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Campus Events

- Thursday, March 29
Softball game
Itawamba
Fulton, Ms, 2:00 & 5:00
- Friday, March 30
Good Friday
- Tuesday, April 3
Scheduling for Summer and
Fall terms begins
- Wednesday, April 4
Softball game
Meridian
Summit, MS, 3:00 & 5:00
Baseball game
Jones JC
Ellisville, MS, 3:00
- Friday, April 6
MAR08: Mid-term grades due
- Saturday, April 7
Softball game
Coahoma
Summit, MS, 1:00 & 3:00
Baseball game
Northwest Mississippi CC
Summit, MS, 2:00
- Monday, April 9
APR04: Classes begin and
last day to register
- Tuesday, April 10
Softball game
Gulf Coast
Perkinston, MS, 3:00 & 5:00
Baseball game
Pearl River CC
Poplarville, MS, 3:00
- Wednesday, April 11
QQ: 60% date
- Thursday, April 12
APR04: No-shows due
- Friday, April 13
MAR08: 60% date
Softball game
East Mississippi
Summit, MS, 3:00 & 5:00
- Saturday, April 14
National ACT Testing
Baseball game
Itawamba CC
Fulton, MS, 1:00
- Monday, April 16
Spring Fest Week
Tax Day
- Wednesday, April 18
Evening classes end
Softball game
Jones
Summit, MS, 3:00 & 5:00
Baseball game
Dalgado CC
New Orleans, LA, 4:00
- Thursday, April 19
APR04: Audit verification
Bear Necessities Day
- Friday, April 20
MAR08: Last day to drop
QQ: Last day to drop
- Saturday, April 21
Softball game
Baton Rouge
Summit, MS, 1:00 & 3:00
Baseball game
Coahoma
Summit, MS, 2:00
- Tuesday, April 24
APR04: 60% date
Baseball game
Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
Summit, MS, 3:00
- Wednesday, April 25
Awards Day/Faculty
Appreciation Day
- Friday, April 27
APR04: Last day to drop
JAN15: Classes end
- Saturday, April 28
Baseball game
Northeast MS CC
Booneville, MS, 1:00
- Monday, April 30
Classes End



Brooke Smith, Kelsi Goudeau, Aleigh Flynn, Rebecca Williams, Randi Rowdon, Morgan Ulrich; second row: Jonah Bankston, Haven Johnson, Hunter Nicholson, Anna Aucoin, Brooke Wells, Haley Hargett, Tyler Penalber, Jonathan Scott; third row: Evan Busbin, Daniel Herndon, Ryan Ivey, Mario Lindsey, Neshun Holmes, Shelby Siebert, Anna Klaira Dorr, Baylie Cornfoot, Wyatt Fortenberry.

BSU travels to New York City to serve and to share

By Jonathan Scott,
co-editor

While many spent spring break visiting warm beaches, a group of students from Southwest's Baptist Student Union took a trip into the cold weather of New York City. Working with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association (MNYBA), Southwest students joined other college students from New York, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas for a mission trip. The organization grouped the students into teams and connected them with local churches and ministries to impact the various cultures and communities throughout the city.

All of the ministry tracks involved on the mission held a specific purpose in serving New York. The track I worked on was with a ministry called Let My People Go. Let My People Go's goal is to fight human trafficking by associating with and showing love towards those who may be typically ignored in society, i.e. the homeless, the homebound, and some children. We spent the first day or two examining the areas where we would be serving and learning about specific needs. One of the biggest things I learned was that human trafficking is not always involuntary, but sometimes is chosen when people think they have no other option. This may ultimately lead them to turn to prostitution or unethical labor. One way we worked to counter this was by providing love, comfort and support to those who were most vulnerable.

Different problems that surround New York make up the factors that create vulnerable people. Several neighborhoods are undergoing rapid gentrification, which causes the cost of living in those neighborhoods to increase exponentially. Because of this, more and more people are falling victim to homelessness. Combined with New York's hustle-and-bustle nature, people find themselves easily ignored and pushed away by society. Modern consumerism also plays a role in human trafficking, because many of the products we purchase are produced in part by slavery in other countries.

In order to combat some of these issues, my group went into several different areas and talked to many homeless people. Our conversations often centered around asking them about themselves and how they were doing. We shopped around for fair trade items, which are paid for with fair prices in developing countries to prevent unfair labor. We shared some of these items (food, snacks, water) with these homeless people and prayed with them. We also worked with an organization called God's Love We Deliver to deliver food to people who were unable to leave their homes. During the last day of our ministry track, we worked in an after-school program for school children in the neighborhood of Washington Heights. In addition to serving the city, we also had opportunities to enjoy the sights, and visit popular restaurants and areas in the city for fun.

"I love the opportunity to take students to NYC," said Southwest BSU director Daniel Herndon. "They experience the nations and get the chance to show them the love of Christ."

All of the college students who participated were given an opportunity to reach out to several cultures and people groups because of New York City's international diversity. In addition to changing the lives of the people they ministered to, the students themselves were changed as well. The trip provided an experience that helped grow the students and gave them a better view on the world as well as a better way to share God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people. Even though it's a big and grand metropolis, New York City has a lot of needs and several students from Southwest and other schools were able to help meet some of their needs and improve communities physically, spiritually, and emotionally.



Brooke Wells, Brooke Smith, Anna Klaira Dorr, and Anna Aucoin pose.

Achord named interim head coach of the Bears

by Michael D. Gunnell
Southwest
Sports Information

After five years as an assistant football coach at Southwest, Cameron Achord has been given the chance to show what he can do as leader of the program after being named interim head coach of the Bears.

Achord, in his fifth year with the Bears, takes on his new role following the departure of Tucker Peavey. Achord assumed the role of offensive coordinator in 2017 and also coaches the special teams, quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends and is the recruiting coordinator.

Director of Athletics Bill Wallace said the decision to go with Achord was made because "we wanted to retain someone already on the staff because we were familiar with them and also because of the timing of the situation."

Wallace also said Achord was chosen because he "brings a lot to the table. He brings high energy and enthusiasm. The players we've recruited and that are still here are familiar with him so we just felt it was best that we elevated him to the position."

In addition, Wallace said Achord "did a great job in his interview. He brought up some interesting points and ideas. He's a well-rounded young coach and we just felt he was the right fit for the job."

Achord is a Brookhaven native and 2005 graduate of Brookhaven Academy. He is also a 2009 graduate of Belhaven University with a degree in Computer Information Science as well as Sports Administration. He received a Master's degree in Sports Management from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2011.

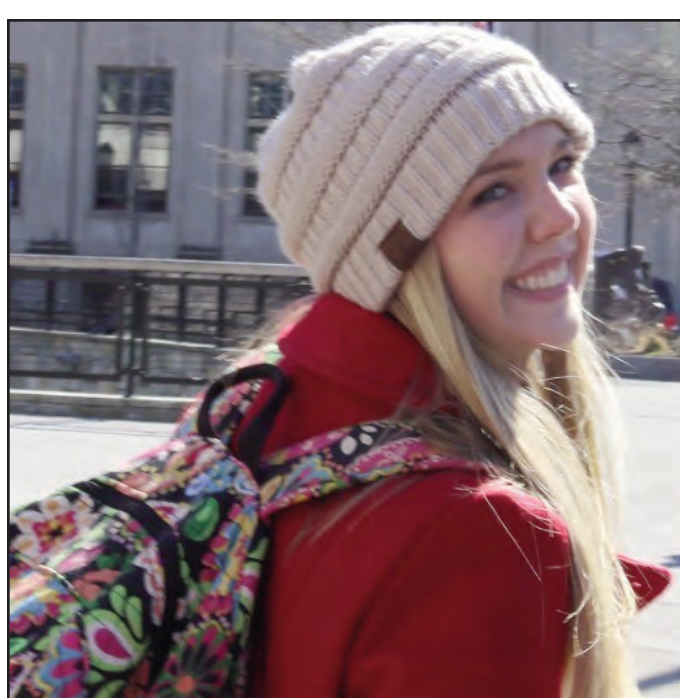
A four-year starter at free safety at Belhaven, Achord served as a team captain in 2008 and 2009. He was a two-time Academic All-American honoree and twice named a Mid-South Conference Player of the Week. In addition, he was an All-Conference back in 2009 and an Honorable Mention back in 2007. In 2010, he participated in the NAIA Senior Classic.

Achord spent 2009-11 as a special teams graduate assistant, and worked with linebackers, at the University of Southern Mississippi. He spent 2012 as an offensive graduate assistant for the Eagles, working with the quarterbacks.

Achord said he is "excited about the opportunity to lead this program and plans to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the position of head coach. Not everyone is given this esteemed opportunity and I am humbled to be able to call myself the next football coach at Southwest."

In the short term, Achord said there will be "some changes as we look to move forward into the rest of this semester as well as next season. We are going to implement some more team competition drills and workouts early on, while we get ready to start our spring practice in early April before heading into our summer off-season program in July."

"I believe the future of Southwest football looks bright," Achord continued. "We have a great group of players returning for the 2018 season and we are excited about our 2018 signing class that will arrive on campus in the summer. As long as we continue to focus, maintain the right attitude, compete and work together, we will have success and those are the facts."



Brooke Smith smiles as she walks to her mission session.



Jonathan Scott of Southwest and Katie Ellis of Blue Mountain College work.



Evan Busbin, Haven Johnson and Wes Wroten board the airplane.

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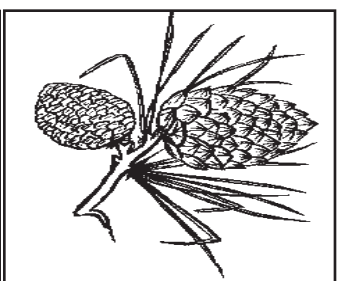
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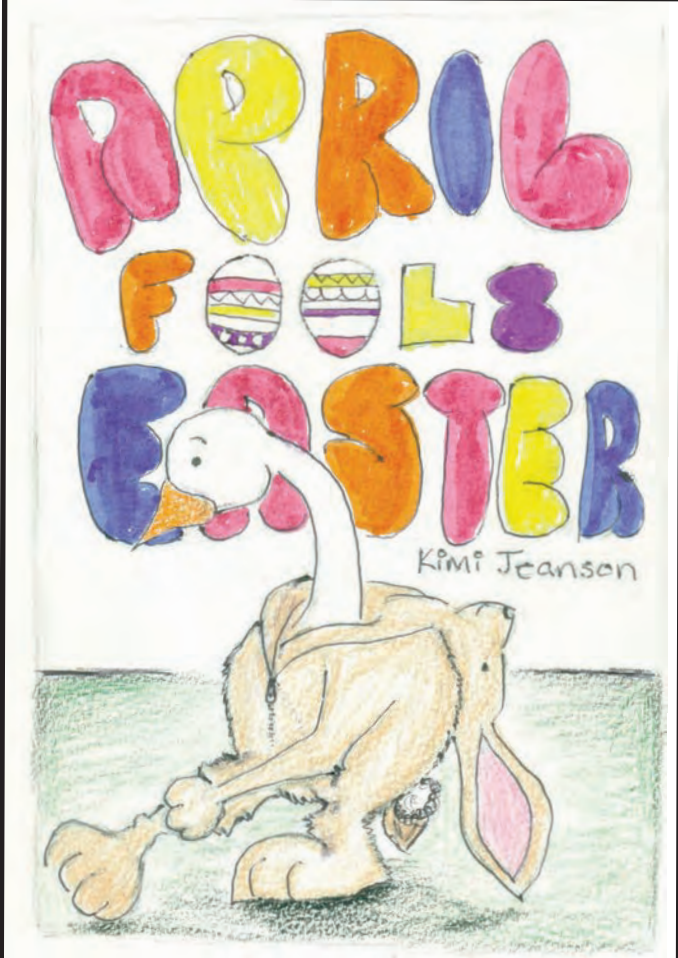
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Quote of the Month

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



BEAR AWARE

In order to effectively communicate emergency information to SMCC employees and students, SMCC has implemented a rapid alert and notification system developed by SchoolCast. BearAware is a service that allows employees and students of SMCC to receive alerts, news, or other emergency information via text, email, or by phone. Participation in Bear Aware is not mandatory but encouraged. At this time, the only information entered into the SchoolCast database is the student's "smcc.edu" email address.

Please read the following because our procedures for handling Bear Aware have changed. An email has been sent to all current students, faculty, and staff with their login information for Bear Aware. Students, faculty, and staff no longer need to request this information by emailing bearaware@smcc.edu.

Dear Students,

You should have received an email with your Bear Aware Login Information on August 31, 2017. An additional email will be sent to your email account at 9:00 AM (September 26, 2017) with your login information. It's basically the same email that was sent on August 31, 2017. If you have already logged in and set up your account, no additional action is required on your part. We will be sending more of these login information emails on the 20th of each month this semester to encourage participation in the system.

Again, if you have already set up your account, no action is required on your part. We do recommend logging in to Bear Aware at least once a month and verifying the accuracy of your information.

Please read the login information email in its entirety. It will explain why your password may be represented by asterisks (*) and what to do if you cannot log in or if you forgot your password.

If you have any questions, send them to bearaware@smcc.edu from your SMCC email account. We cannot communicate about Bear Aware accounts from other personal or business accounts for your may have. You do not have to contact bearaware@smcc.edu for your login information unless you don't get a login information email.

Words from the SGA President

My Fellow Students,

I hope that everyone had a rejuvenating spring break and that you are ready to finish the remainder of this semester strongly. The Student Government Association has been busy preparing for Spring Fest festivities, which include the much-anticipated Bear Necessities Day. Spring Fest week will be held April 16th – 19th and Bear Necessities Day will be on April 19th. Keep in mind that there is a set number of teams required to hold the event and cancel classes for the day. So, get your teams ready for Bear Necessities Day and let's make it a Great Day to be a Bear! Contact Mrs. Ashley Gray in Student Services for more information. Also, Spring Fest t-shirts and tanks are on sale; they are \$15 each and can be ordered from Student Services in Kenna Hall until April 3rd. If you're looking for an opportunity to get involved and make a difference on our campus, consider a position in the Student Government Association. While the Student Body Nominations have recently closed, freshmen still have the chance to vote for the best candidate and could even become involved as a sophomore officer during the upcoming fall semester. As always, stay motivated, get involved, and have fun! Until next time . . .

Alexcia Carr
 SGA President



Alexcia Carr

Editorial: saving money



Kimi Jeanson

Editorial
 By Kimi Jeanson,
 Editor

Welcome back! The second half of the semester has begun. Early college admissions are being submitted and scholarship deadlines are approaching quickly for graduating students. Scholarships are crucial when attending college, especially now. Compared to previous generations, Millennials are said to be the most educated generation, but have the hardest time financially

according to Pew Research. Tuition has increased drastically over the past few decades mainly due to the Great Recession.

The spike in college and living expenses as well as the decline in average income are very dangerous components of this decade. An article in *USA Today* written by Charisse Jones said, "Millennials earn 20 percent less than Boomers did at the same stage of life, despite being better educated. . ." Millennials are more likely to move back in with their parents to help lessen living costs while they pay off their student loans. As a result, Gen Z, the siblings and children of Millennials, are learning to save more and attend colleges closer to home in order to avoid debilitating student debt. They found that

side hustles were very helpful when navigating a full semester of classes and paying bills simultaneously. No matter what generation you belong, earning a little extra money is a great way to remain stable in our fluctuating economy.

Penny-pinching and planning for retirement early are important things to consider now. Waiting will only prolong the inevitable. If you are looking to save or even pay off debt, I encourage you to read some of the articles written on the Penny Hoarder website. There are many side jobs available with varying degrees of personal demand. You would be surprised at how easy it is to make a few dollars here and there. Some of the jobs listed are as simple as completing a survey. Believe it or

not, but some companies pay for your opinions on their products. A few even pay for you to shop at their stores and then report your experience in exchange for gifts and free merchandise. If shopping isn't your thing, maybe you want to sell some DVDs or old board games. Penny Hoarder names a multitude of free apps you can sell particular products to companies or directly to customers without the hassle of a garage sale or competition on eBay. Some apps such as Sweatcoin can even pay you to walk outside. Being your own boss has its many perks. So, if you have time, consider taking on a few side hustles of your own and see how much more you can put away for your future.

Music Department collaborates for a spectacular Spring Concert

By Caleb Crosby,
 co-editor

Thursday night on the ninth of March at the Hurst Auditorium, the curtains swing open and the Concert Band performance begins with the British March, "Crown Imperial" composed by William Walton. The march's long pedal points build energy for a triumphant coda, and set the mood for the next piece, "Earth, Wind and Fire Medley", which is an arrangement by R. Saucedo that has the audience wanting to dance and thinking that it's September. This is followed by a hymnal arrangement of "Crown Him With Many Crowns" by J. Swearingen, and an arrangement called "Dixieland Jazz Funeral" by J. Spears. The Jazz Funeral takes the tune of "When The Saints Go Marching In" as a theme, and continues with variations on that theme, starting slow and somber and ending with pomp and cheer that moves attendees to sing along enthusiastically.

After the Concert Band, the

curtains close while the Four the King Music Quartet featuring Branson Blanton, Evan Busbin, Trevor Davis, and Nick Kleppinger take the stage to sing "Have a Little Talk With Jesus." The quartet, who tours around the country performing, raises the standard for enthusiasm and energy of performers.

When the curtains reopen, Southwest Steel introduces the audience to the cheerful chiming of steel drums. All the droids have to leave for the first piece; the Southwest Steel drums take us off to the Mos Eisley cantina with "Cantina Band" composed by John Williams. Next are the much requested pieces, "Rant and Rave" by B. Sharp and "Margaritaville" by Jimmy Buffet. Southwest Steel is an eclectic group of musicians from various musical disciplines: some are percussionists, others are woodwind or strings players, and some are sound engineers. Steel drum groups are fairly unique among music programs; they are uncommon even at four year institutions. When asked about

his experience in the group, Bryce Boyd says that "Steel drums are fun. It's not like anything else."

Four the King takes the stage again to sing "Midnight Cry." It starts off slow, and then, right when you think the song is over, they start again with faster tempo and more vigor. The audience can't contain themselves, clapping along and bursting into applause at the finish.

The final event is the performance by the Concert Choir, who opened with "Achieved is the Glorious Work" by Haydn, then "Ave Maria" featuring one trio by Trevor Davis, Austin Showers, and Evan Busbin; and another by Branson Blanton, Loryn Hollis, and Anna Grace Thomas. Next, "Short People" by R. Newman; "Muppet Medley" by M. Huff featuring solos from Janice Spicuzza, Rebecca Frank, Robert Brown, Loryn Hollis, Clay Whittington, Alexis Bridges and Jamie Lowe; then "Lunar Lullaby" by J. Narverud and "You Will Be Found" by B. Pasek and J. Paul featuring solos from

Josh Williams, Loryn Hollis, and Jamie Lowe. Mr. Whittington came out on the stage for his solo part during the "Muppet Medley" and got a little carried away; he had to be subdued by Elliott before the choir could continue with their performance, much to the amusement of the audience.

The SMCC Music Department thanks the audience members for their attendance, with special thanks to Dr. Steve Bishop, Administration, Faculty and Staff for their support. Elliott, the choir director, says "I am so blessed to work at an institution that supports the arts. It is an honor for the choir, band, and steel drums to collaborate together. Working with Mr. Clay Whittington and Ms. Gail Freeman has been so fulfilling. The students and campus benefit from our healthy working relationships. Our programs have benefited so much with the addition of Mrs. Carolyn Fenn teaching piano and accompanying choir and students in our area and on campus. We are looking forward to a bright future for the music department."



Slipher establishes scholarship: LeeAnn Slipher, Attorney at Law, recently established the Antonia "Toni" Grace Marino scholarship through the Southwest Mississippi Community College Foundation. Toni demonstrated courage and bravery that there are no words to describe. And she did it all with such grace and beauty that left those around her in awe. In her twelve years, Toni was diagnosed with AML four separate times. Each time the cancer returned, she defeated it and in the end of her worldly life, she was still living cancer free. In celebration of the wonderful example that she is and the lessons of perseverance and determination that she taught others, this scholarship is presented in her honor. Toni's favorite pastime was art, so it is only fitting that she be carried on through art. Antonia "Toni" Grace Marino is the daughter of Kevin and Lacy Marino and sister to her brother, Kam Marino. Scholarship applicants are required to write a 750 word or more essay explaining how art is their passion, how they will use art in their hope to inspire and why they will earn and should be awarded this scholarship.

Pictured Includes: SMCC Foundation President Bill Garner; LeeAnn Slipher, Attorney at Law; SMCC Foundation Director Mrs. Rhonda Gibson and SMCC President Dr. Steve Bishop.



Before it's in fashion, it's in Vogue

By Liza Nettles, staff writer

For the normal college student, what is featured in Vogue may not be a very practical thing. College is the time you have the least amount of money to put towards being fashionable. Luckily, the spring fashion items we all have in our closets. Bright colors, Pastels, and mixed prints are making their way down the runways and down the hallways. After the past few years of the colors being neutrals and black, spring colors are back and better than ever. For us students who are trying to get the most of our clothes, this fashion season will be great. If you are not a huge fan of the bright colors, pastels go hand in hand. This year, Pantone Color has released the color of the Year as ultra violet. With that being said, you can incorporate this color with any trendy outfit. An added bonus to this fashion season is prints. Prints are going to make a major comeback this spring. Prints will never go out of style after this season. How will you dress this Spring?

Spring Concert

By Charlie-Anne Steen, staff writer

The SMCC Band, Southwest Steel, and the Southwest Choir performed the Spring Concert in the Fine Arts Building. The band performed a few songs. The first song was, "Crown Imperial," by William Walton. The other songs were, "Earth, Wind, and Fire Melody," by Richard Saucedo, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," by James Swearingen, and "Dixieland Jazz Funeral," by Jared Spears. After the performance of the SMCC Band, the Southwest Steel performed a few songs. The songs they played were, "Cantina Band from Star Wars," by John Williams, "Rant and Rave," by B. Sharp, and "Margaritaville," Jimmy Buffet. A quartet sang a couple of times throughout the Concert. The quartet consisted of Branson Blanton, Evan Busbin, Trevor Davis, and Nick Kleppinger. The Choir then came up and sang for the rest of the Concert. They sang, "Achieved is the Glorious Work from the Creation," by Joseph Haydn, "Ave Maria," by Franz Biebl, and "Short People," by Randy Newman, "Lunar Lullaby," by Jacob Narverud. The choir also performed "Muppet Medley," by Mac Huff.

College by choice

By Scott Johnson, staff writer

When you begin college, either you have a good idea of what you want to do or you don't. Your first two years of college is designed in such a way that you have time figure out what you want to do. Initially, you may have been going for nursing, but you might decide to change to social work or criminal justice; and that is normal. However, sometimes, the college you are going to doesn't have all the classes you're interested in which is why there are some courses you can take online. Websites like Coursera or EDX give you courses in everything from philosophy to international law. If you want the certificate in a particular course or if it counts as a credit, you can transfer it for free. It's a chance to expand what you know and figure out if there are other things in life you want to try. Take for example, if you want a law degree, then you can learn philosophy of law, international laws, and many others. Some of the courses on the sites can actually give you credits such as college algebra, human origins, and health and well-being that come from different universities. So, look at the websites and discover if there are more options available than you originally thought that you wanted to do and always keep an open mind because you might find something different that you never thought about doing for a degree.

PTK inducts new members



PTK New Members: College's Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently inducted its new members in a ceremony held in the Regional Workforce Training Center. Phi Theta Kappa is an international community/junior college scholastic society established in 1918 to recognize the outstanding scholastic achievement of community/ junior college students. The organization is sponsored by Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin, Dr. James Stephens, and Natalie McMahon. Pictured includes: Seated: Kelsey Hedgepeth of Jayess; Madison Vanness of McComb; Victoria Johnson of Gloster; Noah Martin of Wesson; Elizabeth Case of Brookhaven; Jehdiel Harrell of Tylertown; Haley Spicer of Brookhaven; Paula Painter of Tylertown; Zoe Miller of McComb; Nora Zebert of Pearl; Trevor Davis of Brookhaven; Joshua Sterling of Ruth; Rashondra Rankin of Hattiesburg;(Row 2)Myesha Landrews of McComb; Brigitte Ciocan of Brookhaven; Alex Laurich of Magnolia; Grant Touchstone of Magnolia; Ashley Vanegas of McComb; Kiara Quinn of Summit; Chase Hodges of Jayess; Haven Johnson of Jayess; Star Dillon of Tylertown; Brianna Pevey of

McComb; Renner Rallos of McComb; Rachel Ryals of Tylertown; Laurie Richard of Summit; Kaitlyn McCarlie of Summit; Bailey Winters of Brandon; Anna Morgan Smith of Brookhaven; Destiney Gordon of Osyka; Morgan Leonard of Summit; Tiyunna Lee of Florence; Leanne Fuqua of Brookhaven; Tytianna Coleman of Jackson; Jamaya Galloway of Bay St. Louis. (Row 3) Scott Harvey of McComb; Lakerionte Lewis of Magnolia; Alyssa Hughes of McComb; Lazavion Brown of McComb; Erin Rushing of Bogue Chitto; Cameron Temple of Brookhaven; Janiya Watkins of Ocean Springs; Katelyn Chandler of Centerville; Lisa Jones of Liberty; Nevin Holley of Randolph; Lesley Walker of Brookhaven; Karon Sherman of Vancleave; Auset Gibbs of Allenhurst; Makylla Conerly of Jayess; Caleb Crosby of Bogue Chitto(Row 4) Nathanael Addison of Smithdale; Stephen Holifield of McComb; Brooke Wells of Summit; Kacy Bui of Bogue Chitto; Joshua Dela Cruz of Meadville; Hunter Bugh of Meadville; David Russell of McComb; Matthew Caulfield of McComb; Kayley Womack of Liberty; Taylor Thornton of Tylertown; Hannah Owen of Summit.



PTK MS/LA Regional conference and awards gala at USM: Alexcia Carr-won the Golden Key Award, Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin won Advisor Horizon Award, chapter won 1st in Honors-In-Action Theme. Pictured above are Neshun Holmes, Corey Dillon, Alexcia Carr, Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin, Morgan Leonard, Zoe Miller.



Read Across America: Southwest Mississippi Community College celebrated Read Across America this week by featuring SMCC guest readers Ashley Gray, Dr. Addie Boone, and President Dr. Steve Bishop. Each guest reader shared their beloved Dr. Seuss book with SMCC Early Childhood Education program children.

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The purpose of the event is to motivate children to read because reading is an important factor in student achievement, and research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Pictured above are the following: Cheyenne Wallace, Kim Burkett, Haley Smith, Jase Johnston, Parker Hodges, Krista Smith, Kyler Myles Houston, Andy Ulrich, Desmuisa Gayden, Alexia Moore, Dr. Bishop; second row:Kaitlin Futch, Chandler Smith, Keller Porter (hidden), Stone Boyd, Maddox Abdul-Hadi (hidden), Dawson Carver, Jaden Freeman, Beau Laciura, Fiona Brown, Hadley Huhn, Dillon Boleware, Cimerial Patterson; third row: Ahzhane O'Bryant, Courtney Ratliff, Stone Troxler, Paisley Freeman, Nathen Weathersby, Cale Lord, Pickett Adams, Carley McDaniel, Angela McDaniel; fourth row: Beverly Moak and Stella White

Fortnite: Battle Royale

By Reggie Martin, staff writer

There's nothing better in the gaming world than finding all the best weapons and materials in the game and then you run outside to be sniped by someone hiding in a bush from a mile away. Fortnite provides just that. If you haven't heard of Fortnite by now, then you must be stuck in the Dark Age because it's talked about everywhere. Fortnite: Battle Royale is free-to-play game mode available on all gaming platforms. The premise is simple. There are 100 players on an island and the last person standing wins. Everyone boards a hot air balloon-propelled bus toward a large island. Pick your starting spot, then parachute down and begin searching for loot. It's a race to see who can find the best gear and the best vantage points, both of which increase your chances of surviving. To keep players from staying in one spot the entire match, there is a blue storm that gradually shrinks the map and forces players closer and closer to each other. It's a lot similar to another battle royale game called Player Unknown's Battlegrounds, which came before Fortnite. Although Fortnite's cartoonish visuals and arcade shooter play set it apart from PUBG, Fortnite's mechanics also allow you to build structures like walls, ramps, and even huge forts to get a tactical advantage. Personally, building is not my favorite because it takes me out of the battle royal experience and leaves players who can't build huge towers toward the end of the game at a huge disadvantage. I feel that, in high tension situations, I don't have time to switch over to a pick axe to gather building materials, and scroll over to what type of structure I want to build, and then switch back over to my gun while trying to stay alive all at the same time. It can be a bit frustrating to click the wrong buttons while I'm getting shot at. I accidentally pick the wrong structure or pull out a shield potion when I meant to pick the assault rifle. It's a little hard to manage all that especially when you're new to the game. I'd still give Fortnite: Battle Royale an 8.5 out of 10. It's not the first game to use the battle royale mode and it's a good game even though it has a lot going on. Don't take my word for it though. Since the game is free-to-play, there's no reason not to dip your toe in and see if it's the game for you.

Bear Necessities Day: join the fun

By Kimi Jeanson, Editor

Mark your calendars and clear your schedule for April 19th! It will be our annual Bear Necessities Day. Whether you want to watch or play, I promise it will be a fun day outside. This is perfect time to shake your final exam stress off and relax for the day. Sign up your team in Student Services with Ashley Gray. There are men's and women's divisions. The rules are that each team may only consist of six or seven members. Only six will participate each event. No other person may substitute on a team in any event. Each team has a captain. There are plenty of events for you to participate in including tug of war, tire push relay, three legged race, the Dizzy Izzy, and egg toss. So, come join the fun!



How do we get everything done?

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

The life of a student can be busy; a lot of us have jobs or are involved in many extra activities. How do we get everything done? Doing things takes time and there are normally only twenty-four hours in one day. Efficiency is the key. If we become more efficient, we can spend less time working or get more done in the same amount of time. I try, with varying amounts of success, to be a good student, but here are a few specific things that I've found which have made a huge difference in my ability to remember information. If you don't like studying and just want it to be over, this is how you get through it with less pain.

Use active recall. It's easy for us to tell ourselves that we can remember something while we're looking at it, but we often don't. Active recall methods are faster, and form stronger memories than simply reading our notes, our friend's notes, or our book. Active recall is when we try to pull information from our memory, then check to see whether we remembered it correctly. Some people write on flash cards to quiz themselves, but there are other resources, like Quizlet, that can be found online in case we want to save a tree. We can even do something as simple as flipping our (friend's) notes over to hide them and check if we can remember what we read.

Get plenty of sleep. It's been said many times, but getting enough sleep is critical to being able to think clearly. Sleep refreshes us and while we sleep, our brains take the things we've learned and make long term memories. The best times to study are right after we wake up and right before we go to sleep.

Space out our study time. This is especially important if we are trying to remember something long term. If we study something ten minutes each day for six days, we'll remember it better than if we try to sit down and study it for an hour straight. I personally use a free, open source program called Anki to make flashcards that I can sync with my phone to take advantage of downtime wherever I encounter it and I use that to study in tiny bits throughout the day. Anki is especially popular among medical students, law students, and language learners because of the large amount of control that the user has over the cards, scheduling times to review, and the large number of cards those types of students usually need to make.

If we learn to use our time efficiently, we can see better results for the amount of effort we put in. Getting plenty of sleep, using active recall methods such as flashcards, and spacing out our study time are the keys to making sure that we can get better grades and still have time and energy left for the other things that are important to us.

Employees give back to Southwest



Employees at Southwest Mississippi Community College attended an appreciation luncheon given in their honor by the SMCC Foundation in appreciation of their monthly payroll contributions to the Foundation. The Foundation serves as a fund raising arm of Southwest Mississippi Community College. The SMCC Foundation is a 501-C-3; therefore, all donations are tax-deductible.

Seated, left to right: Dr. Wendy Smith, Kimberly Burkett, Dr. Addie Boone, Stephanie Greer, Dr. Kim Henning, Loran Gerald, Carla Griffin, Debera Reeves, Dr. Alana Gabler, Shellah Young; second row, left to right: Yolanda Young, Dianne Wilkinson, Tanya Boyd, Brenda Wilson, Rhonda Gibson, Natalie McMahon, Amy Gazzo, Dawn Brumfield, Ashley Gray, Dr. Steve Bishop; back row, left to right: Matthew Calhoun, Jesse Greer, Jeremy Smith, Robert Reid, Dr. Bill Tucker, Andrew Alford, Dr. Andrew Dale, Dr. Brent Gregory, Joe Elliott; Pictured at above right: Lisa Alford, Joe Cornacchione, Susan Hedges, Debbie Hodges, Jamie Jackson, Joyce Mabry, Suzonne McLean, Dr. Melissa Temple, Carolyn Williams; not pictured Robert "T" Felder

Did you forget something?

By Olivia Robinson, co-editor

Research shows that individuals with high levels on anxiety, who adhere to more of negative mindset, may have better recognition skills than others under the right condition. The study was performed at the University of Waterloo located in Ontario, Canada and consisted of eighty undergraduate students. In the first test, participants were advised to study words that were overlaid on top of negative and neutral images. Following this, participants were given a recognition test which resulted in researchers finding evidence that individuals with high anxiety, who initially studied the target words using shallow encoding instructions, demonstrated increased memory for words that were contained with the negative images present in the first test. The research suggested that individuals with high to low amounts of anxiety are able to adopt a salient mode and creates a downward bias in encoding and retrieval of neutral information.

In an interview with Myra Fernandes, a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Waterloo and a co-author of the study, is quoted stating, "to some degree, there is an optimal level of anxiety that is going to benefit your memory, but we know from other research that high levels of anxiety can cause people to reach a tipping point, which impacts their memories and performance." Fernandes then describes the "optimal" level of anxiety as "anxiety that is experienced day-to-day, but that doesn't interfere with your ability to engage with the world around you." Fernandes hopes that the results will be beneficial to not only students and educators, but to anyone who wishes to understand the process of encoding information better and being mindful of their anxiety. In one last statement Fernandes is quoted stating, "it is important to be aware of the biases that can occur in who we encode and remember information. What could be seen as a neutral event or neutral information can suddenly be interpreted with a negative tag, making it more salient and more memorable, especially in people who have somewhat higher levels of anxiety in their everyday life."

Black Panther: Movie Review

By Kimi Jeanson, Editor

The much anticipated movie, Black Panther, was all you thought it was going to be and more. For those of you who haven't seen it, I would definitely recommend watching it soon. From the visuals to the plot line, the movie beautifully marries the classic comic book details while modernizing the costumes, characters, and music. Chadwick Boseman plays T'Challa, the newly crowned king of Wakanda. His character is so compelling you can't help but to root for him. The way T'Challa acts and carries himself paints the perfect example of a hero. As every superhero does, He has his demons, but he never loses the desire to do the right thing and protect as many people as he can.

On the flip side, I dare say that Erik Killmonger, played by Michael B. Jordan, is one of the best villains in the marvel universe. He could be perceived as foolhardy or brash but also you could understand and somewhat relate to his frustration. Without revealing too much, in case you haven't seen it, I can say that by no means was Killmonger approaching the situation in the movie correctly, in my opinion, however, his point of view really puts the entire plot into perspective. Also, aside from the excellent storytelling, the cinematic feel of the movie transports you to Wakanda and makes it seem like a real nation in Africa all the while bringing to life their unique culture. As in Marvel tradition, there is a post credit scene and a post-post credit scene you need to watch. It teases an exciting possible team-up with Black Panther and a certain beloved character. It is well worth your time.



MACJC Legislative Luncheon: Southwest students visited the Mississippi Capitol for the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Legislative Luncheon. Pictures below L to R John Shannon, Jonathan Scott, Lorin Hollis, Alexia Carr, Brooke Smith, Jaime Lowe, Israel Coleman, Nelson Ott, and Gary Busby.



Mental Health Day: Christhuna Bell, Tynesha Allen, Greg May, Raequel Harris, and Taylor Wilson attend Mental Health Day. The students from the Southwest Associate Degree Nursing program attended the Mental Health Day held at our state capitol with ADN Instructor Lisa Alford. The students enjoyed the speakers, learned a great deal and most made cards for the inpatient clients.



Spring 2018 Home Health Aide class: Home Health Aides help the sick, elderly and disabled maintain their safety and independence in their own home. Pictured above are the following: Robin Spring, instructor; Mary Anna McKey, Yolanda McDowell, Dena Phelps, Crystal Smith, Angel McGee, and Tina Hall.



Defeat your clone

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

Imagine that an evil scientist is making an exact copy of you in an attempt to create the ultimate life form. You're going to have to compete with Shadow You, only the best you can survive, and you don't have Din's Fire. This is your most difficult challenge. You and your opponent are perfectly matched in every way. How do you win?

First, think about the competition. You're competing to see which copy is a better you, so you're going to have to see which one can achieve your goals the best. This is going to be different for everyone, but not easy for anyone. What can you start doing today to get ahead of the fake you? (You didn't wake up in a lab this morning, did you?) Think about what is important to you in life, what your own goals are and what steps are required to achieve them.

Since you're competing with your own copy, remember that the only person you need to compare yourself to is yourself.

You have your own unique strengths to leverage and weaknesses to overcome. You know your ups and downs better than anyone, and you're the best person to decide how to use them.

Don't give up, and don't forget to visit your mother before your clone does.

Enjoyed years at Southwest

By Terrion Bell, staff writer

In May I will graduate from Southwest, and I plan to transfer to a four year college. At first I did not want to transfer. After talking to my family they convinced me to go ahead and finish my education. I have enjoyed my years at Southwest since the beginning. This school is great I just wish I could have been more involved in the school activities. I plan to transfer to Southeastern to finish my major in physical education. With Southeastern being closer to where I live I might get a chance to experience more of the college life.

Southeastern is located in Hammond, Louisiana. Southeastern is the state's third largest public university boasting nearly 15,000 students and more than 150 programs of study. With Southeastern being in a small town location, personal time and attention is given to students which emits a small college atmosphere in the classes. This builds a close-knit community and provides an engaged learning environment. Southeastern was known as Hammond Junior College until 1928; they change the name to Southeastern Louisiana College by the Board of Education. It wasn't until 1938 Southeastern became a 4 year college or confirmed to be a university. The first baccalaureate degree was awarded one later. Southeastern began offering 100% online bachelor's degree in nursing to registered nurses who hold associates degree or have been in diploma programs. Southeastern school of nursing celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014. Southeastern football team competed in and won the first NCAA playoff game in school history in 2013. Southeastern currently has 14,500 students that attend the school; it is a 20 to 1 student faculty ratio with 152 areas of study.



United Blood Services: The United Blood Services say "Thank you" to Southwest for giving 157 units of blood. A special thank you goes to Jay Bain and Pam Hughes who talked to students in the classrooms about the importance of giving blood. Pictured above are Shayla McGuffee, Karisten Dardar, Destyn Mann, Hanna Karabelen; second row: Nina Fortenberry, Taren Terrell, Mattie Stewart, Thomas Beck, Tiffany Carter, Keandra Brown, and Pam Hughes.

Run, Melos, Part Two by Osamu Dazai

Translated from Japanese By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

That night, without a wink of sleep, Melos hurriedly made his way along the 25 mile road, arriving at the village the morning of the next day. The sun was already high into the sky and the villagers were already working in the fields. Melos's sixteen year old sister was watching out over the sheep in her brother's place. She was surprised to see the exhausted face of her brother as he came staggering towards her. And so, fussing, she poured questions over him.

"It's nothing," Melos tried to force a laugh. "I left behind some business in the city, so I need to return soon. Tomorrow, I'll give you your wedding ceremony. Sooner is better right?"

His sister's cheeks turned red. "Are you happy? I brought you a beautiful dress. Let's go announce it to the people of the village. The wedding ceremony is tomorrow."

Melos, legs shaking, went to their house, decorated the gods' altar, arranged seating for the banquet, then collapsed on the floor and, in the space of one breath, fell into a deep sleep.

When Melos opened his eyes, it was late in the evening. As soon as he was up, he went to visit the home of the bridegroom and asked for the wedding ceremony to be held the next day, because there were circumstances. The groom was surprised.

"That can't be done, the preparations still aren't finished. Wait until the season for harvesting grapes," he answered.

"It can't wait; somehow, please make it tomorrow." Melos begged.

The groom was stubborn. By

no means would he agree. They continued their discussion until daybreak when, at last, somehow the groom was persuaded.

The ceremony was held at midday. When the bride and groom's pledges to the gods were finished, dark clouds shrouded the sky and drops of rain began to fall. Before long, it was raining so hard that it seemed like the wagons would be washed away. The villagers who attended the feast saw it as an ominous sign. Even so, enduring the humidity, they gathered into the cramped, stuffy house to cheerily sing songs and clap their hands. Even Melos wore a joyful smile, forgetting for a little while about his promise to the king. By the time night fell, the feast had become such a brilliant spectacle that the guests payed no attention to the torrential rain outside. Melos wanted to stay there, with everything just the way it was, forever. He wished he could stay with these fine people for the rest of his life, but, now, his life wasn't his own. It couldn't be helped. Melos resolved to leave. There was plenty of time until the next day's sunset. Just a little nap, then I'll depart immediately, he thought. Maybe by then the rain will have slowed to a drizzle. Even if it was just a little bit, he wanted to stay there longer. Even a man like Melos, after all, has some lingering regrets. He approached the bride, who seemed to be drunk with joy.

"I've gotten a little tired, so if you'll pardon me, I want to go to sleep. When I wake up, I'm going to leave immediately to go back to the city. I have important business to take care of. Even if I'm not here, now you have a gentle husband, so you won't be lonely. Your brother's number one hated things are doubting people and

telling lies. You know that. There can't be any secrets between you and your husband. That's all I wanted to say."

The bride nodded slowly. Melos patted the groom on the shoulder.

"All my treasure in the world is my sister, my house and my sheep. There's nothing else. All of it is yours now. One more thing, for me: be proud to have become my little brother."

The groom wrung his hands nervously. Melos laughed and, with a slight bow to the village people, left the feast, slipped into the sheepfold, and fell into a deep, deathlike sleep.

When Melos woke up, it was morning. The morning of the third day. He sprang to his feet. Did I oversleep? No, it's still ok. If I leave immediately I'll make it in plenty of time. Today, by all means, I'll show that king the importance of believing in people. Then I'll laugh and climb onto the platform to be crucified. Melos calmly began getting dressed. It seemed like the rain had somewhat lightened up. Once he was ready, he shot out into the rain like an arrow.

I'll be killed this evening. I'm running to be killed. I'm running to save the friend who took my place. I'm running to change the king's treacherous heart. I have to run and be killed. Farewell, home. Melos' heart was breaking. Many times, it seemed like his feet were going to stop moving forward. "ey, ey!" he let out a loud voice, urging himself onward. He left the village, crossed the fields, and went through the forest. When he arrived at the neighboring village, the rain stopped, the sun was high in the sky, and it slowly started to get hot. Melos reached up and

wiped the sweat from his forehead.

If I've come this far, I can make it. I have no regrets. My sister and her husband are a fine couple. I don't have anything to worry about. If I head straight for the royal castle, that'll be good. I don't even need to hurry very much. Melos slowed to a walk, returned to his carefree nature, and started singing. Swaying to and fro walking 5 miles to 10 miles, until he was about halfway to Syracuse, when suddenly he stopped. A river was in front of him. Yesterday's torrential rain caused the mountain stream to overflow, become a giant muddy river, and crash into the bridge that was there, destroying it completely. He stood there in a daze, looking around him. Melos called out in a loud voice, but no one was around. There were no boats or boatmen to cross the river. The river was swelling and beginning to look like an ocean. Melos crouched on the riverbank, raised his hands, and began praying to Zeus while crying. "Ah! Calm this rampaging flood! Time is slipping by me. The sun has already reached the top of the sky. If I can't arrive at the castle before it sets, my good friend will die because of me."

The muddy river, as if to sneer at Melos' crying voice, increasingly became more wild and violent. The waves rolled into themselves and swallowed each other up. Moment by moment, time was slipping by. Melos was still determined. Swimming was the only way. "Gods, watch me! I won't lose to this river!" Melos plunged into the current with a splash. The waves writhed like a hundred giant snakes, and Melos frantically struggled against them.

Peavy heads to Brookhaven

By Michael D. Gunnell, Southwest Sports Information

After five seasons at the helm of the Bears football team, head coach Tucker Peavey is heading home to Brookhaven. Peavey submitted his resignation earlier this week to take the same position at Brookhaven High School.

A native of Brookhaven and graduate of Brookhaven High School, Peavey previously served nine years as the Panthers' head coach (and 10 years as the school's Athletic Director).

Commenting on the move, Peavey first said he would like to "thank (Southwest president) Dr. Steve Bishop and the Board for giving me this opportunity" to serve at Southwest.

Peavey said his decision to leave was "kind of a bittersweet thing. When you're at a place like Southwest (with) such good people and a good environment, making that change presents a little bit of an inner struggle."

"At the same time," he continued, "Brookhaven is home and, for some family reasons, it was a good time for it to happen for us and so I feel like it was the right thing to do."

Peavey feels that, no matter who follows him as Bears head coach, things will work out well. "Here at Southwest," he said, "all the resources are here for an athlete to come in and succeed as a student and an athlete (and there is) an environment in which they can feel comfortable. I know things here will keep moving forward."

Time is important

By Jeremy Dalton, staff writer

I've often heard that time is a commodity. As such, we're taught time is something one can harness, manage and spend either profitably or wastefully. The problem with this sentiment is the implication that we have full control. Hearing this in the past, I would always get this funny picture in my head where time is a bull to be tamed and my life is going to be either a short reckless ride or a harvested field. I'm so old that we still used bulls to till the ground when I was young. We also used dowsing rods to find a well and pitch forks to chase the Black Death from our village. I'm going to get to my point before I stray any further from it. I bring this up because, as students, time is at the forefront of our thoughts. I hear this subject mumbled on everyone's lips at school. Whether you're running out of it or thinking that there's too much of it left before summer break, time dominates our time. We began college with the same question, and that was, "where do you see yourself in 4-6 years." So we plan each semester out and our career afterwards. However, time is as tame-able as the weather. It can bring an unexpected hurricane Katrina, washing away your plans and sending you to places you never thought you'd go and live. In fact, it's very likely that many reading this went through that scenario exactly. Katrina size events happen to us all. Even in the midst of natural disasters, think of how boring life would be if it all went according to plan. The lesson time would teach us is humility. We don't transcend time so we can't control it. Time teaches us to roll with the punches, adapt and experience something and hopefully walk away with some pretty hilarious stories in the process.



SNO: Agent Griffen speaks at SNO meeting: Pictured are the following: Dr. Melissa Temple, Director of ADN; Stephanie Greer, ADN instructor; Agent Chad Griffen, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics; Suzonne McLean, ADN instructor photo by Joyce Mabry



Intramurals: basketball champs

Bill Wallace, Director of Athletics and Director of Intramurals



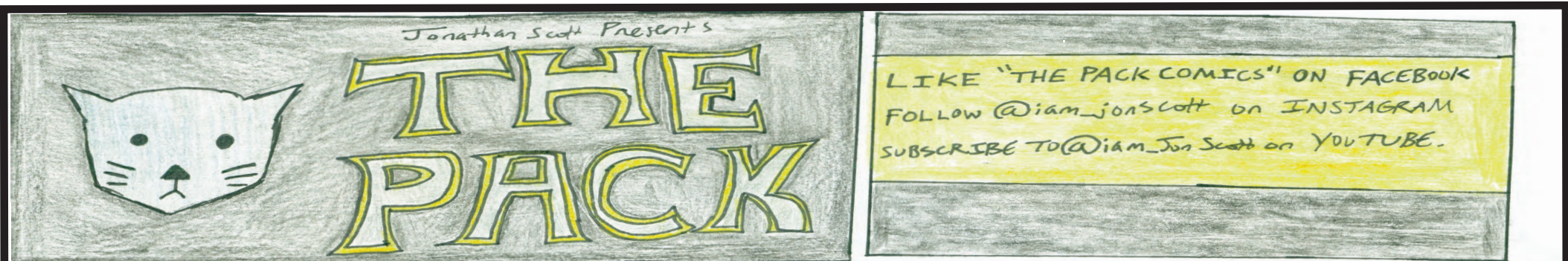
Basketball Champions: Elshodric Buchanan, J.T. Thigpen; second row: De'Mikal Chesser, Jabari Coston, Anthony Jones, Marcel Cole, J.R. Faulk





Tradarius Pittman shoots a free throw.

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