

Behind the scenes of “Peter and the Starcatcher”

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Set and costume directors detail what it's like behind the scenes of “Peter and the Starcatcher” Arkansas State University's first play of the spring semester.

Claire Abernathy is a professor for the theater department. She teaches Costume Construction and Stage Makeup Design, while also overseeing the costume shop. One of her responsibilities includes sending out ‘rehearsal garments’ once rehearsals start. These are temporary costumes that resemble the type of clothing or shoes that the actors will be wearing on opening night. Rehearsal garments allow for actors to get used

to what they will be wearing while their actual costumes are designed and put together. For this specific play, the rehearsal period is four weeks.

When designing costumes, certain things have to be considered. “Peter and the Starcatcher” is referred to as a very active play, so the costumes can't be constricting. In a play like this, actors are often playing many different characters, which results in costume changes.

Abernathy said one challenge that comes with costume changes is storage. For “Peter and the Starcatcher”, the actors all have a base costume with key pieces for each character. This allows for more costumes to be on the stage and for changes to happen quicker. Abernathy's favorite part of creating costumes

for the department is seeing all the parts come together at the first dress rehearsal.

“You have all the various pieces... it's all kind of independent, but then on that first dress rehearsal you see everything all together,” Abernathy said.

The sets are another part of the behind the scenes process of a play. Jeff McLaughlin is also a professor for Arkansas State's theater department. He oversees the designs of the sets for plays. Meetings for designs started all the way back in November.

They can meet anywhere from once every two weeks to multiple times a week depending on progress and the amount of ideas flowing. Designing a set involves researching the play, what's typical for that play and

what's been done before. They then come up with a strong unified concept before putting the ideas to action. To make the designs a reality, theater majors take lab classes where they help in the creation of the set.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” is a lively retelling of Peter Pan. According to the designers, it is a very exposed play. Set and costume changes will happen right in front of the audience. “The show relies so heavily on the creativity of the director and the company,” McLaughlin said.

The play will be performed at the Fowler Center on Feb. 17-18 and 24-25. Arkansas State students receive free administration with their student ID.

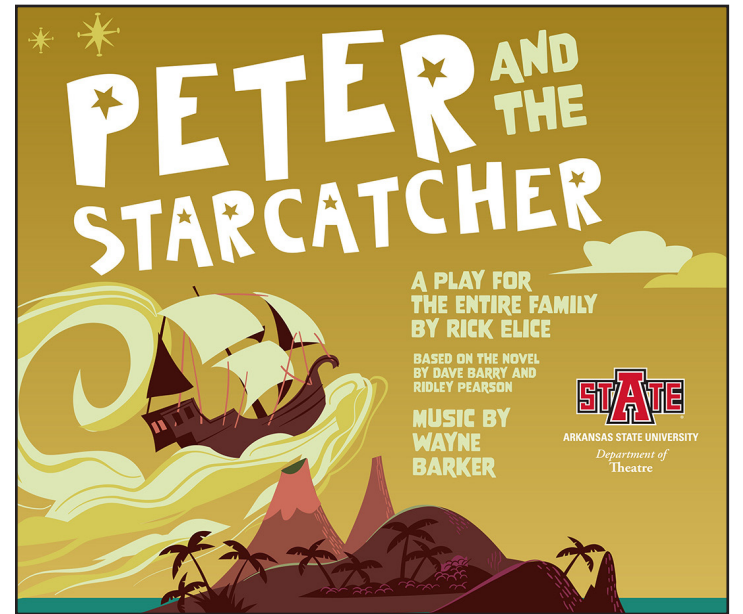


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A graphic promoting ‘Peter and the Starcatcher.’ The play will open on Feb. 17 and will be performed on Feb. 18 and 24-25.

“One Shoe in the Road”

An A-State professor's journey to catalog the lone shoes in America's roadways

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Dr. Michael Bowman, associate professor of media, is the owner of @oneshoeintheroad, an Instagram account documenting single shoes left behind on various roads. He made his first post on Sept. 3, 2017 and over the years the account has grown to 84 followers and 194 posts.

“Ever since I can remember when you would drive down the street in a country road, down the highway or whatever, it seems like there was always just one shoe in the road. It seems like that's been my whole life,” Bowman said. “With the availability of programs like Instagram, and being able to easily take pictures with your phone, I thought, ‘why not create an Instagram page focusing on one shoe in the road?’”

As the account has grown, multiple people have sent in photos of their own footwear discoveries to be featured on the page. He's received pictures from California, Florida, Vermont, Alabama and more. People have also messaged him with shoe locations, which he then goes out and photographs.

“That's one of the things that's kind of amazed me is how people when they're traveling, when they're out for a walk or something like that, they'll see a shoe in the road and they'll take a picture and send it to me,” Bowman said.

Hannah Campbell, a University of North Alabama alum who majored in journalism and digital media, has submitted photos to the page. She is engaged to Bowman's son.

“I saw the page and thought it was funny and then I started

to keep my eye out for shoes,” Campbell said. “Surprisingly, if you look, you'll find shoes everywhere across town.”

Bowman added that his page shows that professors can be “just as quirky” as students are and the account demonstrates that through social media and smartphones, anyone can become a content creator.

Bowman said he's had pictures of “everything from sandals, to high heels, to boots.” He said one of the most unique submissions was a lone shoe from a doll.

Despite the fact that Bowman documents the shoes, he said he's never seen the actual shoe getting left in the road.



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Dr. Michael Bowman



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Lone shoes posted on @oneshoeintheroad



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Overview of IT Support Services

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The Campus Card Center and the ITS Help Desk combined to form IT Support Services on the first floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library.

Room 149 of the library used to contain the IT Store and the ITS Help Desk. The IT Store recently closed, but the ITS Help Desk remains there with the addition of the Campus Card Center. Now, these two services comprise IT Support Services.

IT Support Services can help students and staff with Microsoft Office, computer issues, problems with their accounts or passwords and anything dealing with an A-State Access Card.

Heather Boothman, the assistant director for IT Support Services said, “With the addition of Campus Card, I think anything technical, this is your first point of contact. If you're unsure from a technical perspective, stop by here first.”

The Campus Card Center officially relocated from the Carl

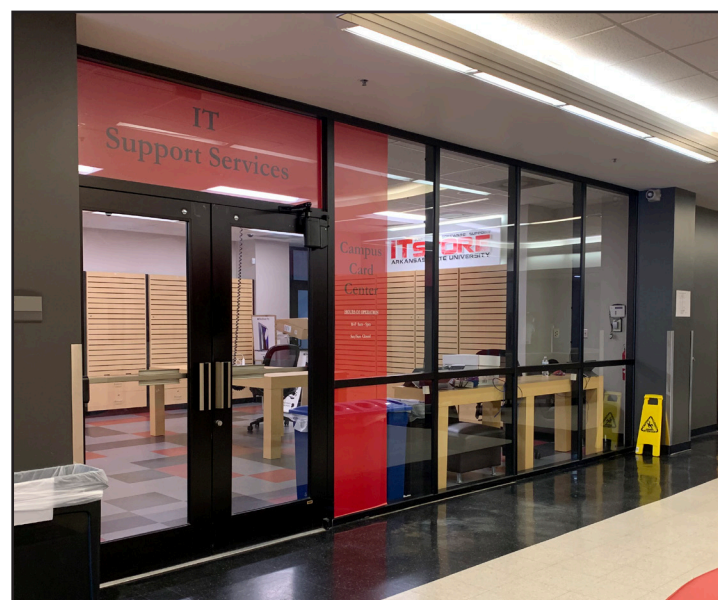


Photo by Caroline Averitt | Staff Writer

The Campus Card Center and the ITS Help Desk have moved to Room 149 of the Dean B. Ellis Library.

R. Reng Student Union on Dec. 15. A few weeks prior, students could be assisted in both locations for a smooth transition.

Sheryl Puckett, the manager of IT Support Services, formerly the campus card manager, said, “We still offer all the same services that we did over in the Union, we're just in this location now, and we're here to help.” Faith Banks, a junior

psychology major from Pocahontas who works with the Campus Card Center, said, “I like how it's a little bit of a bigger space.”

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CAMPUS CRIME

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Jan. 22 | 7:10 p.m.

Officer Chad Hall was dispatched to a call in reference to a disorderly subject situation at 2629 Cherokee St. Upon arrival, he was met by complainant one who stated she and suspect one had gotten into an argument and suspect one was asked to leave. Suspect one then returned and knocked on the door, informing complainant one that his keys were left inside. Complainant one said she told suspect one she would retrieve his keys. Complainant one said suspect one attempted to kick the door in, causing damage to the door frame. Complainant one said she then called University Police Department. Suspect one added that nothing physical occurred and that suspect one left after receiving his keys.

Jan. 22 | 10:45 a.m.

Dispatch received a call asking about a vehicle that was

in the ditch near intersection of E Johnson Avenue and Fields Road. Officer Billy Branch was told at shift change that Jonesboro Police Department had already spoken to the owner and that the vehicle was going to be moved. Branch called JPD dispatch to get contact info for the owner and to find out an estimated time on when the vehicle would be towed. Branch was told there was no contact info listed in their call. The vehicle does not have a license plate number and the vehicle identification number showed it to have expired in 2022 with an out of town P.O. Box listed for an address. As there was no way of contacting an owner, Double D Towing was contacted to remove the vehicle. Once the vehicle was winched onto the roadway, Branch found a bill of sale showing that victim one bought the vehicle on Jan. 19. The wheel that had been knocked off the vehicle was placed into the vehicle bed and it was removed from the roadway.

Jan. 17 | 2:05 a.m.

Officer Dustin Mitchell was sitting near the intersection of Johnson Avenue and Red Wolf Boulevard. He observed a blue SUV approach at a high rate of speed. He used his radar gun to clock the vehicle at 54 mph in a 35 mph zone. He stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver and explained the reason for the stop. After obtaining the driver's information, Mitchell ran his name and date of birth through dispatch. Dispatch said suspect one was suspended and had a probationary search waiver. Mitchell asked suspect one to step out of the car and approach the front of the patrol car. Mitchell searched the vehicle and did not locate any contraband. He issued suspect one a citation for the driving on suspended and allowed him to park the vehicle until a valid driver could take possession. A court date is set for March 29 at 9 a.m. at the Craighead County District Court.