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Campus Events

- Friday, March 2
Baseball game
Coastal Alabama CC
Bay Minette, AL
3:00
- Saturday, March 3
Softball game
Summit, MS
1:00/3:00
- Tuesday, March 6
Baseball game
Wesson, MS
6:00
- Tuesday, March 6
Baseball game
Co-Lin CC
Wesson, Ms
6:00
Softball game
Summit, MS
3:00/5:00
- Wednesday, March 7
Mid-term grades due
- Friday, March 9
Highland CC (DH)
Friday, March 9
Softball game
Summit, MS 2:00/4:00
- Friday, March 9
Residence Hall Closed at
4 PM
- Monday, March 12
Spring Break begins
- Friday, March 16
Spring Break ends
- Saturday, March 17
Baseball game
Summit, MS 2:00
- Saturday, March 17
Saint Patrick's Day
- Sunday, March 18
Softball game
Summit, MS 2:00/4:00
- Wednesday, March 21
Baseball game
Decatur, MS 3:00
- Wednesday, March 21
Softball game
Raymond, MS 3:00/5:00
- Friday, March 23
Softball game
Summit, MS 2:00/4:00
- Friday, March 23
Princess Ball
- Saturday, March 24
Baseball game
Summit, MS 2:00
- Saturday, March 24
Super Hero Bash
- Monday, March 26
Softball game
Decatur, MS 3:00/5:00
- Thursday, March 29
Softball game
Fulton, MS 2:00/5:00
- Friday, March 30
Baseball game
Summit, MS 2:00
- Tuesday, April 3
Scheduling for Summer and
Fall Semester Begins
- Wednesday, April 4
Baseball game
Ellisville, MS 3:00
- Wednesday, April 4
Softball game
Summit, MS 3:00/5:00
- Saturday, April 7
Baseball game
Summit, MS 1:00/3:00
- Saturday, April 7
Softball game
Summit, MS 2:00



Alexcia Carr, Evan Busbin, Brooke Wells and Loryn Hollis pose for a photo.

photo by Chuck Barnes

Southwest recognizes Hall of Fame members

By Caleb Crosby,
co-editor

Elected to the 2018 Southwest Mississippi Community College Hall of Fame are Evan Busbin, Alexcia Carr, Loryn Hollis, and Brooke Wells.

Evan Busbin of Tylertown, Mississippi, is a Music Ministry major. After graduation, he hopes to transfer to William Carey. His hobbies are playing guitar, singing, sports, and ping pong. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and is involved with stage band, choir, and the BSU Leadership team, serving as BSU worship leader. He is on the President's List, recognized as Mr. Southwest Mississippi Community College, and as the Campus Beau in Who's Who.

Alexcia Carr, a resident of McComb, is majoring in Pre-Pharmacy, planning to transfer to The University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in pharmaceutical sciences, and then to apply to pharmacy school at Ole Miss. Her hobbies include reading, sleeping, and traveling. She is a very active leader on campus; including service as Student Government Association Freshman President, Student Government Association President, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Omicron Delta Chapter President, Bear Trackers Student Ambassador Organization President, and Marching Band Redline Dance Team Co-Captain. She is also involved as a Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society Member, the Campus News Broadcaster, the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society Historian, and a US-China Exchange Foundation STEM student delegate. She is honored as Miss Southwest Mississippi Community College, The University of Mississippi APEX Leadership Summit Peer MVP, Pike County Development Foundation Scholar, and The Rials Family Continuing Education Scholar.

Loryn Hollis of Liberty, Mississippi, is majoring in Elementary Education with an emphasis in theatre. After graduation, she plans to attend Weber State University. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, and performing in musical theatre productions. She is very active in the arts at Southwest as a Redline dancer and captain, SMCC Choir member, stage band vocalist, stage band dancer, and Bear Voices Broadway Performer. Her other activities are SICC Choir Clinic Participant, MACJC Legislative Luncheon Soloist, Bear Tracker, APEX Leadership Participant and she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa serving as Phi Theta Kappa Recording Officer. She has received Southwest Mississippi Community College Stage Band Award, and is on both the Dean's List and the President's List.

Brooke Wells of Summit, Mississippi, is majoring in General Studies and is planning to earn a bachelor's degree and pursue a career in Occupational Therapy. Her hobbies are singing, playing guitar, hiking, traveling, sports, and juggling. At Southwest, she is a member of the Redline Dance Team where she serves as Team Co-Captain, a Member of SMCC Baptist Student Union Leadership Team as Worship Leader, Student Government President during her freshman and sophomore years, Bear Tracker, member of SMCC Stageband, and choir. She is recognized as Who's Who Class Favorite for her freshman and sophomore years.



Evan Busbin smiles.

photo by Chuck Barnes



Alexcia Carr laughs.

photo by Chuck Barnes



Loryn Hollis smiles.

photo by Chuck Barnes



Brooke Wells beams with pride.

photo by Chuck Barnes

Southwest Mississippi Community College named "Best Online Community College in Nation"

BestColleges.com named Southwest Mississippi Community College the Best Online Community College in the nation for 2018. *BestColleges.com* is a leading provider of higher education information and resources.

"I am proud to learn that Southwest has been recognized by *Bestcolleges.com*," said SMCC President Dr. Steve Bishop. "We strive to recruit and retain outstanding students from our area and our state, then give them many opportunities to excel. Our students enjoy great success because of our dedicated Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Staff."

An on-line education offers different benefits to students versus the traditional on-campus style of education. SMCC Vice-President of Instruction Alicia Shows explains, "We talk about how much better your life could be with a degree or certificate, but if we don't make it available to fit your particular life situation, how does that help you? Assignments for online classes can be completed at 2 a.m. or any other time, if that is what works best for you. An Associate of Arts degree and several of our Associate of Applied Science degrees are available completely online. Southwest's online faculty are also great about helping students. I have had teachers teach one student, because that particular student really needed a certain class by a certain date. Faculty teach over the summer, over the Christmas holidays, and during any session they are asked. We offer new sections beginning EVERY month, so you don't have to wait until January or August to start taking classes. About half of Southwest's students take at least one online class each semester."

The methodology behind the rankings reflect the most recent data compiled from IPEDS and the College Navigator, both of which are hosted by the National Center for Education Statistics. *BestColleges.com* objectively assesses relative quality based on academic outcomes, affordability, and the breadth and depth of online learning opportunities.

Get involved

By Caleb Crosby,
co-editor

There's always something happening on Southwest's campus. On Wednesday, February the 28th, Phi Theta Kappa is holding an induction ceremony at the Workforce Training Center. The program will induct the Phi Theta Kappa members who joined in recent membership drives.

Midterms are coming up, but that means that Spring Break is coming up! Spring Break will be the week of March 12, followed by Saint Patrick's Day that week-end. During our first week back after spring break, the SMCC Blood Drive is being held. It's on Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 in the Workforce Training Center Auditorium. Each blood donation can save up to three lives, and you'll get a free T-shirt! Don't forget your photo ID and donor card.

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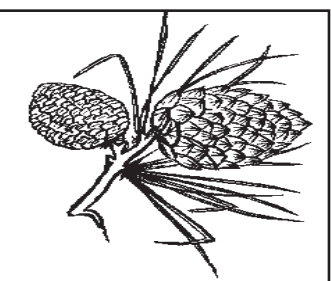
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Quote of the Month

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

-Aristotle



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 from other personal or business accounts about Bear Aware. 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 cannot believe that February has already come to a quick close! Spring break will be here before we know it, so don't miss your chance to get involved in the activities SGA has planned for this semester. Let us join the baseball and softball teams and celebrate their seasons at a cookout. It is currently planned for March 5th by the baseball field. After that we'll have spring break March 12-16, and once we return, we will begin planning for Spring Fest Week and Bear Necessities Day! This is such a fun week for everyone on campus. So far, we have a planned a dance party with a DJ, Italian Ice, and of course, all of the competitive, exciting activities associated with Bear Necessities Day. For those students who plan to graduate in May, be sure to stay up-to-date with the practice schedules and cap/gown measurement timeline. Also, keep in contact with your future institution to ensure a smooth transfer. To all students on campus, I encourage you to continue to stay motivated and strive for success! As always, continue checking your student email and the Pine Burr to keep up-to-date on future events that SGA hosts. Best wishes to everyone for continued greatness this semester!



Alexcia Carr

Alexcia Carr,
SGA President

Editorial: break records



Editorial
By Kimi Jeanson,
Editor

Unbelievable! The semester is almost halfway finished. I hope your semester has been good so far. Spring Break is coming up soon and the graduating class is gearing up for the next stage in life. What are you doing on your break? Socializing, sleeping, and studying are the popular pastimes this particular week for college students. It is a great time to relax and unwind some of your tension from midterms. Grab lunch with your friends. Binge watch your favorite Netflix or Hulu TV show. For those of you who are busy-

bodies, there are many things you can do in just a short week for fun such as take a spontaneous trip to a nearby city, break a Guinness World Record, or attend the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Hattiesburg and New Orleans are very popular fun spots to try a different restaurant and to discover something you may really like. You can have an art day in the Warehouse District of New Orleans and explore the unique contemporary art museums. There are dozens of great spots to eat lunch such as Mona's Café, Café du Monde, We Dat's Chicken and Shrimp, and, my favorite, The Gumbo Shop, located in the French Quarter. Hattiesburg is the hub for great prices on healthy fast food and amazing coffee. Peppers is a great inexpensive place to stop in for lunch or dinner. Also, Yamato Japan is a hidden gem in Hattiesburg. They serve fresh,

delicious Hibachi and flavorful soup and salads for a reasonable price. Java Werks is a small, privately owned coffee shop where the coffee is blended to perfection and always tastes amazing.

Guinness World Records are known for being outrageously difficult and extremely abnormal. There is a wide variety of various odd talents people have across the world. But did you know you can possibly break one of these records this week? You could grab a friend and set the record for peeling an orange and eating it the fastest while blindfolded. You or your friend must peel the orange while the other eats it, but you must both have something covering your eyes. The current time is 17.15 seconds. With a little practice and coordination, you might just beat the record. Another world record you could beat is one that requires a high pain tolerance. The challenge is

to put as many clothespins on your face as possible in one minute. Silvio Sabba holds the record at fifty-one clothespins. If you are interested, research Guinness World Records and find one that best suits your talents and abilities and make history.

Lastly, St. Patrick's Day falls at the end of Spring Break week. Attending a St. Patrick's Day parade is a fun experience without the craziness of crowds depending on where you sit. Plus, if you are lacking groceries, you can collect many vegetable and fruits from the parade. It is traditional for the floats to throw potatoes, carrots and cabbages to the attendees as well as left over Mardi Gras beads. They also give out Moon Pies and Ramen Noodles which are convenient snack foods for college students. Bring the whole family or just your friends; it is definitely worth attending at least once.

Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451: a must read

By Caleb Crosby,
co-editor

Do you enjoy reading? It doesn't have to be a novel. It could be a magazine, or an article on the internet. Whatever it is, do you have a favorite one? Can you remember how you felt the first time you read it? I felt shocked. I was sitting in the back of my mom's car, going down Summit Drive, when I suddenly looked up and realized that I was holding a metaphor for the very world I

lived in. I remember it clearly, even though it was years ago. Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 shows us a dystopian future where censorship is part of everyday life. The main character, Montag, is a fireman whose job is to start fires. He burns books. He never questions it until he meets a seventeen year old girl who tells him about a past when people weren't afraid.

Bradbury introduces us to the world and characters using vivid scenes that convey a message without saying it directly. The

story's fourth paragraph is very memorable to me. "He hung up his black beetle-colored helmet and shined it; he hung his flame-proof jacket neatly; he showered luxuriously, and then, whistling, hands in pockets, walked across the upper floor of the fire station and fell down the hole. At the last moment, when disaster seemed positive, he pulled his hands from his pockets and broke his fall by grasping the golden pole. He slid to a squeaking halt, the heels one inch from the concrete floor

downstairs." Instead of simply telling us, Bradbury shows us that Montag has been doing his job for a long time. Montag drops down the hole, hands in pockets, the way the geese cross the street through traffic; one inch from disaster and never blinking. I know that no one has time to read these days, but at 163 pages, Fahrenheit 451 won't take much of your time and is very worth it, even if you don't normally read novels. I promise you'll enjoy it.



Leslie Brock, Susan Hedges and Elise Gatlin throw ducks.

photo Kimi Jeanson



Brook Smith, Jonathan Scott and Brooke Wells toss beads to students.

photo by Joyce Mabry



Dr. Steve Bishop laughs as he throws beads.

photo by Kimi Jeanson

How to travel as a college student

By Liza Nettles, staff writer

Do you want to do more than a simple trip to the beach during school breaks? Do you have the urge to travel the world, but don't know where to start? I have some tips on traveling that will make it easier. Some may believe that they can't travel because flying is too expensive, but there are ways to reduce those ridiculous ticket prices. When planning a trip, look for plane tickets before actually setting the dates. If you're more flexible, you'll find cheaper prices. The best time to go is during the off season. Bringing a couple friends cuts down on some costs during the trip like transportation, food, and especially lodging. In my experience, the best and most affordable place to stay is usually an Airbnb. You still need to research prices for Airbnb, but they're so much better than hotel prices, and so convenient, that I almost always Airbnb when I travel and

I am always pleased with my experience. The next thing to consider while traveling is food costs. You should avoid eating out every meal; your trip will become super pricey. Often, you can go to the supermarkets and stock up on food, which will save a lot of money that you can use to buy cute items to take back home. One of the most important things I have learned is to not over pack. You'll end up in LAX with a zipper busted on your luggage while everyone awkwardly waits to see who'll grab it. Traveling is one of the most amazing things and I highly recommend it to everyone and anyone. Travel the world, or even just the state! It is not as hard as everyone makes it out to be, and you will be glad you did.

Spiritual Emphasis Week inspires



BSU 2017-2018: Ben Sticker, First Baptist Church Summit Student Pastor; Greg Marble of McComb, Daniel Herndon, BSU Director; Tyler Penalber of Holden, LA; Brooke Wells of Summit, Jonathan Scott of Magnolia, Haven Johnson of Jayess, Evan Busbin of Tylertown.



Spiritual Emphasis Week: SMCC President Dr. Steve Bishop; First United Methodist Church Brookhaven Associate Pastor Tyler Bridge; SMCC Director of Media Systems Nathan Wells and Wesley Foundation member DeCorio Wedig of Kentwood, LA.

Southwest Mississippi programs presented by the Community College recently hosted a two day Spiritual Emphasis week which featured song and testimony. Wesley Team along with guest speaker Ben Sticker, First Baptist Church Summit Student Pastor shared God's word with students through Wesley Foundation hosted the second day which featured Tyler Bridge, First United Methodist Church.

Fears are educated into us

By Decorio Wedig, staff writer

Karl Augustus Menninger, who was an American psychiatrist, once said, "Fears are educated into us, and can, if we wish, be educated out." Some people would agree with his quote; others have differing opinions. I personally believe that he hit the nail on the head with this one. Throughout life, we are taught to fear the unknown. So, I picked up a few of my own fears along the way such as losing a relative, failing a test, and believe it or not, becoming a leader.

Losing a relative to death will always be terrifying to me, especially when it's somebody I love. I fear that I will lose motivation, perhaps crawl into a hole and disappear. I probably would doubt my faith, and I might even lose my purpose for living. Life would be a challenge without their guidance. Fortunately, I have yet to experience death.

Although death can be painful, another terror of mine is failing a test. When I take a test, my hands get all sweaty and my heart beats a little faster. I begin to overthink the material. The idea of recalling formulas in math and science for a grade can be intimidating. I can understand that if I were to take a test unprepared I would fail. However, my greatest fear is going into a test prepared, and failing because of my fears, rather than my lack of preparedness.

Not only do I fear failing a simple manmade test, but also I fear becoming a leader. It just may be at the top of my greatest fears. Honestly, the thought of guiding anyone turns my stomach. I am so afraid to become any form of leader because I dislike disappointing people, particularly when they believe in me. I'm human; I'm flawed; and I will make mistakes; I promise. Nonetheless, I fear that I may also succeed at becoming a leader.

I'm sure there will be more fears to overcome and unlearn in the future. I have yet to conquer my fears, but I will continue to work and understand them.

Student spotlight: Caleb Crosby

By Kaitlyn McCarlie, co-editor

Caleb is from Bogue Chitto, MS. He says that as a child, he loved to spend the afternoons playing in the woods, reading books, and riding his bike up and down the roads near his house. "I always dreamed of just getting on my bike and riding away, of going off to see the world and having an adventure. So, after I graduated from Bogue Chitto School, I joined the Navy where I worked as a mechanic." Caleb is back in Mississippi now, and attending school here at Southwest Mississippi Community College. Regarding his decision to attend Southwest, Caleb says, "I realized that I need to be in school, and I knew that Southwest was great for academics with a nice campus. Both my parents graduated from here, and it's close to home so I can visit my family."

Caleb is a co-editor of the *Pine Burr* and member of the yearbook staff. Outside of school, Caleb spends most of his time reading and studying the Japanese language. His goal is to read classic novels in Japanese, and to translate literature into English. His other hobbies are cycling, exploring, and hanging out with friends on the weekends. After graduation, he plans to transfer to Ole Miss and major in linguistics. Caleb hopes to use his language skills to pursue a career as a language teacher or a translator.



Magee: player of the week

By Michael Gunnell, Sports Information Director

For her performance in the Lady Bears' season-opening doubleheader sweep of Holmes, sophomore catcher Miranda Magee has been named the MACJC Player of the Week. A graduate of Columbia Academy, Magee batted .571 as the Lady Bears defeated Holmes 3-2 and 14-4 (in five innings). She went 4-7 at the plate, with a two-run homer in game one and a bases-loaded triple in the finale, while driving in seven runs. She also stole two bases. "I'm proud that Miranda was able to come through with a big hit," head coach Shea Johnson said of Magee's game-one blast. "You want your sophomore to step up and be the one to do something like that and I couldn't be more proud of her. I look forward to (more) big things from her."

Spiritual Emphasis Week

By DeCorio Wedig, staff writer

SMCC recently hosted a two-day spiritual event. It took place in the Fine Arts building. Students were asked to be a part of this movement. Day two of the Spiritual Emphasis Week was led by Pastor Tyler Bridge and his acoustic guitar. He began serenading the room with four songs of his choice. He opened with, "Holy Spirit," a song by Francesca Battistelli, in addition, with a few other tunes such as, "Our God," by Chris Tomlin, and "Nothing But the Blood," by Hillsong United. However, there was one melody that stood out from the rest titled, "Rock My Soul," written by Duff Dorrouge. Before Tyler performed, he shared a memory of Duff Dorrouge, and the impact of the loss of his friend with the audience. Tyler expressed that they developed a friendship connecting through their love for music. In conversation, I asked him if he had a favorite quote. He replied, "God is available to everyone." For information about Pastor Tyler Bridge, you can find him on Facebook. @ Tyler Bridge.



Childcare children celebrate 100 Days: Pickett Adams, Krista Smith, Maddox Abdul-Hadi, Beau Leger, Stone Troxler, Cale Lord; second row: Paisley Freeman, Keller Porter, Stella White, Angela McDaniel Teacher; third row: Beverly Moak Teacher, Kylar Myles Houston, Jase Johnston, Silas Gatlin, Drew Parker, Andy Ulrich photo by Kimi Jeanson



HEADWAE: SMCC Vice-President for Academic Affairs Alicia Show; HEADWAE Student Trulee Torres; HEADWAE Instructor Mr. Mike Flowers; SMCC President Dr. Steve Bishop.

Bus driver

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

I woke up. I was sitting on the very back row of a public transit bus. It had blue bench seats with silver poles for people standing. I heard the low hum of the diesel and the rattling of loose windows as we hit a bump. There were only a few other passengers. I looked out the window and saw that we were being taken through some urban area that I didn't recognize. It was boring. I stood up and carefully walked down the aisle, grabbing each pole along the way. As I moved forward, I glanced at the other passengers' faces. They were pallid with vacant expressions. They didn't look at me. I made it to the front of the bus and stood beside the driver. It was Dick Van Dyke. He wore a broad toothy grin.

"Where are we?" I asked.
 "This is the afterlife. I'm delivering the recently dead." he answered.
 "I'm not dead yet."
 He stopped smiling but didn't reply.
 "Where are we going?"
 Dick Van Dyke didn't answer.
 I gave up questioning him, and noticed the scenery we were passing. It was dusty with a scattering of trees. I saw a land oil rig. Nearby, some men were standing around talking. One of them was my grandfather.
 "Stop the bus!"
 He didn't answer.
 "I said stop! Stop the bus!" I grabbed Dick and shook him, screaming. The bus didn't stop. I felt weak. My head pounded, my vision blurred and I fell down, still screaming. I fell asleep.

Spotlight student: Ailin Franzante

By Jonathan Scott, co-editor

Ailin Franzante is a Biology major at Southwest and member of the women's soccer team. She is the daughter of Cristian and Paula Franzante. As an international student, she is originally from Neuquén, Argetina and is a high school graduate from Instituto María Auxiliadora. She says that she has always enjoyed soccer and grew up playing the sport with her father and her two brothers, Luciano and Agustin. Her love for soccer continues to grow now that she can play the sport at Southwest.

Initially, Franzante was studying law, but the idea of becoming a lawyer doesn't compare to her desire to pursue soccer. In May of 2016, she attended a soccer camp in Buenos Aires, Argentina where she met Southwest men's soccer coach Zack Mills. Mills offered her a scholarship to play soccer at Southwest, and she accepted. The following August she started as a student at SMCC and is now a member of the Lady Bears soccer team.

Franzante notices a lot of cultural differences between the United States and Argentina; she sometimes misses home. A big difference to her is the way food is handled. She notes that in her home country, food is more natural and that in the US, a lot of food is processed. Despite the differences between the two countries there are many things she likes about America and Southwest.

She has many friends in both countries and really good relationships with her instructors and coaches, and she feels secure at Southwest. The on-campus environment is extremely appealing to her as well.

"I love nature," she says. "I love the trees... I feel more freedom to go places."

In addition to the soccer team, Franzante is also involved in other activities and hobbies. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and she enjoys art, singing, dancing, being outside and playing

HEADWAE honors recipients



Mike Flowers

Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence (HEAD-WAE) is a program developed by the Legislature of Mississippi and sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Each year, HEADWAE honors the intellectually talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions for their marvelous contributions to promoting academic excellence. Southwest Mississippi Community College instructor Mike Flowers and sophomore Trulee Torres are recognized at the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence ceremony in Jackson, Mississippi.

Flowers, an instructor of 38 years, serves as an Occupational Safety and Health Technology instructor. He is a member of The American Society of Safety Engineers and a blood donor. Flowers is a graduate of Nicholls State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Business in 1972 and a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision in 1985.

Trulee Torres, a Banking and Finance Technology major, is an exceptional student with a 4.0 GPA. Trulee, who is married to Jorge A. Torres, is a graduate of North Pike High School, and was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Public speaking during her freshman year of 2017.

Every year, the Mississippi Legislature hosts Appreciation Day in Jackson as a way of thanking the students and faculty for their contri-



Trulee Torres

butions to the future of the state. Honorees are invited to the State Capitol, where the Lieutenant Governor welcomes them. From there, they are introduced to both houses of the legislature, the following luncheon involves a hearty meal and an introduction of the nominees in front of a myriad of guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors, and legislators.

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning governs the public universities in Mississippi, including Alcorn State University; Delta State University; Jackson State University; Mississippi State University, which includes the Mississippi State University Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine; Mississippi University for Women; Mississippi Valley State University; the University of Mississippi, including the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Appreciation Day is meant to foster excellence among those in higher education in order to "further leadership, increase knowledge across the broad spectrum of education, and promote good citizens capable of thriving in today's society who are prepared to meet future challenges," as stated by www.mississippi.edu/headwae. "To this end, one student and faculty honoree are annually selected from each of the thirty-four public and private member institutions of the Mississippi Association of Colleges to participate in the Appreciation Day activities."



Scholarship recipients: Tammy Menard, SMCC Alumni Association President; Corey Cook of Tylertown; Cori Nelson, SMCC Alumni Association Vice-President; Ty LaCoste of Liberty; Rhonda Gibson, SMCC Alumni Association Director; Seated, L-R: Brook Havard of Gloster; Madison Bates of Summit. Southwest Mississippi Community College Alumni Association scholarship recipients for 2018 include: Corey Cook of Tylertown, Ty LaCoste of Liberty, Brook Havard of Gloster, and Madison Bates of Summit. SMCC Alumni Association Scholarship recipients work in the concession stand during all of the home football games and assist with the Pine Burr mail out and Alumni Association functions. Recipients must be enrolled full-time at SMCC and maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA. photo by Joyce Mabry



Mardi Gras Royalty: King Brent Harris and Queen Gwen May throw beads at the annual March of the Ducks Part Trois parade on the beautiful Southwest campus.

Video game review: Dragon Ball FighterZ

By Reggie Martin, staff writer

The much-anticipated Dragon Ball FighterZ game is out, but it's a different animal than what we're used to. This Dragon Ball game returns to the style of more traditional 2d fighting games and it's exactly what we been waiting for. For years fans have wanted a competitive arcade style game and this one absolutely nails it! One of the first things you'll notice are the jaw-dropping, gorgeous graphics. This is the most authentic Dragon Ball experience to date. Characters look like they walked straight out of the animation. It's literally the anime brought to life. Arc System Works, the developers of game, really paid attention to every little detail. Nothing that happens in the game didn't already happen in the show. Now, since this is a traditional fighting game, the roster is usually not that big. And with Dragon ball's hundreds of characters in the show, it's hard to please everyone and give them all their favorite fighters. Thankfully, Arc System Works found 24 solid characters that are well balanced and are all surprisingly fun to play with. Now, the gameplay is a blast. It's easier than other fighting games which makes the game accessible to new-comers who aren't fighting game veterans and just want a more causal experience. It's a 3 on 3 battle and there are auto combos that make it easier for new people. Don't think for a second that this means you can button mash your way to victory. You're going run into some highly skilled players who will put the fear of God into you. You'll see that as you play more, there are a lot of mechanics and combos that take some real practice to master. They've also added a new story mode that focuses around a new villain called Android 21, who has created an army of evil clones of the heroes and must be stopped.

This is where the gameplay starts to feel repetitive as it has you fight clones over and over again before you make it to the main boss fight or the next cutscenes. It's a real shame because the dialogue in the story is fantastic. Characters have funny lines toward each other and they really answer some of the questions fans have had for years about the show. There is also an arcade mode which puts you against challenging Ai fights and you are rated based on your performance. I commend Arc Systems for taking the old-school approach of unlocking in-game content.

Unlike today's gaming where you have to use real life money to unlock just about anything, instead, you can beat the arcade mode on hard difficulty to get 2 new characters. Now if the arcade is too challenging, you are rewarded in game currency to purchase the new characters just by playing the game. The great thing is that none of it is your actual money, just fictional money that the game gives you based on how much you play. The game is beautiful; it has an interesting roster, good dialogue, it has fun, over-the-top action, and it doesn't try to drain every cent you have in your wallet. If you're a Dragon Ball fan, this is a must play. Don't let the arcade style fighting intimidate you or throw you off. This is a well-crafted Dragon Ball experience and one that is going to be hard to top.



Bears beat the East Central Warriors



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The Lady Bears withstood a late challenge by the host Mississippi Gulf Coast Lady Bulldogs to pick up their third straight win, 62-53, Thursday night.

The win moved the Lady Bears to 13-3 overall and 4-3 in the MACJC South Division. Gulf Coast dropped to 6-10, 0-7.

After seeing Gulf Coast score the first two points of the game, the Lady Bears took over the first quarter. After Keturah Bingham's three pointer put the Lady Bears on top 12-5, they continued on for a 19-2 run that left them with a 19-7 lead going into the second quarter.

Gulf Coast scored the first nine points of the second stanza to pull to within 19-16 with 7:30 left before halftime. A Peyton Papenburg trey then started a 10-3 run by the Lady Bears that saw them take a 29-19 advantage with 3:04 on the clock.

An Amari Pittman three pointer with the first half winding down left the Lady Bears with a 43-23 lead at the end of the half.

A Kacie Fountain jumper, with 5:16 on the third quarter clock, gave the Lady Bears their largest margin of the night, 41-27. Gulf Coast then closed the quarter on an 8-2 to draw to within eight, 43-35, with one quarter remaining.

After the Lady Bears extended their lead back to double digits, 47-36, a 9-2 run allowed Gulf Coast to trim their deficit to 49-45 with 5:42 left in the game.

But, that would be as close as the hosts would get as a 10-4 run, capped by a Fountain free throw, saw the Lady Bears move out to a 59-49 lead with 1:04 to go. They then went on to claim the nine-point victory.

"Our defense had more intensity in the first half," said Lady Bears head coach Brent Harris. "We rebounded well all night; we just had some unforced turnovers at times."

"Keturah was very efficient offensively," Harris continued, "(and) Kacie had a big night distributing the basketball."

Bingham scored 12 points for the Lady Bears to lead all scorers. Fountain recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 assists. The Lady Bears made 18 of 24 free throws.

Eanna Sims and Shelli Thigpen both scored 10 points to top the Gulf Coast offense. Gulf Coast was 8-12 at the free throw line.

Despite a season-high 31 points from standout guard Roydell Brown, the Bears were defeated on the road Thursday night in MACJC action by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs, 85-80. Brown also pulled down 11 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the campaign.

After falling behind 4-0 early

in the first half, the Bears (12-4, 3-4) scored 11 of the next 16 points. Brown's three pointer with 14:49 on the clock left the Bears with an 11-9 advantage.

After a 15-3 run left them on top 24-14, the Bulldogs then went on an 11-2 run to move out to a 35-19 lead with 4:40 on the clock.

Started by Brown's layup, the Bears then scored 13 of the final 20 points of the half to cut their deficit to 42-32 at intermission.

The teams traded baskets through the early going of the second half before the Bears drew to within 44-37 on a Brown free throw with 12:53 left in the game.

The Bulldogs (11-5, 4-3) then outscored the Bears 9-3 over the next 3:33 to move back out to a double-digit lead, 67-56, with 9:20 left in the game.

But, showing they still had some fight left in them, the Bears went on a 9-1 run, capped by an Antonio Cowart, Jr., jumper, to pull to within 68-65 with 6:57 to go.

Gulf Coast then answered with a 10-3 run to extend their lead to 79-68 with 3:29 remaining.

But, again, the Bears refused to go quietly. A John Knight III jumper with 0:58 left ended a 9-2 run that left them down 80-77.

After the Bulldogs answered with three free throws to go up by six, 83-77, the Bears got a three pointer from Cowart, Jr., to make the score 83-80 with 0:08 on the clock.

That, however, would prove to be the final points of the game for the Bears as the Bulldogs would go on to record the five-point victory.

Cowart, Jr., also scored in double figures for the Bears with 22 points (he also had seven assists). Knight III totaled 13 points. Jeremy Harrell led the Bears on the boards with 12 rebounds. The Bears combined to go 9-15 from the free throw line.

Dedoch Chan topped the Bulldogs' offense with 21 points. He and his teammates were 25-35 at the free throw line.

February 1, 2018

With four players scoring in double figures, the Lady Bears picked up their fourth straight win Thursday night with a 70-55 MACJC South Division defeat of the visiting East Central Lady Warriors.

A Peyton Papenburg three pointer and Keturah Bingham layup helped the Lady Bears take a 7-2 lead with 4:42 left in the first quarter. East Central would respond with a 10-3 run to close out the quarter and take a 12-10 advantage into the second quarter.

Beginning with a Rachel Thompson jumper and a three pointer from Amari Pittman, the Lady Bears (14-3, 5-3) opened the second quarter on an 8-3 run to reclaim the lead, 20-18, with 5:27 before halftime. The teams then traded baskets the rest of the period before a Pittman trey left the Lady Bears on top 28-26 at intermission.

Danyelle Lewis' trey started the Lady Bears on a 24-6 run that saw them take their largest lead of the night, 52-32, with 1:59 left in the third quarter. They took a 52-

34 lead into the final quarter.

East Central (9-7, 2-6) outscored the Lady Bears 19-10 to open the fourth quarter and pull to within 62-51 with 3:20 left in the game. A pair of Rachel Thompson free throws extended the Lady Bears' lead back to 64-51 with 2:12 to go and they went on to claim the 15-point victory.

"I was really proud of (our) discipline and focus to finish the game out," said Lady Bears head coach Brent Harris. "We had balanced scoring (tonight and) we competed with more energy in the second half."

Leading the Lady Bears' offense with 14 points was Thompson. Pittman finished the game with 11 points. Bingham had a double-double, her fourth of the year, with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Papenburg also scored 10 points. Kacie Fountain turned in nine assists. The Lady Bears were perfect at the free throw line, making all 10 shots.

Playing what head coach Thomas Gray said was "our guys' hardest played game (of the season), the Bears ended a three-game slide Thursday night with a thrilling 92-88 overtime MACJC South Division win at home over the visiting East Central Warriors.

The win moved the Bears to 13-4 on the season and 4-4 in the South. East Central dropped to 8-9 and 2-6.

The game was tight from the beginning with three ties in the first 3:14. But, with the game knotted 9-9, a Howard Smith three pointer started the Bears on a 12-2 run, capped by an Antonio Cowart, Jr., short-range jumper, that left them with a 21-11 lead with 11:56 before halftime.

Just 2:23 later, a Roydell Brown layup extended the Bears' lead to 25-13 with 9:33 on the clock.

The Warriors then went on a scoring spree, outscoring the Bears 19-7 tie the game at 32-32 with 0:34 on the clock. A John Knight III bucket with 0:11 remaining then sent the Bears into the locker room with a 34-32 lead at intermission.

The Warriors took their first lead of the game, 35-34, with 19:01 left. A 12-3 run, capped by a Jeremy Harrell long-range bomb, put the Bears back on top, 46-38, with 16:55 to go.

With the Bears on top 54-49, the Warriors scored seven of the next nine points to tie even things at 56-56 with 10:34 still to play.

The teams would trade baskets for the next several minutes, with neither leading by more than five points, before the Bears held a 79-77 lead with 0:22 on the clock.

The Warriors would then stave off defeat, temporarily, by hitting a pair of late free throws to force the teams into extra play, tied at 79-79. The Bears quickly took over in overtime with a Cowart, Jr., three pointer starting a 10-2 run that left them on top 89-81 with 0:53 left. The Warriors would pull to within 90-86 with 0:29 on the clock, but a pair of Smith free throws would help seal the deal and help the Bears to the four-point win.

"I thought, from start to finish

they played harder than they have all year," Gray said of his squad. "Obviously, I think a little bit had to do with what East Central did to us when we went to Decatur right before the Christmas break (the Warriors defeated the Bears by 26 points in that meeting). They really got us good and I thought our guys responded."

Knight III led the Bears, and all scorers, with 23 points in the game. Harrell finished the game with 21 points. Brown and Cowart, Jr., both turned in double-doubles; Brown scored 16 points and pulled down 13 rebounds while Cowart, Jr., also scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds. The Bears went 26-43 at the free throw line.

Thurston McCarty scored 20 points to pace the Warriors. The visitors hit 17 of 23 free throws.

February 6, 2018

Amari Pittman nailed a three-pointer with 0:01 on the clock Monday night to give the Lady Bears a dramatic 60-59 MACJC South Division win over the host Pearl River Lady Wildcats. It was the Lady Bears' fifth straight victory and gave them the season sweep over Pearl River.

With the win, the Lady Bears moved to 15-3 overall and 6-3 in the South. Pearl River fell to 11-6, 4-5.

The game was tight from start to finish with 11 ties and 13 lead changes. After the Lady Bears took an early 2-0 lead, the teams battled to an 11-11 tie at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, a 10-4 run by the Lady Bears, capped by a pair of Danyelle Lewis free throws, left them on top 21-15 with 6:19 before halftime. Pearl River then went on to score 14 of the final 20 points of the half to take a 29-27 lead at intermission.

A Rachel Thompson layup, with 9:11 left in the third quarter put the Lady Bears on top 32-29. Then, with 5:49 on the clock, a pair of Keturah Bingham free throws gave the Lady Bears a 34-30 advantage. After two ties and two lead changes, Bingham's jumper with 0:44 showing left the Lady Bears with a 40-38 lead with the fourth quarter still to come.

Pearl River outscored the Lady Bears 17-10 in the first 6:12 of the fourth quarter to take their biggest lead of the game, 55-50, with 3:48 left in the game.

A pair of Pearl River free throws, with 0:12 on the clock, seemed to seal the game for the hosts as it gave them a 59-55 lead. Then, the magic happened for the Lady Bears. After Jamaya Galloway laid the ball in the goal to make the score 59-57, Peyton Papenburg stole the ball on the inbounds pass. She then made a quick pass to Pittman who calmly fired the ball through the net to allow the Lady Bears to escape with the win.

"I am very proud of our team for fighting through some tough situations and finding a way to win on the road," said Lady Bears head coach Brent Harris. "Rachel had a huge offensive rebound off a free throw. Jamaya made a tough layup to set up the ending

when Peyton made a great steal at the end and found Amari in a scramble. But, Kaci (Fountain) was a true leader all night and kept our energy high."

Pittman had 13 points to lead the Lady Bears. Bingham netted 11 points while Thompson scored 10. Fountain registered seven assists. The Lady Bears hit 14 of 22 free throws.

Rehema Franklin paced the Pearl River offense with 13 points. The home team was 4-5 at the free throw line

The Bears found the road was a tough place to be Monday night as they were defeated 72-57 by Pearl River in MACJC South Division play in Poplarville.

With the loss, the Bears fell to 13-5 overall and 4-5 in the South. Pearl River climbed to 15-2, 7-2.

Pearl River took an early 2-0 lead. The Bears then scored the next six points, taking a 6-2 lead on a Roydell Brown jumper with 18:05 left in the first half.

Unfortunately for the Bears, Pearl River would then go on a 23-5 run and take a 25-11 lead with 11:19 still to play in the half. Then, with 8:47 on the clock, the hosts took their biggest lead of the half, 30-13

Antonio Cowart, Jr., and Jeremy Harrell combined to score six straight points for the Bears to pull them to within 30-19 with 7:18 before the half. The teams would trade baskets the remainder of the half before going into intermission with Pearl River on top 41-29. A pair of Harrell buckets trimmed the Bears' deficit to 41-33 with 18:12 left in the game. But, Pearl River quickly scored six straight to push out to a 47-33 advantage with 16:20 to play.

With 9:07 on the clock, a Brown three-point play allowed the Bears to pull to within 10 points, 57-47. That, unfortunately, would be as close as the Bears would get the rest of the night. After an 11-2 run allowed Pearl River to take its largest lead of the game, 68-49, with 4:57 to play, the Bears could come no closer than 14 points.

"Tonight was a game where I felt we could never really get in a rhythm offensively," said Bears head coach Thomas Gray. "I thought our shot selection could have been a little better. Also, defensively, we didn't have the attention to detail that you have to play in order to beat a tough team on the road. We will take this loss as an opportunity to improve as a team." Cowart, Jr., had 13 points and 10 rebounds, his fifth double-double of the year, to lead the Bears. Brown also had a double-double, his eighth of the season, with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Harrell also netted 10 points. The Bears hit 14 of 25 free throws.

February 8, 2018

Once again, the Lady Bears and Co-Lin battled to the very end, but, unlike their previous meeting, the Lady Bears were unable to come out on top as they fell 55-53 in the MACJC South Division contest in Wesson.

With the loss, the Lady Bears fell to 16-5 overall and, at 7-5, remain in third place in the South. Co-Lin moved to 18-3 and 9-3.

Co-Lin took an early 4-0 lead in the first quarter before buckets from Rachel Thompson and Keturah Bingham helped the Lady Bears knot the game at 6-6 with 3:38 on the clock. Free throws from Jamaya Galloway then left the Lady Bears trailing 12-10 at the end of the quarter.

The teams traded baskets through most of the second quarter, resulting in a pair of ties and five lead changes. Co-Lin took their largest lead of the first half, 14-10, with 9:37 before the end of the half.

Layups from Bingham and Thompson then put the Lady Bears on top 223-19 with 1:34 on the clock. They then took a 23-21 lead into the locker room at intermission.

Outscoring their hosts 9-4 to open the third quarter, the Lady Bears went on top 32-25 with 5:01 left. A pair of Galloway free throws then put them ahead 42-32 with one quarter still to play.

The Lady Bears seemed to have things well in hand when, with 9:45 left in the game, a pair of Ty Lee free throws gave them their largest lead of the game, 45-32.

Bingham and Thompson both scored 13 points to lead the Lady Bears' offense (Thompson also pulled down 10 rebounds for a double-double). Kacie Fountain recorded seven assists. The Lady Bears made good on 15 of 20 free throws.

A long-range jumper at the buzzer went awry Thursday night, leaving the Bears on the short end of a heartbreaking 73-71 MACJC South Division decision to Co-Lin in Wesson.

The loss left the Bears with a 15-6 overall mark; they remain in fourth place in the South. Division-leading Co-Lin moved to 18-3 and 9-3.

Buckets from Roydell Brown and Jeremy Harrell gave the Bears a 6-0 lead with 17:28 left in the first half. A 7-2 run, capped by Brown's jumper, then put the Bears on top 20-13 with 11:53 on the clock. The Bears seemed to be in control of the matter when a 12-2 run, capped by an Antonio Cowart, Jr., trey left them with a 34-20 advantage with 7:05 left before the end of the half. A 9-2 run to open the second half saw Co-Lin take a 47-44 lead with 16:47 left in the game. An 8-0 run then gave the hosts their biggest lead of the game, 57-48, with 11:00 to go. The Bears trailed 69-60 with 6:24 still to play. Not wanting to give up without a fight, they proceeded to score 11 of the final 15 points of the game, six of them coming from John Knight III, and pull to within two points, 73-71, with 1:16 remaining. "I was glad to see the perseverance that our guys showed to be able to have a chance to win the game with the last possession, but, unfortunately, the result wasn't what he had hoped for." Knight III scored 16 points to lead the Bears' offense. Brown had 11 points and 12 rebounds for his 10th double-double of the season.

Lady Bears explode with hits against Holmes

February 2, 2018

The Lady Bears pounded visiting Holmes Community College for 23 hits and 17 runs Friday afternoon enroute to a 3-2, 14-4 season-opening double header sweep. Game two was called after five innings.

Game one was scoreless until the bottom of the third when Tia Bussey led off with a base hit. Two batters later, Miranda Magee blasted the first pitch she saw over the left field fence to put the Lady Bears on top 2-0. She would later add a single.

Three singles and a ground out resulted in a run for Holmes in the top of the fifth to pull them to within 2-1. The Lady Bears responded in the bottom of the frame when Kayla McNabb hit a line-drive double to centerfield and scored two batters later on a Holmes error to make the score 3-1.

Holmes added a run in the top of the seventh, but left the tying run on base.

Kassie Shipley went six innings in the circle to get the win for the Lady Bears. She surrendered two runs on four hits while striking out two batters. Jordan McNabb struck out two and gave up one hit in one inning of work.

The Lady Bears trailed 2-0

before their first at bat in the nightcap. A two RBI double by Carrington Jefcoat and Jordan McNabb's two RBI single allowed the Lady Bears to go on top 5-2 after the first. A fielder's choice accounted for the fifth run. McNabb also had a single in the game.

The Lady Bears lead was 6-4 when they exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the third to extend their lead to 13-4. The inning was highlighted by Magee's bases-loaded triple and a two-RBI double by Jefcoat (her third hit of the game).

Magee would add an RBI single in the Lady Bears' fourth to account for the final run of the game.

Mikaela Smith allowed three runs on three hits and a walk in 1.2 innings to pick up the win. Jordan McNabb pitched 2.2 quality innings to get a save.

Kayla McNabb had four hits in the game while Ashley Elsensohn singled twice.

"I think anytime you sweep at home you've got to be pleased," said Lady Bears head coach Shea Johnson, "especially leading off (the season). We grew up a lot from the first game to the second game."

"I'm proud of our staff, I'm

proud of our defense," Johnson continued. "We challenged them (the players). We hit .260 in the first game (and) challenged them to get up over .300 in the second and I really think they did a great job. It was a great team effort."

The Lady Bears will be back in action on February 6 when they open up the Coca-Cola Challenge in Wesson against Co-Lin. Game one of the twinbill is set for a 3:00 first pitch.

February 9, 2018

The Lady Bears exploded for 38 hits and 30 runs Friday afternoon in Moorhead as they moved to 4-0 on the young season with a 16-2 and 14-2 doubleheader sweep of the Mississippi Delta Lady Trojans.

The Lady Bears took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first in game one. A two-run double from Carrington Jefcoat, her second hit of the game, and a run-scoring double by Terrah Nelson then helped the Lady Bears score four more runs in the top of the second to extend their lead to 8-0.

An RBI double from Tia Bussey, her second hit of the game, along with another RBI double by Nelson and Ashley Elsensohn's RBI triple aided the Lady Bears' eight-run third inning that left them with a 16-0 advantage. The

Lady Trojans then picked up their only hits and runs of the game in the bottom of the inning.

Kassie Shipley went two innings in the circle, striking out two batters and surrendering no hits, to pick up the win. Kayla McNabb had five hits in the game, including a double, while driving in three runs and scoring three. Elsensohn picked up four hits and scored four runs. Miranda Magee had a pair of hits while Madison Bates had a double.

It was more of the same for the Lady Bears in the finale with all nine batters getting at least two hits. Elsensohn and Melanie Crum both had an RBI single in the top of the second to put the Lady Bears on top 2-0. Elsensohn would later add another hit and RBI while Crum would also record a second hit.

Nelson's third RBI double of the day would increase the Lady Bears' lead to 4-0 in their half of the third (she also had a single in the game). In the top of the fifth, Magee drove in a run with a triple, her second hit of the game, to make the score 5-0.

A solo homer from Bates and her RBI double were the big blows in the top of the fifth as the Lady Bears scored nine times to move ahead 14-0. In the bottom

of the fifth, the Lady Trojans (0-2) again avoided the shutout, using a single, walk and two hit batters to score their only runs of the game.

Mikaela Smith went four innings in the circle, giving up one hit while striking out three and walking one, to pick up the win. Bussey had three hits and a pair of RBI's in the game while Jordan McNabb and Kayla McNabb both hit safely twice.

February 14, 2018

The Lady Bears suffered their first defeats of the season Wednesday night with 8-3 and 5-3 losses at home to the Hinds Eagles.

The Lady Bears trailed 3-0 before coming to bat for the first time in the opener. In the bottom of the frame, Ashley Elsensohn lead off with a double to left field (she later added a triple in the game) before scoring two batters later on a bases-loaded walk to Jordan McNabb. A passed ball then allowed Kayla McNabb cross the plate and a Madison Shortstop scored another run to tie the game at 3-3.

Hinds then scored solo runs in their half of the fourth and fifth innings to go on top 5-3. The Lady Eagles (7-2) then added

three more runs in the top of the seventh to secure the win.

Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle for the Lady Bears, allowing five runs on seven hits. She struck out one batter while also walking one. Both Melanie Crum and Kayla McNabb had a base hit.

Game two was scoreless until the bottom of the third when Elsensohn reached base on a one-out walk. After stealing second, she then scored on a Jordan McNabb base hit up the middle. The Lady Bears (4-2) made it 3-0 in the fifth inning when Miranda Magee blasted a 1-0 pitch over the centerfield fence. Also scoring on the play was Crum, on base via a walk.

Hinds used a double and pair of singles in the top of the sixth to make the score 3-2. They then scored what proved to be the winning runs in the top of the seventh on a pair of base hits and Madeleine Hart's homer to right field.

Jordan McNabb took the loss in the circle, giving up five runs on 11 hits while striking out two and walking one. Carrington Jefcoat had two hits for the Lady Bears.

Short story: The Doorbell

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

This is a true story. Last year, around June, I was working in Brookhaven and living in my grandparent's old house. The street the house is on has been a dead end since a few years ago when the bridge that went over the train tracks was taken down. It's the last house on the street. It has a glass front door with two windows on either side; those are without any curtains. There's a little entry way, then another door that does have a curtain. I normally kept both doors locked at night. One weekend, there was a storm with strong gusts of wind that knocked down a tree limb. The tree limb hit the power line that goes to the last street light, the one that lit up my front yard. I still had power to the house, but no light outside by the road. I didn't mind so much because it wasn't shining in my bedroom window anymore, but I reported it to the city and the power company anyway. The light stayed out for more than a week after I reported it.

One night while the light was still out, I woke up suddenly to the chiming of the doorbell. Did I dream hearing the doorbell? Sometimes I dream things that wake me up. After a few moments, the doorbell sounded again. I looked at the clock. It was half past midnight. I got up out of bed and walked to my bedroom door. Then, the bell rang again. I walked to the inner door, the one with the curtain. Then, the bell sang again. I peered around the edge of the curtain; it was pitch dark outside. Then, the doorbell again. I flipped on the entry way light. I still couldn't see outside. If someone was standing by the door though, I thought the light would shine on them. My heart rate rose. I ran to check the back door, it was locked, back to the front door, no one there. My feet froze. As I stood there looking out, I heard the doorbell one more time. My neck hair rose. I decided against opening the door. Once I could move again, I reached up to the chime and flipped off the power switch. I went to my bedroom, sat on my bed and listened carefully. I laid down and kept listening. It was quiet. The next morning, I woke up and went to the front door. I thought, maybe, the doorbell circuit had shorted. After all, no one had been there. I would have seen them with the entryway light on. I looked at the doorbell button. It was jammed in. Who jammed it in?

Transferring after graduation?

By Elizabeth Foster, staff writer

Are you thinking about transferring to a university once you graduate from Southwest? Yes, leaving Southwest can be very stressful and hectic. Moving on to a university to further your education is something that everyone should do if possible. Transferring to a university seems hard, but it does not have to be that way. There are thousands of universities around the United States that accept transfer students. The university that I would highly recommend is Southeastern Louisiana University. Southeastern is located in Hammond, Louisiana and is a great school, not only academically but also in the students' quality of life. Southeastern has hundreds of majors to choose from and a very flexible transfer program. Also, if you chose to live on campus in the dorms, Southeastern has new dorms that are well kept and clean. Southeastern Louisiana University is very well known for their sports programs and they allow transfer students to try out for their teams which are great. All in all, Southeastern is an amazing university to transfer to and further your studies no matter what you want to achieve in life.



Softball team: Kayla McNabb, Carlee Evans, Tia Bussey, Madison Bates, Kassie Shipley; second row: Miranda Magee, Melanie Crum, Madison Parker, Ashley Eisensohn, Terrah Nelson, Jordan McNabb; third row: Kalyn Chemin, Mikaela Smith, Kiancie Fair, Jordan Harp, Makennah Redd, Jami Spears, Carrington Jefcoat



Baseball team: Ethan Campo, Cody Ross, Isaiah Davis, Jacob Siegel, Zach Dearman, Adam Haygood, Fidel Bello, Brendon Baker, Quartez Brown, T Tez Cole; second row: Will Ford, Aaron Ragsdale, Daren Smith, Lane Gordon, Cody Miller, Gage Kiser, Payton Yawn, Kyle Dillard, Reid Havard, Nathan Yennie; third row: Matthew Graves, Sy Odom, Brett Lott, Kyle Singleton, Jarid Sturgeon, Henry McDonald, Michael Buck, Mitchell Foreman, Tyler White, Paco Bello

Run, Melos by Osamu Dazai translated from Japanese Part One

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

Melos was furious. He resolved to end the atrocities of the tyrannous king Dionysius. Melos didn't understand politics; he was a shepherd in a small Grecian village. He got along in life by playing his flute and watching his sheep, but he was more alert towards evil than ordinary people. Melos didn't have a father or mother. He didn't have a wife. He lived together with his younger, sixteen years old, sister. She was to be married to a diligent young man in the village, and the day of the wedding ceremony was drawing near. Melos needed to buy cloth for the bridal clothing, and food and wine for the banquet, so one morning, Melos departed for the city of Syracuse. He left his village and crossed over plains and mountains. He walked twenty-five miles to reach the city. First, he gathered the supplies he needed, then he went for a stroll along the city's main street. Melos' childhood friend, Celenuntius, was working as a stone mason in the city. Melos planned to visit him. They hadn't met in a long time, so Melos was looking forward to seeing him. While walking through the city, Melos thought that it looked strange. It was conspicuously quiet. The sun had already set, so of course the streets were dark, but somehow they were more frightfully desolate than even the night could account for. The normally carefree Melos, bit by bit, began to feel anxious. He met a youth in the street and grabbed him. Melos asked, "What happened? Two years ago I came to this city, and even though it was night, the people were singing songs and the streets were always busy."

The youth shook his head and didn't answer. After walking for a short time, Melos met a grandfatherly man and more forcefully questioned him. He didn't answer. Melos shook him and repeated his question. The man hesitated for a moment then said in a barely audible voice, "The king is killing people." "Why is he killing people?" "It is said that some evil has possessed his heart, though I don't think anyone could have a heart as evil as his." "Has he killed many people?" "Yes, first he killed his sister's husband, then he killed his own heir. Then his sister. After that, his sister's son, and after that, the queen. Then he killed his closest advisor, Alexis." "What? Has he gone mad?" "No, he hasn't gone mad. He said that he can't believe in anyone. These days, he doubts his own subjects. If someone is living an even slightly gaudy lifestyle, he orders them to be bound and brought before him. If they refuse his commands, he has them crucified. He's killed six people that way today." Hearing this, Melos was enraged. "He's a disgusting king. He cannot be allowed to live." Melos was an uncomplicated man. With the purchased supplies still on his back, he ploddingly made his way to the castle. In a moment, Melos was found and arrested by a patrolling officer of the law. Upon being searched, a dagger was produced from Melos' pocket. This caused a great disturbance in the castle, and Melos was brought before the king. The despot Dionysius asked Melos, quietly yet firmly, "What were you planning to do with this dagger? Speak." The king's face was pallid, and the wrinkles on his forehead were deep, as if they had been carved. "Save the city from the hand of a tyrant." Melos answered

assuredly. "You were?" The king smiled sympathetically. "They can't be helped; you don't realize my despair." "No!" Melos retorted angrily. "Doubting the hearts of others is the most shameful vice. You simply can't help but doubt the loyalty of your own subjects." "It was you all who taught me that doubting is the correct frame of mind to be in. People's hearts are things that cannot be trusted. Humans are selfish by nature after all. Believing in them is something you should not do." The tyrant sat back, composed himself, and sighed. "I do, after all, want peace." "Peace for what purpose? To protect your own status?" Melos sneered. "Killing innocent people? What peace is that?" "Silence, peasant." The king suddenly raised his face and retaliated. "What nice things your mouth can say. I can't see anyone's deepest feelings, and you will soon be crucified, so I won't listen to your crying, sobbing apologies." "Alas, the king is good with words. Your conceit is justified. I am resolved to die a proper death, but ..." Melos faltered, dropping his gaze towards his feet. "But, I ask for your compassion, please, stay my execution for three days. I want my one and only sister to take a husband. Within three days, I'll give her a wedding ceremony in our village. Then, I'll definitely return." "Foolishness." The despot laughed in a low, hoarse voice. "What an absurd lie! As if an escaped song bird would come and return to its cage." "That's right. I'll come back." Melos insisted desperately. "I keep my word. Just allow me three days. My sister is waiting for me to come back. If you really can't believe me, and it pleases you, my friend Celenuntius, the

stone mason, is in the city. I have no other friend like him. Go and bring him here to be held in my place. If I run away, and by the third evening I haven't returned, please kill my friend. I beg you, do that for me." Upon hearing that, the king, feeling cruel, quietly gloated. What a cheeky thing to say! After all, it was obvious he wouldn't return. Pretending to be deceived by this liar and releasing him would be interesting. And, killing his substitute in three days would serve him right. This is why people can't be trusted. I'll put on a sad face and sentence the scapegoat to be crucified. Society's reprobates, calling themselves honest people, will go to great lengths to show off. "I have heard your request. We will summon your substitute. Return before the sunset of the third day. If you are late, we will most certainly kill him in your place. It is fine to be a little late. If you are just a little late, I will grant you a full pardon." "What are you saying?" "Haha. If you cherish your life, come late. I understand how you really feel." Vexed and angry, Melos violently stomped the ground. He suddenly didn't feel like saying anything. His old playmate Celenuntius was called, in the middle of the night, to the castle. The two good friends met together, for the first time in two years, there in the presence of the tyrant. Melos explained the situation to his friend. Celenuntius silently nodded, and embraced Melos firmly. Between two friends, that was enough. Celenuntius was bound. Melos departed immediately. It was early in summer, and the night sky was filled with stars.

To be continued ...

Student spotlight: Caitlin Smith

By Jonathan Scott, co-editor

Caitlin Smith is a welding student at Southwest. Originally from Brookhaven, Mississippi, she has been welding since an early age. Describing herself as a "country girl" and not a "girly girl," she spends a lot of time with her father learning hobbies and skills. Caitlin says that she started welding in the second grade when her dad taught her how to weld for a project she had. She has been doing it ever since. She likes to work with her hands. Her other projects include remodeling her room at the age of fourteen, and taking classes in construction as well as engineering during high school. She has been in Southwest's welding program since the eleventh grade when she signed up early and started taking extra classes. She says that she chose southwest because it has a two-year Associate's Degree program, which is what she wants to pursue. Smith loves building things and welding, and her ultimate goal is to be an inspector. She is one of only a few women in SMCC's welding program, and the first complete the program.

"Because I'm a female, it's difficult for us to go out into the job field without proper certifications," she said. Smith teaches classes at Southwest's Workforce Training facility and is a student teacher intern. After becoming an inspector, she will also be certified to teach. Smith notes that in the field of welding, women make more money and are more stable in their jobs, adding another benefit to the path she has chosen to follow. In addition to welding and building, she also enjoys fishing, working on vehicles, making jewelry, and teaching children at church.

Student spotlights: Fidel and Paco Bello

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

Baseball has been an important of life for Fidel and Paco Bello since early childhood. The brothers played together growing up, and continue to do so as teammates with the Bears, Fidel as a catcher and Paco as a pitcher/infielder. Fidel and Paco were born in Acapulco, Mexico. At the ages of six and five, they moved with their family to Arizona for a short period of time and then to Canton, Mississippi. Neither brother spoke English when first arriving in the country, but both said that it was not hard to learn primarily because of hearing it spoken so often. Paco began playing baseball at age four in a recreational T-ball league. He said that the sport was "a huge part of my life because I was able to travel and learn more about life here." Fidel had a bigger adjustment to the game because he didn't start playing until age nine. While everyone else, he said, "started playing on the T-Ball level" he started out with "Coach Pitch and it took me awhile to play well." Both Fidel and Paco played high school baseball at Canton Academy before arriving at Southwest. At Southwest, Fidel is a sophomore majoring in general studies while Paco studies Major Process Operations technology as a freshman. Fidel said his career as a Bear started when he "played a showcase game here and the coaches saw me play" and apparently they liked what they saw. When given the opportunity, Paco also became part of the team. He made that decision, at least in part, because "my brother received a scholarship here and it made me want to come," too, he said. "I also felt like I belonged here after my visit." After graduation, Fidel would like to continue with the game. "I would love to see myself playing at a higher level and be the best player I can be," said Fidel. "I want to reach my highest potential" in the sport. However, Paco is not sure what role baseball might play in his future.



Kevin Bennett and Kade Boone roll down College Drive.

photo by Noah Martin

Intramurals: basketball action

Bill Wallace, Director of Athletics and Director of Intramurals



Stephon Walker and Terrion Bell go head to head at the goal.

photo Noah Martin



William Kelly controls the ball as he goes to the goal.

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