CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Monday

Bahai Club Meeting, 8 p.m. All Faiths Chapel

Aggie Cinema, "The Lower Depths", 8 p.m. Rudder Theater.

Tuesday

Society of Automotive Engineers, 7:30 p.m., 342 Zachry

Econ. Club, 7:00 p.m., 102 Zachry

Wednesday

Aggie Cinema, "The Story of Adele H." 8 p.m., Rudder Theater

Thursday

Aggie Con IX, "Happy Birthday Wanda June", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater and "It's Alive", 9:55 p.m., Rudder Auditorium.

Friday

Aggie Con IX, "Westworld," 7 p.m., Rudder Auditorium, "2001: A Space Oddsey", 8:40 p.m. Rudder Auditorium, "Slaughterhouse-five", 11 p.m. Rudder Audtorium and "War of the World," 12:50 a.m. Rudder Auditorium.

Is it cheaper on or off-campus?

By CHRIS CAIN AND DEBBIE GOLLA

Is it cheaper to live on or off campus? The answer isn't as clear as one may think.

On campus, there are 32 dorms, including the 11 Corps dorms and the athletic dorm. There also is room for 908 people in married student housing. The prices and quality of housing vary to meet the students' needs.

Legett and Hotard, both men's dorms, are not air-conditioned and cost $147 a semester. Rooms have no phones, but residents may use the dorm's one pay phone.

Living in Hart, Law, Puryear, or Walton, also men's dorms, may be a step up from Legett or Hotard although these dorms offer no air-conditioning. But they do have the convenience of phones in rooms. Living in these dorms costs $168 a semester.

A Corps or band member living in the Corps dorms, or a civilian living in Moore, Moses, Davis-Gary, Crocker, Utay, or Spence, would pay $270 a semester. Spence is the least expensive women's dorm.

Air-conditioned Keathley, Fowler, and Hughes (women's dorms) and McInnis and Schumacher (men's dorms) cost $298 a semester.

Krueger and Mosher (women's dorms), and Dunn and Aston (men's dorms) are the newest and most expensive dorms on campus. Included in the cost is central heating and air-conditioning, the use of pool and ping-pong tables, television rooms, a snack-bar, a book store, study carrels, and the convenience of a basement cafeteria. Living in one of these dorms costs $418 a semester.

Cain Hall, the athletic dorm, is operated by the athletic department.

Out of the 32 dorms on campus, only six are apportioned for women. Total capacity of dorms is 8,409, of which 2,080 is allotted to women.

Basically, the trend is for women to try to get on-campus housing, said Ron Sasse, assistant director of Student Affairs. "The same number of women applying for on-campus housing almost equals the number of men applying," he said.

Next fall, Dorm 3, a men's Corps dorm, will be converted into a women's dorm, Sasse said.

Capacity in the married student apartment complex is 908. However, certain requirements must be fulfilled, as in the Corps and athletic dorms, before they can be rented. The residents must be married students. Undergraduates must be registered for at least 12 hours, and graduates must be registered for at least nine hours.

According to the results of a survey conducted by Student Affairs in the fall of 1977, there are 70 apartment complexes with a minimum of 20 apartment units in the Bryan-College Station area.

The least expensive apartment a student could rent would be a one-bedroom, unfurnished, apartment utilities not included, for an average of $174 a month. One-bedroom apartments usually accommodate two persons, and the cost could be split to $87 a month per person.

Two- and three-bedroom apartments, utilities not included, unfurnished, average $209 and $289 a month, respectively.

One-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, utilites not included, furnished, average $176, $180 (two bedroom, one bath), $277 (two bedroom, two bath), and $395 a month, respectively. These figures are based on actual rates paid by students in the Bryan-College Station area.

To rent an apartment without utilities paid, a security deposit of $60 for electricity, a $10 water deposit, plus monthly bills based on consumption must be paid, said a representative of the Utility Department of College Station.

The security deposit paid to General Telephone depends on the student's application, credit information, or past business with GTE, said a spokesman of the company. Installation fee is $25 if the student picks up his own phone, and an additional $5 if the phone is brought to the student.

Furnished one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, with utilities included in the rent, average $220, $247 (two bedroom, one bath), $316 (two bedroom, two bath), and $380 a month, respectively.

Living in an unfurnished apartment enables the student to use his creative abilities in decorating the apartment. Nets extended across the ceiling with a sea shells scattered randomly can create the mood of a fisherman's cottage. A jungle atmosphere can be fashioned with numerous plants and wicker furniture. Stacked soft drink cans make interesting coffee and end tables. Bricks and boards can function as shelves. Apartment decorations can be as expensive or inexpensive as the pocket book and imagination desires.

Food is the next monetary consideration. An off-campus student often chooses to do his own cooking. Cooking utensils and cleaning equipment are an added cost to the student renting an apartment.

According to the survey taken last fall, half of these students eat lunch out two or three times a week. About three-fourths of the students eat dinner out two or three times each week. The average monthly grocery bill for students living off campus is $73. Average dining out expenses amount to $25 a month. This brings the average monthly food bill per student to $98, or [illegible] a semester.

On- or off-campus students [illegible] purchase the seven-day board [illegible] $423.15 a semester, or the five-[illegible] board plan, $378 a semester. [illegible] on-campus students take this [illegible] since cooking is not allowed [illegible] dorms.

Julie Harris, freshman el[illegible] tary education major, said [illegible] spends around $125 a month [illegible] food. "I feel it's definitely cheaper [illegible] live on campus because I tend [illegible] spend money unwisely by going [illegible] to eat. It's more convenient to [illegible] in the dorm than live in an apart[illegible] ment and have to cook and study [illegible] the same evening," [illegible] said. Sandy Farringer, a sen[illegible] more marketing major, said [illegible] thinks off-campus living is cheaper [illegible] than living on campus. "I spend [illegible] about $70 a month on food, [illegible] ing snacks,' she said. "We hardly [illegible] ever ate out, which lowered [illegible] food bill considerably." Both [illegible] dents have lived on and off campus.

Trnsportation is an important [illegible] pect of off-campus living. Whether [illegible] to walk to class, ride a bike, take [illegible] shuttle bus, drive a car, ride [illegible] motorcycle, or car pool is something [illegible] the off-campus student has to [illegible] sider.

Weather and time factors can [illegible] draw-backs to walking or bike riding. [illegible] Taking the shuttle bus may be the [illegible] cheapest source of transportation [illegible] next to walking and bike riding. [illegible] cost of a shuttle buspass is $[illegible] semester. Hwever, the student [illegible] must often adjust his schedule [illegible] that of the shuttle bus.

Harris said she takes the shuttle [illegible] bus to campus two days out of the [illegible] week and drives her car the remaining three days "On old, rainy mornings, I think about how nice it was to live on campus and not have to wait on anybody," she said. According to the survey, the average monthly expense of a car is $[illegible]. A car parking permit is $15 [illegible] semester, $27 for two semesters, [illegible] $36 for a year. The fee for a motorcycle permit is half the cost of a car permit. The average monthly expense for a motorcycle is $3[illegible].

Harris said she spends about [illegible] a month on gas, but while she lived on campus last summer, she [illegible] around $10 a month on gas.

The final decision as to what is cheaper, on or off-campus living is left to the individual student. He must decide what life style will fit is own needs and desires, and then must be able to budget the form of living as best he can.

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