

## School of Media and Journalism endows scholarship at special 100-year anniversary celebration

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The Herald hosted a special celebration showcasing past editors, reporters, alumni and friends to celebrate 100-years of student journalism at A-State on Nov. 18. The event showcased a dinner, speakers and a special panel compiled of past Herald editors now working in the journalism field and was titled "What I learned from The Herald and why journalism matters more than ever." It was the final official event of the 100-year celebration. The panel consisted of Dr. Dorothy Bland, Gretchen Hunt, Lance Turnery, Chanda Washington and Roy Ockert, who is the former editor of the Jonesboro Sun. While the evening was

commemorating The Herald and this momentous occasion another special achievement was revealed this evening as well.

At the ceremony, a scholarship was endowed in honor of Dr. Joel Gambill, former editor and advisor of The Herald. "He has influenced literally thousands of lives and the greater good of journalism," Dr. Brad Rawlins, director of the A-State School of Media and Journalism said. "So, we wanted to do something that would honor him but at the same time would also launch the careers of future journalist because I don't think there is any other way to honor Dr. Gambill."

Through collective efforts from friends and alumni of the journalism program the scholarship was able to be presented in Dr. Gambill's

honor. "I would like to thank all those who helped create this scholarship," said Gambill. "It makes me warm all over that someone would create a scholarship that assists journalism students in their A-State careers. I would especially like to thank those who contributed to the scholarship."

The scholarship will be offered for the first-time fall semester 2022. The scholarship funds have totaled \$25,000 as of now due to the generosity of former alumni. "One of my favorite parts of this semester was reading the emails that people would send that said 'hey I'm sending something' and sharing their recollections of working with Dr. Gambill," Dr. Rawlins said.



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The Herald staff holding the special 100-year edition. From left to right; Sandra Combs, Advisor, Lili Cabibi-Wilkin, Opinion Editor, Jonathan Schaufler, News Editor, Courtney Edwards, Editor-In-Cheif, Alex Clark, Life Editor, Rebecca Robinson, Sports Editor and Hannah Risker, Photo Editor.



Dr. Brad Rawlins (Left) presenting Dr. Joel Gambill with a \$25,000 check for the Joel Gambill Endowed Scholarship.



The special 100-year celebration panel titled "What I learned from The Herald and why journalism matters more than ever" speaking to the crowd at the event.

## COVID-19 and statistics on the emerging variants

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COVID-19 variant Omicron has recently been discovered, and is currently marked as a Variant of Concern by the World Health Organization (WHO). There are currently five variants marked as Variants of Concern: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, and Omicron.

Two variants are currently marked as Variants of Interest and seven Variants Under Monitoring. There are also 13 Formerly Monitored Variants. Some of the Variants Under Monitoring were previously Variants of Concern, and have since been downgraded to Variants Under Monitoring.

You can follow the WHO list of COVID-19 variants at <https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>.

### Variant Types:

- 1. Variant of Concern:**  
Variants that are more transmittable, more severe, and harder to cure, with evidence of harm.
- 2. Variant of Interest:**  
Variants that can be harder to treat and easier to transmit, with the potential to harm.
- 3. Variant Under Monitoring:**  
Variants that are not as common or dangerous.
- 4. Formerly Monitored Variants:**  
Variants that are no longer circulating enough to pose a problem or do not have any impact on the epidemic as a whole, or that are not dangerous.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) as of time of print, there are five Variants of Concern, two Variants of Interest, seven Variants Under Monitoring and 13 Formerly Monitored Variants.

- B.1.1.617.1 was called Kappa when it was a Variant of Interest.
- B.1.1.526 was called Iota.
- B.1.1.525 was called Eta.

It should be noted that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a different list, because they only focus on variants affecting the United States. The WHO list of variants can be found at <https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>.

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Variant	Origin	Earliest documented samples	Date of designation	Level
Alpha	United Kingdom	September 2020	Dec. 18 2020	Variant of Concern
Beta	South Africa	May 2020	Dec. 18 2020	Variant of Concern
Gamma	Brazil	May 2020	Jan. 11 2021	Variant of Concern
Delta	India	October 2020	May 11 2021	Variant of Concern
Omicron	Multiple countries	November 2021	Nov. 26 2021	Variant of Concern
Lambda	Peru	December 2020	June 14 2021	Variant of Interest
Mu	Colombia	January 2021	Aug. 30 2021	Variant of Interest
AZ.5	Multiple countries	January 2021	June 2 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
C.1.2	South Africa	May 2021	Sep. 1 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
B.1.617.1	India	October 2020	Sep. 20 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
B.1.526	United States	November 2020	Sep. 20 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
B.1.525	Multiple countries	December 2020	Sep. 20 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
B.1.630	Dominican Republic	March 2021	Oct. 12 2021	Variant Under Monitoring
B.1.640	Republic of Congo	September 2021	Nov. 22 2021	Variant Under Monitoring

## CAMPUS CRIME



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Nov. 29 | 4:11 p.m.

While patrolling Officer Terry Phipps was approached by complainant in front of the Computer Science and Mathematics building. The complainant was attempting to locate victim one. After searching the general area and three of the other closet buildings Phipps returned to speak with both the complainant and his wife.

While waiting for more information from Captain Jarrod Long, who was checking the cameras in the vicinity, it was brought to Phipps attention that victim one was located off campus at the Jonesboro Airport and was requested his parents not be told where he was.

Officer Billy Branch was asked to travel to the Jonesboro Airport and see if victim one was there. Upon arrival, he found victim one sitting at the waiting area. Due to him not being able to communicate verbally, Branch exchanged phone numbers with victim one so that they could talk.

While at the airport, Branch was told to standby while the parents spoke with members of the University Police Department. Branch made contact with Long and advised him that the flight was boarding and asked if there had been any emergency guardianship ordered since there was no proof

of the parent's guardianship over victim one. Long advised that there had not been an order and victim one boarded the plane headed to St. Louis, MO.

A short while later, victim one's parents obtained an emergency guardianship order. Upon receipt of this order the St. Louis International Airport Police Department was contacted. Upon placing the order into the National Crime Information Center, the St. Louis police were able to intercept victim one once he exited the plane.

Nov. 27 | 3:16 a.m.

Officer Daniel Bradway was stationary at 2301 E. Johnson Ave. monitoring traffic. While there he observed a dark colored Jeep Grand Cherokee with a headlight out, approaching from the west. As the vehicle passed, Bradway waited for traffic to clear and then pulled out to attempt to stop the vehicle.

Bradway caught up to the vehicle east of the University Loop intersection. He initiated his emergency lights to signal the driver to pull over. The vehicle slowed and acted as if it were going to pull over onto the shoulder in front of the Student Activity Center on Johnson Avenue, however that did not happen.

The driver continued onto the on ramp for Red Wolf Boulevard, the driver then began to accelerate. Bradway

then activated his siren and attempted to get close enough to the vehicle to see the License Plate Number. However, before he could do that Bradway made the decision it was too dangerous to continue due to the speed we had reached.

Bradway discontinued his emergency equipment and turned onto Aggie Road. He then radioed dispatch that he was going to head back to the intersection of Red Wolf and Johnson to search the roadway for something that appeared to come out of the driver window as the vehicle turned onto Red Wolf Boulevard.

After searching the roadway for several minutes, dispatch notified Bradway that the vehicle matching the description of the one that fled, had crashed into the parking lot of the Car Mart at the intersection of Stallings Lane and Red Wolf Boulevard.

Once Bradway arrived on the scene the vehicle was upside down on top of another vehicle. The driver was nowhere to be found. In front of the suspect vehicle was an AR-15 with a loaded magazine laying in front of the windshield.

It was learned while on scene, that the vehicle had recently been stolen from the 1500 block of Aggie Road. A small blood trail was also found and foot prints could be seen leaving the scene. After tracking the trail all the way to the area of 828 S. Caraway Road the trail was lost.