

International Student Association hosts end of semester formal

“We wanted to give an American college experience.”

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The International Student Association wanted students from countries without a prom culture to experience one before they graduate. To do this, they hosted a spring formal at the Pavilion on Sunday. “We wanted to plan an event where everyone can have fun, look pretty and get dressed up for the last time before the semester ends,” said Rishitha Reddy, a junior computer science major from India and vice president of the ISA. The event saw 80-90 people in attendance. It featured various games, dancing and different pizzas. At one point, a large game of musical chairs was played. There was also an “international” themed

photo booth, with various flags in the background. “Since the event was on a Sunday night right before finals, we were concerned that not many people would show up, but the turnout made us feel like our efforts paid off,” said Satoshi Kawami, a junior international business major from Kyoto, Japan and president of the ISA. With the event being so close to finals, Reddy said there were some stressful moments when creating it. However, she said after they put out a call for volunteers, four to five people showed up to help bring the event together. The idea for the event first came about at the beginning of the semester. Reddy said ISA members wanted to plan a big event for the end of

the spring semester, as they would not be able to see each other over summer break. “We saw last semester that the previous ISA members hosted a prom event and there was a great turnout. It was quite fun, so we decided our big event at the end (of the semester) would (also) be prom,” Reddy said. The ISA wants to plan one event for every month, such as dodgeball, badminton and more. Events will be chosen based on student requests. Kawami said he was looking forward to increasing the scale of the ISA’s fall events. “This event made more people realize this association (exists). We expect more students to participate in any events we will have in the next semester,” Kawami said.



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From left to right, Rishitha Reddy, Mehr Aslam, Daniel Raath, Satoshi Kawami and Eunji Seong pose in front of the photo booth at the event.

Denim Day quilt hangs in Student Union, encourages students to share stories



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Today marks the anniversary of a 1992 Italian Supreme Court decision that blamed a rape victim for her own rape based on her clothing decisions. To protest this, people around the world practice Denim Day.

After the ruling, women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans to show solidarity with the victim. This protest was picked up by international media, inspiring the California Senate and Assembly to do the same on the steps of the capitol.

The first Denim Day event was held in Los Angeles in April of 1999. It has continued annually since then.

Arkansas State University began honoring Denim Day as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in 2018. A denim pocket quilt was hung in the Reng Student Union two weeks prior. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to write their sexual assault experiences anonymously on slips and paper, then place them in one of the quilt’s many pockets.

A selection of these papers were read out loud at a ceremony at the Student Union at 10:00 a.m. by the Provost and Perdata Bush, A-State Title IX director.

A-State students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear jeans to show solidarity with sexual assault survivors.

KTA Communications Honor Society inducts new members

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PRESS RELEASE

This year’s initiation of members in the Arkansas State University chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national mass communications honor society, included students from across the institution’s student body with on-campus, online and Campus Queretaro represented in the 2022 class. “It is remarkable that these students came from all walks of life and every part of our media

and strategic communication programs,” Dr. Holly Hall said. “It is exciting to see undergraduate and graduate students from here in Jonesboro, as a part of our online cohort and this year for the first time from our campus in Mexico to come together as one group. The future of the media and communications professions is greatly enhanced by these students’ future prospects.” Only the top 10 percent of any graduating class is

allowed to be considered for KTA membership. “What’s really remarkable are the current careers of some of our master’s students,” Hall said. “Many of them already have full-time positions at well-known universities across America or state government agencies, and we are so proud that they chose A-State for their advanced degree.”

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CAMPUS CRIME

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Officer Dustin Mitchell observed a gray passenger car traveling northbound on Red Wolf Boulevard at a high rate of speed. He used his radar gun and locked the vehicle’s speed in at 65 MPH. Mitchell pulled out onto Red Wolf Boulevard and caught up to the vehicle near Greensboro Road and Johnson Avenue. Mitchell started his emergency lights and the vehicle turned its right blinker on. However, it continued northbound on Johnson Avenue.

Mitchell got the vehicle to pull over at 4115 E. Johnson Ave. Mitchell made contact with the driver, who said he would give his ID. He attempted to provide a credit card multiple times instead of an identification card. Mitchell identified the driver as suspect one by requesting his name. While speaking to suspect one, Mitchell observed his eyes were glassy and he had slurred speech. He asked suspect one if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages to which he said he had not.

Officer Daniel Bradway was contacted via radio to assist Mitchell on a traffic stop. When he arrived, Mitchell had suspect one out of his car and standing at the rear of his vehicle. He asked Bradway to perform the Standard Field Sobriety Tests on suspect one.

As Bradway approached suspect one, he noticed the suspect’s eyes were glassy. Even with Bradway’s bright takedown lights shined into his pupils, they appeared to

not dilate. As Bradway got closer, he smelled a hint of intoxicants. When asked if he had been drinking, the suspect stated that he had not. Bradway placed him on a flat surface in the parking lot and performed the sobriety test on him.

Suspect one failed all aspects of the test, having equal pupil size and no resting nystagmus. He could not hold his eyes to the stimulus for the full test. In addition, he could not stay in position for the walk and turn test, missing all steps and not following directions. He lost balance and miscounted.

Suspect one was then handcuffed by Officer Mitchell and placed in the rear of Bradway’s caged and marked patrol unit. Suspect one refused to get into the vehicle and had to be forcefully pulled inside. After briefly struggling with him, suspect one was buckled in.

Bradway transported him to the Craighead County Jail for a blood alcohol content test. Bradway went to get suspect one out of the rear seat and he refused to comply. He lied down and acted like he had passed out. Once Bradway grabbed suspect one’s leg and began to pull him out, he finally complied. Once out of the vehicle, he tried to get away from Bradway.

Suspect one was placed in the transport position and was escorted inside. He continued to pull and try and get away from Bradway, all the while yelling that he had not done anything. With two officers holding him, suspect one was brought inside.

Once inside the blood

alcohol content testing room suspect one refused to sign any paperwork and remained very hostile. He began kicking and being violent toward Bradway and the other officer. Due to his behavior, Bradway made the decision that it was not safe to attempt to transport suspect one to the hospital and get a blood draw. Therefore the jail staff came to get him and took custody of him. He given a court date of Monday 25, April at 9:00 a.m.

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Complainant one came to the University Police Department to file a harassment report against suspect one. She said she was doing so after being advised by the Jonesboro Police Department to report the case to UPD, since she works on campus. Victim one said suspect one and her had recently ended a relationship 18 days prior. Since then victim one has been bombarded with calls and texts on her phone, as well as messages on social media.

Victim one blocked suspect one across all platforms, however suspect one continued to call using NO CALLER ID. She called her 17 times in less than a few hours that night. Suspect one called while victim one was reporting the issue to UPD. Victim one was told by her coworker that suspect one has been going up to the hotel while she is not there.

Victim one was told about the affidavit process and was going to follow up with the prosecutor’s office. She has also asked if UPD could make contact with suspect one and tell her to stop contacting her.