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Take a look at "Legends Exhibition."

NAACP hosts first meeting of the year Local meeting has small attendance, but big agenda

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held their first meeting of the year on Monday. The agenda of the club is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

The A-State NAACP chapter was established in January of 2020. With the appearance of COVID-19, the club had a rocky start. Now, they are rebuilding and working to strengthen their numbers with Jamal Romes serving as President.

"We strive to accelerate and promote diversity on campus and in the community," A-State NAACP Vice President, T'Nia Washington said. The club has many plans and events in the works for this year already. But, they are looking for members to join and help with different committees.

The organization is broken into many different committees each handling a different area. The membership committee helps plan events, attends them, gives ideas and makes sure the organization is being as inclusive as possible. This committee is headed by Rachel Coleman, Membership Chair. The cultural enrichment committee oversees creating different events and opportunities around campus. These events should be fun, but informational as well. This committee is headed by Amber Yates and Zadia Hollis, Cultural Enrichment



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Students attend the first A-State NAACP chapter meeting of the year.

and Education Co Chairs. The marketing committee oversees social media and making flyers, Instagram stories or anything involving publicity. This committee is headed by Caleb Thomas, Marketing Chair. The finance committee oversees fundraisers and raising money for the organization. This committee is headed by Tytionna Weathers, Finance Chair.

"We do need people to be dependable. We want good people in our committees," Yates said. "Also, if you're not sure which committee to join, we are going to be collaborating

on events we are doing. So, any committee is going to be great."

"This year we are basically starting from the bottom. We are basically building the foundation for the NAACP," Romes said. To join the club, one must join nationally. To do so they must pay the national dues of \$10 for anyone 20 and under, or \$30 for anyone 21 and over. Visit the national website at <https://naacp.org> and use the unit number #6881-B to join the A-State NAACP organization. The deadline for this is Oct. 5.

"We are one of the only national organizations on campus. When it comes

to other organizations on campus, their Executive Board makes most of the decisions. But with the NAACP nothing gets done without the general body input," said Romes. "Your input matters." The general body input could already be seen at the first meeting with many attendees suggesting ideas for the future.

While the NAACP has a small body of attendance right now, they are working to build their numbers and hold up to expectations as the national organization they represent.

The Herald Celebrates 100 Years: A peek into the 1950s



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During World War II, The Herald, known at this time as the Arkansas State College Herald, struggled with a paper shortage and decline in staffing. However, by 1952, the return of veterans and a renewed interest in printing skills led to new degrees in graphic arts and the establishment of vocational printing programs.

In Sept. 1951, the Arkansas State College Herald reported a total enrollment of 833 regular students at Arkansas State College, now known as A-State. Enrollment was down by 228 compared to the year before.

The Arkansas State College's mascot was an Indian in the 1950s. The main photo on the front page of the Sept. 28, 1951 edition featured "The Indian Band Majorettes." Another photo of women was featured in the same edition. In this one, however, the women were standing in line to receive a wellness check

from two physical education instructors. The headline stated, "Nothing wrong with this year's frosh (freshman)!" The cutline said, "Just think, boys, the doctors had the nerve to charge Arkansas State College for conducting a physical examination of these beauties..." and it went on to say more of the same sort.

Women still stood out in the paper in other ways as well during the 1950s.

A photo featured on the front page of the Oct. 1, 1954 edition of the Arkansas State College Herald captioned, "Honorary Cadets" included 9 female honorary cadet officers. They were nominated and elected by the corps of cadets in the Arkansas State College ROTC unit.

The Student Government Association was introduced in 1951. Two women were on the front page of the Sept. 28, 1951 edition of the paper as new SGA officers. Sue Tyler was chosen as second vice president of the Student Senate and Maxine Webb as a sophomore representative.

A-State Multicultural Center and SIA celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a live history museum

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A-State kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a Hispanic Heritage Museum. This event was in collaboration with the Multicultural Center and Hermandad De Sigma Lota Alpha Incorporada (SIA).

The museum was a living history museum. Students showcased different influential Hispanics throughout history by acting as them. Each student was a different person and dressed like them and told that person's historic story.

"I would encourage everyone to do their own research on Hispanic culture so we can be more open minded and inclusive," Reagan Boone, Multicultural Center Ambassador said.

Several different students got the privilege to represent many different people in the museum. Amber Yates, an 18-year-old freshman

and communication studies major from Salem, got the privilege to represent Maritza McClendon, the first African American woman to make the US Olympic swim team.

"She was a very successful woman. She broke many records and holds many conference championships. As an African American woman, it is great to see someone pave the way for people that look like her and look like me," Yates said. "Also representing the Hispanic community as well. I am not Hispanic, but all minorities need to stick together. So, being here supporting one another is the best thing I could do."

Natan Gomez, a 19-year-old sophomore and biotechnology and global studies major from Irapuato, Guanajuato Mexico, also got the privilege to represent someone in the museum. Gomez represented Pioquinto Galis, a farmer who became an ally to revolutionary leaders who then went on to become

a colonel and a politician.

"I like to be a part of the live museum every year because I like to bring unknown characters from Mexican history to light," Gomez said. "I like to share how those stories have true impact in our lives even though it has been so many years and what lessons we can learn from them."

The evening was vibrant with many other characters from Hispanic history as well, such as Celia Cruz, Dr. Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, Esteban Hotesse and so many more. Each person represented had their own table and props to help them better represent their character.

The evening was filled with information and celebration of Hispanic heritage. The Multicultural Center and SIA have many other events scheduled for the rest of the month to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.



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Students check out the live history museum in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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