

Briefs



GENERAL

All students who plan to do their teaching internships during the fall 2001 semester are required to attend one of the following meetings to be held in the Physical Education Lecture Hall: today at 4 p.m. for secondary education majors; or today at 4:45 p.m. for early childhood, elementary education and special education majors. Contact Audrey Bowser-Brown at 972-2099.

The Northeast Arkansas Federal Credit Union will host a free information night on student financial aid tonight at 7 p.m. at 2704 Fair Park Blvd. Space is limited. Contact Stephanie at 935-9336 or Jena at (870) 532-5633 for reservations.

The ASU Counseling Center will hold an Internet addiction screening Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Choctaw Room in the Reng Center. Contact Chandra Miller at 972-2318 or email Chmiller@chickasaw.astate.edu.

The ASU Honor Association will host a benefit poker night Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Participants must bring canned goods for poker chips, to be donated to the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank. Contact Dana Callaway at 972-2308.

KASU will air special programs during the month of February in honor of Black History Month. KASU will air "Poet in Bronzeville: The Story of Gwendolyn Brooks" Friday at 6 p.m.

Students intending to graduate in May must submit an adviser-approved Intent to Graduate Card by Feb. 16. Undergraduates must submit cards to the Registrar's office and graduate students must submit grade cards to the Graduate School. Contact Janice Smith at 972-2031.

MEETINGS

Gamma Beta Phi will meet tonight at 6 p.m. Contact Heather Slinkard at 268-6744.

The Association of Women in Communications will meet today at 6 p.m. in the College of Communications lounge. Contact Jennifer Rogers at 972-3070.

INTERVIEWS

For more information contact Career Services at 972-3025 or visit <http://careers.astate.edu>.

First Tennessee Bank is accepting résumés for a relationship manager and staff accountant until Thursday. Applicants should be business majors graduating in by August 2001. The interview is Feb. 22.

Alltel is accepting résumés for a client server developer until Feb. 15. Applicants should be computer science, management information systems or mathematics majors graduating by August 2001. The interview is March 1.

INTERNSHIPS

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Camp Walderman in Colorado is accepting applications for summer counselors. Representatives from the program will be in the main hallway of the Reng Center Thursday.

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trailers that currently house married and graduate students.

The university is phasing out the trailers because they are old, high maintenance and "we needed to offer something better," Stripling said.

"We've had a commitment to our Board of Trustees, a five year commitment that began over three years ago, that we would begin to remove the trailers," Stripling said. "The market is getting right, the rates are getting right; we feel it is time to move."

"We have been waiting for this moment when the market is just right to get the funding for this project," Wyatt said.

Wyatt also said the bond structure allows ASU to finance this \$10 million project in a way that will return money to the university to repay the debt.

"The revenues from the apartment unit and the parking structure will retire this debt in the next 30 years," Wyatt said.

After about six months of planning and design, the construction of the apartment complex will take a year to a year and a half, Wyatt said.

The apartment and track complexes likely will be started at about the same time, Wyatt said.

The recreational field, to be located across the railroad tracks, will include the relocation of the intramural field and will replace the track at the former Kays Field that is currently used by physical education classes, Wyatt said. Kays Field is the area near the Education/Communications

Building, Dean B. Ellis Library and the HPESS complex.

The new complex also will include a soccer field. The track will serve the needs of the intercollegiate track program as well as recreation of the university community, Wyatt said.

ASU will "build an underpass, a tunnel to go under the two railroad tracks to access a new track," Stripling said.

The area by the railroad tracks was chosen for the recreational area because the location is in a flood zone and no buildings can be constructed there, Stripling said.

The recreational facility construction will take about a year.

After these aspects of the project are completed, the Kays Field area will be converted into a parking lot.

The 300-space parking lot will cost about \$300,000 and will be the "last large parking area in the core of campus," Stripling said.

This area was chosen to "have more parking available and adjacent to the library, museum and the Education/Communications Building," Wyatt.

Wyatt said it is necessary to work with several consultants, architects and campus committees to figure out how the project's facilities can best be used. As part of the shared governance policy the university will present plans to the Building Committee and the Traffic and Parking Committee, Wyatt said.

"All of these projects are contemplated to extend over the next few years," Wyatt said.

"We could get on the fast track, and there could be some construction by the latter part of the summer," Stripling said.

Masters program will prepare students to work in university offices

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Arkansas State University is one step closer to having a masters of science degree in student personnel for next fall after the Board of Trustees approved the program.

The next step in the process of developing the program is approval by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Dr. Rick Stripling, vice president for student affairs, said.

Its latest meeting was Friday, but all new business for the agenda had to be turned in by October, and ASU's Board of Trustees did not vote on the new master's program until December. The program will probably make it onto the next

meeting's agenda, which will be around April.

This leaves the university a little behind in the fall, but Stripling said he still expects it to be a good program.

Although there is still no accredited program like this in Arkansas, both the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway have similar programs, Stripling said.

The coursework for this program will fulfill requirements for accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Professions. Stripling said that he wants ASU's program to be strong and hopes it will develop into an accredited program.

The student personnel program

will prepare ASU students who graduate with this degree to work in offices of two- and four-year colleges.

"Through the coursework, students will be able to work in student affairs on campus," Stripling said.

Other areas included in the curriculum are financial aid, counseling and admissions.

Currently, employees of some Arkansas two-year colleges are filling multiple roles in these offices.

Without ADHE approval, ASU cannot begin to promote the new degree program, but Stripling said he still hopes there will be a good turnout when the program begins.

Any interested students may call the Office of Student Affairs at 972-2034 and let them know there is student demand for the program.

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would normally receive raises, he said.

"It's the changing of the rules in the middle of the year that makes (faculty) feel shortchanged," Bennett said.

In other business, the Faculty Senate:

- discussed the fee applied to internet courses. All students enrolled in Web-based courses are

required to pay a \$175 fee in addition to the in-state tuition charged to cover the costs of offering the course. However, this fee has prompted several on-campus students to drop the course.

- accepted a proposed 2002-2003 academic calendar. According to the proposal, diplomas will be mailed the week following the Dec. 13 commencement, instead of being given out graduation night.

- accepted a proposal from the Financial Aid and Scholarship

Committee that recommended students be allowed to repeat up to 18 failed credit hours before they earned 59 hours.


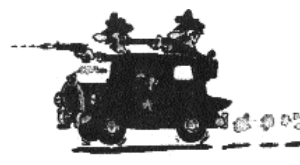
- accepted a proposal from the Enrollment Management Committee that increases the maximum credit hours a student can take during the summer terms from six to seven.

- accepted a proposal that would a member of the Student Counseling Center to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee.

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