



Swinging “Into the Howlverse” with Student Activities Board’s homecoming events

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Leading up to the Red Wolves’ homecoming game against Georgia State slated for Saturday, the Student Activities Board (SAB) has a week of “Spider-Verse”-themed events planned.

This year’s homecoming theme came from a hangout between SAB’s current Director of Campus Traditions, Deja Foster, a sophomore psychology major from North Little Rock, and two friends.

“We were at Little Caesars, and you know the new Spider-Man movie had just come out around that time, and we were all brainstorming ideas for homecoming because they had helped a lot,” Foster said. “Chauncey Betts, he was the Director of Campus Tradition last year, so we’re all-time final theme, and Jameon’s pizza box had Spider-Man on top and we were like ‘Spider-Man.’”

Although the theme was just announced during Order of the Pack at the end of August, “Into the Howlverse” has been in production since June, around the time the most recent Spider-Man movie, “Brand New Day,” was in its marketing phase.

The week of activities began Monday with the homecoming court reveal during the “Into the Cosmos” event, which featured freeze-dried candy and roller skating.

The court is as follows:

King:

- Chauncy Betts, a senior strategic communication major from McGehee,

- nominated by The Creative Collective
- Cosmo Deveaux, a senior engineering technology major from the Bahamas, nominated by the Black Student Association
- Harrison Herget, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Jonesboro, nominated by Phi Delta Theta
- Caleb Ramsey, a junior nursing and health professions major from Forrest City, nominated by Zeta Tau Alpha
- JP Rowton, a junior accounting and data analytics major from Harrisburg, nominated by Kappa Alpha

Queen:

- Cameron Argo, a junior health studies major from Lepanto, nominated by Sigma Chi
 - Denver Brooks, a senior radiological sciences major from North Little Rock, nominated by The Creative Collective
 - Emma Dorton, a junior strategic communication major from Dexter, Missouri, nominated by Kappa Alpha
 - Kate Malone, a senior strategic communication major from Germantown, Tennessee, nominated by Alpha Gamma Delta
 - Janarie Prince, a senior psychology major from New Orleans, nominated by the Black Student Association
- Although Dorton and

Rowton are SAB president and director of athletic engagement, respectively, they said they aren’t allowed to open the ballot.

“Nobody on the team has any idea who’s going to win until we all find out together, and it’s strictly Micayla, and Micayla will know,” Rowton said. “Even with us being on the team and being there early, this and that, and us all having to be at the event on Monday, we will not figure it out until it is announced to the whole student body.”

Students can vote for homecoming king and queen Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through a form provided on SAB’s Instagram page.

Thursday, students will gather for “Through the Flames” at 7 p.m. on the Union Lawn for a movie that has yet to be decided. A popcorn bar and s’mores will be available.

The annual “Yell Like Hell” event will close out the week’s events at 7 p.m. Friday at the corner of Union Loop and Honors Avenue. Winners of different competitions throughout the week will be announced during the event.

“I think ‘Yell Like Hell’ is just really underrated,” Dorton said. “It’s a really great event to get our student body kind of excited for the game. It’s all about school spirit. It shows how great of an atmosphere we have, and it’s also just fun. You get to do skits. We have food. It’s a really great time to just kind of sit around and hang out.”

On Homecoming day, students and alumni alike will attend multiple alumni events and reunions on campus.

Attendance for last year’s

rainy homecoming win against Georgia Southern was 16,341. In 2024, it was 21,427 in a sunny win against South Alabama.

SAB has sponsored giveaways for the most-attended registered student organization and for random students who sign in at the game.



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JP Rowton, the Student Activities Board’s director of athletic engagement skates during “Into the Cosmos” homecoming event.

“With any homecoming event, there’s always going to be more participation than just a normal Saturday game,” Rowton said. “However, this year, I think just with what we’ve done so far with the giveaways, and then with the great week events that Deja has planned, it’ll be a big turnout for the game.”

For this year’s home games,

The awards have ranged from hundreds of dollars for the organization to a turtle box for individual students who signed in.

Kickoff for the Red Wolves’ homecoming game will be at 6 p.m. at Centennial Bank Stadium, where A-State will face off against the Georgia State Panthers.

SGA rejects transparency resolution, approves student attendance tracker

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

At Tuesday’s meeting, the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate rejected a resolution calling for more public reporting of its activities but overwhelmingly approved a resolution to explore student attendance trackers.

In opening remarks, an anonymous UPD officer reported on a recent pedestrian-vehicle accident that occurred on a crosswalk. Although it was not serious, the officer said it was the third accident of this type to occur this year. He urged students to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks to prevent future occurrences, and shared that they are looking into the issue of scooters entering roadways in front of vehicles.

This began the resolution

hearing process.

Senior Senator Parker Hicks presented the first resolution. Resolution SR 26/27-01 was an addition to documentation that Hicks said is already partially there.

Hicks’ idea is for the executive board and committee to report more regularly on their activities and make them more public to the student body. He said this is not only for the student body but also so the organization has something to show students who are concerned about progress or effort on its end.

This includes highlights such as questions students may have about a passed budget, important notes from staff meetings, and prior ideas worth revisiting.

A few members expressed concern about this resolution.

Senator Benjamin McDowell said his name was once on this idea, but he hadn’t

had time to fully review it at the time. After considering it, McDowell said he feels that the resolution is too repetitive and could’ve been a staff meeting instead. He also said he doesn’t think the student body should have to know everything, so this resolution seems like more work without the benefits.

McDowell said the student body will look around campus for what the student government is doing.

“They will know what we’re doing by our impact,” said McDowell.

The resolution was met with a flurry of other concerns, including whether it reflected mistrust in the SGA, whether it could become a separate staff position to lighten the load on executives and whether the vague language confused senators.

However, other senators supported the resolution,

arguing that some documentation is already kept, so it wouldn’t add much work for the executive, especially since they feel students deserve to have their concerns addressed.

Resolution SR 26/27-01 went to a vote and failed 20-18.

The second resolution was presented by Chief of Staff Chauncy Betts.

Resolution ER 26/27-02 seeks to add an attendance tracker so students have a more convenient way to check class absences.

Betts provided a multitude of options to achieve this goal, from adding the tracker to Pack Portal through the IT department, using the Canvas tracking feature that many professors overlook and even teaming with the university’s computer programming students.

The main concern this

resolution faced was that professors might be forced to start taking attendance, even if they had been less strict about it in the past.

Betts assured senators that the resolution applies only to classes that already require attendance and is intended to reduce stress for students. This mainly means 1000- and 2000-level courses.

Another criticism was that college students are adults and should be able to keep up with their own absences, especially in the notes app.

However, others said students pay thousands of dollars to go to this school, so teachers should have some sort of responsibility to alert students when absences cause issues.

Resolution ER 26/27-02 moved to a vote and passed by a landslide, with only one vote to fail it.

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Early Voting

Early voting began Monday and continues until the general election on Nov. 3.

During early voting, polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2. Craighead County residents can vote early at the Craighead County Election Annex, 315 W. Jefferson, Jonesboro.

If you aren’t sure where you should vote, you can find your correct location online at www.voterview.org.