

**ARTS,
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Jamie Taylor, a graduate education major, performed at the event. Taylor, who took the stage as a dancer, described the deep cultural roots of movement in Black history. “Dancing is deeply rooted in our culture. From experiencing how we feel to sending messages and spreading love. It’s something that can be shared with

anyone, anywhere,” Taylor said. Beyond entertainment, Taylor hoped the audience left with a deeper sense of faith and self-discovery. “To always stay connected to God. In Him, you will find exactly who you’re meant to be,” Taylor said. Haynes said she hoped the event would serve as a reminder that Black history is

woven into all aspects of life. “Every artistic category we showcased has roots in our history, passed down from our ancestors,” Haynes said. “We wanted Night of the Arts to set the tone for celebrating Black history in every space of our lives—because it’s woven into everything we do.”



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Jamie Taylor and Destinee Harris performing at “Night of the Arts.”

**JEANS,
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“A lot of kids are bullied for how they look for having nothing. A lot of us probably dress in trends and stuff. I think having some newer clothes would have a positive impact on them. You know, they can have something that’s not a bit ripped up and too nasty,” Thompson said.

I’karia Jones, a junior social work major from Dumas, Arkansas, is in the media chair position for the Social Work Organization. She said the impact of jean donation affects everyone involved.

“I know, not only will it help kids who are in need, but it also helps parents. It’ll save them stress on making sure their kids have clothes they have adequately, like weather appropriate clothes, because again it’s cold out here and jeans are getting more expensive as it goes,” Jones said.

Jones said the initiative aims to inspire more community members to seek and offer help, fostering a

culture of support within the state and potentially beyond.

“It’ll make me appreciate what I have and knowing that I don’t have to rely on other people, but also it is humbling as an experience and it’s just knowing that I helped somebody else,” Jones said.

She said the practicality of jeans for children, noting their durability and the ability for kids to customize them.

“It’s getting colder outside, and if you go to a store, and often, jeans are like, \$20 and, you know, Back when I was a kid Jeans were \$20 which equals the price of two outfits. Most kids, they run around, and mostly just leggings. Jeans have more wear and tear,” Jones said.

Benedict said their donations were not for show but more for the impact and need of the kids.

“As a kid who grew up on a low income myself, it’s really nice to be able to give back to those kids and in a way that’s not going to embarrass them,” Benedict said.

She said it can be challenging

but rewarding to balance on-campus work with community work as a college student.

“I’m just really glad about this project that we’re able to give back to the wider community. I feel like a lot of things that people do is more for stuff to get back into our own campus, which is really good,” Benedict said.

She said she hopes this project creates a free space for people on campus.

“I really wanted it to have an impact on the students here, because I feel like in college, we get so caught up in doing what we need to do that we forget to step back and help our communities around us. That’s being college kids just not your normal demographic that you see volunteering and doing stuff,” Benedict said. “I really hope that it can inspire other people on campus to give back.”

Donation boxes are located at Eugene W. Smith Hall in room 327, student union and residence hall laundry rooms. Donations are due Friday.

**AG FAIR,
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“We just learned that they’re trying to genetically modify their soybeans to be able to take more pesticides and herbicides than the previous batch,” West said. “I just think being

able to get into the genetics of the plant and changing it for better and being able to produce more or defend against more. I think that’s really cool.” Savannah Ullnan, a first-

year pre-veterinary major from Paragould, said she came to the fair for the same class as West but also to talk to Peco because they have good internships for animal science majors.

“Peco is someone I can look into, but it’s more of I want to be a small animal vet. It’s more of broadening my horizons. But I do want to try to just be a small animal vet. Peco might be an

internship I look into to try to get into that school,” Ullnan said.

Schroeder said A-State will also be doing a fair later in the year for behavioral and mental health studies and they are in

the process of finalizing a date.

**SGA,
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“It’s a really fun week where senators and those who are wanting to run for president and vice president give the opportunity to tell the university

what they plan on doing, why they want to run and who they are and what seat they’re running for,” McGowen said. Voting is open for all

students with an Arkansas State University email. Campaigning begins March 12 at 12:01 a.m. and election results will be announced March 20 at noon.

Also in new business, Senator Farjana Swarna presented a resolution seeking to equalize tuition for international students. She said some students

pay extra in tuition depending on where they are from.

Swarna was not available for an interview by the time of publication.

The resolution will be read for content at the next SGA meeting on Feb. 11.

**CAMPUS CRIME,
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He was then transported to the Craighead County Detention Center.

Earlier in the day, officers were contacted by Arkansas State University staff in reference to the arrestee being

inside the student union. Four officers patrolled the student union in an attempt to locate him, but were unsuccessful.

Chambers and Officer Caleb Lawson viewed video camera footage and witnessed him inside the student union

walking around. He admitted on body camera that he was inside the union eating. Officers followed him on

the camera and noticed he walked off campus and towards the wolf creek apartments.

THIS WEEK’S PUZZLES

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