Central Technology Fair brings local high schoolers to campus

By Alex McFry Staff Writer

Last Friday, much to the horror of stu-
dents at JSU, hun-
dreds of small chil-
dren flocked to the
Jack Hopper dining
hall to get lunch.
Where did they come
from? Why were they
here?

All of the students,
their teachers, and
their parents were
attendees of the 19th
annual Alabama
Council for Tech-
nology in Education
(ACTE) Central Tech-
nology Fair. In ad-
dition to these herd of
elementary, mid-
dle, and high school
students were also
the judges and vol-
teers from various
departments around
JSU campus that pitched
in to make the fair a
success this year.

The technology
fair allows local high
school students to
participate in the
following catego-
ries: General Ap-
pli-
cations, Multimedia
Applications, Web
Site Creation, Video
Production, Hard-
ware-Robotics, Com-
puter Project Pro-
gramming, and the
Team Programming
Challenge. These
categories include
anything from Pow-
erPoint presentations
for younger students
to elaborate robots for
older students.

For the competition,
tudents are
required to submit
a completed project
in the category of
their choice, along with
a notebook specifying
what program they
used, why they de-
cided to create the
project, what edu-
cational value the
project has, and how
they completed the
project. Students can
compete individually
in or groups of up to
four students total. In
addition to their proj-
jects, students were
also required to
complete a survey
on their feelings on
the fair.

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from?

The Technology Fair is
planned by the ACTE
Central Technology
Fair committee, which
is responsible for
planning and coordi-
nating the event.

The fair is open to
students in grades 7
and above, and they
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Kenneth Smith did not share any of his own ideas for the vice presidency because he said he wants to keep the forum free of needs. “If you had a list, I would read that,” he said. He wants more students to implement their ideas. He said that he has a lot of contacts and has previously conducted successful events, like the Sigma Nu car show.

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step and dance shows. This year’s competition was battling out among 13 contestants in three categories: the GQ Walk, “Q & A” and “Talent.” The men showed off their best runway strut for the first segment while the “Q & A” portion saw contestants answering Compelling questions, such as: “What is a Zeta girl’s favorite movie?” (Answer: The Little Mermaid, of course.)

Finally, the most important and tiring segment was “Talent.” The crowd was at its peak and applause and cheers at a variety of talent showcases including singing, playing musical instruments, rapping, poetry reciting and drumming. Yes, drumming.

After an hour and a half of swapping ideas, talent and excitement, the results were in.

This year’s third place contestant is Alex Smith sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi. The second place contestant is Eric McIntyre sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Order. The breast cancer cause is one close to his heart. Adams told the crowd. His grandmother, to whom he dedicated his song performance, is a breast cancer survivor. “This [event] for breast cancer really hits home,” he said. Adams’ grandmother was acknowledged for a standing ovation and the nurse who accompanied her after the grandparent’s operation.

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Building awareness

Last week, JSU’s Residence Hall Association and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held an event, Sleep Out for the Homeless, to bring awareness to the issue of homelessness in America. Dr. Nancy Stewart, a professor of social work at JSU, was the guest speaker. The event also featured a shelter-building competition, in which teams had five minutes to create a shelter using cardboard boxes and duct tape. Photos by Leah Whitby.

LEFT: Phi Beta Sigma brothers Anthuan Brown, Sam Pugh, Chris Smith, Rayon Hudson, Sean Watson and Trevor Forrest construct a shelter. BOTTOM LEFT: Homecoming King and Queen Kenneth Smith and Kayla Haynes attend the event.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Shelter competition winners Sarah Elise Doxens and Mackayla Harris build their shelter.

Pre-registration schedule for Fall 2014

Students must be cleared by their academic advisors before registering for classes.

Register online via MyJSU.

March 17 Graduate/Doctoral Students 8:00 a.m.
March 18 Seniors 96+ hours earned 8:00 a.m.
March 19 Juniors 64+ hours earned 8:00 a.m.
March 20 Sophomores 32+ hours earned 8:00 a.m.
March 21 Freshmen 8:00 a.m.

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Never criticize someone until you’ve walked a mile in his shoes. That way, when you criticize him, you’re a mile away. And you have his shoes.

A synonym is a word you use if you can’t spell the other one.

I wonder is there are any times on the clock that I’ve never seen.

Nothing is on fire. Fire is on things.

The sentence “My entire life has led up to this moment” is always true.

7-day weather forecast

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Arrest-Possession of Marijuana & Drug Paraphernalia
Dixon Hall

03/03/2014
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Mountain Street

02/27/2014
Lost Decal
JSU

02/27/2014
Violation of Student Code of Conduct
Stadium Tower

02/27/2014
Welfare Check
JSU

02/27/2014
Unlawful Breaking
Entering a Vehicle
Jax Apartments

02/27/2014
Vehicle Damage
Stadium Tower
Parking Lot

Upcoming SGA events:

March 10th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 11th
Student Activities Council
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 17th
Senate Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 17th
SGA Candidate Debate
TMB Auditorium
7:00 PM

March 18th
Organizational Council Meeting
TMB Auditorium
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

March 20th
SGA Elections
www.jsu.edu/elections
12:00 AM-5:00 PM

March 24th-28th
Spring Break
Local author to present at Houston Cole Library

Marie McMurnett
Staff Writer

The Second Saturday Space Safari has become a tradition to Jacksonville and the surrounding communities. On the second Saturday of the month, from December through April, curiosity and knowledge of the constellations merge into one.

The monthly planetarium program returns to room 328 of Martin Hall on March 8. The program returns to room 328 of Martin Hall on March 8. The Safari happens at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., giving the community a chance to explore the cosmos and learn about past eras of constellations.

Each month has a theme, and the theme for March is cosmic serpents.

“I can download pictures from NASA and put on the dome,” said Dr. Laura Weinkauf, director of JSU’s Planetarium. “And it’s all about the serpents. They are water related. The sky and some of the stories behind them.”

“We do the cosmic serpents in March because it’s close to St. Patrick’s Day,” explains Weinkauf. “One of the things St. Patrick is famous for is supposedly driving the snakes out of Ireland.”

When asked about what exactly this month’s program has to do with the March Safari, “I will be talking about snake constellations in the sky and some of the stories behind them,” said Weinkauf.

“One thing that the writers group found very amusing is that to fictionalized characters in fiction. Dr. Gates, “but leaping from one world to the next is different. We’ve played around with what draws people in during certain times of the year,” said Weinkauf. “For the most part, we have settled on the December through April programs.”

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“The cost of admission is $5 per adult and $2 per child or 12 years or under. Payment is taken at the door but those who wish to attend are encouraged to buy tickets ahead of time in order to secure seating.”

For more information about planetarium programs, contact Dr. Laura Weinkauf at 256-782-3741 or email weinkaufl@jsu.edu.
Jeff Hamilton Trio to perform at Jazz Festival

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The philosophy of the festival is to provide an educational and musical experience for both students and directors, as well as to foster the growth of the community of jazz educators, musicians, and students. The Jazz Festival is honored to have the Jeff Hamilton Trio as the guest artists this year.

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The Music Department hopes that area directors and students, as well as music lovers, will come for an exciting day of clinics, master classes and performances in three different venues.

The festival will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The evening concert featuring the Jeff Hamilton Trio will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Leonle Cole Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Andy Nevirade, 262-782-5883, anevala@jsu.edu. The JSU Jazz Festival is sponsored by the David L Walters Department of Music and the local chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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Upcoming events on and around campus

March 6, 2014
Local author Beth Drake to present at Spring Friends of Houston Cole Library.

Get an autographed copy of her book beginning at 7 p.m. in the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Free admission.

March 8, 2014
Vex Robotics State Championships for middle and high schools begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. Free admission.

Take a hike Series begins at 9:30 at the Pinhoti trail in Talladega National Forest or at 9 at the Walls of Jericho trail. Ticket purchase required due to bus provided to trails. Meeting place for each trail differs. See JSU calendar website for more details.

March 10, 2014
JSU Jazz combos will perform at Java Jolt beginning at 7 p.m. Free unless you would like coffee.

March 12, 2014
SAl Musicale presents Music in our Schools beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ma- son Hall Performance Center. Free admission.

March 13, 2014
Arrive at 7:30 p.m. and be sure to bring your simula- tion bibs at 10 a.m. on the Tower Mons- goy Building Lawn. Free.

Annual Ayers Lecture begins at 8 p.m. on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library and features National Book Award winner and Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Drake. Tickets are mandatory. Free admission.

Waterfall Tour and Hike begins at 9 a.m. on March 14th at 6 a.m. on March 15th. Facilities will be at normal levels. For more information see the JSU calendar website. Free admission.

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Upcoming events on and around campus

March 6, 2014
Local author Beth Drake to present at Spring Friends of Houston Cole Library.

Get an autographed copy of her book beginning at 7 p.m. in the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Free admission.

March 8, 2014
Vex Robotics State Championships for middle and high schools begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. Free admission.

Take a hike Series begins at 9:30 at the Pinhoti trail in Talladega National Forest or at 9 at the Walls of Jericho trail. Ticket purchase required due to bus provided to trails. Meeting place for each trail differs. See JSU calendar website for more details.

March 10, 2014
JSU Jazz combos will perform at Java Jolt beginning at 7 p.m. Free unless you would like coffee.

March 12, 2014
SAl Musicale presents Music in our Schools beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. Free admission.

March 13, 2014
Arrive at 7:30 p.m. and be sure to bring your simulation bibs at 10 a.m. on the Tower Montgomery Building Lawn. Free.

Annual Ayers Lecture begins at 8 p.m. on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library and features National Book Award winner and Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Drake. Tickets are mandatory. Free admission.

Waterfall Tour and Hike begins at 9 a.m. on March 14th at 6 a.m. on March 15th. Facilities will be at normal levels. For more information see the JSU calendar website. Free admission.
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Myron Jones Staff Writer

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – For the 13th time in the program’s history and the fourth consecutive year, the Jacksonville State rifle team will compete for a national championship. The Gamecocks were one of eight teams to vie for the 2014 NCAA Rifle Championship.

Hosted by Ohio Valley Conference member Murray State, the NCAA Championships will be held on March 14-15 at MSU’s Pat Spurin1 rifle range and the CFSB Center. This year’s inclusion in the NCAA field marks the fourth consecutive season in which the Gamecocks have earned a spot in the field. Last season in Columbus, Ohio, JSU placed eighth in the field.

JSU has been ranked in the top 10 all season across all three events to vie for the 2014 NCAA Rifle title.

Rifle earns fourth-consecutive trip to NCAA Championships

Sports Writer

Senior Nick Cook (33) played in his 118th game Saturday, second most to begin the game. Belmont started with an 8-2 run to begin the game. JSU forward D.J. Felder scored Jacksonville State’s first points with a free throw at 16:09 left in the first half. They would soon tie the game 11-11 with a free throw by gardon Darrick.

After Williams tied it up for the second and last time at 13:13, Belmont would go on another 8-0 run. The Bruins would keep their lead and even extend it as they ended the first half leading 43-27. Belmont’s high point man was Rod McLanahan with 10 points while Brian Will-iams led JSU with 7 points.

The second half was actually closer than the first half considering Belmont scored 33 points in the second half and Jackson-
Bishop sends Gamecocks home with historic victory after 17 innings

Daniel Porter
Sports Editor

Nearly six hours after the first pitch on Sunday, Michael Bishop had his best at-bat through the middle out to the outfield that allowed brother Andrew Bishop to score on the second for the game-winning run in the bottom of the 17th inning. Bishop hit a base hit through the five previous years between the two schools separated by just 80 miles. The last 10 meetings over troubles recently, winning seven of their last 10 meetings overall series 16-10. It seemed especially rare for this game to occur after the Gamecocks were out to a 5-0 lead before the first inning could come to a close. Tony Urban started on the mound for JSU only allowing one run in the second in his five innings of work. Not knowing what was coming, JSU coach Jim Case used three pitchers for a single out: Bradley Raulston, Graham Oliver and Conner Metcalf; and another two, Michael Mason and Ryan Seba, for two-thirds of an inning. Casey Antley, Taylor Sparks and Traci Stout worked an inning. Casey Antley, Taylor Sparks and Traci Stout worked an inning. It was McLin who pushed JSU ahead at 69-67 with the clock at 23 seconds. Free throws from Belmont’s Jordyn Luffman tied the game for the tenth time in Ohio Valley Conference play that she has scored doubles. Candace Morton, JSU’s leading scorer, scored four points in the first half and will need just one more in the tournament to cross 900 career point margin. The Ohio Valley Conference Women’s Tournament begins yesterday in Nashville, Tenn. The Gamecocks played at 2 p.m. against SIU Edwardsville in their first game. Due to deadlines, this issue had to be printed prior to the game.

Women’s basketball wins overtime thriller, heads to OVC Tournament

Rebekah Hawkins
Sports Writer

The regular season ended on the highest of notes for the Gamecocks Saturday afternoon against Belmont. On the layup of Destany McLin in the final seconds of overtime, JSU walked away with a 71-69 victory over the Bruins.

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The two play again on April 9 for a single game in Kennesaw...

McLin’s had a career high 31 points vs Belmont

McLin’s had a career high 31 points during the game, 25 of which came in the final half and the overtime session. Miranda Cantrell had eight points during the game, all of which came in the first half. Briana Benson scored 13 points in the game which is the ninth time in Ohio Valley Conference play that she has scored doubles. Candace Morton, JSU’s leading scorer, scored four points in the first half and will need just one more in the tournament to cross 900 career point margin.