Author Sonny Brewer speaks about book

Brittany Robertson  
Staff Reporter

The purpose of the event was to recognize Brewer’s award for numerically and wondrously published fiction, non-fiction, children’s books and poetry. He has been a writer since his time as a freshman at the University of Alabama. His English teacher commented on his story he had written, and changed his major to creative writing. “I honestly didn’t expect many people to come out here to night. I don’t want to see myself up for high expectations. One signing, I walked into the bookstall and there was only one person there. But you know what, still stayed and talked with them and signed their book. As a writer, you have to be willing to talk to whoever shows up. Even if it’s just one person, or even a hundred people,” said Brewer.

“Every encounter is meaningful and can not be dismissed.”

The event turned out well with community members, teachers and students in attendance. Brewer was talking about his time as a writer and how he started up his own organization.

Brittany Robertson/The Chanticleer

Workshops prepare students for federal jobs

Katelyn Schneider  
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University Career Services held two information sessions on workshops on Tuesday, September 29 to help educate current students as well as alumni of all majors on federal job opportunities and helpful methods for applying for them. Director of Career Services Becca Turner, was in charge of this event.

In the past, these meetings have been held sporadically. They have not been held yearly, but that is expected to change.

“Now that we have been made aware of job opportunities, it is the federal government in the next five years, we’re going to do this annually,” Turner said. There is also a possibility to have events such as these not just yearly, but also at least once a semester. For Tuesday’s event, Turner received help from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, who assisted lead each of these meetings.

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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

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Sonny Brewer's Alabama Library Association award was on display in the library on September 24. Brewer spoke about his new book, "The Widow and the Tree." "It was an experience," said Dr. Joanne Gates, who was there after she suggested Brewer to the board. "I had heard Sonny Brewer at the two oc-
casions he came to 'On The Brink' confer-
ences. I read 'Post 'Wife' and 'The Wid-
ne and I am in the middle of 'Widow'
to the Tree,'" said Gates. "I had previously bought signed copies of his books and then purchased additional ones for him to sign for
this occasion. Signed-
by-author copies make great gifts," she said.
Gates said that he is a very engaging writer. "Once he was available and in-
terested, discussions of competing writers were taken off the table to be discussed for later events," Gates said.
Brewer is currently working on his next book, "The Some-
body," about a man named Charlie who is a little strange and a little different from the people in town he just moved to. Brewer said he will return to Jack-
sonville when he has completed it.
"If you want to be a writer, you have to write. Don't just talk about it, you have to do it," Brewer said.

Sociology, From Page 1

"All of the programs are great for students thinking about a career in sociology. It's such a broad field that even if they don't want to ma-
ter, the courses can help in fields such as criminal justice, gov-
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Remember, the fate of the world depends on this filbert!

He scuba dives much better under pressure!

By L.A. Bonté

For emergency, dial 6000 from any campus phone.

Witness a crime?

I am a junior with 72 credit hours and lately I have been thinking a lot about changing my major. I am currently a political science major and a history minor, but now I think I would like computer science way more as my major. I already have 12 credit hours in political science and I don’t want to feel like I have wasted all this time. I thought about changing my minor from history to computer science, but at this point I am more interested in computers than politics. I would have already changed my major, but I don’t want to be in college for an extra two years and I am doing well in all of my political science classes. I have thought about this every day for the last month and I still don’t know what to do. Any suggestions?

Sincerely,
Undecided

Dear Undecided,

If you really want to major in computer science, then go for it. Many students go through the same deliberation and confusion that you are currently going through. One possibility that you could consider is changing your minor to political science. That way, all of your credit hours for those courses would not be in vain. If you decided to do this, you could easily change your major to computer science and begin taking courses in that department. I do not believe that this would set you behind, but I highly suggest that you discuss this with both your current advisor and an instructor from the computer science department. Even if making the change would set you behind a semester or two, don’t worry about it. Pursue a degree in something that you will enjoy doing and you will certainly not regret it.

Yours truly,
Chanty

7-day weather outlook

TODAY
Rain High: 69°
Low: 57°

FRIDAY
Rain High: 64°
Low: 54°

SATURDAY
Rain High: 65°
Low: 54°

SUNDAY
Rain High: 67°
Low: 56°

MONDAY
Sunny High: 73°
Low: 53°

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy High: 75°
Low: 52°

WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy High: 78°
Low: 56°
TomorrowWorld 2014, which is pictured above, welcomed 160,000 visitors from over 75 different countries to the Chattahoochee Hills in Ga.

TomorrowWorld 2015: A beautiful disaster

Christina MacDonald
Arts and Entertainment Editor

“People of Tomorrow,” the slogan name for the guests of TomorrowWorld, were not pleased with the returning 2015 music festival.

Continuous rainfall and weather conditions left many visitors stranded for hours in the late night cold, while others were simply unable to attend the final day, September 27.

TomorrowWorld is a three day music festival and five day camping experience held in Georgia, which its website describes as “a realm hidden from civilization, deep within the forests of Chattahoochee Hills.”

There is no set address for the festival as it prides itself in being off the map.

TomorrowWorld is known for its intense experience with outstanding decor, A-class camping, VIP areas, and gourmet food.

However, this year it became known for the figurative mudslide as the public team had to clean itself up from.

In a press release, TomorrowWorld wrote, “Sunday September 27, TomorrowWorld will only be accessible to visitors currently camping at DreamVille. The experience of the TomorrowWorld visitors is always TomorrowWorld’s number one priority, so TomorrowWorld was forced to close all daily parking lots and drop off locations.”

This was written after thousands of guests had taken social media after they were denied transportation from the festival, which many had paid for in advance as part of a package deal.

Social media was blasted with angry fans, laying by the side of the road unable to leave the festival.

TomorrowWorld does not serve anything with cash. “Purls” are the currency of the festival and must be pre-registered onto the computer chip inside the TomorrowWorld bracelet pass.

This is one fact that led to many guests, trying to leave, being without transportation. They had no cash on them to pay outside sources.

Those that did have cash on them, were unable to reach many op- tions as the cell phone reception was terrible and the Uber app crashed.

Buses, due to the necessity, were charging unbelievable rates up to $50 to $100.

According to Thump.com, James Baker, a third-timer of TomorrowWorld, described the scene as looking like something from a movie, with thousands of people in the woods, and some relieving themselves in the open, passed out on curbs and banging their hands on the sides of full buses.

Once Baker was safely on board a bus, he witnessed a man lay down in the street to try to stop the vehicle so more people could board.

TomorrowWorld has issued several candid apologies and even created two avenues for refunds.

Sunday’s activities carried on for the estimated 40,000 residing in DreamVille. TomorrowWorld’s campsite.

Any guest that had purchased the three-day pass was allowed to enter, although, transportation was still an issue for many.

From social media, it seems to be an overwhelming consensus that the weather has not to blame for the festival being labeled a ‘disaster,’ but rather the lack of coordination. From those trying to exit Saturday night into Sunday morning, there seemed to be no path from the festival, there was a man, who had driven all the way from Maryland. He traveled the distance to find out the news once he entered Georgia.

Many are advocating that had the festival’s team been more prepared none of this would have happened.

Law suits are being considered, but mainly the People of Tomorrow just want a better Tomorrow.

The show must go on. Armin Van Buuren closed out the festival, giving an outstanding performance under what seemed to be thousands of fireworks.

For those that did attend the festival, the 2015 music line up was not a disappointment. It featured major names such as Benny Benassi, Armin Van Buuren, Hardwell, David Guetta, Laidback Luke and Tiesto.

For those there Sunday, the atmosphere was one of family and unity.

As of TomorrowWorld was nominated for Best Festival Worldwide by the International Dance Music Awards (IDMA) in 2014. One can only wait and see what will happen for the remaining for years.

It can cost around $145, if you only go for one day, or $1,459 dollars, if you spend the night in DreamVille, the camp ground area, for three days.
The Chanticleer

Drama Department releases Season of Plays

The JSU Department of Drama is gearing up for another exciting season of enchanting audiences with breath-taking performances. “This promises to be a very exciting season, and one that will really highlight the talent of our students,” said Randy Blades, chair of the department.

“It also represents an effort to bring some fresh, positive theatrical work to the university and help expand what is possible on our stages. Some of the work is a bit challenging, but I think it will ultimately be very rewarding for our audiences.”

The line-up for the 2015-16 season is as follows:

“Dead Man’s Cell Phone”

Oct. 15-18 and 22-25

First up on this sea-son’s line up is “Dead Man’s Cell Phone” by Sarah Ruhl, a com-
adical work with a modern fa-çade.

“Audiences will have the opportunity to ex-perience a world with a modern façade, meticulously trans-lated by Robert Wood-ruff. “The Bacchae” is one of the strangest and most engaging of the Greek tragedies. Dionysus – the god of wine, prophecy, reli-
gious ecstasy and fer-
tility – returns to his birthplace in Thebes seeking revenge. The JSU drama depart-ment’s modern trans-la-tion promises to make this a memorable eve-n ing of theatre.

“Dead Man’s Cell Phone”...
John Boehner resigns from Congress and House of Representatives

Kevin Spann
Political Columnist

Last Friday, political buffoons were surprised to learn that Speaker of the House John Boehner would soon be resigning not just the speakership but his seat in Congress. While a surprise, observers could not exactly call the news shockingly unexpected. Boehner’s speakership was a turbulent one nearly broken by a Tea Party insurgency. Despite being a close ally of former Speaker Newt Gingrich, Boehner’s political base of Republicans of the more tea party or libertarian persuasion viewed Boehner as a mouthpiece of the Washington establishment, and were frequently committed to unseating Democrats and the President. Meanwhile, Obama administration was still too confrontational to foster much, if any, across-the-aisle support of his speakership. Boehner’s tax bill and government shutdown and numerous attempts to pass a continuing resolution or a Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Bill was well against the wishes of many Tea Party members.

While the Tea Party is likely happy to see Boehner go, his successor is extremely unlikely to be any more pleasant an adversary. Although Albaugh Herrera of the Muckraker and President of Beta Theta Pi at Missouri State recently told Yellowhammer News that the Tea Party may have been exasperated by main stream republicans. While the announcement was a surprise, it was not a shock, according to Thorn Toole.

Game website Twitch announces new features

Myron Jones
Tech Columnists

At TwitchCon 2015, Twitch announced features that would be coming in the platform in the future. Twitch will be implementing video uploads, an HTML5 video player, customizable thumbnails, 247 playing, and changes to whispers. A new feature is expected to come in early 2016. In October, the website was expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging feature familiar in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Twitch will also be available on mobile devices. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Twitch will also be available on mobile devices. The video upload feature is expected to come in early 2016. In October, the website was expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging feature familiar in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Twitch will also be available on mobile devices. In October, the website was expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging feature familiar in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Twitch will also be available on mobile devices. In October, the website was expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging feature familiar in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history. Twitch will also be available on mobile devices. In October, the website was expected to receive an update. Whisper is the personal or direct messaging feature familiar in Twitch’s chat. Instead of whisper messages being contained within the body of the standard stream chat, they will have their own area complete with a persisted history.
Gamecocks Side Bar

JSU Upcoming Action
10/1 - Softball vs. Gardner-Webb Community College 5:00 p.m.
10/2 - Soccer at SIU Edwardsville
- Women’s Tennis at Coastal Georgia Invitational
- Volleyball vs. Jackson State 7:00 p.m.
10/3 - Rifle at Memphis Invitational
- Cross Country vs. JSU Field-Hills Invitational 8:30 a.m.
- Football vs. Mississippi Valley State (Preview Day) 1:00 p.m.
10/4 - Rifle at Ole Miss Invitational
- Soccer at Eastern Illinois 1:00 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. UT Martin 2:00 p.m.
10/6 - Volleyball at Alabama A&M 7:00 p.m.

2015 Football Schedule
9/5 @ Chattanooga W 23-20 9/12 @ Auburn L 27-20 OT
9/19 vs. TSU W 48-13 9/26 @ UT Martin W 48-41
10/3 vs. Mississippi Valley State 1 p.m.
10/10 Open
10/17 @ Tennessee Tech 6 p.m.
10/24 @ Austin Peay 4 p.m.
10/31 vs. Eastern Kentucky** 1 p.m.
11/7 @ Eastern Illinois * 1 p.m.
11/14 vs. Southeast Missouri* 1 p.m.
11/21 vs. Murray State * 1 p.m.

*OVC game! ** Homecoming

STATS FCS Top 25

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The Jacksonville State Gamecocks' Volleyball team is now 1-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Jessica slender side bar

Rebekah Hawkins
Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks dropped their first two conference games of the season against SIU Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois. JSU started conference play on Friday night against the Cougars of SIU Edwardsville.
The match was forced into five sets to determine a winner, but the Gamecocks were unable to walk away the victor. The first set was back-and-forth between the two teams with SIUE managing to hold on to win 25-23. The Gamecocks rallied in the second set and were able to win 25-16, but the third set was the opposite as SIUE walked away with the 25-15 win. Forced into more sets, the Gamecocks made it clear they were not going to quit and managed a tough 29-27 win. However, it would ultimate be SIUE who would claim the match victory after a 15-12 win in the final set.
The Gamecocks hit .169 overall and .268 in their winning fourth set. Emily Rutherford had double digits in both kills with 15, and digs with 16. Charis Ludtke and Al- lyson Zudith also had 14 and 13 kills, respectively.
The match is set for 7 p.m. this season to play Jackson State on Oct. 2. The Jacksonville State Gamecocks/Soccer team will now come home to the Pete Mathews Coliseum for the first time this season to play Jackson State on Oct. 2.

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JSU Soccer falls to Tennessee Tech

Jacksonville – The Jacksonville State soccer team dropped a tough 2-1 decision to Tennessee Tech on Sunday to close out the opening weekend of Ohio Valley Conference play. After opening the league slate last Thursday with a win over Morehead State, the Gamecocks split the opening weekend in OVC with the set back and fell to 4-4-1 overall.
The Golden Eagles of TUU picked up their second OVC win of the weekend and improved to 4-4-3 on the season. Jason State finished with a nine-shot advantage on TUU with 16 total shots, but the Golden Eagles managed to post a pair of goals within two minutes in the opening half and stave off multiple Jax scoring chances throughout the final 45 minutes. TUU turned in nine shots in the road win.
TUU put the final goal of the contest on the board in the 29th minute as Cassidy Ottman handed a serve from Zoie Hensley and squeezed the ball just inside the left post. The Golden Eagles had 10 of their 12 corner kick chances in the first half and it led to their second goal of the half in the 31st minute. Kariann Owens took the corner from the right side of the pitch and set up Ali Gearing for the header to the far post. Jax State kept the pres- sure on TUU throughout the contest, including nine scoring chances in the sec- ond half as it finished with seven on goal opportunities. The Gamecocks went through for their lone goal in the 80th minute after senior Court- ney Hart led Kelsey Bright with a perfect ball as Bright flicked the ball in to the net. It was Bright’s second goal of the weekend and third of the season. The goal energized the Jax State side but, TUU managed to fend off the Gamecocks in the fi- nal 10 minutes of the contest.
Jax State will look to make the long- trek to the state of Illinois next week- end as they take on SIU Edwardsville on Friday, Oct. 2, followed by a Sunday contest at Eastern Illinois.

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Kelsey Bright scores the lone goal for JU.

Mackenzie Rombach (left) and Charis Ludtke (right) seen playing defense for the JSU Volleyball team.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks’ Volleyball team is now 1-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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Gamecock Volleyball gets off to a slow start in the OVC

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October 1, 2015

Gamecocks outlast conference foe UT Martin in a 48-41 win

“Just was it a kind of long, bizarre game, that’s the only way I can describe it,” Jacksonville State head coach John Grass said. “I have to take my hat off to UT Martin though. I knew they were going to be ready to play and ready to battle, which they did. They played extremely hard and had a great game plan for us.”

The win improves Grass’ overall record as Gamecock head coach to 13-3, tying the game actually was. That is what happened to No. 1-ranked Jacksonville State at UT Martin Saturday afternoon.

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Payne, Pettit and McLeod pace the way for JSU

MACON, Ga. — For the third consecutive meet, the tandem of Stephen Payne and Kole Pettit led the Jacksonville State men’s cross country team on Friday at the Julius John Invitational, hosted by Mercer University. Junior Ja-ells McLeod paced the Gamecock women in the third outing of the season.

It turned out to be similar to a dual meet with the host-Bears as JSU finished second to MU on the men’s side and fourth in the women’s competition.

Payne and Pettit finished second and third respectively behind medalist Ahmed Jama of MU.


Sophomore Daniel Burton posted a mark of 29:29.05 to finish 15th in the individual list.

Ben Pryor and Alexander Beverly rounded out the times for JSU with a mark of 29:43.26 and 29:53.05. In the women’s 5K, McLeod clocked a time of 20:30.48 to finish just outside the top-10 as she claimed the 11th spot.

Dayja Simon finished in 21:19:21 to finish ninth in the race and was only second in the women’s career multi-touchdown game at JSU. He finished with nine catches for 107 yards to go along with the three touchdown receptions.

Payne came up 34 yards short of his career-high in passing yards (288), but the Birmingham native finished the day 16-of-25 passing for 254 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a 1-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.

He became the first quarterback since Ryan Perrilloux to account for four touchdowns in a game. Jenkins (5,398) also moved past Maurice Mueller (5,138 from 2002-05) for sixth place and David Gulledge (5,339) for fifth place in Jacksonville State’s total offense list.

He trails Perrilloux (5,339) from 2008-09 for fourth. Running back, and Kentucky transfer, Josh Clemens scored his second rushing touchdown since joining the Gamecocks when he ran into the end zone from four yards during the fourth quarter.

UT Martin's Jarod Neal did everything he could to help the Skyhawks earn the come-from-behind victory. The quarterback threw for 413 yards on 34-of-49 passing and also threw for five touchdowns: 12-yarder to Carlos Williams, 63-yarder to William Tanner, 16-yarder to Rod Wright and a 39-yarder to Wright.

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Amiston native Troy- maie Pope ran for a game-high 159 yards on just 16 carries. He also added a 9-yard touchdown run to his first quarter score. UT Martin trailed 28-6 with three seconds left in the first half before Neals touchdown strike to Weathers brought the Skyhawks to within 15.

UTM immediately opened the second half with a scoop-and-score by Terri Triplett to cut the deficit to eight, which was the closest it would come to the lead until the tie it trailed by seven at the end of the game.

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Eli Jenkins is set to throw a pass for the Gamecocks. Jenkins passed for 254 yards and contributed four touchdowns in the win.

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Stephan Payne of JSU finished second in the Invitational.

The meet will get underway at 8:30 a.m. ~ JSU Sportswire

Skyhawks come from behind in midfield for three points. poster PC: Clay Burnett

Paris low.

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Amiston native Troy- maie Pope ran for a game-high 159 yards on just 16 carries. He also added a 9-yard touchdown run to his first quarter score. UT Martin trailed 28-6 with three seconds left in the first half before Neals touchdown strike to Weathers brought the Skyhawks to within 15.

UTM immediately opened the second half with a scoop-and-score by Terri Triplett to cut the deficit to eight, which was the closest it would come to the lead until the tie it trailed by seven at the end of the game.

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Troy- maie Pope tries to elude a UT Martin defender. JSU Sportswire

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