

CHILI COOK-OFF HELD TO BENEFIT ROTC

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A chili cook-off was hosted at the Military Science ROTC building to raise money for obstacle course renovations and amenities for ROTC members.

Members of the Arkansas State University ROTC hosted the event in support of Howl Heroes, a student organization that represents the A-State ROTC.

John Volpe, a junior English major from Little Rock and president of Howl Heroes, said while the turnout was small, he is grateful for those who did attend to both serve and taste the various specialty chili.

He said the event almost didn't happen. "We didn't have much time to prepare and we needed an idea to fundraise money," Volpe said. "There were a lot of complications, and we're hoping for next year that we'll have way more time and way more people."

Volpe said one of the main struggles with the cook-off was

advertising. He said advertising will be more closely considered for the next ROTC event.

Alianzo Williams, a senior exercise science major from Fordyce, Arkansas and vice president of Howl Heroes, said he hopes the cook-off and other ROTC events will pave the way for future members.

"Coming into this program, there wasn't proper representation on campus," Williams said. "What I want to do is start little events like these so that when I'm gone, new students would have something for them that they could volunteer on and connect with people on campus."

Cook-off winners include the Phi Delta Theta fraternity for the judge's vote and We Are The 22 (WAT22) for best booth theme.

WAT22, a non-profit association specializing in veteran suicide intervention, operated a booth at the cook-off to spread recognition for their cause.

The organization derives

its name from the fact that on average, twenty-two veterans take their lives every day.

Executive Director of WAT22 and Marine Corps veteran Wesley Holt attended the event to provide insight into his organization.

"We're a statewide veteran suicide intervention program," Holt said. "We run a hotline with 911 and 988. We get in front of veterans face to face, we don't care if it's two o'clock in the morning on Christmas, we're gonna get in front of them and make sure they see the daylight."

Holt said his mission is dead set on not only saving the lives of veterans but also repairing some of the stigma around suicide discussion.

"We tell people all the time, there's nothing wrong with you; something happened to you," Holt said. "We're all veterans and we've got to be able to process these thoughts."

More information about WAT22 can be found on their website, wearethe22.org.



Photo by Justin Coats | Special to The Herald

Members hosting the Kappa Alpha booth serve chili to attendees. The cook-off was held to raise money for renovations and amenities for the A-State ROTC.

Pakistani journalist graduate student recalls journey to America

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The Multicultural Center hosted Breaking Barriers: A Journalist's Journey from Pakistan to the US with Saba Jamshed Thursday.

The event was held as part of a series to celebrate Women's History Month. The event was open to the public with an attendance of around 20 students, faculty and staff.

Jamshed, the keynote speaker, is a graduate student from Lahore, Pakistan. She is majoring in radio and television, and said she came to Arkansas State University to pursue her passion of journalism more freely.

"I was not supposed to

tell my story, because since I am from Pakistan, we are not used to getting appreciation," Jamshed said. "I was like, 'It's a normal story. Nobody is even interested in it.' But along came my uncle from Chicago, and he came all that way just to tell Dr. Hogue about my story, that I'm the first girl in my entire family in generations to go abroad for my master's."

Jamshed said she took an interest in journalism when she was younger, and upon completing her bachelor's degree in Pakistan, she got a job at a media outlet in the country. But she said she felt that her job conflicted with her morals.

"It's (Journalism) not easy

in these countries, it takes a lot of effort and courage," Jamshed said. "Either you have to speak in favor of those in power, or you can speak the truth and then you are dead."

Jamshed said she took up podcasting during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to continue getting information to people. She said her father was her biggest supporter during this time, and would take her to cover events.

She said many of these events were dangerous. One such event was a protest that quickly turned violent.

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Photo by Will Livingston | Sports Editor

(Right) Saba Jamshed, keynote speaker, talks to audience members after her speech Breaking Barriers: A Journalist's Journey from Pakistan to the US. The Multicultural Center hosted the event to celebrate Women's History Month.

WBLC hosts Girl Math: Budget Edition

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The Women's Business Leadership Center (WBLC) and the Student Investment Club hosted a workshop on budgeting aimed to help students understand the importance of financial management.

Esther Canales, a graduate student from Mexico, helped organize the event. She said the workshop will teach students how to budget, save money and invest to achieve their financial goals.

The origin of the name "girl math" comes from an online trend that rationalizes irresponsible spending habits often made by young women.

"They (people who participate in this internet trend) don't actually know the value of things and how much they are going to cost themselves in the future. I think sometimes people overspend



Photo by Benjamin McDowell | Staff Writer

(Right) Molly Cook, a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual, speaks at the Girl Math: Budget Edition event. The event was hosted by the Women's Business Leadership Center.

because they think money is unlimited," Canales said.

She said the event will raise students' awareness of their finances, enabling

them to budget their money more efficiently.

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CAMPUS CRIME



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March 9 | 9:13 p.m.

Officer Willis took a report from a victim at the Carl Reng Student union regarding damage to her vehicle.

She said her passenger side mirror had been knocked off while the vehicle was parked in the University Hall parking lot.

Willis reviewed surveillance footage and observed three juveniles walking through the parking lot where the car was located.

One of the individuals, wearing a red hoodie, repeatedly kicked the vehicle's passenger-side mirror until it detached.

After committing the act of vandalism, all three juveniles fled the scene,

running across Johnson Avenue.

March 9 | 4:02 a.m.

Officer Kevin Willis conducted a traffic stop on a 2021 Ford Explorer at the intersection of Aggie Road and Red Wolf Boulevard.

Upon making contact with the driver, Willis asked for his license, registration and proof of valid insurance. The suspect said his license was suspended.

Willis confirmed the suspects information and cited them for driving on a suspended license and released him on his own recognizance.

The suspect made arrangements for a licensed driver to retrieve the vehicle he was driving. A female individual arrived at the scene with a valid driver's license.

Willis verified her license

status and allowed the associated person to take possession of the vehicle.

Both the suspect and associated person were released without further incident.

March 6 | 6:54 p.m.

Sgt. Jeremy Oswalt responded to a call in reference to a hit and run private lot accident.

Upon arrival he met with the victim who said he parked his black 2024 Ford F-150 the afternoon prior and returned around 12:30 p.m. to find damage to the front passenger side bumper that had not previously been there.

Oswalt was unable to locate any footage of the accident as the camera was not allowing playback.