

**EXPO,
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“Coming here today was kind of to show off my business, but also, if there are any questions about how to start a business, or things of that nature, I’m open to that. I also hire college students because it’s a way for them to have a part time job while still being able to do their studies on campus,” Lewis said. Lewis said this event has grown since she first started coming to it. “I think it’s way more vendors than when I originally started. So it does make me happy to see that there are more black vendors here in Jonesboro,” Lewis said. “I think everybody should consider supporting small businesses, because, of course,

we are kind of in the middle of a time when it’s hard to own a business. So when you support small business, not only are you supporting a business, but you’re supporting a family, a dream, a commitment to trying to grow.” Buchanan said BSA is excited because new businesses were included in this year’s expo. One new face included “Queens Palace Beauty Supply”, a black-owned beauty and supply store established February 2024. Versillia Hill, co-owner of “Queens Palace” located at 2704 Alexander Drive in Jonesboro, said they came to the expo to get more involved in the community and let people know they were here

since they are a newer business. “You very rarely see Black beauty supply store owners in any community that you visit. So for us to have the means to open up the Black beauty supply store is very important. It’s making a statement. It’s letting people know that when you walk into the store, we’re able to talk to you about your hair,” Hill said. Hill said it’s important for students who aren’t from the area to know where options for their hair are located. “Hair care is important,” Hill said. “It’s everything for us, especially the black community. It’s everything from our braids to our natural hair, to our coils to using the right

products. I remember having wash day getting ready for the whole week for school. You know, hair is just the number one thing. It’s your crown.” Student owned businesses were also featured at this event. Jordy Onyekweli, a first-year biology major from Little Rock, tabled at the expo to promote his business that sells streetwear. The owner of “Ossai” said his business is important because everyone likes to look good. “Having a business can really teach you life lessons and how to navigate through life financially and through human conditions and on just a personal level it can give you something to do, you know, a source of

income,” Onyekweli said. He said the primary way to shop from him would be to contact him on Instagram: @Oossaai. Ahmelia Williamson, a first-year social work major from Nashville, Arkansas, said she attended this expo to support the community. “Especially during Black History Month, I think it’s a really awesome opportunity to see businesses that you wouldn’t normally see. Oftentimes Black businesses get covered up, so it’s nice to come out and see what our community is doing,” Williamson said. Williamson said it’s important to shop locally to

feed the Jonesboro economy, uplift the Black community and the community as a whole. “It is our goal with the BSA this year to collaborate with not just minority student organizations, but with organizations, period, across the community,” Buchanan said. “When we see events, we definitely want to support them. Definitely come out, even if you don’t buy anything, your presence alone helps us, because in this data driven society we are just trying to see who’s going to show up, who’s going to be a part of that.”

**NEUROSCIENCE,
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Cadavers are human bodies donated for science with the express consent of the deceased. “People have to sign up to be a donor while they are still alive. They have to sign that paper, so you can’t donate grandpa. These people volunteered for this, they wanted this and they appreciate the opportunity to see what the inside of the human body looks like.” Cadaver dissection and examination has been a

common practice for centuries by those in the medical fields for a better understanding of human anatomy. “We’ve been using cadavers for longer than this program has existed, which is more than 25 years ago,” Motts said. “If you think about what physical therapy is, we really are anatomy specialists.” Motts said programs such as occupational therapy, nurse anesthesia, athletic trainers and

most other nursing programs use cadavers in their own studies. Caroline Parkinson, the vice president of the Neuroscience Club, said the lab helps with their own studies and respective majors. The senior psychology major from Little Rock said the presentation helped her connect more to what “Both this presentation and being in this club really helped me connect more to the

biological and anatomical side of what makes up a person,” Parkinson said. “Mental health as a whole is not just in the brain, but in the body too. So this presentation can show the vast array of what all can go on with a person like that. Plus, it’s cool to see the actual brain functions and places in there.” Other members of the club expressed similar reasons the lab would help them in the future. “I feel like I learned a lot

of different things,” Jayden Garrett, a senior psychology major from Batesville, Arkansas said. “It refreshes my memory on a bunch of different stuff, because we’re not as biologically based in psychology.” Garrett is the treasurer of the club. She said she hopes to be a clinical mental health counselor and that the activities that the Neuroscience Club puts on, such as this lab as well as trivia nights, helps her get experience

to help in her future career plans. Garrett said this is important work, not just for those in neuroscience, but also those in other medical fields. “You get to do experiences like this, where you’re working with the human body,” Garrett said. “You get hands-on experience, which is always better than reading out of a textbook.”

**CAMPUS CRIME,
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The driver of the vehicle found it difficult to park and exited on the other side. Later the truck and trailer were located behind the Fine Arts center. Officer Robert Kary went in to see if he could locate a representative of the

Arkadelphia School District. The driver of the truck was identified as the suspect. He said he didn’t see the beam when he came through and after noticing the damage he was unsure who to contact about it. The suspect wrote a statement and provided

insurance info for the truck and said he would have to get with the school to provide insurance information for the trailer. **Feb. 6 | 7:47 p.m.** The Jonesboro Police Department (JPD) responded to the intersection of Johnson and Rogers in reference to a motor

vehicle accident hit and run. When reviewing the cameras officer Heidi Custodio saw the vehicle leave the parking garage. Upon further review she saw the suspects vehicle collide with a concrete column in the parking garage at around 5:12 p.m. Around 7:45 p.m., the

vehicle was seen leaving the parking garage with significant damage to the front passenger side bumper and headlight. Custodio notified JPD of the camera footage. Upon review of the damage to the concrete column in the parking garage, there was

significant damage as well as debris from the vehicle. After speaking with Captain Billy Branch, the suspect received a university referral for dishonesty for lying to law enforcement officers.

**ANTHOTYPE,
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“Since I was curious more about photography and thinking about taking up a minor in it, I decided to come,” Smith said. Smith said the main thing she learned during the workshop was how to create her own pigments and use them to create an image using UV rays.

“My favorite part definitely was the process,” Smith said. “Where you were making your own pigment and being able to use it.” Ada-Kay Banks, a first-year graphic design student from Hope, Arkansas, said she attended because Smith

invited her to the workshop and it sounded interesting. Banks said the most interesting thing they learned throughout the workshop was that you can make art out of cheap things you find in the kitchen. “I just liked being able to make art from basically really

cheap materials that you can just find in your kitchen,” Banks said. “You can make art with anything and that was cool to learn.” The remainder of Darwin Day activities include an exhibit in the A-State museum in the library from Feb. 10 - 22.

Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m., a panel discussion will take place in room 157 in the museum. A presentation in the museum will take place Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. and feature John Bates, curator of birds at the Field Museum in Chicago.

To round out the Darwin Day events, Bates will present an academic talk in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute about his biodiversity research Friday from 12 to 1 p.m.

THIS WEEK’S CROSSWORD

ACROSS

DOWN

- 3. One of the dances taught at the BSA line dancing event.
- 5. Student-owned streetwear business.
- 7. Greek phrase that loosely translates to “flower print.”
- 10. Pre-law club president.
- 11. Subject of this week’s sport page.
- 12. Ethics of AI and automation lecturer surname.

- 1. Music streaming service founded in 2006.
- 2. Play premiering at the end of April.
- 4. “The Breakfast Club” is turning this old Saturday.
- 6. This zodiac sign might experience unexpected changes this week.
- 8. This club recently hosted a cadaver lab.
- 9. Opinion editors second favorite “SOS Deluxe:LANA” track.

