



Art exhibit opens at Hammond Hall

Brittany Robertson
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, September 3, the faculty of the JSU Art Department held an art exhibit that featured pieces in Hammond Hall and the Roundhouse.

Over the summer, workers and volunteers put in countless hours to help refurbish and overhaul the Hammond Hall gallery and give it a new and clean look.

The exhibit was a way to show off the new facility and to follow a long going tradition to show what the professors can create. Students, members of the community and the volunteers who helped to recreate the exhibit



Brittany Robertson/The Chanticleer

Adjunct Instructor Anita Stewart's artwork is on display in Hammond Hall as part of the Instill: JSU Faculty Exhibition on Sept. 3. Among Stewart's art, there are other pieces from faculty members, along with work from a graduate student and alumna.

hall were in attendance. Everyone got to view different forms such as screen printing, hand-made pottery, paintings by staff members such as Ron Baker, Adjunct Instructor of Founda-

tions, Anita Stewart, Adjunct Instructor of Foundations and Art History and John Oles, Assistant Professor of Ceramics. "The exhibit is a way to reach out to the

students. In the classrooms, we [the faculty] teach the students, this show is a way to show 'us' and to instill some professionalism in our students," Assistant

Professor of Drawing, Bryce Lafferty said.

Along with the faculty showing off their works, graduate student Blake Dodgen and JSU alumna, Hannah Cooper McCauley showed off their own artwork.

Dodgen was in another gallery in Hammond Hall, while McCauley was exhibiting in the Roundhouse just a few feet away.

Dodgen kicked off his first show of the year with a simplistic but beautiful mud art.

"I used a variety of earth types from Germania Springs, a family and dog park in Piedmont. I like the idea of order and chaos creating a meticulous but meditative man-

ner, to capture this image of order and chaos I went with geometric shapes. So that's what I used to create my mud art," Dodgen said.

Cooper McCauley's work has been exhibited in group and solo shows internationally, including the Houston Center for Photography, the Vermont Center for Photography, Photo Beijing 2014, and the 2014 Pingyao, China International Photography Festival.

She has been published in Photo District News and PHOTO+ Magazine, as well as numerous grants and fellowships from institutions as the Society

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Student loans present confusion

Nathan Cavitt
Staff Reporter

According to an article written in *National Journal*, Americans owe nearly 1.2 trillion dollars in student loans, and the number keeps rising every year.

With rising costs in tuition, financial assistance has almost become a must rather than a friendly option.

Whether a first-time student at JSU or a senior prepar-

ing to graduate, the odds are financial aid has helped in some way or another.

According to the JSU website, 83% of students attending JSU have received some form of financial aid. That's a lot of people.

Yet despite the rigorous methods the Financial Aid department takes in informing each student about his/her student loans taken out each year

and when they must be paid back, there is still some confusion as to what exactly are student loans.

Student loans are essentially borrowed money from the federal government or private institutions such as banks that must be paid back with interest.

According to the JSU website, there are four main types of student loans offered here at JSU: Direct

Stafford Subsidized Loans, Direct Stafford Unsubsidized Loans, Federal Parent PLUS Loans and Federal Graduate PLUS loans.

Stafford Subsidized loans provide low interest rates and are available to students with financial need based on income and other information provided on FAFSA.

No credit check is required, and the government pays the interest on these loans

until six months after the student is no longer enrolled in the college at least half-time.

Stafford Unsubsidized loans also provide low interest rates but are available to all students regardless of financial need. The students are responsible for the interest with subsidized loans and can either pay the interest during college or

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Department Spotlight: Finance

John Sterling
Staff Reporter

Business is a growing industry. The keys to business are the cogs that keep it running; finance, economics and accounting.

Jacksonville State University has its own Department of Finance, Economics and Accounting. A part of the College of Commerce & Business, the department prides itself on its excellence.

The College of Commerce & Business has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the AACSB, a distinction afforded only to twenty-five percent of business schools worldwide.

"Students who obtain a major in either accounting or finance are among the most sought after graduates," said Dr. William Scroggins, head of the department at JSU.

"It instills confi-

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Study strategies for the beginning-of-the-semester test

Adam Higgins
Associate Editor

Even though it feels like the semester has only just begun, the first exams are less than a month away. With this in mind, it is important to begin studying early, especially for those with multiple tests within the same week.

However, not only is it important just to study, but also to study in a manner that will lead to high

grades. So how do you ensure that you are making the most of your study time?

First, be sure that you are studying in a calm and quiet area. Places such as restaurants, coffee shops and even dorm rooms can be noisy and easily distract you.

Houston Cole Library is an excellent location for studying; noise is often at a minimum, there are plenty of helpful books handy, along with cof-

fee and food are readily available on the first floor. The sixth "quiet" floor is a perfect environment for late night or early morning cram sessions.

Second, you have to focus. Do not text, eat, listen to music, watch television or talk about something else while studying. If you find yourself needing to make a phone call or eat something, use this as an opportunity to take a break.

Be sure to take

breaks. Go for a short walk once every hour, or listen to some of your favorite music. These short breaks will allow your mind to rest, and will help rejuvenate your motivation to continue studying.

Furthermore, it is important to think about the material while you are studying. Ask yourself questions about the main concepts and think of ways to rephrase definitions and

facts; this practice will help with understanding the subject matter and recalling information during the exam.

Organization is key. If your notes are scrambled and messy, rewrite them in a neat and ordered fashion; arrange your notes into groups and sub-groups for each category or concept.

Another helpful strategy is to develop

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have it accumulate and added to the principal balance which then must be paid six months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half-time.

Other important loans are the Federal Parent PLUS Loan and the Federal Graduate PLUS loan.

Both of these loans are low interest but require a credit check or an eligible co-signer.

The Parent PLUS

loan allows the parent to take out a loan on behalf of the student, and the Graduate PLUS loan allows graduate students to gain financial assistance in order to finish school.

Both of these loans must begin repayment after the final disbursement of aid for the year, only in the case of the Graduate PLUS loan is the student allowed to put off repayment until after school, although

interest will continue to accumulate.

For more information on private loans, ask one of the local banks and they can assist on the varying interest rates and requirements of taking out a private student loan.

Successful repayment of student loans can help create a strong credit history, as well as financial stability for the future.

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dence in employers of our graduates, that they are hiring someone of high quality," said Scroggins.

"We offer required courses in economics, statistics, accounting, finance, and the legal and social environment," said Scroggins. "Other majors such as education take our Principles of Economics class, and students in sports management take our Sports Economics course."

Recently, the department held its first Meet the Employers event at Alumni House. Accounting majors were interviewed by prospective employers, while they learned about the field after graduation.

The department also

has an ongoing program with SaveFirst, a nonprofit organization in Alabama.

Students work to prepare tax returns for Northeast Alabama families as they gain work experience. Last semester several students went on to complete their internship with SaveFirst.

An honorary society for accounting majors, Beta Alpha Psi, is currently in the works. The society will have GPA requirements for entering, and will host student-run events each semester, with five tentatively planned for this fall.

Students from outside the department have begun branching into finance as well. Many students from

the art and drama departments have begun to pursue minors in business, to gain an understanding of the business world for when it comes time to begin their artistic careers.

"Any student may take Principles of Real Estate, which is very popular. Many students also take Business Law, especially political science majors," said Scroggins.

"They offer the opportunity to have outstanding careers in business, in high quality positions. They fill a need in society. The subjects and courses that we provide give knowledge that a person can utilize and benefit from in a business and personal lifestyle," said Scroggins

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a practice test.

Make questions out of highlighted information from your notes and textbook. If you have taken quizzes in a class, include the quiz questions in the practice test.

When reading the textbook, don't just focus on key terms and definitions.

While it is true that some of them may be important, pay more

attention to the overall concepts and main points under each heading and sub-heading.

Pay particular attention to conclusions and closing remarks at the end of each section.

If studying for an essay-format test, be sure to develop a detailed outline to look over. Or perhaps write a practice essay the day before the exam.

Overall, be realistic about how much you will need to study.

Don't expect to learn everything for an exam in one or two nights.

With upper-level college courses, it may be necessary to begin studying as early as two weeks before the exam.

Everyone learns at their own pace and in their own way, so take the time to find out what works for you.

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for Photographic Education and Louisiana Tech University. She is currently attending Louisiana Tech for her MFA.

"I focused on the examination of identity and adopting a new way of life.

"Narrative art conveys dreams and fears, it's abstract art and that's what makes it so meaningful and beautiful. It's fairy tale art," Cooper McCauley said.

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JSU will incorporate Veteran's organization

Katelyn Schneider
Staff Reporter

Jacksonville State University offers a wide variety of programs for students, and there is one more that is going to be added to the list.

This new organization has more than one part to it.

As a whole, it will be the Research Center for Veteran Support Services, but the slightly smaller part of the program that JSU students need to be aware of is the student veteran group. This group will be known as Charlie Mike. In military language, this means "to continue the mission."

Military veteran and JSU student, Ernest Fletcher, wanted to use this title because he knows from experience and said, "It is meaningful to most people in the military."

As of now, this organization has not been established. However, according to faculty adviser Dr. Maureen Newton, they are filing the paperwork to become an official student group and to get on the JSU event calendar.

Despite not being an official group yet, Fletcher said that they had a good turn out at a

cookout that was held on August 31. Student veterans came, but the faculty of staff of the university came and showed a lot of support and interest.

"The more people that are involved, will be the catalyst for the university or grants can be gifted to the organization or to the school," said Fletcher.

The first goal and the most prominent purpose for this organization is to give student veterans a place on campus that is just for them.

The student veterans will be able to go to this place and talk about what it is like to be a student, but also anything else they want.

"It gives them an open forum," said Newton. Having a place that these veteran students can call their own will be very beneficial for them.

A major benefit of this program will be the aspect of networking with other veterans.

There are a lot of opportunities and helpful benefits that are available to veterans, and this program can introduce those things to them.

"There are so many things that veterans don't know about. There are so many things that are avail-

able to them, whether it be counseling or scholarships or, I mean you name it. I don't even know hardly everything," Fletcher said.

By allowing the veterans to get together and share their knowledge with one another, they can find out about all of these opportunities.

Two other helpful resources he mentioned were Veteran Affairs and the G.I. Bill.

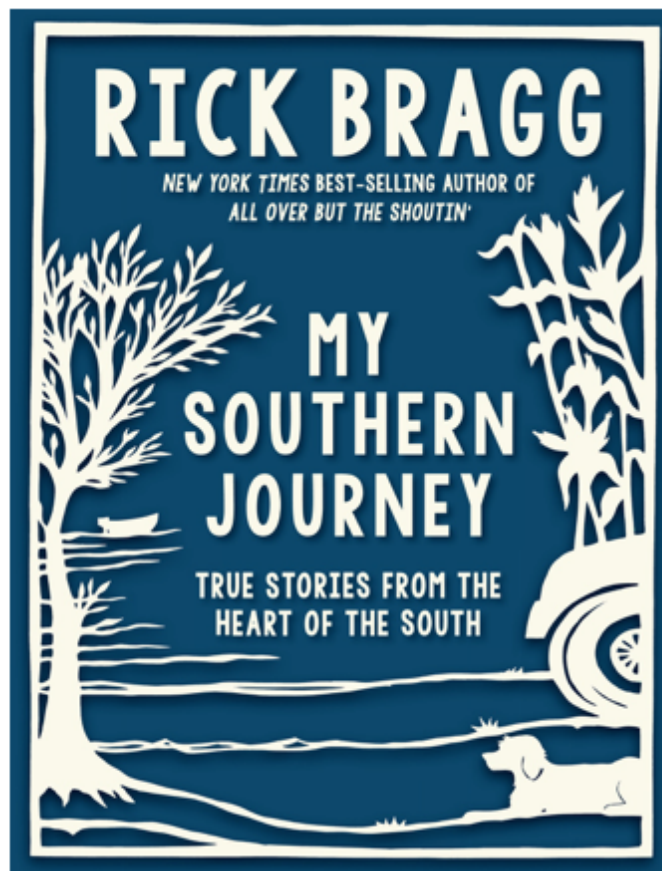
The main goal of Charlie Mike is to take care of the student veterans here at JSU and to give them a place of their own.

Once this goal is achieved and once they begin to have regular meeting times, they would like to educate people who may not be affiliated with the military.

They would like to raise veteran's awareness on serious issues such as the veteran suicide rate as well the rate of homeless veterans.

Once this becomes an established program with the university, it will be a way for everyone to help not only the student veterans, but every veteran who have served his or her country.

It is a way for veterans to continue the mission from home.



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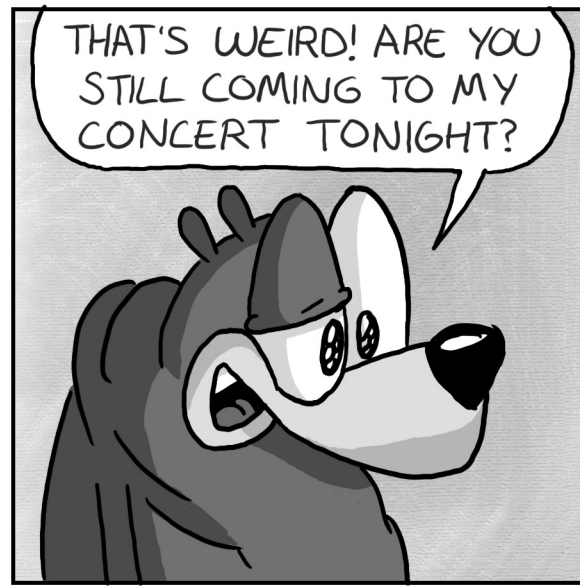


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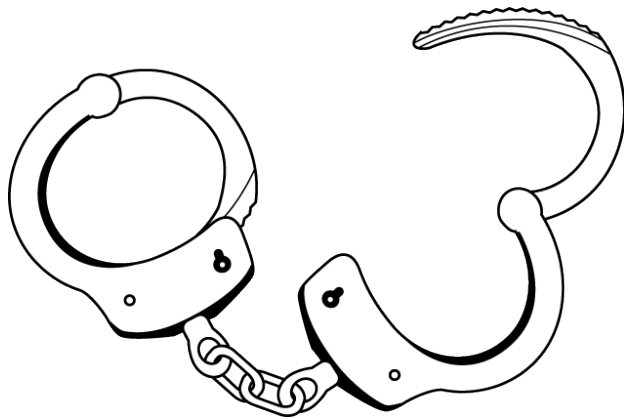
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Dear Chanty,

My roommate likes to drink a lot. It has gotten to the point where she gets drunk five nights a week. I don't want to tell her how to live her life, but her lifestyle is starting to affect my ability to study. When she drinks, she gets obnoxiously loud and often times invites our friends over to play beer pong. Sometimes she throws up on the carpet, and there is almost always a mess left for me to find when I wake up in the morning. She will clean her messes up, but I am still getting tired of her constant partying. She has no reason to slow down either because she makes plenty of money at her job, and somehow she is doing well in all of her classes. I don't want to upset her since she is my friend, but I need her to party just a little less. Do you have any ideas of what to do?

Sincerely,
Frustrated Roommate

Frustrated Roommate,

I can imagine that your roommate's drinking is getting old. If you haven't done this already, sit down and talk with her about the problem. Tell her that you cannot study when her and all of your friends are partying all the time. It would be great if you two could work together to establish some house rules. You could suggest that there be no partying at your place the night before exams. Additionally, when you know that you will have a lot of homework to do on a specific day, ask your roommate if she minds not drinking. If she is determined to drink, then ask her to go to one of her friend's houses so that you can concentrate. Just be honest and upfront with her and she will hopefully understand.

Yours truly,
Chanty

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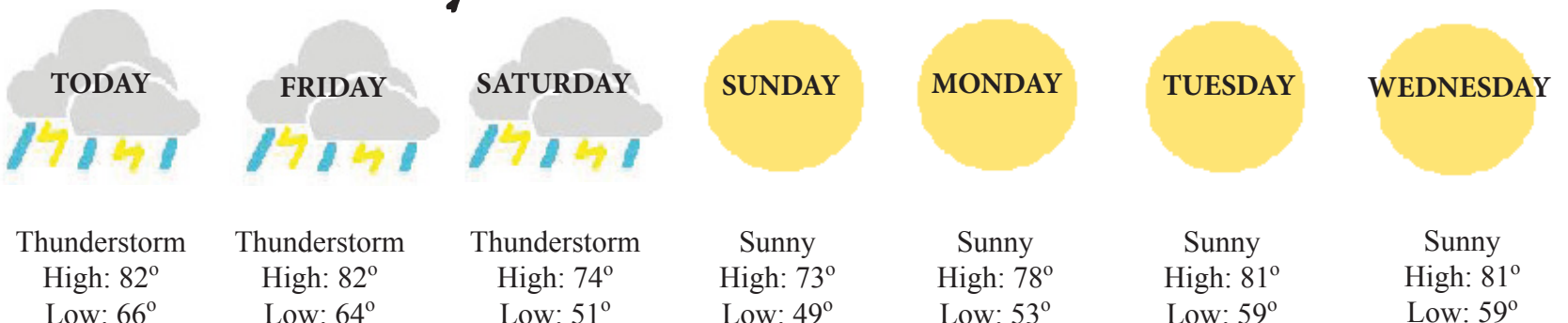
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Gabrielle Ferrell/Special to The Chanticleer

N-GEN is a new student-led organization at JSU. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jasmine Hammond, Cortez Etchinson, D'Ondray Azee, Chris Smith, Gabrielle Ferrell, Owen Gilbert, Cody Dean, DeEric Williams.

JSU student explains new organization, N-GEN

Gabrielle Ferrell
Special to the Chanticleer

How I can better myself and the students of JSU during my college experience? This is a question I asked myself before N-GEN came about. The idea of N-GEN came to me on an average day after class.

The idea of creating one site that allows people to voice their opinions and create unity here at JSU seemed to be the best fit.

Once I brought the idea up to my friends, who are also are com-

munication majors, they were just as excited as I was about the idea.

My name is Gabrielle Ferrell, founder and president, of New Generation Entertainment News or N-GEN.

Our team started in 2014 with ten individuals, majoring in marketing, graphic design and communication.

We started off with the idea of a website, www.wegenworldwide.com, featuring everything from cooking, fitness, fashion and even the latest music.

Finally after a lot of planning and brain

storming, we decided to venture into featuring local artists.

N-GEN interviewed anyone from rock bands such as Pace House to rapper Fly lezzy.

They were featured on the website in video format to spread the word about their art, while also spreading our work.

From there, we started investing more time and money into the group.

The organization made T-shirts for everyone to wear and help promote it. It also purchased professional

lights for better quality. And we even coordinated a flash mob in the Theron Montgomery Building. All this was done to promote the launch of our website.

In April of this year, we decided to physically go public and show the campus who we really are. We teamed up with a local fashion line called "Late Nights Early Mornings" and hosted a fashion show. The past year has been full of planning, practicing and making adjustments.

Today, we stand as an official JSU organization. Our officers

are: Taylor Hill as vice president, Chris Smith as secretary, and Owen Gilbert as treasurer.

N-GEN's future plans are endless. N-GEN will be reaching out to other organizations for events. We will also be expanding our team.

N-GEN's first interest meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15 in the basement of Self Hall at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all students who are interested in building their portfolios and getting a chance to put their skills to work.

While N-GEN's

website is currently down for maintenance, anyone will be able to access the website on Thursday, October, 8. Students can follow N-GEN on Instagram @wegenworldwide. People can also find N-GEN on Facebook by simply searching "N-GEN."

New Generation Entertainment News provides the students of Jacksonville State University with accurate reporting about entertainment on campus, while inspiring students to create, innovate and motivate for the New Generation.

Forever Young Modeling Troupe celebrates its sixth year

Deonna O'Neal
Special to the Chanticleer

Fashion is about more than just the latest celebrity trends. It's your style your way. Forever Young Modeling Troupe' on Jacksonville State campus, exposes the layers of fashion from styling and make-up to the production of a full

runway show in the spring.

F.Y.M.T. creates a kind of outlet for anyone interested in fashion, all aspects of fashion.

Forever Young Modeling Troupe' gives a full experience of the fashion industry by building the members' career. With tools such as walk coaching, resume building, make-

up tutorials, and clothing design, Forever Young is working hard to impact its members for a lifetime in their careers.

The campus troupe's latest show featured couture looks inspired by the theme of the 'Seven Deadly Sins.'

"This was one of our more challenging shows because we had to create our own arti-

cles of clothing for the Gluttony scene," said member Nicole Collins.

Being able to fully participate in different aspects of Forever Young Modeling Troupe is one of the biggest reasons why the organization has succeeded since its 2009 start on Jacksonville's campus.

Since it's inception,

this organization's impact on Jacksonville State University has been through fashion and service.

Not only does this organization dig a little deeper into the fashion industry, but also into philanthropy.

Members of the organization have a chance to be a part of several community service projects.

F.Y.M.T.'s inspiration for fashion comes from everywhere and the troupe believes that inspiration is what makes the team diverse not only stylistically, but culturally.

This semester, F.Y.M.T is back for their upcoming season. For more information, e-mail Forever Young Modeling Troupe at bookfymt@gmail.com.

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Sam Smith single to appear in 007 'Spectre'

Collins Maroa
Staff Writer

When anyone mentions James Bond, several things go through one's mind. It could be the Bond girls, maybe it's the limited edition Aston Martins that grace the screen or it could even be the cunning way that Bond introduces himself, "Bond...James Bond."

The amount of work and creativity featured in the series is astounding and has been able to keep fans hooked to the action filled drama for decades.

One thing that a few people tend to forget, but is an integral part of the film, is the theme songs that come with each Bond film.

The Bond tracks tend to repeat in one's mind for weeks after watching one of the films.

Over the years, award-winning artists have been given the huge task of performing the theme songs and not many can say they are disappointed [with the outcome].

Enthusiasts will be marking November 6 on their calendars as that is when the new James Bond film premieres.

The movie, code named "Spectre," will

feature Daniel Craig, who will be returning as James Bond.

The "spy artist" this time will be Sam Smith. The artist revealed this on Monday after months of surrounding speculation.

The news of Sam Smith recording the theme song for "Spectre" had many reminiscing the past James Bond theme songs.

The first track to really gain people's attention was "Goldfinger" by Shirley Bassy in 1964.

This was made for the third Bond film and the track got to number one on the Billboard chart that year, remaining a total of 70 weeks on the chart.

It also received a Grammy nomination for, Best Original Score from a Motion Picture or Television Show. This was the first Grammy nomination for the Bond series.

Shirley Bassy has performed the most Bond theme songs including, "Diamonds are Forever" in 1971 and "Moonraker" in 1979.

No other artist has been privileged to perform three tracks for the series; however, the list of performers is star-studded.

Louis Armstrong,

Tina Turner, Paul McCartney, Sheryl Crow, Madonna, Alicia Keys and Adele are but a few names on the list.

The best performing Bond track was 'Skyfall' by Adele in 2012. This was in celebration of the 50 Anniversary of the Bond era.

The song became the first Bond theme song to win four major awards: the Golden Globes, the Brit Awards, the Academy Awards and a Grammy for Best Song Written for Visual Media.

Not only did it win awards, but also it did very well on the charts. It debuted on Billboard at number eight and was at the top of the UK iTunes online store a few hours after its release.

This would make it arguably the best performing Bond track of all time.

Will Sam Smith be able to match up to the history that has been written before him? The world will have to hold on to their seats and see how this plays out.

It will be a huge task to beat the records earned by "Skyfall," but spy possibilities are endless, one never knows what they have under their sleeves.

JSU art student is inspired by on-campus diversity

Christina MacDonald
Arts & Entertainment Editor

You may have heard it said that beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.

This can be made evident in sophomore art major, Noella Ndaya's work. Noella is a member of the Jones International House Program and often used her fellow house members as models, drawing inspiration from various standards and ideas of 'beauty.'

"I am from Congo, but I was raised in South Africa," said Ndaya. "Even as a young kid of only ten, I have always been passionate about pictures, drawings, fashion and almost everything that has to do with art..."

I would spend most of my time playing around with pictures, giving them a different look as a hobby.

My parents giving me

a camera as a gift was what really made me fall more in love with photography.

"I love taking pictures of people mostly because, to me, I feel we all have unique looks. And I never hesitate to approach someone who catches my eye and ask them if I could have a shoot with them," said Ndaya.

With twenty-five countries being represented in the Jones International House, there is always something new to learn or discover.

Noella credits human diversity as her main source of inspiration.

"I look up to the photographer, Helmet Newton and also to Cedric Nzaka, a Kenyan photographer who is in charge of a magazine called *Everyday People Stories*," said Noella.

"I just feel humans

are like paintings and the world is the canvas. In other words, we are walking art," said Ndaya.

"I feel [the Jones International House Program] has really helped me know about other countries. It's really helped me have a new kind of critical thinking, taught me to always be opened to try new things, and to respect the people around me.

"We all have different cultures and it makes me look forward to the year in front of us. I am really thankful for being given the opportunity to be part of the Program because it really gives us a chance to prove ourselves and make the people who chose us proud," she explains.

Noella's artwork can be seen at student shows and on her Instagram account under the user-handle @Chambre_noir.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Marijuana activist to challenge Senator Shelby

Kevin Spann
Political Columnist

The path seems to be clear for the only declared Democratic candidate, outsider Ron Crumpton, to challenge Republican Richard Shelby for his Senate seat in the 2016 election.

Crumpton, an advocate of medical marijuana, would be a new type of candidate for Alabama Democrats.

He has never held a political office — though he did run unsuccessfully for a state Senate seat. He also holds few ties to the democratic establishment, which was once successful at the state level.

A Crumpton candidacy would be more progressive than Alabama Democrats are accustomed to.

What name recognition he holds in the state, stems largely from his advocacy of medical marijuana. While medical marijuana has become a staple of the democratic platform in many states, this trend has not included Alabama. Crumpton, has served as the Executive Director of the Alabama Patients' Rights Coalition, Executive Direc-

tor of the Alabama Safe Access Project (ASAP) and has lobbied the Alabama Legislature for roughly five years in support of such causes.

His effort nearly paid off this past spring when medical marijuana legislation, authored by himself, nearly made it out of committee in the state Senate.

Crumpton holds other progressive stances including increasing the minimum wage, and supporting legislation authored by Senators Elizabeth Warren and John McCain aimed at reining in Wall Street.

However, this liberalism does not extend to some topics such as gun control. While the odds are long for Democrats in the state, under even the best of circumstances, Crumpton's presence may make the 2016 Senate race an interesting one.

From the candidacies of the heavy drinking redneck liberal Big Jim Folsom to the controversial populist George Wallace, Alabama has had a long history of embracing outsider candidates. Given that perhaps 30,000 Alabamians turned out recently to see Donald Trump, Alabama voters may be in the mood to embrace nontraditional

candidacies again.

With the filing deadline on the horizon, it seems unlikely that Shelby will face a high profile primary challenger, though a lesser tea party challenge may yet arise. As for the Democrats with the state party all but vanquished by party switchers, financial woes and several disastrous cycles, the odds of a mainstream challenger grows less and less likely.

While there is still time for someone like state House minority leader Craig Ford to throw his hat into the race, this has sparked virtually zero speculation.

The party's aging bench of traditional candidates, such as former Justice Sue Bell Cobb, former Congressman Parker Griffith and Bobby Bright have also yet to express an interest in the race.

As the popularity of marijuana reform grows, Crumpton's record may allow him appeal beyond the state's dwindling democratic base. If an anti-incumbent attitude continues to prevail, Shelby may have to at least work for his re-election.

How to afford the latest technology

Myron Jones
Technology Columnist

For people who love gadgets, life can be fairly expensive. It seems as though as soon as you finally save up enough money to purchase something, a newer version is announced or just right around the corner.

Instead of spending money on the latest and most expensive, many people find it beneficial to find a device that is just good enough to get the job done. So how can you make sure you are getting the most out of your money with technology?

The easiest method to saving on new electronics is to buy them used. Pawn shops, Craigslist and websites such as eBay, Swappa and Glyde are often useful in finding devices below the official price.

With good timing, you can often find like-new devices at a reasonable discount just because someone else made an over eager purchase.

The exact same places can be useful when it is time to sell your old gadgets.

Selling your old gadgets also makes it a lot easier to afford new

devices if the old ones are in good condition. Most people do not feel the need to own 2 laptops, TVs, phones, etc.

The old devices often go completely unused because the original owner no longer needs them.

By selling your old devices before you replace them, you may significantly lower the cost of replacing them.

Maybe trying to find the specific item you want used, or selling your old items, requires too much time. If that is your situation, it would make sense to look at budget devices.

The most common form of budget device is the previous model of a new release. When new devices become available, the predecessors quickly become available at a discount — despite being brand new and completely functional. For someone that does not feel that they need the absolute latest technology, this may possibly be the best method.

Another solution is to purchase a dedicated budget device.

Many manufacturers make devices specifically for people who may not want to spend as much money on a major name

brand. While budget technology often lacks the bells and whistles of major competitors, they often do an exceptional job at providing core functionality. Unfortunately, this method can be very hit and miss.

It requires more research to ensure that whatever you may be buying is actually going to last and not be a waste of money.

When it comes to budgeting electronics, a good rule of thumb is that if the price is much lower, there is most likely a significant tradeoff.

These tips are not limited to just one option. For example, you can sell your old TV and then buy another used TV for additional savings.

Enjoying electronics does not have to be expensive, but it can require some extra work to get the most value out of each purchase. This applies to many categories of electronics such as gaming consoles, televisions, cell phones, and computers.

In the world of technology, newer is not always better; doing a little research, or simply waiting, could pay off significantly in the end.

The positive effects of social media on society

Lauren Jackson
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In a time where nearly every person owns a smartphone, social media and technology play a crucial part in daily life. Often the almost dependent usage of technology is heralded as a bad thing, yet it is here to stay and good can come from appropriate usage.

It is argued that social media and smartphones have caused a lack of communication between people. While it is true friends often gather and scroll through their Face-

book feed; it is also true that they discuss the things they see.

Social media becomes a centerpiece of conversation, keeping people connected by allowing them to discuss the things that are currently affecting the lives of their peers and themselves, while also allowing them to stay updated in current events. It can become disheartening to see a large group of people mindlessly scrolling on their phones, but it is also enlightening for the group when they share the things they see and discuss them.

Many say that social media causes rifts and divisions since it often the battleground of controversies and opinions. While it is true that news feeds are the breeding ground for controversies, they can also be used as a window into new insight.

It can be easy to get offended by the opposing opinion, but it is also a learning point in which to expand the possibilities past a particular region or area. In this way, social media can be a form of enlightenment instead of one of division.

Another way that so-

cial media allows connectivity between users is through group pages. Organizations, clubs and small groups can remain in touch with each other through pages, and not have to rely on word-of-mouth to stay updated.

Social media is often the focal point of cyberbullying and negativity, but it can also be the home for the opposite. Family members are allowed to see the life and wellbeing of their relatives even if they are many miles away.

It is one thing to hear their voice say they are happy, but it

is an entirely different experience to be able to see their happiness through social media. In addition, social media allows a person control over how they present themselves to their peers.

This small feeling of power can help boost a person's self confidence and morale, especially when people show their support. In many cases, people find it easier to type compliments than to say them — allowing for opportunities to build someone up instead of tear them down. In this way, social media

can grow confidence and understanding.

While social media truly can cause problems, it can also serve as an educating step into the real world. Sheltered teens and young adults have access to things that are not as pretty as what they have always seen.

It also allows them to learn important skills such as time management and effective communication. Social media and technology can be used in a negative way, as it is often painted, or it can be used as a tool for a better generation.

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2015 Football Schedule

9/5 @ Chattanooga W 23-20
 9/12 @ Auburn 11 a.m.
 9/19 vs Tennessee State* 1p.m.
 9/26 @ UT Martin* 2 p.m.
 10/3 vs Mississippi Valley State 1 p.m.
 10/10 Open
 10/17 @ Tennessee Tech* 6p.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

JSU Upcoming Action

9/11
 -Volleyball vs South Dakota 9:30 a.m.

 -Volleyball vs Wisconsin - Green Bay 2:30 p.m.

 -Cross Country @ UTC PowerAde Invitational 5:45 p.m.

 9/12
 -Volleyball vs Drake 9:30 a.m.

 -Football @ Auburn 11:00 a.m.

 -Volleyball @ North Dakota 12:00 p.m.

 9/13
 -Soccer vs Alabama State 1:00 p.m.

 9/16
 -Volleyball @ Jackson State 7:00 p.m.

JSU Football News

-Joel McCandless was named the Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week, while Connor Rouleau grabbed the OVC Specialist of the Week honor.

-Rouleau has also been named the College Sporting News All-Star of the week on special teams.

FYI Sports

- US Open 2015 (Tennis)

 -NFL season kickoff Sept. 10 Pittsburgh Steelers @ New England Patriots 7:30 p.m.

 -Floyd Mayweather vs. Andre Berto Sept. 12 (Boxing)



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Jacksonville State sophomore Allyson Zuhlke has her eyes set and is ready for the spike.

A pair of splits for JSU Volleyball

Rebekah Hawkins
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The Gamecock Invitational proved a challenge for the JSU volleyball team as they walked away with two wins and two losses.

JSU opened the tournament of their namesake against the Braves of Alcorn State. They never scored more than 14 points as the Gamecocks swept them with 25's across the board in each set. Emily Rutherford led the team in kills with 15, while Hannah Kirk and Jennifer Hart both had double digits in digs with 15 and 11, respectively. Hart also contributed a match high 30 assists.

The finals for the match were 25-13, 25-13 and 25-14.

The next match against the Terriers of Wofford

proved to be tougher for the Gamecocks. Wofford was able to sweep JSU 25-16, 25-23 and 25-17. Despite only a .116 overall hit percentage, Allyson Zuhlke still had 15 kills.

Kirk aided on defense with her 13 digs while Mackenzie Rombach had two blocks.

The following day was much the same for the Gamecocks as they again went 1-1 on matches. They began their day against Alabama A&M and finished with a match against Louisiana Monroe.

It took four sets to take down the A&M Bulldogs. The Gamecocks started off strong and led 9-4 early in the first set. They hit a snag at nine as the Bulldogs attempted to catch up, but to no avail.

The Gamecocks stopped AAMU's scoring at 19

and went on to win the first set 25-19. The second set was the only one that the Bulldogs were able to win as they managed to stop JSU at 21 while AAMU scored 25. The third and fourth sets were back in the Gamecocks' favor as they held AAMU to under 20 points in each. JSU won the third set 25-17 and the fourth 25-11.

It was Charis Ludtke who led the way in kills with 16 against the Bulldogs. Kirk, Rutherford, and Hart all had double digits in digs with 16 for Kirk and 11 for both Rutherford and Hart. Hart again had the match high with 48 assists.

The final match of the tournament against the ULM Warhawks was a tough one for the Gamecocks.

Although they were evenly matched with

ULM, they still could not pull off a win and were swept in their last match of the tournament.

The first set was back and forth between the two teams the entire duration. When the match tied at 24, it took two kills from ULM to seal their victory at 26. The second set was the Gamecocks worst as they only managed to score 12 points against ULM's 25. The final set was another back-and-forth battle, which again came down to a tie at 24. ULM put the match away with two kills and won 26-24.

Ludtke led in kills with 13 while Kirk and Rutherford took the lead on defense with 12 and 11 digs, respectively.

The Gamecocks will travel to North Dakota for their next tournament. Play begins on Sept. 11.

JSU Golf season is underway

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. – Both the Jacksonville State men's and women's golf teams got their 2015-16 seasons underway this week at the Golfweek Program Challenge, where the Gamecock men tied for 12th and the women finished 13th.

The men played their season opening tournament on the par-72, 6,920-yard True Blue Golf Course, where the Gamecocks tied Gardner-Webb for 12th in the 18-team field. The women's 13th-place finish in their 18-team event came on the par-71, 6,002-yard layout at the Caledonia Golf and Fish Club.

Junior Jamie Mist led the JSU men with a 19th-place finish with a 54-hole score of 213. The 3-under total score by the Hayling Island, England, native was 10-shots off medalist David Wicks of Jacksonville. Mist capped the tournament with a final-round 71, after opening with a three-under 69 on Sunday and carding a 73 Monday.

Jacksonville also won the team event, seven shots ahead of a two-way tie between James Madison and Mercer. Junior Camilo Aguado tied for 48th for the Gamecocks with a three-day score of 220, thanks to a final-round 73.

Junior Pablo Torres had the best day for the Gamecocks on Tuesday, firing a five-under 67 to cap a 54-hole

221 and climb into a tie for 53rd. The Bogota, Colombia, native turned in six birdies in Tuesday's final round.

Junior Tom Lawton was one shot behind Torres in 60th with a 54-hole score of 222. He shot a 75 on Tuesday, while junior Bo Hayes carded a 73 to cap his 224 and tie for 69th.

In the women's event, freshman Karina Kukkonen led the Gamecocks in her debut event. The Oulu, Finland, native shot a 224 over her first three collegiate rounds to tie for 20th in the 90-player field. She opened with a 74 on Sunday before a Monday 76 and another 74 in Tuesday's final round. Campbell won the event, while the Camels' Nadine White claimed medalist honors.

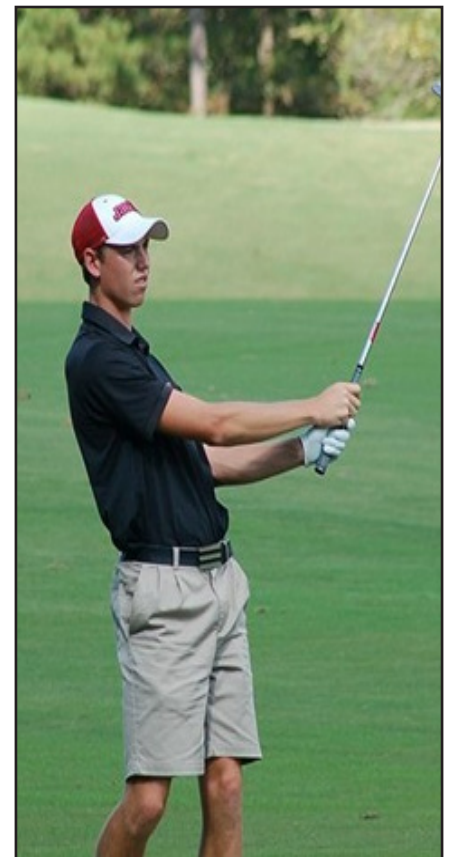
Senior Melania Bajo Geijo finished 22nd in the event after a 54-hole score of 225, one shot off the team low. She opened the event with a first-round 72 before following with a 76 and 77, respectively.

Junior Angie Varona finished tied for 61st after a final-round 78 wrapped up a total score of 237, while sophomore Maria Jose Lathrop's final-round 80 finished a 241 and tied her for 68th. Sophomore Natalia Azcue tied for 86th after a final-round 88 capped a 266.

The men play next at the Western Kentucky Kenny Perry Invitational in Bowling Green, Ky., on

Oct. 12-13, while the women host their Chris Banister Golf Classic at Silver Lakes from Sept. 27-29.

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Jacksonville State Junior Jamie Mist led the Gamecocks' Men in the Golfweek Program Challenge.



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Jacksonville State's Troymaine Pope is caught breaking a big run for the Gamecocks. Pope rushed for 180 yards in the season-opening victory over Chattanooga.

Gamecocks come from behind to edge Chattanooga 23-20

Timothy Cash
Staff Writer

Jacksonville State narrowly edged the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on Saturday, winning 23-20 with a late touchdown in a back-and-forth contest.

The defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Gamecocks traveled to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to face the Mocs for their first game of the regular season.

In his second season, JSU's head football coach John Grass, and the rest of the Gamecock football program, were ready to unveil on what they had worked all off-season to get ready for this moment: starting the season against another FCS top 10 school.

Last season, JSU went 8-0 in OVC play to win their first outright-conference championship since 2004, and only had one loss during the regular season.

However, Sam Houston State was too much for the Gamecocks to handle, and they were booted from the FCS playoff in the second round.

The Gamecocks hope to relive their regular-season dominance over the OVC, and have a stronger footprint in the post season.

The Gamecocks were able to

prove to the fans that they were worthy of their preseason No. 9 position by proving they had what it takes to keep-up with and hold-off No. 8 Chattanooga.

Eli Jenkins ended the day with 16 completions for 116 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed for 47 yards.

Troymaine Pope rushed for 180 yards, averaging 11.5 yards per carry.

Josh Clemons rushed for 67 yards, and averaged 8.1 yards per carry.

Miles Jones rushed for ten yards, and had a touchdown.

Josh Barge received 52 yards with a long of 18 yards. Gonzalez received 40 yards with a long of 13, and Dalton Screws received 17 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Brandon Bender had seven tackles, two for a loss, and a sack.

Joel McCandless had six tackles, two for a loss, and a sack. Jermaine Hough had four tackles, one for a loss, and a sack.

The reigning Southern Conference champions, Chattanooga, were first on the board at Finley Stadium. A 62-yard, 10-play opening drive led to the Mocs' Henrique Riberio kicking a 30-yard field goal.

The Gamecocks too, managed to score a field goal on their opening drive. JSU went 66 yards on 5

plays before a 34-yard kick by red-shirt-sophomore Connor Rouleau split the uprights, and tied the game.

With two minutes left in the first quarter, Chattanooga quarterback Jacob Huesman, ran seven yards for a touchdown.

With a four-yard pass from preseason All-OVC, and last season first team All-OVC, Jenkins, senior wide receiver Gonzalez scored a touchdown that allowed Rouleau to once again tie the contest.

The Gamecocks did not allow the Mocs to put any points on the board during the second quarter.

The third quarter saw Jacksonville State take their first lead of the day. Rouleau split the uprights for three points for the second time.

After 11-plays and 57-yards, the Gamecocks were up 13-10.

Then, Chattanooga brought on the fourth tie of the afternoon by marching 59-yards on 12-plays that set up a successful 33-yard field-goal by Riberio.

The Gamecocks once again regained the lead early in the fourth quarter.

Rouleau was successful for his third field-goal of the game. Jacksonville State marched 56-yards on 12-plays to bring the score to 16-13.

Chattanooga's Montrell Par-

due was able to strip the ball from JSU's Pope, causing a fumble. Pardue was then able to run the ball back for a 55-yard Mocs touchdown. After Riberio's good PAT, Chattanooga led 20-16 with eight minutes left in the contest.

The Gamecocks never gave up, and going 79-yards on only 10-plays, twice having to convert on fourth-down, senior running back Jones was able to go one-yard for a touchdown.

After another successful kick by Rouleau, the Gamecocks once again took the lead with 2:41 left in the game. JSU was then able to hold the Mocs from scoring, and went on to win.

The Gamecocks had 17 first downs compared to Chattanooga's 11. JSU had 411 total yards of offense, while the Mocs had 196. JSU held the ball for 34:21, while Chattanooga only had 25:39 minutes of possession.

The Gamecocks will now face the Auburn Tigers (1-0).

JSU will travel to Auburn, Ala., on Sept. 12, to face the Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium for the first meeting ever between the in-state programs.

The Gamecocks will return to Burgess-Snow Field for their first home game of the season at JSU Stadium on Sept. 19, when they open up conference play against the Tennessee State Tigers.

JSU Soccer ends slump with 1-0 win

JACKSON, Miss. – The Jacksonville State soccer team broke out of its scoring slump with a 1-0 win over Jackson State on Sunday afternoon at the JSU Soccer Complex in the Magnolia State.

The win snapped a two-match losing skid for the Gamecocks as they improved to 2-4 on the season and posted the club's first win away from Jacksonville this season. The Tigers of JSU fell to 2-3-1 on the season. Jax State continued its dominance over teams from the Southwestern Athletic Conference as the win pushed the Gamecocks' all-time record against the SWAC to 19-1-1.

It didn't take Jax State very long to put the eventual game-winning goal on the scoreboard as senior Courtney Hurt tallied her first goal of the season in the fifth minute of the contest. After struggling to put together scoring chances in the past two out-

ings on the pitch, the Gamecocks turned in a season-high 21 shots in the match and finished with a season-best 15 on goal chances. Jax State had 14 of the 21 shot attempts in the first 45 minutes and limited the Tigers to just three in the first half.

Hurt's goal, which was her 19th of her career, moved her into a tie for seventh all-time in goals scored at JSU. The Huntsville, Alabama native took a cross from junior Nicola Dominikovich to set up the lone goal in the contest.

Jax State controlled the contest the rest of the way, but could not push another result on the board for insurance in the match. The Gamecocks and Tigers were equal in shots in the second half with seven on each side. Senior Kelsey Bright registered a match-high five shots, followed by Katt Dowd with four.

After making eight stops on Friday night against Georgia State, sophomore goalkeeper Caroline Robinson recorded five saves on Sunday.

The Gamecocks will have a rare Friday night off and will return to action on Sunday, Sept. 13 against Alabama State. Match time is set for 1 p.m. at the JSU Soccer Field.

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