

ASU Move-in Smooth--But Not for Cottages

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Arrival has been quite orderly for the 2925 freshmen—the ASU class of 2017. Swarms of volunteers converging on vehicles arriving at the dorms empty out each vehicle in short order, allowing quick set-up for the new students. But Angie Jenkins of Winston-Salem said that dropping off the first child—Dakota Jenkins—is a day of mixed emotions, “It’s exciting now, but I don’t know what I’ll feel like when we leave.” Some 3000 upper classmen arrive for day two of the big move-in tomorrow—maybe in the rain—then there’s all of that getting used to the new life away from home.

But one group of mostly upper classmen will not be able to move in at least until Sunday. The Cottages of Boone has again pushed back its move-in date now to Sunday as the firm tries to pass county inspections. Watauga County Planning and Inspections director Joe Furman said several buildings did not pass inspections Tuesday, mainly because they weren't ready for final inspection, still with work to be done. Furman said inspectors would be at the property into the weekend to continue inspections that owners hope will lead to certificates of occupancy. Capstone Collegiate Communities said earlier in the summer that rainy weather had delayed construction, notifying tenants July 24 that another 360 bedrooms would not be completed by the planned date. The company has given students the option of keeping their rent and finding temporary housing or continuing to pay rent and with Capstone providing hotel rooms and a meal allowance.