusing on yesterday and last year. We have to attack each day and get better.”

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he has made the FCS playoffs all five years isn’t the issue, what is? Recruiting and regularly winning year by year from a small FCS school like JSU. So, if re-signing someone of his caliber in coaching, coming twice in five years! That’s very impressive for a feared football program, not just in the OVC. However, with the recent controversial football hype that has ended in a score of 74-76. This matchup was a nailbiter against Murray State that ended in the OVC Championship semi-finals. During Grass’s tenure at Jacksonville State, he made the FCS playoffs all five years he’s been head coach. But what if I told you out of those five years, he has only four career Playoff wins? Out of those five years, Grass has only made it out of the second round of the playoffs one time! That, of course, was the year JSU went on to a deep playoff run and were runner-up to the eventual National Champion North Dakota State. Grass, to say the least, has had trouble making a deep playoff run throughout his five years at JSU, but there is also one more significant factor that has recently caught the attention of JSU fans everywhere. That is the fact that Grass has struggled in the past 11 games. He has gone 7-4 and keep in mind that a regular season in the FCS is 13 games. During Grass’s five years at JSU, he has never lost more than three games in an 11 game FCS regular season. Their past 11 games are certainly not the norm for JSU football. Perhaps this is a sign in the wrong direction. Greg Settze has been very patient with Grass and the JSU football program during the time Grass has been at JSU, but with the recent track record, tables could be turning if Grass doesn’t start producing wins regularly that JSU is accustomed to seeing. With the recent controversial football hype that has gone viral, it seems the football program has lost control of its class act. Not to mention the fact that JSU has been making heavily careless mistakes on the football field.