

### DEBATE, CONTINUED

Dustin, an instructor of creative media production and faculty advisor for ASU-TV, said the students' control over the production of the debate showed the strength of the program. "When the students control it, we know everything's going great," Dustin said. "We know we've done our job in teaching them the right way of doing things, and they've really taken to that. We can stand back

and let them do the product." Additionally, the debate gave viewers and the audience a preview of what to expect on the ballot this November. 9 Christian Sandoval, a junior creative media production major from Jonesboro, operated camera two during both debate productions. He said it's important for politicians to connect with college students, as they represent

the next generation of voters. "It gives them an idea of how candidates can help them, whether they're struggling or doing really well. It's about keeping things within the community," Sandoval said. "This is a diverse college. We all have different backgrounds, whether conservative, democratic, libertarian. It's about how these politicians can appeal to us and help better our future.

The next debate will feature four candidates on camera, presenting new technical challenges for students working on the production. "Right now, with just two candidates, something as simple as putting them side by side in a double box is easy, but now we're going to have four candidates, and switching between them while they talk or react is going to require

constant attention," Dustin said. "You want to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible while still giving the audience all the information they deserve this close to election time." Sandoval said he's looking forward to hearing what policies the mayoral candidates will propose to make Jonesboro better. "As someone who lives in an ever-growing town, local

populations can fluctuate, but it's the community that builds up a city," Sandoval said. "So, whether it's Copenhaver or the other candidates, how can they help me as a citizen and help my peers grow in this environment?" The upcoming debate for Jonesboro mayoral race will take place Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

### RENAISSANCE, CONTINUED

Katie Evans, a sophomore studio art major from Highland, Arkansas, said she thinks the fair was a good price and great for community engagement. "I've always wanted to go to a Renaissance fair and it was pretty cheap and good price, so we thought it'd be fun to go around and see the vendors and just dress up in cute costumes," Evans said. "I chose to be a little mushroom fairy because I made this crochet hat. And I was like, You know what? Just make a little skirt. We're set. We're good to go." Emily Vines, a sophomore elementary education major from Paragould, said she was dressed as a goat tavern maiden character she made up. Vines said the fair interested her because she wanted to dress up and buy things. "I like the sense of

community and getting to go around and see everyone and support individually owned businesses makes it all feel very tight knit," Vines said. Hopkins said the fair had a massive turnout. "We expected like 300 people over both days and our first day, we had like over 1000 and we ran out of tickets," Hopkins said. Danny Kapales, director of Jonesboro parks and recreation, said he has hopes for the future growth of the Red Wolf Renaissance Fair. "Right now, it's on access six, but I would love to see the entire park be the Renaissance Fair," Kapales said. "I would love this thing to grow to a point where you pull into the entrance and the whole weekend is nothing but Renaissance Fair throughout the park."

### CAMPUS CRIME, CONTINUED

Foster also found a firearm and drug paraphernalia consisting of a "Baby Yoda" carrying case containing grinders, a scale, a rolling device, a tray and a pack of "Magic Mushroom" gummies. The arrestee was then placed under arrest for possession of Schedule VI and driving on a suspended license and transported to Craighead County Detention Center where he was booked in. Foster informed the arrestee he was banned from campus and gave him the property receipt for his firearm after confirming that the firearm was not stolen. **Oct. 9 | 10:21 p.m.** Officer Daniel Bradway reviewed camera footage of an incident of an individual tampering with A-State property. Bradway observed the suspect approach their vehicle from the

south stairwell of building one, examine the paperwork attached to the vehicle and then proceed to the rear passenger side where a wheel immobilizer was installed. The suspect attempted to break it off by stomping, kicking and pulling on it. After retrieving an unknown item from the trunk of his car, he continued to pry it off the wheel. Eventually, he successfully removed the immobilizer, discarding parts of it in the grass and a storm drain behind his vehicle. The suspect and an associated person then left the area in separate vehicles. The associated person was driving a black Nissan Maxima while the suspect drove his red Dodge Charger from the scene. Bradway used the cameras to track the suspect back to the room of the associated person

and obtained her information from other resources. Bradway identified the suspect and obtained more information about him, matching his driver's license photo to the image from the video. Bradway said the associated person will receive a referral for the actions of her guest while on campus and the suspect will receive the criminal charge for 2nd degree criminal mischief. **Oct. 9 | 2:10 p.m.** Officer Caleb Lawson responded to Pack Place in response to a report of theft. Lawson made contact with the complainant who said he parked his vehicle around 10 p.m. on Oct. 5 and came back to it around 1 p.m. on Oct. 6. The complainant said he knew something was wrong when he started the vehicle and it was very loud.

He said when he looked and saw that his catalytic converter had been stolen. Lawson reviewed the cameras and could not find a view of where the complainant had parked his vehicle. **Oct. 8 4:23 p.m.** Officer Caleb Lawson was stopped by an individual who said that earlier in the day she observed a vehicle hit a car in the parking lot and leave. She was not able to provide any information on the vehicle beyond that it was a black SUV. Lawson looked at the vehicle, determining it had damage to the driver's side rear fender and left a business card for the owner of the vehicle to contact the police department. Later in the day the victim came to the police department and provided her information for a report.

## This week's word search

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- volley ball      technology      bob cats      brat
- pixie cut      looms      trash
- breed

## A-State recognized by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine

### A-STATE NEWS

#### PRESS RELEASE

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine has recognized Arkansas State University as a winner of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award. "Arkansas State University is dedicated to educating all students and ensuring they have a home away from home. As we strive and continue to cultivate an environment where everyone belongs and thrives together, we must remember it starts with us," Dr. Carlitta Moore, vice chancellor for access and institutional engagement, said. Nationwide, 114 higher education institutions, including A-State, are recipients of the HEED Award. The HEED Award is the only national honor highlighting U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive campus environment. The impact is felt across the university, according to Moore. "We have seen under the leadership of Chancellor Todd Shields an increase in the number and diversity of students, as well as in leadership," Moore said. "This award signals to prospective students, faculty and staff an academic community which values everyone, and can lead to improved retention rates, higher engagement and academic success. Additionally, it serves as both a symbol of



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### 2024 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award.

progress and a motivator for continued work in a thriving environment." It marks the seventh consecutive year A-State will take home the award. Moore said it was an honor to hear the university received the HEED Award again as it is the only institution on the list to represent the Natural State. "I was excited to know A-State is continuing to carry the legacy and remain the only school in Arkansas to hold this designation, a uniqueness which sets A-State apart and indicates we are leading by example," Moore said. "This honor reinforces we are genuinely committed to creating a welcoming environment and the continuous efforts made over time." The HEED Award is a testament to the work taking

place at A-State to foster a welcoming campus for students and the university community. "Our stakeholders take pride in fostering collaborations, enhancing partnerships with local, nation and international communities which benefit students, alumni, faculty and staff alike," said Moore. "It is a representation of us actively taking steps towards making a real impact on the campus culture. It reflects successful efforts in fostering a sense of belonging, ensuring everyone has equitable access to resources, opportunities, and support systems." A-State will be featured in the November/December issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the nation's largest and oldest publication dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education.