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## **Pentagon Gates**

Residential Life has recently completed installation of security gates for the Pentagon housing community. These decorative and secure gates connect the four residence halls within the community - LeJeune, Beauregard, Taylor and Jackson Halls, as well as the service/laundry building. The gates were added to improve security, provide a greater sense of community for residents, minimize walk-through pedestrian traffic, and to prevent non-resident tailgating during football weekends.



This project was birthed two years ago in response to security and privacy concerns expressed by Pentagon residents and parents. The Pentagon buildings are all on the historical register, and the gates were designed to complement the architectural style of these historic buildings. The brick and wrought iron gate design was developed from existing architectural features on campus, and was approved by LSU Facility Design and Development Committee.

For the remainder of fall 2009 semester, the gates will remain unlocked and/or open. Over the summer, card access readers will be installed, which will limit access to Pentagon residence halls and their guests. These new gates will provide a third level of security to Pentagon residents; one to enter the courtyard, one to enter their building, and one to enter their rooms. This will bring the Pentagon community to the same 3-level entrance security standard of all the other residences halls.

The Pentagon Courtyard is a popular community common area for residents, and the gates will enclose the courtyard providing additional privacy as well as improved security.