

Henderson professors busted for meth lab

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Two associate chemistry professors of Henderson State University were arrested Friday on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine and using drug paraphernalia.

Terry David Bateman and Bradley Allen Rowland have been on administrative leave since Oct. 11, according to school spokeswoman Tina Hall. Rowland has made bond and is out of jail.

The university science center was closed on Oct. 8 "due to a report of an undetermined chemical odor" and tests showed "an elevated presence of benzyl chloride," a chemical that can be used to help produce methamphetamine in laboratory

setting. The building was reopened on Oct. 29 when third party tests showed that it met "all recommendations for occupancy."

The investigation began with Henderson State University Chief of Police Johnny Campbell and included other university officials, the Arkadelphia Police Department, the Clark County Sheriff's Department and Group Six Narcotics Task Force.

Henderson is set to become part of A-State by Jan. 2021.



Terry David Bateman, left, and Bradley Allen Rowland.

Wind Ensemble Performs Thursday

A-STATE REPORT

The Arkansas State University Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds will continue their 2019-20 concert season at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Fowler Center's Riceland Hall.

This concert also marks the next event during the 90th anniversary celebration of the A-State bands program, which began in 1929.

Dr. Sarah Labovitz, associate director of bands and coordinator of music education in the Department of Music, is conductor of the Symphonic Winds.

The Symphonic Winds will begin with "Rise of the Silver City," by Rossano Galante, and continue with the familiar piece "A Childhood Hymn," by David Holsinger.

Graduate conductor Shawn Crawford will lead the ensemble in a performance of a contemporary work with an electronic soundtrack called "Tight Squeeze" by Alex Shapiro. The Symphonic Winds will close with the wind band classic "Satiric Dances" by Norman Dello Joio.

The Wind Ensemble is led by Dr. Timothy Oliver, director of bands and coordinator of wind and percussion studies in the Department

of Music.

The Wind Ensemble will begin with a new work by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Joseph Schwantner called "The Awakening Hour." Labovitz will guest conduct a very emotional work called "Soulström" by Australian composer Jodie Blackshaw.

Andrea Reinkemeyer composed the next work, cast in two movements, called "Dos Danzas." Graduate conductor Pershauna Johnson will lead the group in a performance of "October" by Eric Whitacre.

Composer Ron Nelson is also celebrating his 90th birthday this year. His powerful work "Epiphanies (Fanfares and Chorales)" will close the concert.

Admission is \$5 per person, but A-State students are admitted free with their ID. For more details about this concert or any other A-State music event, one may contact the Music Department at 870-972-2094.

Women's STEM Mentorship

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A-State had the honor of hosting and presenting the Million Women Mentors program Monday. This mentorship program strives to bridge the gap between women and STEM careers.

Multiple guest speakers presented on stage to the students and women of schools from around Arkansas.

Harold Perrin spoke of how Arkansas hasn't done a very good job on helping build careers. He said Jonesboro is working on providing more experiences and STEM courses to combat this.

Jonesboro has three separate school districts that now all have the EAST initiative program, which is the organization that sponsors this new mentor program. The Million Women Mentors program uses "mentorship as a way to spark more interest in STEM and STEM careers amongst girls and women all across the United States." The

event also showcased different STEM projects that Jonesboro students had been working on. Nettleton fifth grader Laila Eliotti, who confidently spoke on stage, presented a project where she and other students made a digital map showing the sidewalks in their school district, along with plans for where new sidewalks should go. This could allow students to travel to school safely.

In a fireside chat between Anna Beth Gorman, executive director of the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, and Kathy White Loyd, board member and founder of the Women's Business Leadership Center here at A-State, spoke on how STEM courses changed Loyd's career completely.

During college, Loyd had planned to become a high school business teacher. After taking newly offered computer science courses at her university, she chose to

take on a career in technology.

"What we have today, isn't what we had 15 years ago," Loyd told the audience.

Technology is always changing. According to Loyd, she's never quit learning throughout her career. Loyd said she didn't have much mentorship during her path to her career, and that having mentorship could have helped her a lot. She encouraged girls and women to use mentorship when they can, as well as groups of others on the STEM career path. When asked what advice she would give to girls and women interested in STEM, she said "Get used to change." She also said that "change is important" because without it "you are doing the same thing repeatedly which prevents you from living up to your full potential." This change is what the Million Women Mentor program is showing to young women along their path to a STEM career.



Photo by Sumin Chae | Staff Photographer
High school students presenting at the MWM event.

CAMPUS CRIME

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Soon after midnight on Friday, University Police saw a vehicle moving down University Loop and heard noises coming from the car. Determining the source of the noise, officers saw it was coming from a flat tire on the moving vehicle. As they pulled out to tell the driver about the tire, the car pulled into a parking lot and the driver started to get out. Police pulled in behind the car, asking the driver, Alison Puckett, 23, if she knew her tire was flat, to which she said, "Yeah." As officers continued to talk to her from inside their vehicle, she continued to answer in only short responses and they began to suspect she was impaired. Getting out of the car and turning on body cams, officers walked over to inspect the tire. In doing so, they noticed a plastic cup that appeared to have alcohol in it. They walked over to

Puckett and noticed the smell of intoxicants. When asked how much she had, she said "like three beers," prompting officers to perform field sobriety tests on her, which she failed. After she refused to submit to a breathalyzer test, she was placed under arrest for suspicion of driving while intoxicated and taken to the Craighead County Jail for a blood/alcohol concentration test. After a number of samples were taken, the final result came to .218%. During the investigation, a secondary officer was approached by a witness who said that she had run into a parked car when she came into the parking lot. There was only minor damage and the driver did not pursue charges. In addition, officers found that Jonesboro 911 dispatchers had received a call about Puckett's car traveling 25 mph down Johnson Avenue and driving all over the road. She was booked on the charges

of DWI, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in Vehicle, and Hazardous Driving, and given a court date.

Nov. 17 | Midnight

University Police conducted a traffic stop early Sunday morning after officers observed a vehicle driving down Johnson Avenue over the speed limit with a headlight out. The stop happened in the Subway parking lot at Johnson and Caraway Road. The driver, Gage Freeman, 21, was approached by officers and informed of the reason for the stop. They asked for his information and ran it through the system, finding when the results came back that his license had been suspended. He received a citation for driving on a suspended license and was given a court date.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 21	Wind Ensemble Concert	Riceland Hall	7:30-9:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	International Food Festival	Centennial Hall	6-9 p.m.
Nov. 24	Dorms Close	Campus-Wide	Noon
Nov. 25	Classes cancelled for Fall Break	Campus-Wide	All Day
Dec. 1	Dorms Open	Campus-Wide	Noon