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The A-State theater department held the Fringe Festival this weekend.



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STAFF REPORT

Juilliard String Quartet

Arkansas State University's Fowler Center will present a concert by the Juilliard String Quartet 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Riceland Hall, as part of its annual performing arts series.

The JSQ is the string quartet in residence at The Juilliard School, a world leader in performing arts education, in New York City. Devoted master teachers, members of the quartet offer special educational activities while on tour, including a performance for children at the STEAM School on the morning of Friday.

Quartet, 4A

Delta Health Conference

Arkansas State University's Department of Social Work hosted the seventh annual Delta Health Disparities Conference last Friday

This year's theme was "Mind, Body and Soul Holistic Approach to Health Care in the Delta Region." The symposium was co-chaired by Associate Professor Patricia Guy-Walls and Assistant Professor Tamara Pace-Glover.

University Mourns Passing of Dan Ross, Emeritus Professor of Music

The university community extends sympathy to the family, friends and associates of Dan Ross, emeritus professor of music, who died Nov. 13.

His obituary and plans for the funeral Wednesday, may be found online, with arrangements by Emerson Funeral Home of Jonesboro.

IT Store Position Available

The IT Store is looking for part time sales associates with a business background, preferably in IT; however, that is not a requirement.

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Thanksgiving at A-State



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On Tuesday, the faculty and staff at Arkansas State served a full Thanksgiving dinner to the campus community at the cafeteria. This annual tradition included professors, staff and Chancellor Damphousse serving turkey, potatoes and other holiday foods.

Marybeth Byrd Makes it Through

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Photo courtesy of Marybeth Byrd's Instagram
Byrd and her Grandfather.

This week on "The Voice," the 13 finalist contestants dedicated their songs to someone.

A-State's Marybeth Byrd dedicated "Go Rest High on That Mountain" to her late grandfather and left the audience, both at the studio and at home, in tears.

"The day before I flew out here, my grandpa passed away. I miss him every day," Byrd said. "I wouldn't be on 'The Voice' if it wasn't for him showing me his love for music."

Byrd was voted through to the next round and will sing again on Monday.

Chick-fil-A to stop donating to Christian organization

The company's controversy: a column

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As of Nov. 18, The Salvation Army and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will no longer be receiving donations from Chick-fil-A.



The Salvation Army and the FCA are two groups that have been criticized for anti-LGBTQ+ views. The FCA's Statement of Faith includes, "We believe God's design for sexual intimacy is to be expressed only within the context of marriage. God instituted marriage between one man and one woman as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is

exclusively the union of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)"

The Salvation Army quickly responded to criticism of their stance on the LGBTQ+ community. In 2011, the Salvation Army removed a page from its website encouraging gay individuals to embrace celibacy. Its website (centralusa.salvationarmy.org/indiana/faq/) now has a FAQ regarding its stance on the LGBTQ+ community, which includes the following:

Q: The Salvation Army's position statement on homosexuality notes that "Scripture forbids sexual intimacy between members of the same sex. Does that mean The Salvation Army believes that Christians whose sexual orientation is primarily or exclusively same-sex are called upon to embrace celibacy as a way of life?"

* The position statement also notes that "there is no scriptural support for demeaning or mistreating anyone for reason of his or her sexual orientation," among other things. So, it's important to look at the statement in its full context.

* It's also important to note that our position statements are meant primarily as a theological guide for our church members and in no way impact our commitment to non-discrimination.

* While we certainly understand that some may disagree with our position, we hope they can come alongside us in supporting efforts to meet human needs."

The Salvation Army's FAQ debunks many of the claims of their anti-LGBTQ+ actions, whether or not they actually support the LGBTQ+ community is unclear.

"We're saddened to learn that a corporate partner has felt it necessary to divert funding to other hunger, education and

homelessness organizations -- areas in which The Salvation Army, as the largest social services provider in the world,

their donations to anti-LGBTQ+ groups as far back as 2015. Their 2020 focus is on education, homelessness and hunger.



is already fully committed," its statement regarding losing Chick-fil-A's funding said. It went on to claim, "In fact, we believe we are the largest provider of poverty relief to the LGBTQ+ population."

Chick-fil-A made these moves following an incredible amount of backlash it received for gaining an anti-LGBTQ+ reputation. Dan Cathy, CEO of Chick-fil-A, made a statement against same-sex marriage in 2012.

However, it seems that Chick-fil-A started reducing

Not everyone is happy about this new development. In fact, some people seem to be incredibly angry.

The company does believe that it is still honoring its founder Truett Cathy's legacy.

Editor's Note:

Individuals can draw their own conclusions on whether to support Chick-fil-A after this. Although there has been no formal renunciation of former anti-LGBTQ+ statements, for some actions may speak louder than words.