

The realities of dorm life



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I have been a resident in Argo Hall for 6 months now. It is the closest dorms to main campus and there are no hills.

The University of West Florida is known for their enormous hills. There are some down falls however about this dorm in particular, and it is not always sunshine and

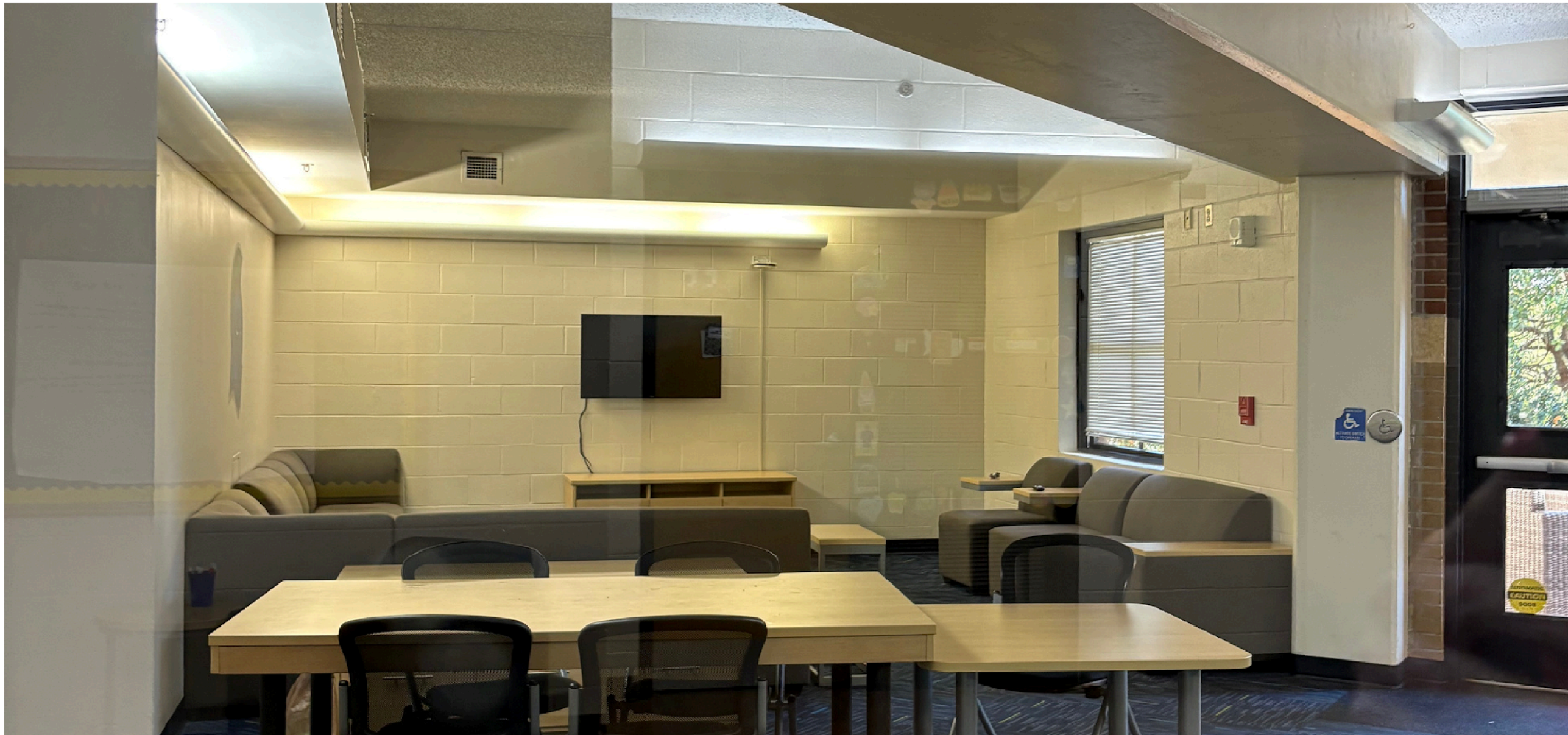
rainbows. In regards to safety UWF reports that there are deadbolt locks, card swipe access only to buildings and a good sprinkler/ alarm system in the dorms



The quiet corner

If you want to be at a dorm that is peaceful,

Argo Hall is the place to be. From the outside it incorporates wildlife and has pretty scenery!



**Looks can
be
deceiving**

This place looks comfy and relaxing, but it is always gross and underkept. You will see people here late at night and often eating while they socialize. College kids are not clean, and this is the place where you see it the most. A study from reporter magazine analyzes college spaces explained that the living in the dorms means you're sharing everything, and things get messy and gross.



Hall of Fame

The RAs are a huge part of dorm life. Sometimes I am annoyed because they think they are superior and sometimes they are not nice. This is frustrating, but there is the occasional nice RA, who is always willing to help.



Games and information

Sitting at the service desk the RAs monthly, have a question for the residents to answer. You see it as you enter or exit the dorm. There's always a prize involved, and it is one of the buyer parts of living in the dorm.



Pick your perfect sip

In almost every dorm in the United States, there is a vending machine. Here at UWF there's variety of soda, lemonades and energy drinks.



Busy body

The stairwell is always used since there is two floors in Argo Hall. I can't tell you how many times I have bumped into people walking up and down the stairs. Or when the cleaning lady mops the stairs and did not put up a sign



If you were to use the elevator, this is the you would see as soon as you get off. All the events and clubs happening on campus are represented on this wall. It is helpful.



Endless walk

While it may seem like the
the dorm
isn't that big on the
outside, it's rather large on
the inside and the halls
seemendless. This is what
you would see if you were
walking to your room

Resources

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Composers notes

The aim for this visual narrative was to show what living in the dorms is like in the view of a college student. Each photo was taken by me and it is an accurate

representation of what I experience as a resident in the dorms. One of the things I don't enjoy about living in the dorms is how unclean it is and I brought that into play by bringing in outside sources to further my point. Additionally, I had a flow to my photos as I started outside of the dorm and made my way inside and the last place shown was the hallway. It gives the effect of as if you were walking inside the dorm and exploring inside.

The captions are all based around what you would say if you saw the picture in person. It is also what the main idea of the photo itself is.

The narrative under the photos are short and sweet and explain the hope and despair of each photo. I did a pretty even mix of hopes and despairs because like anything, there is always pros and cons to it. Although I was not able to get many college students in the photos, I still think it gives a good image of the dorm life and what is available for students. The close up angles show the

importance of one image over another. For example, the close up shot of the safety tip board was a better point of hope than the hallway shot was.