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"It has been a great program for a long time and produced many outstanding journalists and others who are in related fields," Ockert said.

Bob Troutt, a 1981 graduate and alumnus of the journalism program, is also an endowed scholarship donor to the program.

"Certainly we're not going to revoke the scholarship but I would like to know how it's going to benefit," Troutt said.

Terrance Armstard, DDNS adviser and MMJ instructor, said he is concerned about what will happen to existing faculty; he has been at A-State for four years.

My biggest concern will be the number of faculty when A-State reduces or dismisses a program at a university," Armstard said. "It's not a big concern, but it's on the back burner in my mind."

Rawlins wanted more of the curriculum and other details finalized before sharing more information about the change. Gina Houge, Interim Director of SMJ, has said the MMJ curriculum will be discussed when Fears returns.

"My fear is that outside of Arkansas State, the narrative will be that journalism is dead at A-State and we won't get any students coming here who have an interest in journalism. It'll hurt in a lot of different ways," Rawlins said when asked why alumni hadn't been informed about the ADHE decision.

"That's my candid answer on why we haven't been really forthcoming sharing a lot of this," Rawlins added. "I want there to be a positive part to the story that I can share and it's just taking a long time for that to come about."

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Institution	Degree Type	Degree Name
Arkansas State University	Master of Arts	Criminal Justice
Arkansas State University	Certificate of Proficiency	Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
Arkansas State University	Graduate Certificate	Health Communications
Arkansas State University	Bachelor of Science	Health Promotion
Arkansas State University	Certificate of Proficiency	Leadership Studies
Arkansas State University	Bachelor of Science	Multimedia Journalism
Arkansas State University	Bachelor of Arts	Music
Arkansas State University	Technical Certificate	Paramedic
Arkansas State University	Associate of Applied Sciences	Paramedic
ASU Three Rivers	Technical Certificate	Entrepreneurship
ASU Three Rivers	Technical Certificate	Medical Transcription
ASU Three Rivers	Associate of Applied Sciences	Office Administration
ASU Three Rivers	Technical Certificate	Office Administration

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The graphic above depicts the ASU System programs that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education recommended for deletion.

Stress levels heighten as engineering students take FE exams

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Engineering students from all disciplines are feeling the stress as Fundamentals of Engineering, FE, exams begin.

In order to graduate, engineering students must take the FE exam, with students taking it during the first semester of their senior year. Part of the process of becoming a professional engineer involves passing the exam.

In order to become a professional engineer licensed in Arkansas, students must complete an undergraduate degree accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or ABET. Next, they must pass their FE exams and then complete four years of post-college work experience verified by a licensed professional engineer. Finally, they must take and pass the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam.

"The importance of that is to allow our students to advance in the workplace. It opens up a lot more career opportunities for them," said Jason Stewart, director of civil engineering. "For our graduates entering the workforce, a big help for their employment and for their job offers is to have passed the FE exam which signifies to their employer they are on their way to licensure."

The exam is five hours and 20 minutes long, with a 40-minute break in between sections. The first part of the exam covers the engineering fundamentals, while the second half focuses on the student's specific discipline. For Arkansas State University students, this is mechanical, electrical or civil engineering.

Students can take the exam once for free through A-State's testing center in November. If they don't pass the exam, it will not affect or delay their graduation. However, they will have to retake it on another date and have to pay.

To help students prepare for the exam, the senior seminar class offers review sessions, with a different topic covered each week. Noah Sanders, a senior mechanical engineering major from Cabot, Arkansas, said the senior seminar review sessions help him.

"It's a lot of information to deal with at one time and you just need to break it up when you're studying," Sanders said. "That's been really helpful for me to get some practice questions in and see more of what I need to focus on."

In addition, professors encourage students to study on their own. Shivan Haran, who has a doctorate in mechanical engineering and serves as director of mechanical engineering, said he encourages students to begin studying two to three weeks before their exam.

With Thanksgiving break being so close, students said professors are piling on the work, making completing assignments and studying for the FE exams difficult.

"Right now, my stress levels are very high. I don't think that they would be as high if I didn't have so much other schoolwork going on with it being the week before Thanksgiving," said Brooke Hessling, a senior civil engineering major from Dexter, Missouri.

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(A) $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(B) $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(C) $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(D) None of the above

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The graphic above depicts a practice problem for the FE exams.

Mr. RHOmeo

Photo by Rebecca Robinson | News Editor

The Omicron Tau Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. hosted the first ever Mr. Rhomeo Pageant Saturday.

The pageant is planned to be an annual event. The three men that placed were: Third place, Mr. Royal Blue and Gold was Kendrick Blair, a sophomore music education major from Marion; Second place Mr. 1922, Kyle Johnson, a sophomore biology major from Nassau, Bahamas; and First Place Mr. Rhomeo was Jonathan Schaufler, a junior nursing major from Salem.

Schaufler was awarded a $500 scholarship for winning. During his reign as Mr. Rhomeo, Schaufler will focus on his community service initiative Period Poverty to supply women in need with period products.

From right to left: contestants Alianzo Williams, a sophomore exercise science major of Fordyce Arkansas; Aaron Sanders a graduate student athletic training major of North Little Rock; Blair David Arnold, a mental health counseling graduate student from Douglasville, Georgia, Johnson and Schaufler.

CAMPUS CRIME

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Nov. 8 | 10:29 p.m.

On November 8th, 2023, at approximately 10:29 hours, I Officer Heidi Custodio was dispatched to 322 University Loop in reference to a welfare concern. Upon arrival, Heidi and Sgt. Takeem Bowman made contact with a Victim One.

Victim One said she had just broken up with her boyfriend and he got upset and had taken her vehicle with her belongings inside. Victim One also stated that her passport, Macbook, international ID, and Arkansas State University ID were also in the car as well as other belongings at the ex-boyfriend's parents' home.

Victim One was not very forthcoming with information on who her ex-boyfriend was. The vehicle is a white Nissan Versa with Texas license plate. Victim One said her ex-boyfriend threatened to destroy her belongings if she didn't come to his home immediately.

Victim One added her ex-boyfriend gets violent and has hit her and gave her a black eye last month. She then stated that when they were fighting around lunch time that her ex-boyfriend pulled her hair. Victim One she has lived with her ex-boyfriend for four. Bowman asked Victim One if she wanted to go to the home to retrieve her things and if she wanted to stay on campus for the night, to which she responded yes.

Victim One gave the address of 3310 Dayton Ave. as the location of her belongings. At approximately 11:17 p.m., Heidi and Bowman escorted Victim One to the given address as a civil standby to get her belongings. Upon arrival there was no sign of the vehicle.

Victim One was messaging her ex-boyfriend at this time but he said she was not allowed in the home and she could come back tomorrow to get her things. Bowman then went to the door and knocked when the father of her ex-boyfriend answered the door. He stated that his son was not at home and that he had never seen Victim One before.

At this time an unknown male, possibly the ex-boyfriend was watching and speaking through the ring door camera stating Victim One was not allowed in the house and instructed his dad to stop talking to Heidi and Bowman.

At this time another unknown male showed up at the residence and told Victim One his brother didn't want her at the house and that she was unwelcome. Heidi and Bowman then escorted Victim One back to campus.

Upon arrival at campus at 11:43 p.m. Victim One was escorted to Honors Building 2 to stay for the night and was given a Laura's Card, a document listing a victim's rights and contact information for local prosecutors and shelters. She was advised of options for reporting to Jonesboro Police Department to press charges due to it not happening on campus.

Victim One was also advised to stay away from her ex-boyfriend and to not remain in contact with him. Victim One then had a friend come pick her up instead of staying on campus.