

“Titanic” celebrates 25th anniversary

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James Cameron’s hit film “Titanic” is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a re-release starting Valentine’s day in 3D. “Titanic” has been preserved in the United States National Film Registry for being “culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant.” “Titanic” is a romance directed, written, produced and co-edited by Cameron. The movie is centered around two lovers Rose & Jack. In 1996 researchers studied the wreck of RMS Titanic and recovered a safe hiding in a diamond necklace that is known as the heart of the ocean. Instead they find a drawing of a young woman wearing the necklace dated the day the Titanic sank. In a flashback from 1912, we see a 17 year old Rose. The bulk of the movie takes place on the Titanic. If you have never seen the movie it is a must watch. This is not the first time the movie has been re-released in 3D. The movie was re-released in April 2012 for the centennial of the sinking of the Titanic as well as 2017 for its 20th anniversary. The record breaking film

will be playing in Jonesboro until Thursday. Show times include Wednesday 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. at the Malco Towne Cinema on Parker Rd. To celebrate its anniversary here are 10 fun facts about “Titanic”

- 1. In 1998 it became the first movie to surpass a worldwide box office gross of \$1 billion.** “Titanic” grossed \$1 billion worldwide in March of 1998 in 74 days of release. This record was later broken 12 years later with James Cameron’s release of Avatar. Cameron’s recent sequel “Avatar: The Way of Water” has also earned \$1 billion at box office.
- 2. It was one of the first films to be nominated & win in all seven technical categories at the Oscars.** “Titanic” was Nominated for 14 Oscar nominations with 11 wins. Technical categories are cinematography, Costume Design, Film Editing, Production Design/Art Direction, Sound Editing, Sound Mixing and Visual Effects.
- 3. It cost more to make the movie “Titanic” than it did to make the actual ship.**

“Titanic” cost \$200 million to make when the ship itself only cost \$7.5 million. (adjusted inflation \$150-180 million.)

- 4. Some of the characters in the movie were based on real life people.** A lot of the characters are based off of real life passengers of the Titanic. Kathy Bates’ character was depicted as Maggie Brown. Brown has been called “Titanic’s most dazzling passenger.” and also known as “the unsinkable” Molly Brown.
- 5. Gloria Stuart was the oldest person ever to be nominated for Best Supporting Actress at 87 for her role as Old Rose and still holds the record to this day.** Gloria Stuart was an American actress who died at 100 years old in 2010. The actress from California signed a film contract in 1932 and began her acting career.
- 6. When it was released it was the most expensive movie ever made.** “Titanic” cost \$200 million dollars to make. James Cameron even forfeited his salary as the cost for the movie began getting too high. He made back his salary and then some after the film’s release.

- 7. ShopDisney has 25th anniversary merchandise online.** To commemorate the 25th anniversary Disney released a scarf, baseball cap, mug and plate set, tea set, pin and collectible grand staircase, t-shirt and clutch bag.
- 8. Rose’s portraits and the sketches in Jack’s binder were drawn by James Cameron.** One of the main characteristics of main character Jack is his artistic side. The iconic drawings and portraits shown in the movie were made by Cameron himself.
- 9. The Water on set was so cold that Kate Winslet ended up getting Hypothermia.** Many people during the filming of “Titanic” had caught colds and even kidney infection from shooting in water for hours. Winslet also developed pneumonia during filming.
- 10. James Cameron only had one shot to Film the flooding of the Grand Staircase.** Cameron dropped 90,000 gallons of water onto it because of the amount of water everything would be practically destroyed so they only had one take to make it right.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMAZON
The original “Titanic” movie poster.

THIS WEEK’S POP PICK

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“LOVE YOU” BY flowerovlove



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMAZON MUSIC

flowerovlove released “Love You” on Feb. 9, just in time for Valentine’s Day. As you probably guessed from the title, “Love You” is a song that talks about loving others. The artist told Genius that she wrote the song with her brother about love in general because she wanted it to be able to apply to “your mum, your dog, your best friend or even your grandmother.” The song itself is very soft and sweet. A muted synthesizer and compressed drums are used, giving the vocals the limelight in the overall mix. This type of mixing makes stylistic sense in the overall characteristics of the song, as a vocal-centric song usually corresponds to a more emotional piece.

Starting in July 2020, with “Kiss and Chase,” flowerovlove has kept to the stylings of lo-fi (low fidelity) alternate pop, a genre that gained rapid growth in popularity over recent years. Although she has not yet released an album, the singles she has released so far have created a range of music that shows a firm foundation of her genre. At the moment, there is nothing in particular that helps separate her from similar artists. This is something that can be forgiven with her being a new artist, but will definitely be something that she will want to address as she extends her catalog.

Congratulations to The Herald Staff SEJC award winners



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HERALD STAFF
From left to right: Rachel Rudd, Rebecca Robinson, Anna Cox and Sandra Combs.

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Three Herald editors and their Faculty Advisor traveled to Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana over the weekend to the Southeastern Journalism (SEJC) Conference. SEJC hosts the annual “Best of the South” contest for students to enter for awards

based on pre-submissions of their work published between Nov. 15 2021 - Nov. 14 2022. There are also On-Site competitions held at SEJC. On-site competition categories include, page layout, design, writing, anchoring and TV/radio reporting. Herald News Editor Rachel Rudd, a sophomore creative media production major from Beebe, placed

in two Best of the South categories. Rudd received Fourth place in Special Event Reporter, Third best News Writer and Third place on-site competition in Current Events. Herald Editor-in-Chief Rebecca Robinson, a senior multimedia journalism major from Sheridan, placed Third on-site Design & Layout competition.

Meet the members: Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta



PHOTO COURTESY OF BENJAMIN MACK
Benjamin Mack, a graduate student mastering in higher education from Sikeston, Missouri, is a brother in the fraternity Phi Beta Sigma, one of the Greek organizations included in the Divine Nine.

Mack chose Phi Beta Sigma because, "It just stood out to me honestly. Seeing how the current brothers treated each other."

The fraternity's mission statement calls for a focus on "brotherhood, scholarship and service." Creating a tight knit community for those involved in Phi Beta Sigma.

Mack's advice before picking, "Do your research. Always try to find your 'why' because that why would take you farther than you would ever know. I want young men in general to express themselves freely and have a good support system. I want them to pass on what they have learned to the younger generations and go out to make another brother."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DERRIONTE JIVHAN
Derrionte Jivhan, a senior marketing major with an emphasis in sales from West Memphis, is also a brother in Phi Beta Sigma.

"I wanted to join Phi Beta Sigma because I saw true brotherhood based on the actions of members already involved," Jivhan said. "Because I am the first in my family to pledge, I had a variety of options. Something just spoke to me to choose my specific fraternity."

For freshmen, Jivhan echoes the same advice as Mack, "No matter what fraternity you look at, make sure you research the history. Because every fraternity is different and every fraternity speaks different volumes. After you do your research one of them will speak to you. I will always say do your research and you will see the light," Jivhan said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RABECCA MCCLEARY
Rebecca McCleary, a health studies major from West Memphis, is a sister of Zeta Phi Beta, as well as being their secretary.

McCleary chose Zeta Phi Beta because "I felt like this organization would give me the sisterhood I needed. Accepting me for me and not judging. I'm still growing, I'm still learning new experiences."

NPHC Greek life is a lifelong commitment to the fraternity or sorority through service and volunteering. McCleary said: "Make sure this is something you really want to do. Zeta Phi Beta is a lifetime commitment. We provide for our community and chapter as well."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIAMOND WATSON
Diamond Watson, a computer information technologies major from Wheatly, Arkansas, is the vice-president of Zeta Phi Beta.

Watson's mother was a member of Zeta Phi Beta as well, she said, "I grew up around it all my life. It is what I've known. When I met the Zetas on campus they made me feel more at home. I knew this is what I wanted to do all my life. The A-State Zeta's sealed the deal for me by being so welcoming and open."

Along with the research advice Watson also warns to "definitely look at all the requirements. We are the only sorority, [on campus], to have a GPA recruitment of 2.7."

Phi Beta Sigma Instagram: @lambdaetasigmas
Zeta Phi Beta Instagram: @iota_nu_zetas

Club spotlight: A-State Jiu-Jitsu Club

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Arkansas State University is home to the Jiu-Jitsu Club, a club that promotes self-defense techniques and strategies. It meets on Saturdays at 3 p.m. in the group fitness room in the Red WOLF Center.

"I've trained in martial arts for a long time. I've done Jiu-Jitsu now for about 10 years," said Trey Hicks, assistant director of campus recreation and the advisor for the Jiu-Jitsu Club. "I had some student employees who knew I trained and competed in my free time and they showed interest in wanting to learn."

After the Red WOLF Center closed, those interested in learning martial arts, most of them employees, would stay behind practicing. Hicks said those employees brought their friends and it gradually grew from there.

The organization became an official registered student organization in fall 2021. Not only did the group want to make the club official, they also saw it as a way to gain traction. Cody Wood, a graduate student from Brookland said making the club an RSO helped it secure funding as well.

The Jiu-Jitsu Club welcomes students, faculty, staff and alumni of all skill levels.

"For me as an instructor, when I have to teach a class that has varying skill levels, I try to pick a topic or an area of the martial arts that I feel like you can teach both basic details and kind of just get the person moving and then also teach some advanced details," Hicks said. "That way I can make it basic for the brand new people. And then for the ones who have trained longer try to add some additional details."

Angelo Brown, Ph.D., assistant professor of criminology, practices with the club. He said he joined because he wanted to be part of the university community outside of the classroom.

"I teach police and society courses, so I know how important being proficient in the art is for policing and for self-defense," Brown said. "Data from various departments has shown that it can reduce the use of forceful incidents after implementing a Jiu-Jitsu program and also helped improve officers' physical and mental health. I also make health and fitness a priority and this is a fun and supportive environment to get a great workout."



PHOTO COURTESY OF A-STATE JIU-JITSU CLUB
Advisor Trey Hicks practicing with students.

On Feb. 4, the Jiu-Jitsu Club went to its first ever competition. Three members of the club went, Hicks, Wood and Hunter Harris, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Jonesboro who serves as president of the Jiu-Jitsu Club.

"I lost every match," Harris said. "I honestly think I did the best in my last bracket of the tournament, which was the Gi bracket. My opponent was super aggressive the entire match. He chained

together many submissions but he wasn't able to get a single one. I almost ended the match with a submission of my own, but he was able to escape and win out on points."

A submission is a combat sports term for yielding to an opponent. If the person yields, this results in immediate defeat.

Wood earned a bronze medal and Hicks earned gold. The club also plans on going to more competitions in the future, with the next

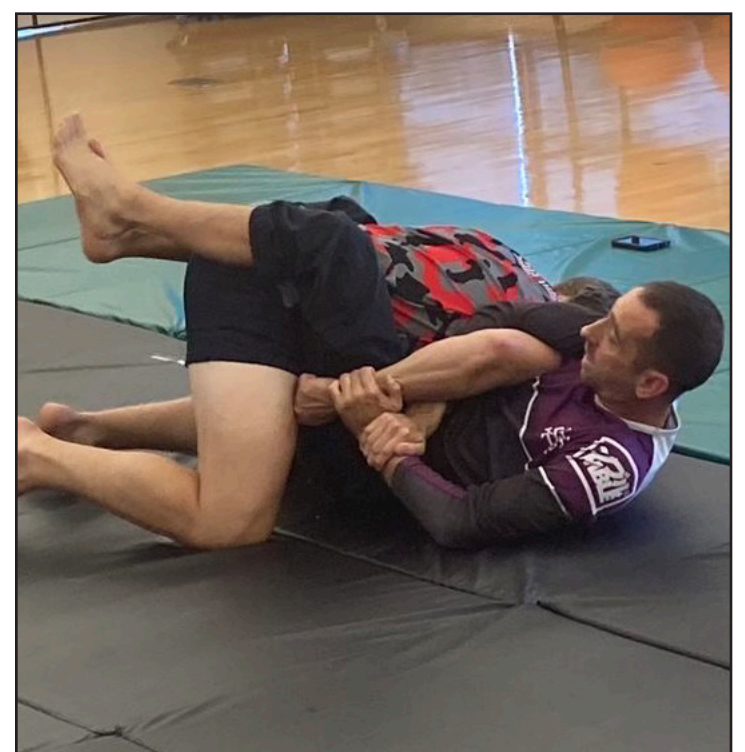


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one coming up in June.

Harris said while going to the meetings can be intimidating, that shouldn't keep someone from joining.

"I know it can be intimidating at first but we're here to help you get better, not hurt you. You never have to do anything you're not comfortable doing. You can leave at any point you wish, we don't have any formal bow out or anything like that," Harris said.

Hicks, Harris, Wood and

Brown encouraged anyone who would be interested in learning Jiu-Jitsu to join.

"Everybody's welcome to come, we have no requirements," Wood said. "No prior knowledge is required. There's no uniform dress code or anything like that. It's very relaxed. People can show up however they want. Invite your friends to try it out."