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Miss A-State 2022 speaks out about her plans to make a difference

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Sophomore Riley Roberts was crowned Miss Arkansas State University in the 47th Annual scholarship competition. The competition was presented by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Roberts received a \$5,000 scholarship from A-State, along with other awards from Pi Kappa Alpha and local businesses. Pi kappa Alpha will also pay the entry fee of \$650 for her to compete in the Miss Arkansas event in June.

Roberts, 19, is an elementary education major and plans to get a dyslexia endorsement once she graduates. The Jonesboro native said the dyslexia endorsement will allow her to test for dyslexia. Her social impact initiative was "Possibility with Disability."

"It's to break the stigma associated with dyslexia, but it also rounds out to all learning disabilities," Roberts said. "It's just to encourage students with dyslexia to reach their fullest potential, keep trying and find available resources."

Roberts was diagnosed with dyslexia during her junior year of high school. The Valley View High School 2020 graduate said she struggled because of her learning disability. She said she was discouraged to seek out help at first because she didn't want her peers to know, but once she did, it became so much better.

"Coming to college was a very hard thing for me just because my GPA wasn't the best," she said. "But once I tried out for the dance team and I learned about opportunities here and the access and accommodations services at A-State, I just fell in love with it."



Riley Roberts being crowned by Miss A-State 2020-21, Apple Dennie. Photo by Hannah Risker | Photo Editor

Roberts said she wants to use her platform as Miss A-State to raise awareness about the resources A-State provides for individuals with learning disabilities. She said she is working with the Office of Access & Accommodations in planning a fundraiser, which will go toward a scholarship to an incoming freshman with learning disabilities.

"I knew I had to come to college, and I knew I had to come to A-State because they just provided amazing resources," Roberts said. Support services offered by the Office of Access & Accommodations include tutoring, help with registration, intake and assessment, note-

taking, test administration with accommodations, technology demonstrations, physical adaptations inside and outside of the classroom, guidance and counseling and interpreter services.

The newly crowned Miss A-State said testing for learning disabilities in students is her biggest goal. She also said she wants to be a dance coach.

"I want to just help students find recourses available to them," Roberts said. Roberts' teammates, the Red Wolves Dancers, sponsored her for the Miss A-State event.

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The Herald Celebrates 100 Years: A peek into the 1990s



A-STATE HERALD STAFF REPORT

At the beginning of the 1989-90 school year, 15 professors left A-State for salary issues along with having no time to conduct research. The same school year, enrollment reached an all-time high with 9,274 students. Talk of a new student radio station came about in September. Shortly after, A-State hired its first black professor retired, Army Col. Frederick Turner.

In March 1990, a pro-choice march was organized by students in front of the Jonesboro mall. Multiple events took place in September 1990. Books kept being stolen from the library, Danner Hall was demolished and a student was abducted from campus. The student was sitting in her truck studying when a man approached her and told her he had a knife. He then proceeded to get into her truck, drove her to the Motel 8 and then placed her into handcuffs. The abductor then led her into his semi-truck and left to move her truck from the scene. Luckily, the abductor did not fasten the handcuffs well enough, and the student was able to loosen them to escape.

A-State received five bomb threats in February 1991. Later in April, The Herald was published in color for the first time due to a new printing press bought for campus.

In 1993, cigarette machines were banned on campus due to a lack of use, the library became smoke-free and A-State hosted the "Monster Truck Thunder Nationals" in the Convocation Center.

"Running Joe," at the time, was the name of A-State's Indian mascot. It was decided in April of 1993 that this name would not be used anymore due to the offensiveness to Native American people. However, the Indian mascot would still be used until 2008.

Co-ed dorms came to campus in November of 1993 when Arkansas Hall became the first. In the same month, four bronze bells could be heard ringing from the library tower for the first time.

The beginning of 1994

was a sad time for the School of Media and Journalism as they mourned the passing of L.W. "Tex" Plunkett who was often called the father of journalism at A-State.

Automatic doors came to campus for disabled students in February 1994. However, shortly after former A-State president John Mangieri sued the school after being fired for sexual misconduct on the grounds of lack of substantive due process.

The internet came to A-State in September 1994. This major change on campus gave students access to the online world in many academic buildings. Shortly after, smoking was also banned in most campus buildings.

1995 passed by for the A-State community with relatively no impact. However, 1996 began with Mangieri's lawsuit settling for \$450,000. In the same year, The Herald celebrated 75 years of serving the community.

TEAK fraternity in January of 1997 discovered that Elvis Presley was once a member. A lockbox was found with pictures of the King himself at TEAK along with a scroll of names signed by Presley.

1997 started off with a bang, or perhaps a ring when the area code changed to 870 for the Jonesboro community. While the phone lines may have gotten a new working system, the same could not be said for the electrical system. A squirrel caused a power outage for all of A-State and 25,000 Jonesboro residents in April 1997.

The College of Liberal Arts and Communication two separate ones as the College of Fine Arts and the College of Communication. In February 1998, A-State proposed merging the two colleges and many students protested this idea. The proposal did not pass.

The 1990s wrapped up a few different events. University Hall became the first residence hall to receive internet access and signs were added outside of campus buildings indicating their names.

The Herald ended the 1990s with 4,000 issues being stolen and 100 of them found in the trash.

University Housing hosts Fall Festival

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For the past 10 years, University Housing has hosted a Fall Festival for the Village, Pack Place and Circle residents. This year, a variety of activities could be seen on the lawn between Pack Place and the Village.

The event had inflatables for the children who live in the Village including a slide, jousting and an obstacle course. Not only the children found the inflatables enjoyable. Older students battled it out on the jousting inflatable.

The event also had games such as baggo, giant Jenga and frisbee. University Housing also gave away gift cards and free instant pictures for families to take with mascots, Howl and Scarlet.

"The real lure was the free food," Amie Thomas, a senior psychology major from Little Rock, said. Free food is always a draw for events and the Fall Festival provided goodies such as



The crowd attending University Housing's Fall Festival. Photo by Jonathan Schaufler

hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, churros and drinks. The event even had false tattoos for children.

Residence Education Coordinator, Kelly Ponder commented on the work it

takes to put on events like these saying, "All of my RAs from Pack Place, Circle and the Village helped execute this plan and this event. They do great with events like this and assisting their residents."

Megan Atkins, a senior Marketing major from Vilonia, commented on the day saying, "The weather is really nice," truly attributing to the theme of a Fall Festival.