

Welcome home to Pegram Hall in fall 2010



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Pegram Hall is scheduled to reopen fall 2010. Pegram had been closed fall 2009 because the Office of Housing and Residence Life had not received enough housing applications. Enrollment determines whether dormitories at Winston-Salem

State remain open.

"With the guaranteed housing process, we must now make all dorms available," said Linda Inman, housing director.

The new guaranteed housing process ensures that all continuing students have a space on campus and the lottery process determines the order they get to select a room.

According to *The News Argus* article published on Sept. 22, the total number of freshmen enrollment declined from 1,353 in fall 2008 to 789 in fall 2009 because of new standards of admission.

An *Argus* article published GPA requirements were increased from 2.0 in fall 2008 to 2.6 for fall 2009, and SAT requirements were increased from 700 to between 840 and 850.

The increased enrollment resulted in

a housing shortage on campus.

Fall 2008, approximately 207 students had to be placed in temporary hotel housing.

"This year [fall 2009], not a lot of

housing applications were received," Inman said. "Many students chose to move off campus, which led to our decision to close Pegram."

Errin Allen, a senior marketing

major from Charlotte, was a resident of Pegram her freshman year.

"When I lived there, Pegram was still all girls and I enjoyed the small number of residents," Allen said.

Allen said that Pegram amenities are not available in other residence halls.

"I liked having a sink in my room, and I had a nice amount of space in my closet. It wouldn't be my first choice to stay but it definitely wasn't the worst."

"Its [Pegram Hall] reopening should be beneficial to the students. It will get some students back on campus and hopefully keep them out of hotels."

Pegram Hall was built in 1937 and named after Oleona Pegram Atkins, the wife of WSSU's founder, Simon Green Atkins.

Pegram houses 76 students on the second and third floors, making it the smallest residence hall. The basement is used for storage and the first floor for administrative offices. It was originally made for female students only, but in fall 2008 it was converted to coed based on a higher need for male housing.

The Physical Therapy Department is also housed in Pegram.

Pegram Hall will continue to be directed by Ivey Greer, who is also the hall director for Moore Hall.



Courtesy of The Office of Marketing and Communications

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CAMPUS CRIME BLOTTER

The Campus Crime Blotter is a concise summary of the up-to-date incidents that affect the Winston-Salem State campus and community. Certain incidents may lead to News Argus articles that discuss them at great length.

Monday, Dec. 14

At 1:33 p.m. campus police dispatched to investigate noises similar to gunshots in Gleason-Hairston. Investigation revealed a student with lit fire crackers in his room. The student was advised to go to judicial affairs. The case is closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Wackenhut Security notified campus police of a vehicle break-in in Parking Lot X. The responding officer investigated and gathered information from the owner. WSPD was contacted to process the vehicle. After the owner and officer took an inventory check the owner stated only \$5 was missing. There are no leads and no suspects. The case is closed.

Thursday, Jan. 7

At 12 p.m. an officer responded to a call regarding stolen cameras in the Fine Arts Building. A faculty member gave a report stating that the room is always locked and entry can only be made with a master key.

Monday, Jan. 18

At 8:40 p.m. campus police investigated a fight in Rams Commons Building 4. A vehicle was reported leaving the scene. Upon being stopped five occupants and a sixth in the back compartment were discovered and escorted to the campus police station. Investigation revealed drugs and weapons including marijuana, stun guns and a revoked license. The case is now closed.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

At 11:50 p.m. campus police smelled an odor of marijuana from a room in Foundation Heights. The officers received permission to search the room and discovered a firearm. The student was arrested for possession of a firearm on school property. The case is open.

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been without a technician.

Jurrel Davis, a senior mass communications major from Winston-Salem and a RAM-TV station manager said they could not air shows without the help of the former technician, Baxter Griffin who is now a Technology Support Analyst/Multi-Media Specialist.

"In order to air shows, we needed the pass code for the program dock," Yelder said.

Griffin was the only person who knew the pass code and could access the system. Yelder said that Griffin has taught them how to use the system and they have multiple shows coming. When shows are uploaded into the program dock they are streamed on every campus TV on Channel 21. "We have several documentaries and short films," Davis said. Yelder said that along with documentaries, RAM-TV will be airing shows like "How ya Livin'," "Face to Face," "Shout Out," homecoming events, and more.

Davis said Yelder covered a majority of the homecoming events. "How ya Livin'" is a

spin-off of MTV Cribs. The show will feature all off-campus students.

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Yelder said they have weeks worth of material to air and that he and Jurrel have made it a priority to recruit freshmen and sophomores.

"The younger group has been very consistent," Yelder said.

"Getting students to be consistent is one of our biggest problems... A lot of times students procrastinate and disappear."

Yelder said RAM-TV has a goal of adding one new person to the staff a week.

Along with Davis and Yelder, Dee Young is the third station manager. Young is a senior mass communications major from Jacksonville N.C.

Yelder said the three managers teach the younger staff editing, camera techniques and production.

Doug Osman, assistant professor in the mass communications department serves as the RAM-TV adviser. Both Yelder and Davis said Osman does not help with production but gives advice and support.