

The Campus Activities Board held their 10th annual Battle of the Bands on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Colvard Student Union Dawghouse with a country band from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, winning.

The winner, Ten Pounds Sterling, had its drummer speak about the band's success. Sterling Wilson, a junior communications major from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, said the event was a fantastic experience and is excited to compete for the title next year.

"All of us guys in Ten Pounds Sterling grew up together and have been playing together for years, so we felt like we really had a good chance," said Wilson. "It was an amazing experience, and we can't wait to defend our title next year."

The event was attended by about 80 people with 10 bands competing. Shayla Smithson, a junior education major from Scooba, Mississippi, said the Battle of the Bands was a huge hit and really enjoyed seeing so many people come out to support the bands.

Olivia Reed, a sophomore chemistry major from Canton, Mississippi, said supporting her friends' band, Kissing Flamingos, was a really cool event for her to watch. However, Reed does wish more students knew about the Battle of the Bands, especially since the non-sports activities hosted in the spring are typically few.

"It was a great time, and I just wish more people knew about it," said Reed. "Other than sports, there isn't a lot going on for students on campus in the spring, but this event really helped with that."

Smithson, CAB President, said she was delighted with all the people that put forth so much effort in helping out with the event, especially the judges who had some tough decisions to make.

The next event hosted by the Campus Activities Board will be Learning Chess Intricacies in conjunction with the Mississippi State University Chess Club. This event will be held in the Colvard Student Union Dawghouse on Feb. 27 from 12-2 p.m. and Feb. 28 from 2-4 p.m. For more information on this event, contact the CAB or MSU Chess Club.

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