

**SEXUAL ASSAULT,
CONTINUED**

“I think they were kind of scared to do it, but she thought this year would be a good year to start it back up.” Bracy declined to comment. Even though this week is a result of a class project, Carden said she wanted the week to continue into future years. She added that she would like the event to evolve

from a week-long event to potentially an entire month and could see the Office of Title IX taking over the project. “I’m very happy with what they were able to do and the number of people they were able to reach,” said Perdeta Bush, director of Title IX and institutional equity. “It’s a topic that a lot of people don’t want to

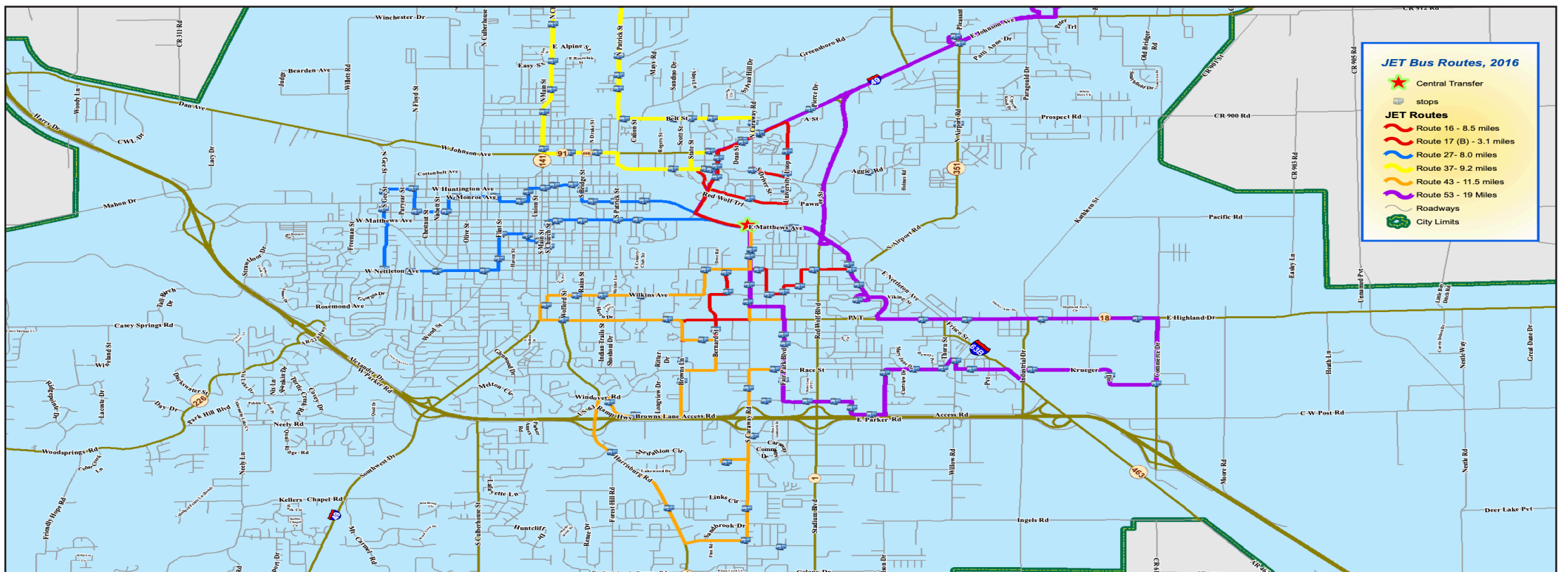
touch because of the sensitivity of the topic. To see a class fully embrace it and really want to educate their peers, made me feel very proud that they would take on that challenge.” If the event were to be held next year, the students said they would want to host more activities during daytime hours, table in the Reng Student

Union and work with Greek life. In addition to promoting on-campus resources, the event also educated students on off-campus resources as well. “We’re trying to show what A-State can do for students, but also (provide) outside resources like the Jonesboro Police Department, different clinics around town and different

counseling services. (We’re promoting them for victims) who don’t feel comfortable on campus or have had a bad experience,” said Alicia Howard, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Jonesboro. “It’s a hard topic but at least if we’re starting to talk about it, we’re starting to do stuff about it,” Howard added. “Maybe

people might not feel so alone. They might realize stuff’s actually happening, they can get help and figure it all out.” To report sexual assault, contact the Office of Title IX at title9@astate.edu or 870-972-2015. One can additionally contact UPD at 870-972-2093.

No car? No problem Overview of Jonesboro public transportation



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF JET TRANSIT SYSTEMS

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For students who can’t drive or lack cars, there is a solution. The Jonesboro Economical Transport, or JET, is a public bus system with stops across Arkansas State University and the Jonesboro community. “We have fixed route bus stops all throughout the city. We serve as a good 75-80% of the city of Jonesboro,” said Micheal Guthrey, transportation options director. “We have

our paratransit service as well which is a service for people with disabilities who can’t safely utilize the fixed route bus service.” Both the fixed route bus systems and the paratransit vans can take students wherever they need to go within the city limits. The buses run from 5:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. on Saturdays. The system does not run on Sundays. The system sees about 80 to 230 rides per day. The paratransit service, while

part of the JET system, is not an actual bus. Rather, it is a van that comes to the person’s door, picks them up and takes them where they need to go. In order to qualify for the service, a person must have a functional mobility limitation that prevents them from accessing the JET fixed bus route service. “We get told on a regular basis how big of a help it is for people to be able to get to their doctor’s appointment or out to the store when they can’t even sometimes leave

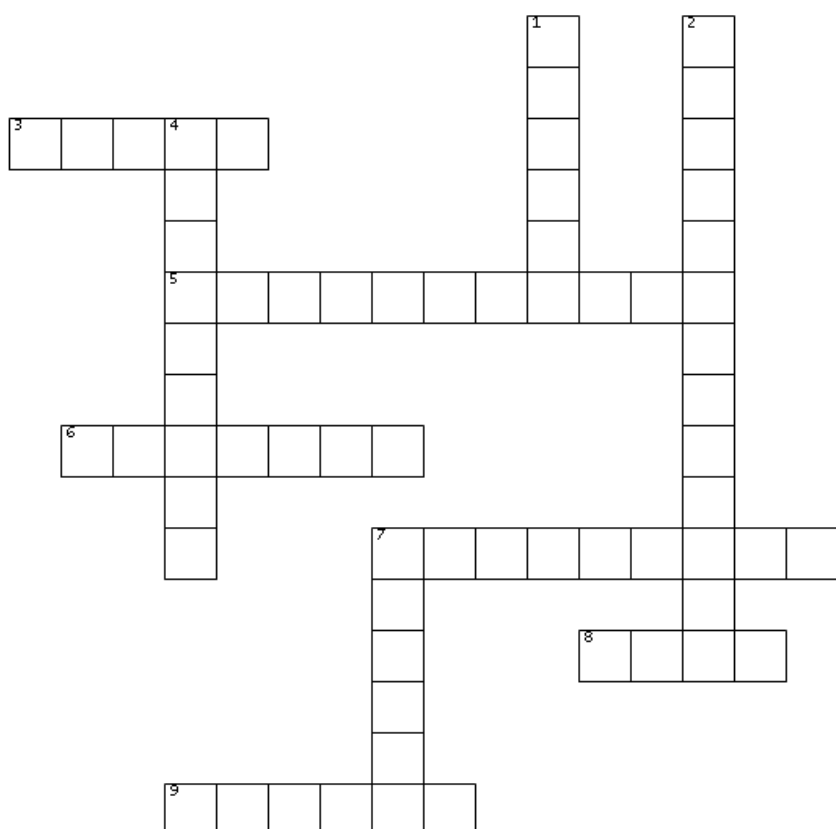
A map showcasing the JET bus routes

their wheelchair,” Guthrey said. JET began as a pilot program, which judges public interest, in 2008. Since public response was positive, the project became an entire city department. There are three buses that go through the A-State campus throughout the day. Stops include the First National Bank Arena for football games, the Student Union and more. It costs \$1.25 to ride the bus and \$2.50 to ride the paratransit

van. However, for students with an A-State ID, they only owe 90 cents. Transactions are cash only. A-State students can also use the A-State app, which features the JET Transit Tracker, which tells a student in real time when the next bus is arriving. The feature was implemented in 2015. “It shows the listing of all bus routes on campus and in the city, including all stops and the time of arrival at the

stops,” said chief information officer Henry Torres in a 2015 press release. “In real-time it shows the bus moving on the map letting the user know how far it is from the next stop. It also shows businesses and locations throughout the campus and the city bus routes.”

This week’s crossword puzzle



DOWN

- 1. a small bag sewn into or on clothing so as to form part of it, used for carrying small articles
- 2. a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern that is traditionally named after its apparent form or identified with a mythological figure
- 4. a violent and destructive shattering or blowing apart of something
- 7. public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event and including marching bands and floats

ACROSS

- 3. a person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or ruler
- 5. the legislative body of a country or state
- 6. the style in which a person’s hair is cut
- 7. the presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance or thing that has harmful or poisonous effects
- 8. the perceptible natural movement of the air, especially in the form of a current of air blowing from a particular direction
- 9. a low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it