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SSA: a place for people with secular beliefs

By Eric Taunton Staff Writer

The Secular Student Alliance hosted a "Stone-a-Heathen" event on the evening of Sept. 6. The event gave students the opportunity to throw water balls at the image of a flashlight representing the organization for $1.

Ben G. Williams, the president of the SSA and a senior majoring in Music education, through the SSA, wanted to raise money for the organization and prompt students to question some violent scripture texts. "We wanted to draw attention to something that some believers don’t know are in their own religion," Williams said.

An example of this is Deuteronomy 13:10. "You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw away your son from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, because they were testing you to know whether or not the Lord your God was in your midst," Williams said.

He also took the time to say that they are not allowed to speak against policy issues of student ac- cessibility, affordability and stu- dent debt. He said, "We are a secular borrower and the student body is left behind while the cost of attend- ing JSU rises."

A majority of those who attend Jacksonville State, the $333 extra dollars that she will be giving to the Uni- versity in the Spring doesn’t belong to her parents; they belong to her. "Being the oldest of four children, it’s great knowing that we would be paying for college on our own. It’s a good feeling, I know each additional add-on it just seems to be more and more."

The idea behind the open forum was a good thing however, it was a necessary event to help students understand what their money is going there. "I’m grateful that the SSA put this forum on, I could have come and heard where my money was going," Barber said. "I think that this forum no one was thinking about this money was going to be paying in the Spring."

"I feel less for frustration [for those who attended the forum] is still going to be there, it’s not a suppression of frustrated because I came to the forum and participated," Barber said. The SSA will be holding more forums to talk to the students about the raise in tuition.
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September brings new movies and music

September brings great things with new releases in the music and film industries.

A Day to Remember dropped its sixth album this week with “Bad Vibrations.” The band’s last album, “Common Courtesy,” was released in 2017 in the midst of a legal battle with their record label, Victory Records. The band has been on a break since. It is the band’s first album since 2007 to have full contributions from all bandmates. A Day to Remember’s new album, “Bad Vibrations,” was released September 2.

The wait for new music from Lady Gaga is coming to an end. After almost three years, Lady Gaga confirmed on Twitter that her new single “Perfect Illusion” will be released on Friday, September 9. According to TIME Magazine, “Perfect Illusion” is a collaborative effort between Mark Ronson and the producer BloodPop. It is believed that “Perfect Illusion” is the first single from Lady Gaga’s untitled fifth album. September brings the release of the new “Bridge Jones” movie: “Bridge Jones’s Baby.” The romantic comedy brings returning stars Renée Zellweger as Bridget Jones and Colin Firth as Mark Darcy. Patrick Dempsey plays a new character named Jack Wuant. The film is directed by Sharon Maguire and distributed by Universal Pictures. This is the third film in the series, the last one being released in 2004.

Film critic David Edmonds of Mirror calls it a “laughathon” to “watch at all costs.” “Bridge Jones’s Baby” will be released September 16.

Another anticipated release this month is “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.” The film is based on the 2011 best-selling novel by Ransom Riggs and directed by Tim Burton.

Some inspiration for the novel and film came from vintage photographs that Riggs found at flea markets and rummage sales.

“T h e y ’ r e compelling,” Burton said in an interview. “They remind me of old horror movies and unworldly places.” Tim Burton is a highly respected and admired director, producer, artist and writer. He is the director responsible for films such as “The Nightmare Before Christmas” and “Beetlejuice.” “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” opens September 30.
CMA award show nominations released

Avery Leroe Special to The Chanticleer

The Country Music Association, CMA, awards are hosted annually to reward country genre musicians for the entertainment they provided to their fans. Chris Underwood and Brad Paisley will return as hosts.

“The CMA Awards is one of the few awards shows I look forward to watching because of the amazing chemistry Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood have,” said one of the fanatics who couldn’t wait, Renee Lyons.

This year’s 50th CMA awards show will be held on Nov. 2, 2016. It will be aired live on Wednesday on ABC-TV.

There are many different categories as well as many different nominees for these awards. Some seemed to surprise fans. Lyons said, “There were quite a few shockers in the nominee list that had social media and fans saying, ‘There were quite a few shockers in the nominee list that had social media and fans saying.”

“Unlike other country music award shows, the winners are chosen by industry professionals which ultimately leads to industry favorites,” said Lyons.

Of course, “Dierks Bentley’s album has shocked everyone over the fan favorites.”

The first of these categories is Entertainer of the Year. Nominees include Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan, Chris Stapleton, Carrie Underwood, and Keith Urban.

The nominated songs for Single of the Year are “Die A Happy Man” by Thomas Rhett, “Humble and Kind” by Tim McGraw, and “Lose You, Redcord” by Eric Church, Jeff High, and “Marry Me” by Bubba, and Maren Morris.

The nominees for Female Vocalist of the Year are Kelsea Ballerini, Miranda Lambert, Maren Morris, Kacey Musgraves, and Carrie Underwood.

The videos that were nominated for Video of the Year are “Sway,” and “You Are My Sunshine.”

Beloved actor Wilder bids farewell in peace

Matt Hill Staff Reporter

Wilder's last appearance on the big screen was in the 1998 classic “The Longest Day.” In the last year of his life, he starred in “The Little Rascals” as an old man.

Born on June 10, 1930, in Wisconsin, Wilder was originally named Jerome Silberman—it was not until the age of twenty-six that Wilder adopted the professional name Gene Wilder.

The influence from seeing his older sister, who was an actress, perform on stage helped Wilder become interested in the theatre and the performing arts. Wilder would study under his sister’s acting teacher for two years before being sent to Blackstone, a military institute in Hollywood.

Wilder’s first performance for a paying audience was as the character Balthazar in a production of Shakespeare’s “Roméo et Juliette.”

In 1951, Wilder graduated from Washington High School. Wilder would later attend the University of Iowa where he studied Communication and Theatre Arts.

One year after graduating from the University of Iowa in 1955, he was drafted into the Army, eventually being assigned to the medical corps and serving as a paramedic.

After being cast in a lead role for Mother Courage and Her Children, Wilder was introduced to Shelley Winters. Brooks would later become a major catalyst for the success of Wilder’s career.

The relationship between Wilder and Brooks would be described by some as “two talents with a chemistry.” In 1975, Wilder would debut as a director with a romantic musical comedy, “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: Smarter Brother.”

The movie Silver Streak teamed Wilder and actor, Richard Pryor, together making them the first inter-racial movie duo to achieve success. The pair would star in other films like Stir Crazy and Hanky Panky. Wilder’s last appearance in a feature film happened in 1991 after the movie, “Another Year,” was released.

After a few failed marries, Wilder met Gilda Radner, his future wife. She died from ovarian cancer in 1989. The pair had no children.

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Upon arriving at the International House cookout, I was greeted by friendly faces and the sound of one of the students singing “Wagon Wheel” by Darius Rucker. The aroma of chicken and hot dogs sizzling on the grill floated through the air. A gathering of around forty students filled the outside patio.

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Despite opening daywin, Gamecocks get jumped in both polls

JACKSONVILLE - Despite taking care of business in the first week of the season, Jacksonville State was jumped by two teams in both polls.

After one game of the 2016 campaign, the Gamecocks fell from third to fifth in both major FCS polls.

Both the STATS FCS Top 25 and FCS Coaches Poll were released on Monday, rewarding a couple of FCS wins over Power 5 teams.

While five-time defending national champion North Dakota State held in spot atop the polls, Richmond climbed two spots to No. 2 after a win over Virginia, while Northern Iowa used win over Iowa State to also jump two spots to No. 4. Sam Houston State remained a spot ahead of JSU in fourth, while The Gamecocks rounded out the top five in both polls. JSU earned one first-place vote in the STATS poll.

The Gamecocks will get their chance against a Power 5 team on Saturday, when they face LSU in Baton Rouge at 3 p.m. on ESPNU.

JSU enjoyed the publicity and recognition competing against the SEC would provide last year, when an overtime loss at No. 6 Auburn catapulted the Gamecocks into the No. 1 spot in the STATS poll. Jacksonville State was jumped by Oregon in the season opener.

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