

Remodeled North Park Quads store launches to big student turnout

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Arkansas State University completed its renovations for the North Park Quads store over the summer, resulting in a large influx of student shoppers.

The Quads store is a product of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Sodexo wanted to spread out food options across campus. A-State and Sodexo started looking into renovating the store after its second year in operation. "The university decided to keep it and they actually wanted to make it a little bit better," said Justin Lewandowski, the Sodexo retail operations manager. "It's night and day. It's three times the size and has a lot more equipment."

The store is still not fully operational, as some equipment, such as a large cooler located in the middle

of the store, still requires some work. Lewandowski said the store will be fully operational as soon as possible.

Due to student demand, the store has had some difficulty keeping stock.

"It's been a little difficult because of the types of items that we are putting over there," Lewandowski said. "We're doing our best to try to make sure we meet the students' demand for it."

Lewandowski stated there were no plans to renovate any other campus store locations such as the C-Store in the Student Union.

While the other locations work as snack stores, the Quads store is designed to act as an on-campus grocery store.

"We're trying to change that quick snack philosophy into 'I'm going to take this whole box home and now

have breakfast options for a week," Lewandowski said.

Student response to the renovation has been positive.

"Everything we've heard about it, students love it," Lewandowski said. "They love the options it presents. They love the look."

"You've got a lot more options now, (you have) a little bit more variety and it's just right here in the Quads," said Jared Baltz, a junior animal science major from Pocahontas, Arkansas. "I come here for snacks because it's easy."

Students with certain dietary requirements have found food that meets their needs at the store as well.

"I'm vegan, so it's kind of hard to find stuff, but I am finding quite a few healthier options and things that fit my diet," said Rebecca Roberts, a senior political science major from Jonesboro.



Students at the North Park Quads store examine various foods and drinks available. Photo by: Rachel Rudd | News Editor

A-State hosts suicide prevention seminar

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The Counseling Center held a virtual presentation Thursday to teach students how to have conversations about mental health in observation of Suicide Prevention Week. The presentation was titled "Take 5 to Save Lives: Suicide Prevention Awareness Presentation" and explained the five steps for working toward suicide prevention.

These five steps are learn, know, do, talk and share. Pat Glascock, the associate director of the Counseling Center, led this presentation. She discussed common misconceptions, signs and health factors of suicide.

Suicide is currently the

11th leading cause of death in Arkansas. Nationally, it is the 2nd leading cause of death for those aged 10-34. Pat Glascock explained that talking openly about suicide and noticing the signs can decrease the numbers of death by suicide.

"We need to be more open," Glascock said. She included three takeaways in her presentation: suicide is preventable, help is available and treatment works.

Arkansas State University has resources for students who are struggling with suicidal thoughts or have a friend that they are concerned about. The Counseling Center can be reached by their number (870) 272-2318 or email counseling@astate.edu

during business hours. After hours, students are encouraged to call University Police with the number (870) 972-2093, where they can contact one of A-State's on-call counselors. When off campus, students should call 911 for emergencies or the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number, 988. The United States also has a national Crisis Text Line that can be reached by texting the number 741741.

The Counseling Center has other mental health resources available to students with no additional fees. They can go to individual counseling or they can attend group counseling over specific topics such as depression, anxiety or test performance.

There are also support groups that students can join after completing a screening. These include graduate student, LGBTQ+ and sexual assault support groups. They also have an online link to an anonymous mental health screening. There will also be free and confidential screenings for depression Oct. 6 at the Counseling Center.

"I want students to know they are not alone," Glascock said. She explained that over half of those that commit suicide did not seek treatment. She wanted students to know that there are many resources available to them and to take advantage of them if they are needed.

Glascock concluded by saying, "don't struggle alone."

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A-State continues improvements for Windgate Center



Photo by: Matt Williams | Staff Writer

The Windgate Center is meant to be a special facility for three-dimensional arts, with spaces for woodworking, ceramics and more.

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Last fall, Arkansas State University opened their new and improved facilities for the Department of Art and Design. Plans are in place to continue moving forward with improvements.

The Windgate Center for Three-Dimensional Arts, a new building not far from the Fine

Arts and Humanities buildings, now houses the department's ceramics and sculpting classes.

According to a press release from Arkansas State University, the new building is 16,818 square feet, and has an additional 5,000 square feet of outdoor working spaces. It features ceramics workspaces, kilns, a foundry for castings, a woodworking lab, work and studio spaces for students and

indoor and outdoor spaces where students, faculty and visitors can display their art.

The total amount of available workspace at the Windgate Center is more than three times that of the Fine Arts Annex, a Depression-era building that formerly housed the three-dimensional arts program.

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CAMPUS CRIME



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Sept. 11 | 6:40 p.m.

Officer Justin McMillen received a call from dispatch about a young child playing with knives in an aggressive manner walking northbound on Marion Berry parkway toward Johnson avenue. Dispatch updated McMillen that suspect one was at the Kum and Go on Johnson. Once he arrived on scene, McMillen spoke to suspect one and did a quick pat down. McMillen took possession of the knives. Suspect one had three knives and a pack of throwing stars on him, which he stated he just uses for Boy Scout activities. McMillen notified the Jonesboro Police Department. Suspect one was escorted outside where he and McMillen waited for JPD to arrive. Once they arrived on scene, a JPD officer took possession of all the weapons and gave suspect one a ride back home.

Sept. 10 | 5:45 p.m.

Officer Stephen Montgomery weighed one glass pipe containing a crystal-like substance, then photographed it before properly packaging it. A written statement was gathered from the complainant in reference to the incident. Two days later, Officer Andrew Thrasher conducted a field test of the suspected methamphetamine pipe. The test was positive for the presence of meth.

Sept. 8 | 2:58 p.m.

Officer Caleb Lawson contacted the complainant, who stated that the trailer that the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity kept at 2605 A Street in the tailgate area was missing. He said he believed it was taken around March 29. The complainant also said he believed someone affiliated with the university had taken and moved it. The complainant stated after he was unable to locate it anywhere on

campus he wanted to report it stolen. The complainant said

He did not have any information regarding the trailer other than pictures. He also did not have any serial or license plate number. Lawson gave the complainant his email and advised him to email him photos of the trailer to be attached to the report. At this time he still has not forwarded the photos.

Sept. 6 | 9:20 p.m.

The Jonesboro Police Department was dispatched to the Johnson/Red Wolf intersection in reference to a male lying on the ground. Upon arrival, Officer Keith Gilliam found suspect one lying in the grass on the north side of the west bound lanes of Johnson Avenue. Upon checking suspect one's I.D., it was determined he had two warrants out of Jonesboro. JPD officers arrived on scene and placed suspect one into custody for public intoxication and his warrants.