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New Engineering and Business Residential College Buildings open spring 2008

Two new residence halls, home of the Engineering Residential College and Business Residential College, opened for occupancy on Monday, January 7, 2008 for spring semester. The new state-of-the-art facilities are part of the Residential College programs offered by LSU and Residential Life.

These beautiful new buildings, in the classic LSU architecture, are the first new residence halls built on campus in 45 years. Located on the former site of Graham Hall, they are close to the Quadrangle, Tiger Stadium and the PMAC. Construction began with the demolition of Graham Hall in spring 2004, and the two side-by-side buildings were completed in December 2007 at cost of \$32.7 million. They were financed entirely by the Department of Residential Life. These buildings are the first of two-phase project for the complex. The second phase is scheduled for completion for fall 2012 and will add a third residential college building with 358 beds.

Residential Colleges are small communities of students living together and taking special sections of general education courses. Each Residential College is designed to appeal to the different interests and majors. They offer students the opportunity to experience the distinct advantages of a small college with the setting of a large university.

Both the Engineering and Business Colleges have on-site faculty advisors with office hours so they can meet with students in the facility. Both complexes have smart classrooms, study libraries, and meeting rooms. In fall 2008, both colleges plan to offer introductory courses in the smart classrooms, where students will be able to walk out of their rooms and to a class in the same building. Each complex also has a sound-proof music practice room, laundry facilities, and a large modern kitchen. The rooms are double occupancy with suite baths, and are equipped with a telephone line, cable TV, and high-speed internet connections. There is wireless connectivity in all of the foyers, lobbies, meeting rooms, and classrooms.

The Engineering Residential College is near full occupancy for spring 2008, and houses about 180 engineering students. The on-site faculty advisor for the Engineering Residential College is John Scalzo, an instructor for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The Business Residential College also opened near full occupancy for spring 2008, and houses about 200 business students. The on-site faculty advisor for fall 2008 will be Camille Plaisance, an instructor in Information Systems and Decision Sciences.

Both of these residential colleges are extremely popular with in-coming freshman, but students can live in the Business Residential College through their sophomore year. They typically operate near full capacity so students are encouraged to apply early. Students must be accepted into the respective colleges before being assigned to a room.

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