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A-State students participated in the Run With the Red Wolves 5k event.

## Chancellor announces transition to all online instruction after Thanksgiving Break

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A-State Chancellor Dr. Kelly Damphousse announced to students in a Nov. 6 email that classes after Thanksgiving Break would transition to an all online setting and students will not return to face-to-face instruction. Damphousse originally announced the intent to return to campus for in-person classes after Thanksgiving Break in an Oct. 12 email, but since then coronavirus conditions have worsened in the region.

“Despite your hard work on campus, I have grown increasingly concerned about what is happening beyond our campus -- locally and statewide,” Damphousse said. “COVID related hospitalizations in northeast Arkansas, for example, more than doubled in October.” The White House Coronavirus Task Force called Craighead County a Red Zone, meaning the county had the highest level of coronavirus concern. Despite the decision to not return to face-to-face instruction, campus is not closed. This is not like the spring



Photo by: Hannah Risker | Photo Editor  
A-State Chancellor Dr. Kelly Damphousse announced students will not return to face-to-face instruction after Thanksgiving Break. semester where remote work was mandated and students were highly encouraged to leave their dorms on campus.

Damphousse said. “All residence halls, the Acansa Dining Hall, the Reng Student Union, the Student Health Center, the Dean B. Ellis Library, student academic support services (e.g., The Learning Commons) and the Red W.O.L.F. Center will remain open until Dec. 18, 2020.” The email also said faculty will have the option to allow some classes, like laboratories, hands-on or clinical experiences to continue in an in person setting. The instructors who want to continue teaching in person must get permission to do so from the Provost. The Provost can allow these

classes that are difficult to offer online to continue in person. The plan to go all online after Thanksgiving Break was an option created in May in A-State’s Return to Learn plan. Faculty and staff were instructed then, back in May, to start preparing in advance to go all online after Thanksgiving Break. “Given that our instructors have been planning for this possibility since May, I am confident that we will be able to make this transition to mostly online instruction at the end of this semester,” Damphousse said.

## Students run for free shirt in on-campus 5k



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A-State students gather to participate in Run with the Red Wolves Monday night. Run with the Red Wolves was a 5k event put on by University Housing. Students could run or walk the 5k and the first 100 finishers received a white long sleeve T-shirt that had a Run With the Red Wolves 5k logo printed on the front. Students were also given glow sticks to wear while participating in the event.

## A-State Theatre goes on epic digital adventure

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The upcoming A-State Theatre Department production, “She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms”, presents new challenges and opportunities for theatre artists during the pandemic. With COVID-19 affecting many departments on campus, the Department of Theatre is among the most affected. This current season is proving to be the most challenging, as many faculty members and students are learning how to continue performing theatre during the pandemic. The solution to this problem so far is performing

completely over Zoom webinars. “She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms” takes this premise to another level, as this production incorporates green screen backgrounds, a variety of filters and dramatic soundtracks used throughout the production. “She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms” follows the story of Agnes, a high-school cheerleader, coping after the death of her sister Tilly. After she discovers Tilly’s Dungeons & Dragons notebook, Agnes embarks on an epic healing journey into this world, where she finds a connection she never knew about her sister.

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## Environmental Club keeps campus clean one piece of trash at a time

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It was a particularly warm Saturday morning as volunteers and members of the A-State Environmental Club met up for the bi-monthly Campus Clean-Up. As advertised on their Instagram page, they met on the second floor of the Student Union. At the ready were garbage bags for trash and recyclables, gloves and trash grabbers. Campus Clean-Up is one of the regular events set up by the A-State Environmental Club, a student organization dedicated to bringing awareness to environmental science, with emphasis on conservation, protection, preservation and restoration of the environment. Some of the specific activities the organization engages in

includes Campus Clean-Up, environmental workshops and advocating for institutional changes to make A-State more sustainable for the environment. Saturday, eight fellow volunteers decided to clean up around Kays Hall and Collegiate Park. Armed with trash bags and grabbers, they scoured around the area, looking for any loose piece of paper, styrofoam cups, bottles, metal pieces and whatever kinds of garbage they find lurking around. The whole experience lasted for about an hour, but the club managed to fill up about four bags worth of trash and recyclables. This marked a rather nice achievement for them. The A-State Environmental Club was founded by Sara Saucedo, an environmental science graduate student and

graduate senator for the Student Government Association. She helped organize numerous Campus Clean-Ups, as well as the Global Climate Strike last year. Katy Willis, secretary of the A-State Environmental Club, talked about how the organization is doing during the COVID-19 pandemic. “We have been trying to keep our events up, despite the pandemic, because we can do a lot of our events outdoors, separated from people with masks up,” Willis said. Some events the organization has done this semester include Campus Clean-Ups as well as the creation of dog toys made out of old t-shirts for the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society.

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Volunteers with the A-State Environmental Club helped pick up trash around campus Saturday.