

College of Liberal Arts and Communications hosts event to welcome back students

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The College of Liberal Arts and Communication at Arkansas State University welcomed students to a new academic year with its “Welcome Back to CLAC” event Sept. 3 in the Humanities building.

The event, hosted by the dean’s office, featured tables from departments, clubs and organizations across CLAC. Organizers said the goal was to help students reconnect with their college, explore new opportunities, and find ways to get involved on campus.

Graduate student Jayme Rawls, who is pursuing a master’s degree in history, said the event highlights the value of CLAC in a university setting where it can sometimes be overlooked.

“I feel like CLAC gets underrepresented most of the



Photo by Benjamin McDowell | Staff Writer

Students check out organization tables at the Welcome Back to CLAC event.

time, so having events like this where people can see we’re doing things and that we’re physically present and trying to build community is extremely important,” Rawls said. Rawls said CLAC offers

students skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

“Great communication skills can help elevate others to have a higher percentage of getting a job,” she said. “Thinking critically is a really big one, and

the humanities in general. People don’t realize how important thinking critically is in a way that STEM can’t teach you.”

Alandria Maddox, administrative analyst for the Music Department, said

she felt the same. She said networking and involvement are key to making the most of a CLAC education.

“You’ll never know the opportunities you’ll come across or your full potential if you do not network with others,” Maddox said. “CLAC is very important in today’s age. I think people are losing the value and the truth behind art and what it brings to humanities and society in general.”

Maddox said that CLAC skills, such as accountability, discipline and emotional intelligence, not only benefit the individual but also impact the broader community.

“Some very valuable skills you’ll get in humanities are the ability to serve and knowing how to serve well, sportsmanship, accountability because you’ve got to have it,” she said. “Different things like that are

very impactful for humanity.” Maddox said her background in the humanities opened doors for growth both personally and professionally.

Imani Udoumana, a fine arts academic advisor and former communications major, said her studies equipped her to navigate diverse situations and connect with people in meaningful ways.

“Get involved. Learn your faculty members, know your advisor, and just kind of put yourself out there so you can get more in return,” Udoumana said.

Organizers said they hope events like this continue to remind students that CLAC plays an essential role in preparing them for a world where communication, critical thinking and collaboration are needed in nearly every career field.

Students show support at tailgate before historic game

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Students and alumni from Arkansas State University organized a tailgate for the historic University of Arkansas versus A-State game on Saturday.

The event took place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Little Rock Zoo, with tables being set up and ticket booths in front of the gate. With the atmosphere buzzing for the game, there were catered lunches, stalls of snacks and beverages and a live concert.

Over 3,000 alumni and students attended, including Todd Shields, A-State chancellor.

Lizzie Blair, a junior elementary education major from Marianna, Arkansas, said

she enjoyed the tailgate. She said it’s exciting to experience the historic game and everything around it in real time.

“I think the reality of it happening has been kind of a shock and it’s exciting to see the environment,” Blair said. “I love the zoo environment. That’s been really interesting but we have been having a good time.”

Macy Wars, a first-year nursing major from Helena, Arkansas, came with Blair from Jonesboro excited to see the game and be a part of history.

Wars said she was excited the game finally happened after being talked about for a while.

“It only happens once, we are excited to get to be a part

of it,” Wars said. “I never really watched much A-State football growing up, but it has been really cool to get to experience this side of A-State, too.”

Wars said that either way, Arkansas wins.

“I feel like it’s kind of two divided sides. I think it’ll be fun for the whole state to experience that,” Wars said.

Daniel Delgadillo, a senior accounting major from Pachuca, Mexico has been a Red Wolf fan ever since he moved to Jonesboro 20 years ago. He said it was nice seeing all of the students at the tailgate come and support A-State.

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Photo by Ibuki Hinohara | Photo Editor

Tailgate attendees gather around a pig roast provided at the Wild for the Red Wolves tailgate.

Wilson Counseling Center hosts suicide prevention event



Photo and outline by Benjamin McDowell | Staff Writer

The Wilson Counseling Center hosted “Take 5 to Save Lives” to teach the warning signs and risk factors of suicide. Pat Glascock, associate director for the Wilson Counseling Center, facilitated the event. “The purpose of this event is to help students, faculty and staff, to understand that we can take steps to help prevent death by suicide,” Glascock said.

CAMPUS CRIME



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Sept. 7 | 3:21 p.m.

Officer Haylee Chambers was dispatched to 2319 University Loop in reference to a parking lot accident.

Upon arrival, Chambers made contact with the complainant and the victim.

The complainant said he was turning left around the corner near North Park Quad building 1 when his steering wheel “popped” and sprung back to the right, hitting the Ford F-150 in the parking lot.

When Chambers spoke with the victim, he said he was walking to the Student Union when he heard a loud bang. When the victim turned around he noticed it was his F-150 that was struck.

The Dodge Charger was unable to be driven due to damages, a towing company was contacted by dispatch and they arrived to pick up the vehicle. The complainant was provided their business card and address.

Dispatch sent an email to

parking services stating that the F-150 is unable to be moved and is sitting sideways in a parking spot. They were asked to not ticket the vehicle until it can be moved.

Sept. 5 | 3:53 p.m.

On Sept. 5, Officer Robert Kary was dispatched to the dispatch window to take a report for a possible fraud that occurred at 2515 Danner Street.

Upon arrival, Kary made contact with the victim. The victim said she received an email from an unidentified user, claiming she had been awarded a grant for school.

The victim clicked on the link and entered her first name, email, and password. The link also prompted her to click on a “withdrawal” button to receive the funds, but she did not click on it.

Kary told the victim to not click on anything else and to reset the passwords on all of her accounts.

The victim said that nothing had been taken from her accounts yet, but she wanted to make a report in case anything happens in the future.

The victim provided

screenshots of the email, which were submitted as evidence.

Sept. 5 | 7:19 a.m.

On Sept. 4, the victim came to the UPD office to file a report in which he was the victim of a phishing scam.

The victim said he responded to the email sent out on his A-State email looking for research help. The victim said he was immediately contacted after “applying for the job” by what he believed was a professor on campus and interviewed.

After receiving the job, the victim was sent two checks via email and told to deposit them into his account for “office Supplies.” After depositing one check, the suspect told Victim #1 Apple Pay the exact amount to another person, a “Cynthia Leonard” via her number. The transaction did not go through.

The suspect then advised the victim to go onto CashApp and use the \$1921 to purchase and send Bitcoin via CashApp.

The victim completed this transaction and sent the Bitcoin to the listed party on Sept. 3.

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