Selling the future

Career Services’ Reverse Education Fair showcases talents of prospective teachers

Taylor Brown
Staff writer

Students and teachers alike gathered to get for the prospects of employment at JSU’s second-ever Reverse Career Fair on February 5 at Leone Cole Auditorium. The event was set up by JSU Career Services, which consists of Ms. Becca Turner, Director, Ms. Lola Johnston, Counselor, and Tawana Roberts, Secretary, as the three full-time staff.

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Elementary Education major Marie Cornutt poses next to her space-themed booth at last Wednesday’s Reverse Career Fair. Future teachers like Cornutt and their potential employers both welcome the networking opportunity that the fair offers.

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Alex Black
Staff Writer

In the next few weeks, Student Government Association elections will be gearing up and getting ready to begin. On February 17, applications for interested candidates will become available in Student Life office on Monday. Interested candidates can run for President, Vice President of Student Senate, Vice President of Student Activities, Vice President of Organizational Affairs, and Senator.

Through various campaign activities take quite some time, current SGA President Jade Wagner explains that the process is completely worth the effort.

“I am responsible for being the voice of the students on about eighteen different committees. It doesn’t matter when the committees meet, I have to be there to represent the students,” Wagner says.

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Zach Tyler
Associate Editor

Students beware: the English Competency Exam (ECE) takes place this month. It will be administered on February 25 and 26 in the Stone Center, per usual. Tuesday’s ECE sections test from 6 to 7:30 PM and Wednesday’s from 3 to 4:30 PM.

The exam, which is a requirement for graduation, is administered by the English Department. Any student who has completed English 101 and 102 and has at least 60 credit hours may register to take it, but must do so as soon as registration opens each semester — there is absolutely no late registration.

Detailed instructions about what to expect on the writing examination and what materials to bring can be found on the ‘ECE Information’ section of the English Department’s website, but students will need a blue or black ink pen, and a blue examination book. Students are also encouraged to bring a dictionary. Blue examination book, underwriting by CCI Security.

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Undergraduate work in College of Arts and Sciences in the spotlight at annual Student Symposium

Kate Chatham
Staff Writer

On February 5 and 6, students presented a variety of topics at the College of Arts and Sciences’ Student Symposium in the Houston Cole Library.

The annual symposium is an event that highlights students and the work they have accomplished in the areas of study in the School of Arts and Sciences. The students who participate are asked to do so by faculty members.

“Professors take into consideration the quality of the paper that has been written by a student. If the professor feels that this quality of work is worthy, the student may be asked if he or she wants to present the paper,” says English Professor Susan Sellers.

Professors not only ask students to participate, but they help guide them through the process. English Professor Jennifer Foster compares her role as a mentor to being a tour guide. “Ultimately, I just hold my students and participants in the symposium accountable with due dates and basic guidelines for assignments,” she says. “They do the rest.”

This event can be a great opportunity for any student, and those who participate appear to take great pride in what they present. Nikki Pruitt gave a presentation on biblical allusions in the video The Chanticleer is published by Jacksonville State University students each week. The Chanticleer is the official student newspaper of Jacksonville State University’s Student-Published Newspaper since 1934. Wednesday, February 12, 2014

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The 2013 Student Government Association of JSU. From left: Brett Johnson (VP Student Senate), Erika Warren (Director Of Publicity), Torsten Dryden (Chief Justice), Ariel Tolson (VP Organizational Affairs), Jade Wagner (President) and Kelsey Mann (VP Student Activities).
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Serving as president can be time consuming, but Wagner loves every minute of her time with the SGA and has learned many valuable lessons about leadership and working with others. “I’m always getting to meet new people and it’s always fun to have fun,” she says. Brett Johnson, the Vice President of the Organizational Council, also fills in for President Wagner when she is unable to attend meetings and spearheads headcount coming every fall.

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This month, the JSU Honors program has partnered with the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center in an effort to provide something that many of us take for granted: shoes. Students can find the large transparent boxes for the annual S.H.O.E. (Students Helping Other Excel) Box Project in almost every building on campus. Shoes collected from this service project will go straight to the JCOC in an effort to provide help (in the form of sneakers and tennis shoes) to those in need in our community.

Dr. Steven Whitton, former director of the Honor’s Program, helped found the project back in 2009 with the very first group of Elite Honors Scholars. “I felt that the elite honors scholars needed to give back to their community. Since there were only eight scholars at the time, we had to find something manageable,” says Whitton.

“I sent the students around campus. We decided on a building to put a box and a building to take a box and a building to monitor and ensure that people are turning in the boxes for the annual S.H.O.E. Box Project. Now, with thirty elite honors scholars, each student takes a box and a building on campus to monitor and collect the shoes donated by those all across campus. The drive will last until February 28.”

“We’ve been doing the S.H.O.E. Box project here for as long as I can remember. The Honors Program brings them to us and we pass them on to clients,” says Mary Agnes Hester, the chairman of the board of the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center. “The Honors Program brings us a pair of shoes that hasn’t been worn in months that would suit them to us and we pass them on to clients at our center,” says Mary Agnes Hester, the chairman of the board of the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center.

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"I could feel the floor bouncing beneath his feet"
Love and a million dollars

Vallain Jackson
Special to The Chanticleer

Are you one of the new reality dating competition show on MTV that airs on Tuesdays at 11/10c? The title alone can be attractive enough to most women eager to watch what is going on in this show and find out how the other reality dating television shows are. There are many dating shows on different networks that are ready to offer you the prize of a million dollars if done correctly.

The objective of the show is to show is to help those who are searching for their perfect match. A total of twelve individuals, ten men and two women participate in this year's season with the hopes of walking away with love and the cash generated as a bonus. The objective may be to find the perfect match. It is based on the fact that of the process results, the number of correct couples is given but not which correct couple it applies to. Therefore, it is still a question as to which couple will win the prize of love and money.

During the competition continues, after the competition concludes, the choosing who is correct. The twist of it involves guessing the specific person's match, with each couple placing their right hand to be scanned and scans to be locked in to analyze which guessed pair is correct.

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Video game movies: the next big thing

Brian Frosti
via Darie

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Opinion & Editorial

Dual enrollment key to the state of Alabama

Beet Johnson
Staff Writer

How would you like to receive a four-year degree only two years after graduating high school? Democrats say that is the goal. Republicans associate degree at high school graduation.

This is happening across the state of Alabama and has been for some time. The program is referred to as ‘dual enrollment,’ meaning that students are allowed to enroll in college classes as a part of their high school curriculum for both college and high school credit.

Of course, there is still a bill attached to college enrollment. In fact, most colleges charge normal tuition to students who are dually enrolled.

This is why many students, like myself, weren't able to take advantage of the dual enrollment program. It's simply too expensive for the average high school pushing buggies on the weekends just to get by.

Well, guess what? Dual enrollment accessibility is now on the radar of those who have the power to make changes happen. Yes, the good ole Alabama Legislature has picked up on dual enrollment opportunities. Who might be able to take advantage of the dual enrollment program and state budgets are improved dual enrollment for all.

Last month, Democrats proposed repealing a $5 million dollar state obligation

under the GOP only $5 million per year is available each year at $5 million state obligation would have to be there if $5 million of donations were made. Under the Democrats' plan, only $5 million per year is available. Under the GOP plan, there is potential for $5 million per year. However, if zero donations come in, the state gives dollars to dual enrollment, which results in no real solution for the program.

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A realistic solution can be worked out to guarantee at least $5 million per year. If the new insurance program is suspended and a new donation match-taxing credit is created at a $2.5 million maximum state obligation. This year, Alabama gets a guaranteed new and improved dual enrollment scholarship fund that could not be strained any more than they already are.

While you or I may be too old to take advantage of the dual enrollment program, we can. Who knows? Maybe your children or grandchildren can be able to take advantage of a state-supported dual enrollment program? Stay tuned for more.

Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Lambda Pi Chapter

Education Association already provide teachers with liability insurance. Last week, Republicans announced an competing plan to support dual enrollment. Under their plan, anyone donating to a state-run dual enrollment scholarship fund would receive a tax credit for half of the amount donated. The plan caps the tax credits available each year at $5 million. Therefore, the funds available for scholarships would be limited to $10 million; twice the funds that Democrats proposed. Democrats argue that $5 million in new tax credits really equals a $2.5 million reduction in the overall Education Trust Fund. Republicans, who hold a Supermajority in the legislature, have countered that the $5 million proposed obligation should be only if $5 million of donations were made.

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Sports

Gamecock Sports Sidebar

OVC Football Coaching changes

SE Missouri State: Out - Tom Maturik (Nov. 26) In - Tom Maturik (Dec. 18)

Eastern Illinois: Out - Dino Babers (Dec. 18) In - Kim Garner (Jan. 10)

Jacksonville State: Out - Matt Craft (Jan. 21) In - John Grass (Jan. 21)

Upcoming Action:

Thursday: MBb vs Morehead Friday: VBb vs Valdosta State at SIU Saturday: MBb vs Murray State Sunday: MBb vs Morehead

NCAA RW at 1sp (Feb. 10)

1. West Virginia
2. Murray State
3. Kentucky
4. Nebraska
5. Belmont
6. Murray State
7. Belmont
8. JSU (2-13)
9. Jacksonville State (10-16)
10. Tennessee Tech (12-13)
11. Morehead State (16-0)
12. Austin Peay
13. Eastern Kentucky

OVC Softball standings:

Eastern Illinois  (2-3)
JSU  (1-4)
Eastern Kentucky  (2-3)

OVC W. Basketball Standings:

Tennessee State (7-4) [10-14]
Belmont (8-4) [11-14]
Tennessee Tech (3-2) [12-14]
Murray State (1-3) [13-14]
Morehead State (1-3) [14-14]

OVC M. Basketball Standings:

Eastern Kentucky (7-2) [13-18]
Belmont (8-4) [11-14]
Tennessee State (7-4) [10-14]
Tennessee Tech (6-5) [9-15]
Jacksonville State (6-6) [10-15]
Morehead State (4-7) [10-14]

SC

Historic Opening Day

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Harbin, Akenberger both toss No-Hitters

Starkville, Miss. – A pair of pitching performances got the 2014 season started for the Jacksonville State softball team on Friday, when Tiffany Harbin and Casey Akenberger each no-hit their opponents in leading the Gamecocks to mercy-rule wins over Northern Kentucky and Mississippi Valley State.

Harbin, a senior with several career records already in her portfolio, struck out 12 of the 16 batters she faced in a 9-0 win over NKU in the season opener to set the tone for the day and Akenberger followed suit. A sophomore who saw limited action as a reserve in 2013, she faced the minimum in handing MVSU the 8-0 defeat, striking out two and getting nine ground outs.

“Opening Day is our always good to get out on the right foot and you never expect to throw two no-hitters,” JSU head coach Jana McGinnis said. “I’m very proud of the work both Tiff and Casey have put in to get ready for this season and that paid off today.”

Akenberger’s gem was the fifth no-no of her illustrious career in a Gamecock uniform. The Hard Green, Ala., native entered the day as the school’s career strikeout leader and ran her total up to 712 by the time she left the circle with her fifth win, another milestone.

She joins Jill Willcock (64 from 1996) as the only two players in JSU history with a 12-2 record. She also established the school’s career strikeout record.

The junior paired her own strikeout total with a double play ball to end the inning. Her start was something McGinnis said she deserved.

Overlooked on a day dominated in the circle by the Gamecocks was an offense that scored 17 runs, 14 of which were earned in bunting situations. The Gamecocks got the game’s first hit, a double by Akenberger in the first inning, 12 Gamecocks had the biggest blow late with a two-run double by Ella Denes in the fifth that took an offense that scored 17 runs, 14 of which were earned in bunting situations. The Gamecocks got the game’s first hit, a double by Akenberger in the first inning, 12 Gamecocks...

The one run would be all she would need, but JSU started lacing on insurance in the third.

First pitch put the game away with Akenberger in the circle and was started by a leadoff walk to junior Savannah Sloan, who stole second and scored on an error after Harbin fumbled a pickoff throw.

Senior Kacie Tabor kept it going with a three-run home run and JSU opened it up with a two-run triple. Sophomores Casey Craig and Hallie Paye both had SB...
Basketball reaches double-digit wins
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The Gamecock women led a defeated Tennessee Tech for the first time in 15 meetings Saturday afternoon. It was Candace Morton that the score came to a close. From the field as the first half ended, Morton again added a layup to the game. With less than three minutes remaining, Morton cut the lead to four. Only 47 seconds were left in the game and the Gamecocks clung to a 67-65 lead. Cantrell put a layup on the board, which gave JSU room to work with as the clock ticked away. Henderson again added a layup to the mix, but free throws from multiple Gamecocks sealed the victory. Morton finished the game with 25 points while Dostrey McInn had 16, each of which came in the first half. It was also a career high scoring night for Briana Benson, who had 21 points during the game.

Miranda Cantrell contributed 10 points as well. Tennessee Tech scored more than 20 points in a night. From the 12-2 season of last year the Gamecocks are 10-15 and currently have won seven of their last 11 games they've played in 2014. They also have six OVC wins which is the most they've had since the 2010-2011 season.

Tough road ahead for men’s basketball
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Last season JSU men’s basketball team finished 17-11, but a postseason ban forced the Gamecocks to not qualify for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. A year later, with post-season restrictions lifted, JSU was positioned for another solid season and grab a mid-range spot in the OVC tournament, the path for OVC schools to appear in the NCAA Tournament. However, after their current three-game skid, the Gamecocks sat just 16-10 overall and only 4-7 in conference play.

With only five games left in the regular season, JSU is in serious danger of missing out on the eight-team OVC tournament altogether. The 47 conference mark has Jan State tied with SEMO and Austin Peay for ninth in the standings. Both teams are in the mix in the mid-season tournament spot in eighth. It’s not much ground to make up, but JSU is heading into a rigorous fi

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Jacksonville State's OVC Championship Rifle squad led by coach Ron Frost (left).