

FERAL CATS, CONTINUED

“We are under strain anyways because there’s a big vet shortage and with us being in low cost, we are booked up until June and July,” Mays said. “With the trap and release though, we try to fit them in where we can. You never know when you’re going to trap a feral cat.”

Any student who reports a cat to Peters will not pay for trapping or the spay/neuter procedure. To cover costs, Peters relies on donations from friends and family. She said she relies on donations for traps, food, towels and more, but is working on collaborating with other animal shelters to expand the program’s reach.

In addition to catching feral cats, Peters also transports students’ pets in need of their vaccinations or spaying/neutering.

“A lot of students have cats in their apartment or on campus

in their dorms. They either don’t have the transportation to get to the vet or they’re looking for help to pay for it,” Peters said. “Personal pets matter just as much as the feral ones do. All cats benefit from a spay and neuter procedure and we want to offer that to students that are needing that.”

Yu Nakagawa, a first-year computer science major from Tokyo, Japan, used the program to get her cat, Ash, neutered. While Nakagawa did pay for the procedure, she said Peters transported Ash to and from the vet.

“I tried to find a humane society, but everything is expensive,” Nakagawa said. “I found the post saying it was gonna be like \$35. I was surprised and it helped me a lot. I can feel safe to get my cat (neutered).”

Peters is currently running the program by herself,

although she said is looking for more volunteers to help set traps and transport cats. In the future, Peters said she hopes to partner with registered student organizations such as the Pre-Veterinary Club to get more volunteers.

To spread awareness about the program, Peters not only promotes it on the A-State app but also created an Instagram account **@collegiate.cats.astate**, where she posts pictures of captured cats and educates followers on trap, neuter and release programs.

“The thing with TNR is, the goal is having to do it less than less,” Peters said. “I’m expecting to have an influx of cats that need the procedure done and need their vaccinations. My hope is that by next spring, or by next year, that number is going to be significantly lower and we’ll have some success with the program.”



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(From left) Denali and Foldie, two semi-feral cats Emily Peters cares for at Collegiate Park.

Arkansisters Project hosts “Population Health Issues of Women in the Delta”



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The Arkansisters Project hosted a guest speaker over Zoom Monday to discuss women’s population health issues in the Arkansas Delta as the second part of the Women’s History Interview Series.

The Arkansisters project is a collaboration between Arkansas State University Heritage Studies Doctoral Program and The Delta Population Health Institute New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine where Dr. Brookshield Laurent is an associate professor and founding

chairman for the Department of Clinical Medicine.

In this series, Dr. Brookshield Laurent, co-director of the Arkansisters project, highlighted the importance of advocating for health equity in rural communities and emphasized the need for healthcare professionals to understand the history and cultural context of these communities.

“Arkansas has the highest rate in maternal mortality in the country. It is safer to have a child in less industrialized countries than it is to have that then the Mississippi Delta,” Laurent said. “For a developing

country with a large GDP there’s not a great application where I believe we should go to help address this issue.”

Laurent said there is a significant disparity in health outcomes that cardiovascular diseases, race and lack of access to healthcare contribute to.

“Health equity is not just a doctor, nurse, clinical issue. Health equity is anyone connected to improving their community, they are impacting health equity,” Laurent said. “It truly requires a multi-sector collaboration to make sure everyone has the care and has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible.”

how to lead through conflict. “This conference is going to make people feel more confident in their life, and an announcement that we are here

women and students at A-State,” said My Huynh, a junior graphic design major from Vietnam.

SGA, CONTINUED

Ross said that, for him, the slogan “The Next Step Forward” will be about helping new senators on SGA get a handle on how SGA works.

“I know many senators don’t know how to make (resolutions), so it’s kind of providing the support that the Senate really needs to get what we need to get done,” Ross said.

Another issue that Ross said he wants to focus on is kindling a better relationship between professors and students, starting in the Beck College of Science and Mathematics.

“Professor comes in, lectures, leaves. I want to foster a better kind of advising situation within our college,” Ross said. “To have the professors check in

more with the students instead of just once for registration.”

Ross said that to do this he would most likely begin by meeting with the chairs of the departments.

“It would be a really good thing to keep people in their majors, to keep them accountable, to keep them moving forward and to keep them doing what they want to do and being successful in what they want to do in their future,” Ross said.

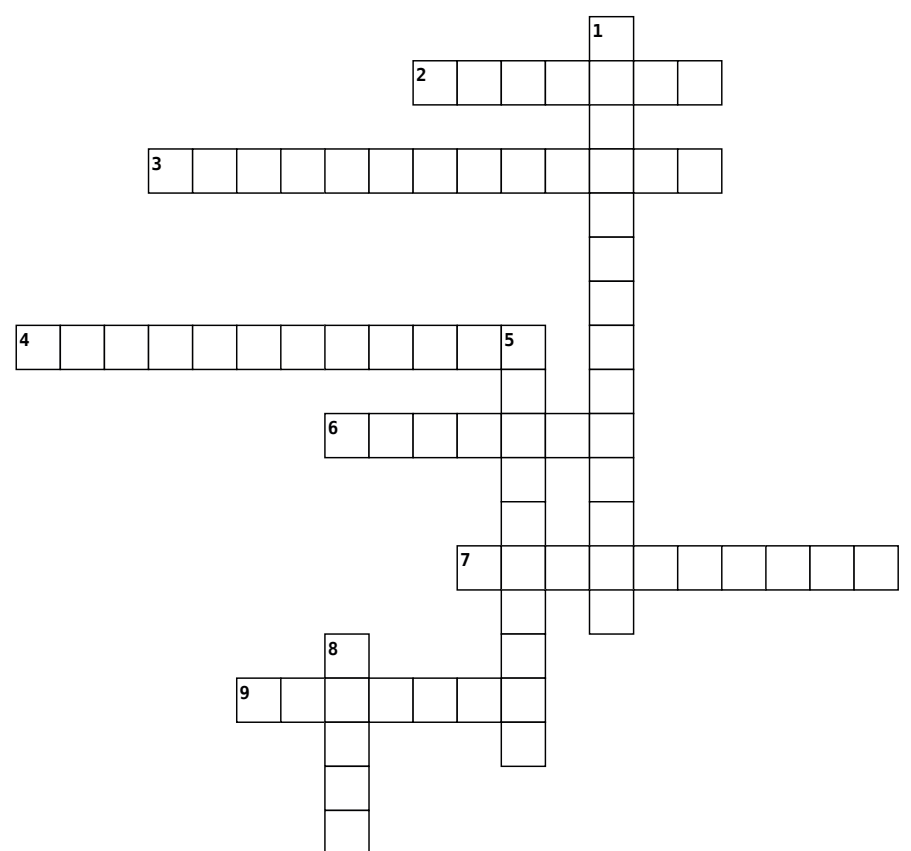
The new ticket led Tuesday’s meeting after being sworn in.

Senate committee positions were also filled. The names and positions are listed below:

- **Action Commissioner:** Louis Gonzalez
- **Campus Collaboration Commissioner:** Emma Martin
- **Continuation Commissioner:** Ian Butler
- **Excursion Chair:** Anna Thompson
- **Sustainability Liaison:** Nicholas Sides
- **Local Government Representative:** Jake Williams
- **Sergeant of Arms:** Rocco Hicks

Two senator seats were filled. Rose Farmer filled the graduate senator chair and John Volpe filled the Military Sciences seat.

THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE



Across

- 2. Arkansisters Project guest speaker
- 3. Subject of this week’s club spotlight
- 4. Keynote speaker at Women’s Leadership Conference
- 6. Location of Men’s Golf SBC championship
- 7. Name of cat featured on front page
- 9. Astronomical coincidence

Down

- 1. Play featured on Arts and Entertainment page
- 5. Filled graduate senator chair
- 8. Lizzy McAlpine album that released April 5

CONFERENCE, CONTINUED

The second breakout session provided tips for women to succeed in future careers, lead in the manufacturing business, lead in a supportive way, and