

NEW LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES COMING TO CAMPUS

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On Monday, A-State University Housing held an open house for their Living-Learning Community floors in Arkansas Hall. The fourth and fifth floors, which have been out of use for the last few years, will become the new LLCs. The fourth floor will be an Art and Design LLC, while the fifth will be a Music LLC. The first three floors will remain freshman housing for the time being.

Arkansas Hall sits next to the Red WOLF Recreation Center, and is an easy five minute walk from the Fine Arts building. It features a lobby with various game tables and vending machines, a central kitchen with an oven and pots and pans that can be checked out and a laundry room on the bottom floor. All floors include a study room.

A normal bedroom in Arkansas Hall includes two twin beds, two dressers and desks, a walk-in closet and a shared bathroom. The LLC rooms will only have one bed, similar to other upper-classman dorms like Northpark Quads. Without the second bed the room is a bit more spacious, but not by much.

According to official room layouts provided by A-State, bedrooms in Arkansas Hall are about 158 square feet. To compare, Northpark Quads rooms average 93 square feet, single/upperclassman rooms in Honors LLC are 126 square feet, University Hall rooms are 173 square feet, Kays Hall rooms are 183 square feet and double/freshmen rooms in Honors LLC are 185 square feet. Red Wolf Den, Pack Place, STEM

Den and ROTC have multiple room layouts, so bedroom sizes are not standard (these measurements are for the bedrooms only and do not count closets or bathrooms).

Resident Assistant Andy Doonan, a senior business management major from Bryant, Arkansas, said he doesn't expect much to change. He said that the RAs hadn't been given much information on the changes to Arkansas Hall, and that the announcement of the changes had come within the last three weeks. However, he has a positive attitude about the dorm.

"I'm a senior, and I've chosen to live here for four years. I think A-Hall gets a bad rap. I think it's a great place to live. I think the atmosphere is the best part," Doonan said.

It is still unknown what changes will be made to Arkansas Hall to accommodate music practice. In an email to music students, music department chair Dr. Lauren Schack Clark said that the floor would include "large single rooms in which you may practice, a room for chamber music rehearsals, another room for listening and a larger space where student organizations and groups may meet." Renovations to the building are scheduled to take place during the summer.

Music majors reading this may be wondering how Arkansas Hall staff plans to deal with the amount of noise that will undoubtedly result in a floor full of practicing music students. At busy hours it is next to impossible to be on the upper floor of the Fine Arts building without hearing at least three people

practicing.

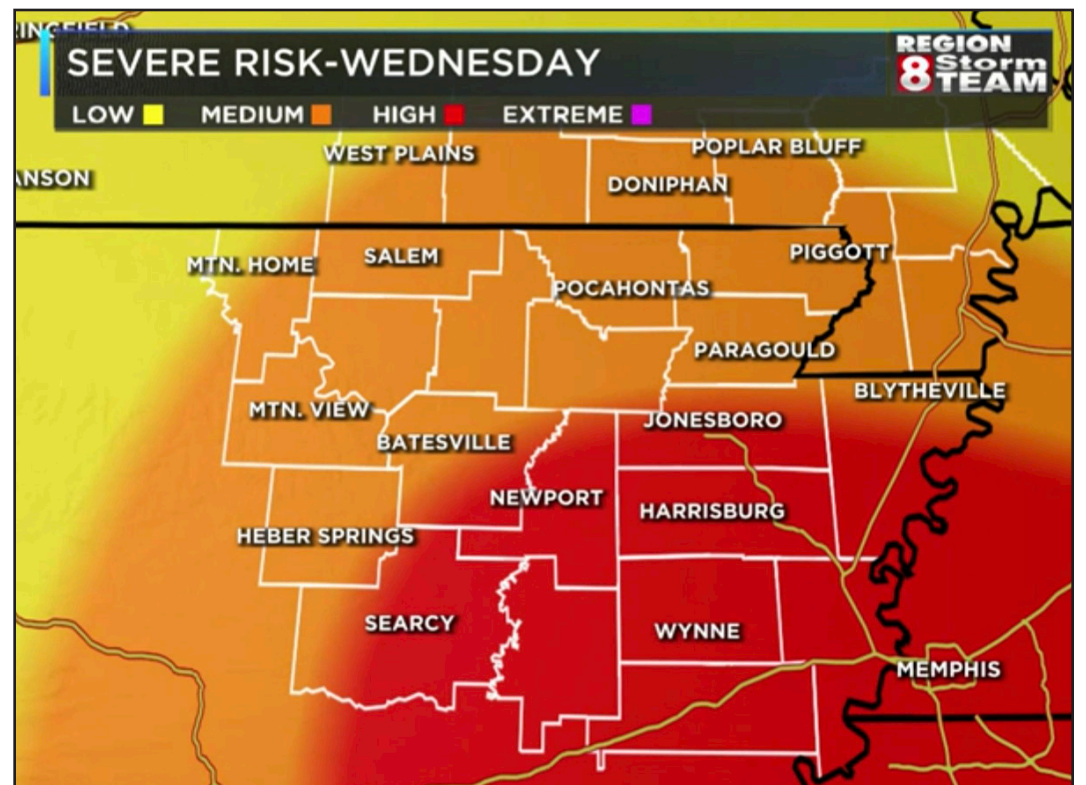
As of now, there are no concrete plans for noise management, though possible options include soundproofing rooms and instructing students to play towards the windows. Arkansas Hall has an advantage over the Fine Arts building in that it has much thicker walls than the practice rooms, meaning sound will already be blocked a bit better than it is in the Fine Arts building.

A-State currently has no information on their website about the LLCs, but has updated the page for Arkansas Hall to reflect that it now included upper-classman housing. Northpark Quads is also changing, with buildings four and five becoming first year housing. Students are encouraged to keep an eye out for official university updates on housing.

As a music major, seeing space designated for people in the music and arts feels like the university is finally showing they care. While it may just be an excuse to use an abandoned space, it's nice that the space is being offered to students who may prefer housing closer to the building where they spend most of their time.

I've already picked my housing for my final year of school, but for any underclassmen music or art students who are considering living in the Music LLC, I cautiously say it might be worth it. Arkansas Hall is, like many of the freshman dorms on campus, drastically outdated, but the distance from the Fine Arts building gives it a bump. If you can't get a spot in Pack Place, it's a good second choice.

Severe weather warnings for Jonesboro



SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF KAIT 8 (CAPTURED MARCH 16)

Jonesboro is in the high-risk zone for today's severe weather advisory.

ALEX CLARK

LIFE EDITOR

Almost a year ago, a tornado devastated parts of Jonesboro. Now, there is another severe weather warning in place today. Zach Holder, a meteorologist for KAIT8 said the storms early in the day will not be severe, but the ingredients for severe weather will increase and the threat will last from noon until 8 p.m.

In the case of severe weather, campus has procedures in place. According to the Emergency Procedures Handbook, basements and ground floors of buildings offer the best protection in the event of a tornado. Students should go to these places and avoid windows. The Student Union is a designated storm shelter as well.

Some things to watch out for tomorrow would be tornado watches, tornado warnings and

also the tornado sirens.

A tornado watch means the necessary conditions for a tornado to form are present, so it could happen, but hasn't yet happened. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar, and people need to take shelter. The tornado sirens are a warning the city sends out when there is a tornado warning, and if heard, mean that one should take shelter.

New Godfather's Pizza delivery service on campus

REVIEW BY ALEX CLARK

LIFE EDITOR

Godfather's Pizza introduced a new pizza delivery service to campus, which took effect this week. Students can now order large pizzas from the Godfather's in the Student Union and have them delivered to on-campus locations.

Initially ordering the pizza was confusing. News Editor Tristan Bennett went to Godfather's on the Grubhub app, saw a message that they offered de-

livery and to put our location in the notes for the driver, but the app didn't have a delivery option. Once we chose our pizzas, we just ordered it as normal but put our location in the pickup notes section.

The pizza options are small: the meat options are pepperoni, sausage or beef, and the vegetable options are onions, green peppers, olives and mushrooms.

We ordered two pizzas right after they reopened for the evening, at 7:09 p.m. It took about an hour to get our pizzas, which

wasn't surprising as many students are taking advantage of this new service.

The pizza was hot and, in my opinion, tasted much better than the grab-and-go personal pizzas they normally serve. There was relatively no fuss to ordering it, other than having a bit of trouble with the app.

Overall I rate this experience an 7/10. Tristan rates it a 7/10, and Opinion Editor Lily Cabibi-Wilkin rates it a 6/10. The other editors of The Herald did not partake in this experience.

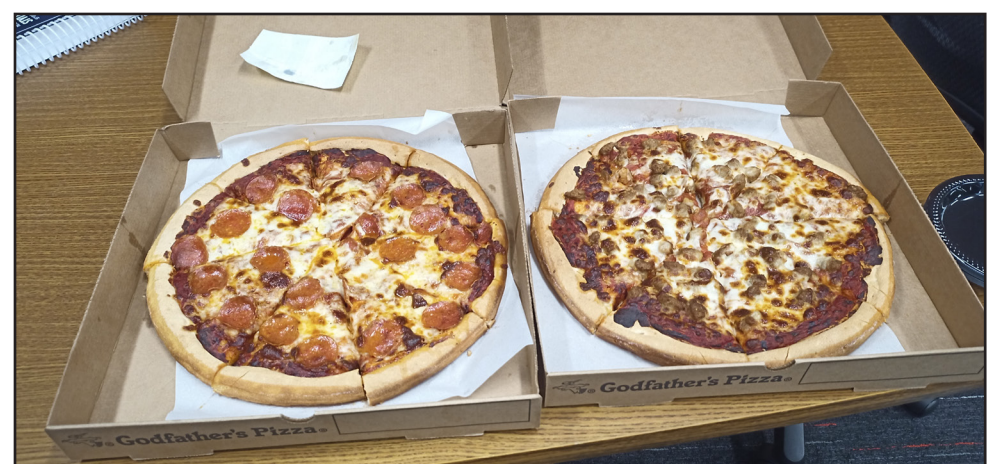


Photo by: Alex Clark | Life Editor

We ordered a pepperoni pizza and a sausage pizza for delivery from Godfather's Pizza in the Student Union.

Established Living-Learning Communities on campus

Honors Living-Learning Community
STEM Den Community
ROTC Living-Learning Community
Social Justice Living-Learning Community

To find out more about these Living-Learning Communities, you can email housing@astate.edu or visit <http://www.astate.edu/a/university-housing/housing-options/>. University Housing also has a handy chart of room and board rates for the different on-campus residence halls.

Interested in reporting? Join us every Monday at 5 p.m. in room 224 in the Communications Building.

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

Women dominate the 2021 Grammy Awards



PHOTO COURTESY OF CNN (KEVIN WINTER | GETTY IMAGES)

Megan Thee Stallion performed a medley of "Body" and "Savage" at the 63rd Annual Grammy Awards with masked dancers, and later joined Cardi B for "WAP."

The main categories of the 2021 Grammy Awards were dominated by powerful female artists making history.

Billie Eilish took home Record of The Year with "Everything I Wanted," though in her acceptance speech she said how embarrassing it was and how much she felt Megan Thee Stallion deserved the award, which her track "Savage" featuring Beyoncé was nominated for. This is Eilish's second year in a row winning the Record of The Year award.



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Taylor Swift performed a medley of her songs "Cardigan," "August" and "Willow" on a whimsical cottage-themed set.

Taylor Swift became the first female artist to win Album of The Year three times after receiving the award for her 2020 album "Folklore." Swift created "Folklore" during quarantine, and this is her first Grammy win since 2016.

Megan Thee Stallion stole the show with her medley performance of "Body" and "Savage,"

and later joined Cardi B for a performance of "WAP." She may not have won Record of The Year, but she did take home a much-deserved award for Best New Artist, and her remix of "Savage" featuring Beyoncé won Best Rap Performance and Best Rap Song.

Finally, Beyoncé's officially has more Grammy wins than any other female artist, at 28 total. Apart



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOS ANGELES TIMES (ROBERT GAUTHIER)
Megan Thee Stallion (right) and Beyoncé accepted a Grammy award for "Savage."

from her feature on Megan Thee Stallion's "Savage" remix, she won Best R&B Performance for "Black Parade." Beyoncé's daughter Blue Ivy also took home a Grammy, for the music video "Brown Skin Girl."

Other important female wins of the night included: H.E.R. won Song of The Year for "I Can't Breathe," a moving track in response to racial injustice; Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande won Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for "Rain On Me" from Gaga's latest album "Chromatica;" Dua Lipa took home Best Pop Vocal Album for "Future Nostalgia."

Empowering anthems for women



ALBUM ART COURTESY OF SPOTIFY

"Woman (feat. The Dap-Kings Horns)"
by Kesha (from the album "Rainbow")

*****Flawless (feat. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)**
by Beyoncé
(from the album "Beyoncé")



ALBUM ART COURTESY OF SPOTIFY



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"Girls Like Girls"
by Hayley Kiyoko
(from the EP "This Side of Paradise")

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MYSTIC CORRESPONDENT

<p>ARIES (March 22 - April 19)</p> <p>Now might be a good time to be forceful with your ideas. Don't let others shoot you down.</p>	<p>TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Sometimes what is blocking you is the walls you put up. Tear them down and try again.</p>	<p>GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>Good things are coming your way. Be sensitive to messages and signs from the universe.</p>	<p>CANCER + (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>The people around you will bring you happiness. Find reasons to be around them more.</p>
<p>LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)</p> <p>When things don't go as you planned, don't accept defeat easily. Get back up and go again.</p>	<p>VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)</p> <p>Things are not hopeless. Despite what you've been through, you have a bright future ahead of you.</p>	<p>LIBRA + (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Right now you are at a secure point in your life. You can stop working so hard and settle in.</p>	<p>SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You need to find stability in your life. Only invest in the things you are absolutely sure about.</p>
<p>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>Don't let difficult choices stop you completely. Follow your heart and go for it.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN + (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>Keep a clear head. Don't go into new situations with clouded judgment.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Walk away from situations that are no longer serving you. You will experience less disappointment.</p>	<p>PISCES + (Feb. 19 - March 21)</p> <p>Missing an opportunity is not the end of the world. Keep trying and new ones will arise.</p>