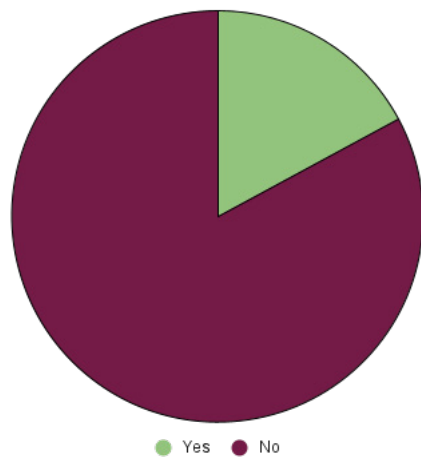


## What's Your Opinion?

We asked our followers on Instagram if they felt prepared for their midterms.

Out of 35 responses:  
Yes – 6  
No – 29



## Next Poll:

**Show Me The Money**  
Do you think the gender wage gap exists?



Scan the QR code above to see previous poll results.

Students can answer polls on Mondays by visiting The Herald's Instagram page, [@astateherald](https://www.instagram.com/astateherald).

These and future articles can be found on the Opinion section of The Herald's website. All comics and memes can be found in the Comics section.

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One of my biggest headaches in life is the phrase "print is dead." Sure, technology is eroding the need for it and younger generations are "glued to their phones" and all the other statements that follow when people state "print is dead," but print is NOT dead. (Yet.)

Last week the Texas A&M president ended the print publication of the Battalion, the campus' 129-year-old paper. The paper will continue online-only after this spring semester. The paper going strictly online was decided without student or advisor input.

I took this story personally because I have loved print journalism since highschool. The Herald turning 100 has left me feeling particularly ready to defend print at any given moment. (Truly if they sold a fresh printed newspaper scent as a candle I would buy it.)

At the initial announcement it was said The Battalion paper was going to stop being printed effective immediately. However, A&M University President M. Katherine Banks said she would allow them to continue printing for the rest of the spring 2022 semester. Banks also admitted to not seeing "exactly why (print media) is important to the field."

The decision to cease printing was made without any members or leadership of The Battalion or any journalism instructors. I truly can't imagine waking up one day and being told The Herald was no longer going to print. I would be devastated to hear the news. It would further upset me if the one making the decision said they don't get why it is important.

Of course I would be dumb not to

say that print is being phased out and evolving to online as sad as it is. More and more people are going to their phones to read the news. However, we should not devalue what print media has to offer.

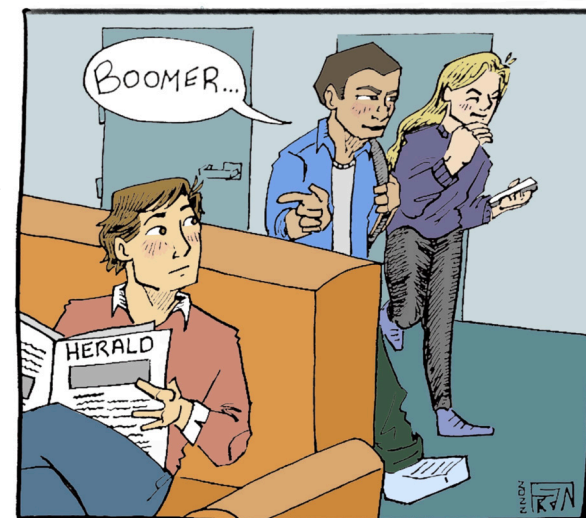
I look up from my office as I am writing and see framed newspapers reading "Germany Surrenders," "Nixon Resigns" and "Clinton Wins!." I think of all the archived newspapers we have in the room, the first drafts of history. What will the future generations look at in their offices?

I can't fathom the repercussions of printed journalism just dropping off the face of the earth. Have you ever been searching for an article and stumbled upon a broken URL? Imagine if that URL was to an important news story, a piece of history.

Print is valuable, trustworthy and consistent.

In such a fast paced world it's what you want. You can grab it and write on it, hold it in your hands while you drink your cup of coffee. There's truly nothing like it.

I urge everyone to pick up and support their school newspaper, their local paper, their state paper. Continue to buy books, school yearbooks and magazines. Continue reading and buying words in the physical form.



Art by Fran Bollinger | Content Creator

## Ordering Food On Campus Is a Frustrating Experience

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As a human being, I need to eat to survive. As a carless young adult in the 21st century, I often prefer to order food rather than cooking myself. Ideally, I would like to do this with as little hassle as possible.

However, on the A-State campus, ordering food is somewhat of a hassle. You have to find the address for the dorm building, which not many people know. Then you have to hope the delivery person actually knows how to get to that address, which is where most of the problem lies. Heaven help you if you live in a dorm with a gate, like Pack Place, Northpark Quads or Collegiate Park, as you'll have to wait by the gate to pick your food up.

I have my share of horror stories from ordering food on campus, like the time I met a pizza guy in the middle of the street, or the time I put in the address for the Fine Arts building and my driver called and said she was at a gas station by

Walmart. But I'm not the only one who's had bad experiences.

I sent out a form last Wednesday on the A-State app, and got eight responses from students who live in a variety of dorms. Half of them said they had never had a delivery driver make it to their dorm unassisted; half also said that they have had to leave their dorm area and go to another part of campus to pick up a delivery order.

"I had to walk a mile to get my food," said Brianna Kiplinger, a junior special education major from Jonesboro who lives in Northpark Quads. 75% said they have had a delivery driver call them and say they had arrived to drop off their order, but they were at a completely different location from campus, much like I did.

Five students, who live in Northpark Quads, Kays Hall, The Village and Red Wolf Den, said that gates had been an issue for food delivery. "Gated places can cause panic if not thought out first," said Robyne Richards, a junior theatre major from Beebe who lives in Northpark Quads.

GrubHub is partnered with A-State for ordering food to campus, and allows you to select your dorm when ordering food. It also lists a physical address in the app when ordering. Despite this, somehow the delivery drivers tend to get lost. This is not an uncommon phenomena, but it's easy to assume a delivery driver would

have an easier time finding A-State's campus than they would have finding some random house.

Once the drivers do make it to campus, finding your location gets even more tricky. The pizza guy who met me in the middle of the road said that his GPS signal became unclear when he got onto campus, though I'm not sure what would cause that. It's true that campus can be difficult to navigate, especially for townspeople who are not on campus regularly.

"The addresses could definitely be

**Ease of ordering food to campus on a scale of one (easy) to five (hard): 2.75 average**

**Importance of ordering food to campus on a scale of one (unimportant) to five (extremely important): 4.75 average**

clearer," said Kelly Fiesser, a junior English major from Warm Springs, Arkansas who lives in Red Wolf Den. "There are so many buildings with limited access, and they aren't labeled very well. Not everyone knows the layout of campus."

"They can't really differentiate between the places on campus," said Destiny Taylor, a freshman zoology major from

Little Elm, Texas who lives in Kays Hall. "Most of the time they get confused."

"It's a big campus and they can't get in the buildings," said Laci McLemore, a freshman clinical laboratory science major from Marmaduke, Arkansas who lives in Arkansas Hall. "My food is always cold."

All but one student said they thought there should be a centralized space on campus for people to order food to, and I agree. Having a drop-off or meeting point for food delivery would help to minimize confusion, and would make the whole process easier. Perhaps said point could just be an insulated box (similar to one of the metal newspaper boxes scattered around campus) with a physical address so delivery drivers can easily find it. As long as there's no one camping the boxes to swipe food like people swipe laundry machines, I think that system could work.

I don't know that it would be feasible for A-State to partner with every delivery company to make ordering food to campus easier. There are too many companies to coordinate that sort of thing. But it's frustrating that delivery drivers seem to have such an issue delivering food to campus, leaving many students confused, frustrated and hungry.

A full breakdown of survey results can be found on the web version of this article at [theherald.bome.blog](https://theherald.bome.blog).

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