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“It went from just having a small nursing staff to having upwards of 10 physicians that can provide a full scope of service here on the campus for the students,” Pearce said. “NYITCOM runs this clinic now. It eliminated that cost from A-State and opened the door for students to have more services on campus.”

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The Student Health Center is located at 333B Red Wolf Blvd. It is adjacent to the Football Stadium and next to St. Bernards First Care Clinic.

STUDENTS,
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“Every year, even throughout the school year, there is a need for teachers within our school districts. The profession has seen this need grow tremendously and we anticipate such growth will continue for years to come,” said Baker. She said they have to look at options to have more teachers in their classrooms who are qualified to teach. “It is apparent that they have been well educated and have the drive and desire to be all that is needed for both their students and their families,” said Baker. “Every single professor I have had has lifted me up, boosted my confidence, and helped me in so many ways to know what my strengths are, what my weaknesses are, and have just gone above and beyond to truly push me to be better,” said Stotts. She said if she hadn’t come to A-State she would not have had the professors she has learned so much from and

would not be in this position, teaching her own students. Drew said it’s been a smooth transition and she is learning what it’s like to be a teacher, while the students are learning from her. “I love having my own classroom. I feel like I have more freedom. Free to have my classroom to myself. It’s been nice to be able to figure out my schedule, what works best for my kids, and how I am going to teach,” added Drew. “100% the education program here has been phenomenal and I have loved every single bit of my experience here,” said Stotts. Both Stotts and Drew said their professors have been very supportive of this new opportunity. “I think just in general, Arkansas State University and Nettleton have a true heart for their players, their students and teachers, and they are going to work with you,” added Stotts.



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Taylor Drew

Both students have a lot on their plates for their final semesters of this college experience. For Stotts, not only is she a senior and a new teacher, she is also a Division One athlete playing

for the A-State soccer team. “I think I can be that role model for all the boys and girls, be that positive light for them because you never know what is going on at home or just in life in general,” said Stotts.



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Darby Stotts

“It is a great feeling knowing you can help them emotionally and academically. It is a positive and reassuring that we definitely will use this hiring option in the future if need be,” said Baker.

Permit Program, along with the partnership with A-State, has made our first experience so positive and reassuring that we definitely will use this hiring option in the future if need be,” said Baker.

CAMPUS CRIME



Oct. 1 | 2:06 a.m.

Officer Dustin Mitchell was dispatched to 1115 University Loop E. Building #2 for a fire alarm. On scene, officers went to the alarm control panel and observed that the alarm was set by the second floor area C smoke detector. Officers went to the second floor and observed a white smoke haze coming from the south hallway and stairwell. The fire department arrived on scene and cleared the area. The alarm was then silenced and reset. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the fire extinguisher had been discharged. Mitchell then had a dispatch look at the cameras to review the incident. Dispatch was able to see three men leave Room 2311 prior to the smoke entering the hall and stairwell. Officers went to Room 2311 and made contact with the residents. The officers said

the men were no longer there. Both women said the men were friends from high school and that they were not students. They added that they met with them at the Eagle and brought them back to the apartment to hang out. They said they did not know that they used the fire extinguisher when they left. They said they did not have contact numbers for any of the men, but had one on Snapchat. She made a Snapchat call and when Mitchell announced who he was, the man hung up the phone. No further contact could be made. After clearing the scene, Mitchell reviewed CCTV footage of the incident. At about 2:01 a.m. three men were observed exiting Room 2311 heading toward the south stairwell. At 2:02 a.m. one of the men in a green shirt was seen standing in the south stairwell. Then the man can be

seen walking back to the second floor until 2:03 a.m., at which the man in the green shirt was seen again in the stairwell. Then white smoke filled the stairwell and all three men were seen exiting the building as the fire alarm went off. Sept. 30 | 1:44 a.m. Officer Colby Drope was patrolling the area of Centennial Bank Stadium 2720 A St. where he observed a maroon Chevy Silverado enter the south parking lot and began to travel at a high rate of speed northbound. The truck drove into the grass near the Pines. The driver then backed out of the grass, entered onto the sidewalk and started driving toward the southeast entrance of the football field. The truck came to a stop at the football field’s southeast entrance due to a closed gate. Sergeant Dustin Mitchell and Drope approached the truck and made contact with

the driver, identified as Arrestee One. A road closure sign was in plain view during the approach, hanging out of the pickup’s bed. Arrestee One was instructed to exit the vehicle by officers, to which he complied. Arrestee One told officers he was trying to find a friend’s apartment and was lost. Drope asked Arrestee One where he had picked up the road signage and he replied that he didn’t steal the sign. When asked where he got the sign, Arrestee One said he found it in the middle of the road. Drope told Arrestee One he had come close to driving onto the football field but was stopped by a blocked gate. Arrestee One said he knew where he was, but would change the conversation subject to the road sign or his phone being dead. Arrestee One was asked for consent to search his vehicle and agreed. During

the search, Drope located a blue pill bottle with Arrestee One’s name on it, which should have had carvedilol inside. Upon further inspection, there were three different types of pills inside. Mitchell was instructed to place Arrestee One under arrest. Arrestee One stated he was taking the narcotics up to the hospital to his grandmother, who was in St Bernards Hospital. Officers on the scene confirmed his grandmother to be in the hospital. Arrestee One stated he was carrying the pills mixed because they were in a large container. Arrestee One was transported to the Craighead County Detention Center with no further incident. Arrestee One’s vehicle was impounded by Wreck Doctor and the road signage was placed into property storage.

Campus firewalls to be upgraded Saturday

Information Technology Services will be replacing campus network firewalls with new equipment beginning at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday. Work is estimated to be completed by 8 a.m. The upgrade is estimated to take a short time to complete, however, there is potential for a full network outage during this period. Internet and network services will not be available during this time. This will include both wireless and wired Internet, the my.AState portal, Canvas, Banner, desk phones and VPN. The Arkansas State University website and email via Outlook on campus, or through a mobile phone, will not be affected. The maintenance was originally to occur on Friday, however, Henry Torres, vice president for information technology, said in an email it was changed to Saturday to “avoid interfering with deadlines related to midterm exams and A-State Online projects.”