

Junior earns State Fair photo recognitions

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Photography is meant to be viewed. It's not as often that it's written about. Josh Hall, communication junior, recently had one of his photographs nominated for the People's Choice Award at this year's Kansas State Fair.

Hall's photograph was taken at a water amusement ride, and was nominated for how well the picture captured the expressions on the faces of some of the park's patrons as they rode.

The shot was considered difficult, and Hall excelled in picture clarity where an average photographer would have submitted a much blurrier image.

It took a while for Hall to discover that he was being honored

for his talent as a photographer. "I was the last one to find out," said Hall. "I looked at my email and found out that I'm nominated for this thing and I wondered why no one told me."

Hall, despite his surprise, accepts it as a success. "Well, I don't think it was that great of a picture," said Hall. "I felt like last year I did a better job. But if it got nominated, it got nominated. I'm not arguing against it."

Taking the majority of his photography coursework here at Southwestern, Hall has much credit to give to the college and the communication division.

"It's an esteemed thing, definitely a point of pride," said Tom Jacobs, division chairperson for the communication, computer science and English departments. "Reaching

that level of excellence is something we can all be proud of."

The photograph was posted on the Kansas State Fair website where visitors could vote on it, along with 17 other nominated submissions.

The winner of the People's Choice title will receive a Kansas State Fair blue ribbon and a cash prize of \$50, both presented at an awards ceremony Oct. 16.

Even with the prospect of receiving awards, Hall was more concerned with the future. "I'm just hoping that it's recognizable enough to get me a job for when I finish school," said Hall.

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Dalton Carver/Collegian photographer

Josh Hall, communication junior, was recognized for his photography by the Kansas State Fair. This was the second year he participated in the fair's internship program. One of his photos was nominated for the People's Choice award.

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a reception with all four featured artists on Saturday in the Darbeth Fine Arts Center Lobby from two-thirty to five p.m.

James Borger graduated from Southwestern College in 1982 with a bachelor of arts in art with an emphasis in studio painting. He continued his studies by taking graphic design classes for two years at Wichita State University. Borger is the executive art director at Pioneer Balloon Company.

He continues to paint realistic 'Stillscapes,' a blend of foreground still-lives and background Midwestern landscapes. His works are exhibited across the country. Borger's work is displayed by the Leopold Gallery in Kansas City, Mo., as well as the Strecker-Nelson Gallery in Manhattan, Kan.

His inspiration is the world around us. He said, "I like to bring beauty out in a different way than you'd normally see." He creates these pieces using acrylic paints on canvas usually, but he also uses paper and cardboard.

Borger is excited to have his work displayed at the college. He said, "It's kind of a coming home. It's neat because I have a lot of good memories... It's like coming full circle." His work will be in Pounds Lounge in the Roy L. Smith Student Center starting

on Oct. 12. Borger will be greeting people there from two to five

p.m. on Oct. 12, seven-thirty a.m. to five p.m. on Oct. 13, and

nine a.m. to one p.m. on Oct. 14.

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"Traverse" painted by James Borger, a 1982 graduate of Southwestern College, is one of many works of art that will be on display in the Pound's Lounge in the Roy L. Smith Student Center Oct. 12-14. Borger graduated with a bachelor of arts in art with an emphasis in studio painting and took two years of graphic design class at Wichita State University.