

**GIRL MATH,
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“There are a lot of students who graduate with debt. So this definitely can create an impact on students to learn how they can graduate without any financial debt, but also help them to prepare so that they can learn how better they can achieve their financial goals quicker if they plan out their entire monthly budget,” Canales said.

Jordan Cairer, a sophomore accounting major from St. James, Missouri, said that on a deeper level, the event is about financial literacy among college students.

“College is a time when a lot of people rack up debt, and that’s just something that is accepted and it’s unavoidable in a lot of situations,” Cairer said. “Our goal with this is to not only equip people to be able to manage their finances after college, but to get a hold on that while we’re in college.”

Cairer said it is important

to track spending to become aware of financial habits to avoid overspending. She said students often overspend due to fear of missing out on time with their friends.

“I think it’s just easy to go through the motions of life and busyness of life and not realize how much money you’re actually spending. So I think it’s good to be aware of your habits and all those things before graduating college, because then it’s just amplified,” Cairer said.

Arissa Rose Farmer, a graduate student from Trumann, Arkansas, said setting up automatic savings deposits with banks could encourage better spending habits.

“Every time you get cash in, they can take a percentage of the deposit and shove it directly into a savings account and you’ll never miss it, because they do it automatically, so you don’t even

see it on your side. Which is really nice, because then that 800 bucks becomes 600 and you didn’t even realize the 200 was savings. Which is fantastic for people like me who love new purses,” Farmer said.

She said many students focus on how to spend their money rather than saving or paying bills. Farmer said various budgeting techniques, including the “pay yourself first” method, can help students strike a balance.

“I think that a lot of college students have very much so just glossed over the idea of budgeting. They’re like, ‘Oh, later. We can save later. We can meet goals later,’” Farmer said. “Right now we’re all broke but sometimes boujee on a budget is the best way to go, and to do that you have to know how to budget.”

**JAMSHED,
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Jamshed said that her father had to drag her back to their car for their own safety.

“He just said ‘Is this what you want to do? Field reporting?’ But I said that since I’m here let me complete it,” Jamshed said. “At one point we were just running away and the police were running away. So my dad said this is not the safest path, please do something else.”

Jamshed said that she maintained her resolve to keep pursuing journalism. She continued podcasting for a while until her uncle called her from Chicago, asking her to come to America and pursue journalism.

“He says to me ‘You spent a lot of time and effort in your education and bachelor’s, then I see you doing nothing with

it. If you are really passionate about it, why not pursue it as a career?’ I said it wasn’t easy to pursue, and he said I should come to America,” Jamshed said. “I said ‘Oh sure, that’s easy’ because it’s easy for him, he’s already a US citizen.”

Jamshed said it was not easy for her. She spent a very long time getting ready to apply for a visa to the United States and was even rejected at one point by the government of Pakistan. Eventually she made it to the US and began studying at A-State.

Jamshed said that one of the issues she is covering in America is Islamophobia, which is a dislike or prejudice against Muslims. Jamshed comes from a country that is over 96% Muslim. She said the idea of her being persecuted for her faith was a foreign concept to her.

“I was walking from my apartment complex towards the university,” Jamshed said. “Suddenly a car just stopped by my side and these men just started yelling at me because I was wearing a hijab. In Pakistan, when you talked about Islamophobia, we could not really take it seriously. If I choose to wear a hijab, what does that have to do with you? Why is it even a discussion? This is a big issue here.”

Jamshed said her faith has driven her to continue on her path in journalism.

“In Islam, we must not leave a stone unturned and then we have to leave it in the hands of Allah” she said. “If this is what is best for me, then that is what he’s going to give me.”

**VET SCHOOL,
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Banse said one of the primary goals of the college is to train veterinarians across the breadth of species so they are prepared to enter general practice. To accomplish this, something she wants to leave behind as much as they can is the traditional lecture format of education.

“Our goal is to make sure that our students are engaged in learning and they have active learning experiences,” Banse said. “Our classrooms that we’re constructing in our new building are flexible use classrooms, so they can be used for lectures, but our hope is that we’re doing a lot of small group learning to support some of the clinical reasoning.”

Banse said around 190 practices, 85 of which are in Arkansas, have signed up to be part of the clinical year teaching network.

Since there is currently no veterinary school in Arkansas, students hoping to become veterinarians have to go to college out of state to finish their schooling in veterinary medicine.

“We are one of the most under served states in regards to the number of veterinarians per capita. We have 10 counties currently with no veterinarians and so that makes it harder for clients to seek out care,” Banse said.

Amy Schmidt, director of the Northeast Arkansas Humane Society (NEAHS), said one of the reasons veterinary costs are so high right now is due to the lack of veterinarians. She said one of the problems in the community they see often is people love their animals but can’t afford to take care of them.

“The more vets we have in the area, the more we’ll be able to service the community in a way that’s accessible,” Schmidt said. “I think there’s a great need to have a vet school in the area, and I’m super excited that we’re getting it here in Jonesboro.”

NEAHS is one practice that will be partnering with the veterinary school for students in clinicals to give them the opportunity for hands-on experience.

Banse said students will be able to practice doing physical exams on dogs and cats at the shelter and learn to provide veterinary care under the oversight of a practicing veterinarian.

“They’ll get lots of experience talking to clients, working with animals in the community to make the quality of life for animals and hopefully make client experiences meaningful,” Banse said.

Schmidt said a room in the isolation building on site at

NEAHS will be remodeled specifically for students to learn isolation protocols.

The NEAHS does a low cost clinic three days a week that offers spays and neuters as well as vaccinations. Schmidt said they have a hard time keeping up with the demand, with low cost surgeries booked out until May.

“The vet school is going to help us with some of that volume, so they’re going to be helping with low cost surgeries. Not just helping us, but helping the community,” Schmidt said. “We also have that indoor dog kennel area, they’ve talked some about using that to teach students how to make rounds in a clinic and assess everyone, especially post op.”

Banse said the vet school will include two flexible use classrooms with tables that can be set up multiple ways to easily change the configuration of the room.

The building will also feature an almost 3000-square-foot clinical skills lab where students will learn procedures, an anatomy lab, cooler, freezer, a place to store anatomy specimens, a clinical skills laboratory space, storage for models from suture pads to full sized horses and cows, a practice lab for students that will be set up with 24/7 key-card access,

a surgical skills training suite with a pre operative area, a sterile surgical area for their spay experience, for their spay surgeries and kennels for dogs and cats in case they need to be housed overnight.

Banse said plans for continuous improvement include collecting feedback from students, instructors and course coordinators as the program is built and as students go through, and making adjustments as needed. She said they will also use the national standardized exams, the veterinary education assessment and the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination, that all veterinarians take as part of their licensure to help inform changes immediately.

“One of the things that’s important for us too is once our students go out into the community, we then collect feedback from them one year out and five years out as well as from their employers one year out, to see how prepared they were when they entered into practice,” Banse said.

She said it’s also going to be important for them to keep tabs on the changes and anticipated changes in the field of veterinary medicine and industry trends to make sure they’re responding to any needs

within the state of Arkansas.

The college has collaborated with the College of Agriculture and will continue to do so. Banse said they will be using the Equine Center and one of the bovine barns for teaching students skills based training.

“Hopefully that creates better facilities for animal science students too. It’s not like those are ours only, we share all of that,” Banse said. “I’m really grateful that the College of Ag has invited us in. And really feel like part of the same part of the same team training students.”

Sarah Hooper, associate dean for student programs and admissions, joined the CVM Feb. 27.

She will oversee student programs from recruitment through graduation, refine admission processes and the recruitment of students, when that time comes.

Hooper said she will be working a lot on creating new website content for admissions.

“I’m just excited to be able to help start the first state vet school in Arkansas. I had the advantage of going to a state university that did have a vet school in my home state and it’s really beneficial and advantageous when students like myself have our support systems,” Hooper said. “It’s

really exciting in my mind to help initiate this new school and to give the residents of Arkansas something that they’ve not been able to access before.”

The proposed class size is 120 students admitted once per year in the fall. In-state tuition will be \$35,000 per year and out of state tuition will be \$55,000 per year.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the CVM was held today at 11 a.m. and construction will begin later this month to early April.

Banse said they will be able to start recruiting students after they receive a letter of reasonable assurance from the Council of Education that they may receive after a comprehensive visit this summer.

“I’m most excited to have students. It’s exciting to build a program and to try to think about how we construct a student-centered curriculum, but ultimately, it doesn’t feel real until the students are on site,” Banse said. “We’re doing it for the students and it’s really fun to hear the excitement on campus from our students about the vet school and I just can’t wait for them to get here.”

THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. This kind of math was the focus of a recent WBLC event

5. “The Bends” from this band turns 30 Thursday

DOWN

2. This week’s student speaks asked about this type of friend

3. Lead actor in “Mickey 17”

7. Ninth month in the Islamic calendar

8. This journalism graduate student discussed her journey from Pakistan to America

4. Fundraising event hosted by ROTC

6. Subject of half of the opinion page

9. Where the Red Wolves are going, according to the sports page

