



## Happening at A-State

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NEWS RELEASE

### Finalists for dean of Neil Griffin College of Business to visit A-State

Four finalists for the position of dean of the Neil Griffin College of Business at Arkansas State University will visit campus for interviews and public presentations, announced Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, chair of the search committee.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the public presentations. Each candidate's presentation will begin at 1 p.m. in room 201 of the Delta Center for Economic Development.

FINALISTS, 4A

### Arkansas Family Health Foundation gifts money

The Arkansas Family Health Foundation, better known to its patients as ARcare, has made a gift of \$25,000 to Arkansas State University. The funds will endow a scholarship for pre-medical students at A-State.

Dr. Steven Collier, CEO, announced the commitment from funds raised through ARcare's annual "Grill & Chill" fundraising event. Raising the funds took only two years, much quicker than the five years originally anticipated.

FUNDS, 4A

### Celtic Spring Concert coming to Riceland Hall

Arkansas State University's Fowler Center will present a "Celtic Spring" concert by The Muses, Tuesday, March 10.

CONCERT, 4A

## Mold still plagues HPSS pool facility

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For students awaiting the HPSS pool to reopen after mold was found in the facility and air system, the wait continues with no clear date for a reopening in sight.

A news release from Jan. 30 read, "The campus indoor swimming pool at Arkansas State University is closing Friday evening, Jan. 31, for the next several days for cleaning of its air system."

Just shy of a month later, it is not clear when the HPSS pool will reopen. Not only did mold have to be cleaned

out of the facility, but possible structural changes need to be made to the air handling system itself. The mold has not been removed yet from the facility as the funds have not been released for that to take place.

"There's some things I know with regards to the remediation of the mold, there are some architectural things they're looking at to provide a barrier between the pool and the lobby," chair of health, physical education and sport sciences Dr. Paul Finnicum said. "They are also dealing with the air distribution so they can get the humidity under control. That much I know but they still haven't said



Photo by: Eric McGee | Staff Writer

The HPSS pool has been closed since Jan. 31 due to mold. No reopen date has been set.

one month, two months, so I really just don't have any idea, but I know that's what they're working on. And we're waiting on the green light from administration from a financial point of view. If they'll release the funds then we can start the remediation, which

is getting rid of the mold and cleaning the place up. Then we can move onto the other things."

Besides the group wellness classes that took place in the pool, there were also two academic classes for a grade in the pool this semester. One class

takes place somewhere else while another class was replaced.

"The beginning swimming class was in the middle of their session," Finnicum said. "It was an eight weeks class, it still is an eight weeks class. They have moved to St. Bernards Health and Wellness institute to use their pool. So that's enabled us to complete that class to the best of our ability given the fact that they have to go over there now."

Intermediate swimming had to be canceled, but Finnicum worked with the registrar's office to make the transition into a new course smooth.

POOL, 4A

## Governor Asa Hutchinson travels to campus, tours H.O.W.L.



Photo by: Krishnan Collins | Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Kristin Johnson welcomes Dr. Kelly Damphousse and governor Asa Hutchinson to the education building to tour the H.O.W.L transition program. The Help Our Wolves Learn program helps students with disabilities. Damphousse tweeted, "He toured our HOWL transition program and heard first-hand from our faculty and students what motivated us to start the state's first fully inclusive college program for Down Syndrome and/or Autistic students."

## Flu sweeps Arkansas and hits A-State's campus

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

According to the Arkansas State Department of Health, deaths from the flu

increased to 46 as of Feb. 12.

The flu has touched organizations on Arkansas State University's campus, which should cause for concern.

Dr. Bill Smith, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communications said, "We've had more than 40 people die from the flu in the state of Arkansas."

Students should take extra precaution when it comes to this virus between the months of October and May.

The flu has already reached the A-State cheer

squad.

Two cheerleaders have been diagnosed with the flu.

FLU, 4A