

Student workers weigh in on Sodexo going cashless

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On Jan. 11, 2022, Sodexo stopped accepting cash payments at Acansa Dining Hall and other on-campus retail outlets. This includes locations like Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, campus stores and more. The one exception is when large student groups visit campus, where special accommodations will be provided.

Hayley Knapp, an on-campus Starbucks barista, stated that she believed most customers were accepting of the change. “I’ve had very few complaints about us going cashless, I did have a few (customers) at the beginning that didn’t know,” Knapp said. To combat this, Sodexo provided employees with gift cards that were to be used in place of cash transactions. This lasted for a week starting on

Jan. 11, where customers were also informed about the change. Some employees, such as Sahana Adhikari who works at the campus store in the student union, believe Sodexo’s change to cashless

is rooted in an attempt to combat COVID-19. With less physical money exchange, there will be less of a chance for either a customer or employee to become infected. Others believe the

reason for the change is to reduce the overall work for employees. “I think it was too much hassle,” said Andrea Smith, who works at the campus store located in the Quads. “(Sodexo) wasn’t getting enough cash transactions to deal with the hassle of it.” For many student workers, going cashless has not impacted their jobs. They reported that not many people used cash

to begin with; instead, most customers use either Flex Dollars or credit/debit cards. According to Smith, the only people who used cash regularly were A-State employees. She reported that there wasn’t any difficulty with these customers when making purchases. Sodexo representatives declined to comment on the change.



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Bradbury Art Museum hosts annual “Inspired” exhibition

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Examples of artwork displayed at the Bradbury Art Museum’s “Inspired” exhibition.



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Students looking at some of the artwork displayed at “Inspired.”

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Since 2015, the Bradbury Art Museum has hosted their annual “Inspired” program, which is open to all high school students across 11 northeast Arkansas counties. “Inspired” is a competitive art event where students who toured the museum during the fall exhibitions are given a platform to use their inspiration from their visit to create an artwork of their own using any medium. They also submit a written statement about their piece. The inspiration for this year was “Legends”. “Legends” was a collaboration with well known comic artists such as Peter Kuper, the author and illustrator for Spy vs. Spy comics; Trina Robbins, who was the first woman to draw Wonder Woman; Chad Maupin of Fayetteville and Sean Fitzgibbon, who wrote about Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs. The collaboration was expanded to include 3D art with Kevin Snipes (ceramics) and Mythic Times (costumer). “Last year’s students of Inspired toured an exhibit that

had one piece based on a graphic novel, and many students used that as their inspiration, so Legends was guided by the students’ inspiration of that piece.” Garry Holstein, the director of the Bradbury Art Museum, said. The tour featured works from digital artists, pieces inspired by graphic novels, and sculptures using varying mediums and materials. “(The students) get the experience of what it’s like to be an artist and have pieces hand selected and their work featured in a museum,” Holstein said. The juror was Eisner award-winning cartoonist Peter Kuper. “The problem I encountered [with selecting the artwork] was the quantity of really top-notch work,” says Kuper. “My choices were based on a variety of factors. Originality, execution, composition, subject and concept were all part of this decision. I really admire the amount of work that students from all of the schools put into their work.” The awards and merits were announced at the opening night reception on Jan. 13. Vivian Morgan of Harris-

burg High School received Best in Show, with fellow student Devin Hutchison taking 2nd place. Alex Sanchez of Cedar Ridge High School received 3rd place. Brian Holmes of Jonesboro High School received the Bradbury Art Museum Purchase Award, and Jags Antonio received the A-State Art+Design Department Purchase Award. Many students from Valley View, Harrisburg, Bay, and Cedar Ridge received Merit awards from the competition and work was presented as honorable mentions. The Bradbury Art Museum is a student-centered museum on campus that promotes the artistic intelligence of local artists, believing in the importance of art and the exposure of various mediums to the general public. Admission to the museum is free, with rotating exhibits and various events year round. The next museum exhibit will be the 2022 National Delta Small Prints Exhibition from Feb. 17 to Mar. 30, which features the donation of artwork from Evan and Sharon Lindquist’s personal collection.

CAMPUS CRIME

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Jan. 20 | 10:00 p.m.
Officer Mitchell was dispatched to 2319 University St. for a parking lot accident. On scene, he made contact with victim one, who stated that when he came outside to his vehicle he noticed damage to the rear bumper. He stated that there was no damage prior, and that there was a note left on the vehicle. The note read that suspect one hit the vehicle by mistake, and listed her phone number. Officer Mitchell made contact with the female via phone and was able to obtain her information. It was discovered on the cameras that the incident

took place on Jan. 14 around 10:00 p.m. Suspect one’s vehicle was seen in the video pulling into the parking space next to victim one’s vehicle. Suspect one then attempted to pull out of the space and struck victim one’s vehicle. Both parties were advised that the report could be obtained at the police department. **Jan. 20 | 4:24 p.m.**
Officer Russell Gray was dispatched to the police department regarding an accident that had already occurred. Upon arrival, he spoke with victim one, who reported that his vehicle was hit at 223 N. Red Wolf Blvd. approximately two weeks ago, when he was at

a meeting and away from his vehicle. There was damage to the rear passenger side bumper. **Jan. 17 | 11:45 p.m.**
Victim one contacted the University Police Dept. by phone to report damage to his vehicle. He reported that he parked in the visitor lot for Pack Place at 11:45 p.m. on Jan. 16. When he left at approximately 11:00 a.m. the next morning, he noticed damage to the rear bumper of his truck. Victim one advised he would send a photo that could be added to the police report. At this current time there are no known leads to follow with this case.