

**MAPS,  
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Scaife said MAPS wanted to honor minority professionals in the healthcare field for Black History Month and allow MAPS members to hear from and speak with these professionals. She said it was important for minorities to seek positions in the healthcare field.

“Studies show that minorities are more likely to seek medical treatment when there are medical professionals who look like them,” Scaife said. “Since there’s a shortage of minorities

in the healthcare field, we want to support our students who are interested in pre-med and let them know you can do that.”

Scaife said lack of exposure is one of the biggest challenges minorities face when attempting to enter the medical field. She said many minorities have no family in the medical field so they often lack mentors to guide them to a career in healthcare.

Jackson said being in an organization like MAPS exposes her to minorities with

jobs in healthcare and allows her to receive guidance from them.

The MAPS president said the Black Men in Medicine event is part of this semester’s event series, titled “Thursdays with MAPS”. She said MAPS will host the Med School Speed Dating event this Thursday.

Jackson said students interested in MAPS can get involved by submitting an application available on the organization’s Instagram, [@astatemaps](#).

**ALUMNI,  
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Mack said he would like to see more minority students in STEM fields, like himself.

“For the first three years, there were just not a lot of students who looked like me in the science majors,” Mack said. “We were truly a minority in the science space.

I knew the students who came in as chemistry majors with me, there were five of us. Of that five, maybe two made it all the way through.”

A common theme of the talk was getting help from faculty with being successful.

“When I was under

my adviser in the Student Activity Board’s leadership, his connection definitely motivated me to switch gears completely and become a professional in this career in higher education,” Everett said. “I’m still loving it and still trying to do the same thing for students every day.”

**CAMPUS CRIME,  
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Suspect One was willing to go to the Crisis Unit and was transported to the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and was transferred to the nurses on duty.

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Dispatch put out a call for a person shot on Old Paragould and Aggie Road. Officer Ryan Smith went to assist.

On the way, dispatch informed Smith that Suspect One was still on the road

with a gun. Smith got to the intersection of Old Paragould and Prospect Road. A male in a black passenger car stopped Smith and said Suspect One was down the road and said he had the gun in his car. Smith told him not to leave the scene.

Smith arrived and Suspect One was walking toward Smith with his hands up. Smith had his weapon drawn as he put his vehicle in park. Smith exited his vehicle and pointed his gun

at Suspect One. Smith asked where the gun was. Suspect One said he did not have a gun. Smith told Suspect One to put his hands behind his back. Smith holstered his weapon and handcuffed Suspect One. Suspect One said he was the victim and that the gun was at the house behind him. Jonesboro Police Department arrived and placed Suspect One in the rear of the police unit.

**STROLL-OFF,  
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Members of Sigma Gamma Rho were dressed in yellow shirts and baggy, blue pants. A few wore blue bucket hats. Amber Yates, a junior communications studies major from Salem and member of Sigma Gamma Rho, said the look was based on popular girl groups from 1995-2005, particularly Destiny’s Child.

This year’s theme was Back to the Basics, which saw

participating organizations strolling and stepping to songs from 1995-2005. The organizations competed in two categories, Slow Jams and Get Lit. Organizations have been practicing for the competition as early as the semester’s start.

“It takes a lot of time and practice, late nights, early mornings,” Flanigan said. “You also got to remember, there’s other organizations

competing and so you want to make sure that you’re bringing your A-Game because they’re going to bring theirs.”

For some participants, this was their first time participating in the Stroll-Off. Demarkus Hamilton, a junior exercise science major from Memphis and a member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., said participating was exciting and fulfilling. “I just like being around the

## UPD demonstrates the dangers of drunk driving

**JACK DOUGLASS**

**PHOTO EDITOR**

The University Police Department and the Wilson Counseling Center conducted a drunk driving simulation on the Heritage Plaza lawn in an effort to deter students from driving while intoxicated.

The Wilson Counseling Center helped put on the event to help encourage students to make better decisions with spring break around the corner.

“We often partner with UPD just to raise awareness on alcohol, and especially with spring break coming up,” said Carnesha Ben, a counselor with the Wilson

Counseling Center. “We like to give students that educational interactive activity just so they have a better understanding of the importance of making sure they are playing it safe.”

Students were directed to don goggles that simulated how an intoxicated person would see the world. They then got to drive UPD golf carts around an obstacle course that simulated the hazards of drunk driving.

“It was fun,” said Jzena Lee, a junior psychology major from McKinney, Texas. “I just didn’t know what it looked like when you were drunk for real.”

Students were given a presentation on the effects of

alcohol on the body and were shown how different amounts of alcohol would influence their blood alcohol content. Sex, body mass and metabolism were taken into account to determine how much alcohol it would take for a given student to reach the legal limit of .08 blood alcohol content.

Lieutenant Daniel Bradway said the course was designed to make students think twice before making an irresponsible decision.

“We hope it will deter somebody,” Bradway said. “We hope it makes them think a little bit more if they do drink.”



PHOTO BY JACK DOUGLASS

Officer Heidi Custodio leads a group of students through the fatal vision drunk driving course.

same group of people. They all share the same mindset of coming together and bonding over strolling. It is a good feeling to have,” Hamilton said.

Some participants faced technical difficulties during their performances. During Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.’s performance, the music cut out halfway through.

“We just kept going, we didn’t know what else to do. We

just did the show,” said Yasmine Aly, a senior criminology major from New Orleans. “Once everybody started singing along it encouraged us to keep going and it was really nice having that support.”

Adrian Everett, director of the Multicultural Center, said the event not only benefits the attending high school students but also the college students involved.

“It’s bragging rights for the organization but it also is a recruiting tool for them,” Everett said. “Our whole campus is invited out to the event. It gives the Greek organizations the opportunity to showcase what they do on a fun social side and then also help with recruiting new members to the organization.”

*Anna Cox, sports editor, contributed to this report.*

## THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE

### Solve the anagrams

**BART RIGHTS**

Hint: Check page 2B

**CLAW RAKE**

Hint: Check page 1B

**CAMPER MUSIC**

Hint: Check page 3A

**BARRY FUNK**

Hint: Check page 2A

Bart Rights - Brightstar, Claw Rake - Race Walk, Camper Music - Campus Crime, Barry Funk - Ruby Frank

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