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Take a look at "Homecoming Week."

## Arab Student Association established on campus

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A-State has a new student association: the Arab Student Association.

It was founded by Rania Wahi and Sabrina Alqaissi, two freshman psychology majors from Jonesboro and Morocco respectively. The organization was formed to create a community for A-State's Arab students. However, its goals have broadened to include education over Arab culture as well.

"Initially, we created it to create a community for the Arab students that study here. We talked about it and (we decided) to open it up to everyone who would be interested in learning about the culture, learning the language, everything," Wahi said.

The two know how isolating it can feel to be the only Arab student on a college campus. Alqaissi started attending college in Florida, where she said she was the only Arab student. She didn't want others to go through the same experience and it served as a motivator to create the club.

"I really wanted to have a community to go back to if I needed anything," Alqaissi said. "I see a lot of international students and they are by themselves."

The organization is not based on religion. While there is a Muslim student association, the two said it was not very active. They thought perhaps it was the religious aspect of it that was keeping people away, so they decided a cultural-



Arab Student Association founders Sabrina Alqaissi (left) and Rania Wahi.

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based club was the way to go.

Right now, the club is still looking for new members and is holding icebreaker events. They have more plans in mind including a cultural food sampling event.

"In every country and every culture there are different foods," Wahi said. "Making all the separate foods and bringing people in would be a way to get more people in the club,

get more people interested and to get to know everyone."

In addition to bringing together the A-State Arab community, Alqaissi and Wahi hope to host charity events to help Arab communities around the world.

"I wish for us to host charity events because there's still war (in Palestine)," Alqaissi said. "Sudan and other African countries are

in poverty right now, (so we want) to raise money for them."

In addition to outreach, the two hope the organization will teach Southerners more about the culture.

"I know a lot of people in the South misunderstand the culture, so this will help open it up," Alqaissi said. "What the culture actually is, how we actually do things and how we are."

## The Herald Celebrates 100 Years:

### A peek into the 2010s



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350 students were not able to eat at the beginning of the 2010s. Their meal plans were not working at the beginning of the school year. Perhaps that was due to enrollment increasing by 10.5% that year as well.

Campus did not always look how it does now. In April 2010, construction began on Marion Berry Parkway.

The small vehicles that can be seen travelling the sidewalks of campus began being used in February 2011.

Sagging pants, a typical fashion trend of the 2010s, were banned on campus beginning in April of the same year. Signs and posters banning the style could be seen all over campus including in the Reng. Student Union and the dining hall. Campus dining also went through changes later that year in September when the university switched to Coke products rather than Pepsi.

A year later, in September 2012, the Honors Living Learning Community began construction and would soon be home to thousands of students. In the same month, a bomb threat was made against University Hall and caused all residents to evacuate the building. The man behind the threat was later apprehended and arrested.

A month later in October, talk of establishing an affiliate school in Queretaro, Mexico began.

In 2013, The Herald began printing in the paper style still seen today. Later that year in September, the on-campus radio station Red Wolf Radio began. Many students had been wanting an on-campus radio station and would now have access to it with professor Larz Roberts acting as faculty advisor.

In November, the name of the busy highway, Stadi-

um Boulevard was changed to Red Wolf Boulevard.

For many years, A-State produced a campus yearbook. Due to its unpopularity and thousands of copies not being sold, it was announced in April 2014 that the yearbooks would move to an online format rather than a printed one.

The viral internet sensation the ALS "Ice Bucket" challenge swept the A-State campus in 2014 when many students and faculty partook in the challenge.

In September 2015, the Student Activity Center opened and would allow many different groups such as cheer, track and field and other activity groups to utilize its facilities. In October, the A-State food pantry would open on campus.

Thousands of people each year utilize the on-campus hotel, Embassy Suites. It began construction in March 2016. The Herald would later celebrate 95 years in November of the same year.

The A-State College of Business would be renamed to the Neil Griffin College of Business after Griffin himself donated \$10 million to the university in April 2018.

In the same month, A-State celebrated 10 years as the Red Wolves after the mascot change from the Indians.

The School of Journalism would undergo a major change in February of 2019 and would be renamed to the School of Media and Journalism. Later that same year, Red Wolf Radio would celebrate five years in March.

Summarizing the history of the 2010s could not be complete without mentioning two of The Herald editors. Opinion Editor, Lily Cabibi-Wilkin and Life Editor, Alex Clark both started in the Fall 2018 semester and are still currently working at The Herald.

## A-State crowns Homecoming king and queen

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A-State crowned its new Homecoming 2021 king and queen on Saturday. Kayne Wilson, a senior pre-professional biology major from Paragould was crowned king and Maddyson Lamb, a junior exercise science major from Imboden was crowned queen.

Both Wilson and Lamb are highly involved on campus and attributed the winning of their crowns to this. From events to clubs, Wilson and Lamb have lived and breathed A-State during their time as students.

Wilson is a founding father of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, an honors college ambassador and serves on the Journey College Church team.

Lamb is a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, the public relations director for SGA, a diamond doll, director of ambassadors for the College of Education and Behavioral Science, a member of the Special Olympics and a member of Red Wolves for St. Jude. "Whatever you put into

something is what you are going to get out of it," Lamb said.

With their newly appointed titles, the Homecoming royals plan to continue to exemplify A-State in every way possible and encourage other students to do so as well. Transitioning to college life can be difficult for some, but both Wilson and Lamb see it as vital in order to thrive in a college atmosphere.

Wilson said, "Never be scared to walk up to some random person and meet a new person. You never know what blessing they can bring into your life."

The Homecoming king and queen nominees had no idea as to who they would be crowned with prior to the announcement but both spoke highly of the other.

"She is a great person. From the time I have been around her, I can tell she has a good soul," Wilson said.

"Kayne is precious and one of the sweetest guys I have ever met. I think he is so deserving, and I was super excited for him to get this honor," Lamb said.

The Homecoming royals mentioned their family, Greek



2021 Homecoming queen, Maddyson Lamb and Little Miss A-State at last week's homecoming football game. For more photos of homecoming, go to page 4B.

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organizations and friends who have supported them wholeheartedly. Both Wilson and Lamb hope to use their titles to continue to exemplify A-State and stay involved.