

Off-campus housing abundant; few dorm rooms left in Mosher

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Students looking for living space for the summer or fall will have better luck off-campus than on. Apartment space for the summer or fall is abundant, while on-campus space is scarcer than ever.

More than 1,300 apartment units, many with three bedrooms, are vacant for the fall, Brenda Anderson, assistant Student Development

Coordinator, said. She said additional room is available because many students have apartments but need roommates.

Off-campus housing is even more bountiful for the summer because of the fewer number of students registered.

This summer only six of the 31 dorms on campus are being used. The four men's dorms that are open

are full, but some space for women is still available in Mosher Hall. Even more space may be available on campus during the second summer session, as enrollment is expected to be lower.

The opposite is true about on-campus space for the fall.

"We're full," said Ronald Sasse, manager of the A&M Housing Office. As of April 3 when on-campus space was assigned, all 8,400 places

were taken, and 4,800 students were put on waiting lists. Cancellations may have reduced this list by as much as a third by now, Sasse said.

However, there are also fewer spaces available than last year. Legett Hall will be closed next year for complete remodeling, decreasing space for civilians by 178 places. This leaves only 6,000 spaces open for civilians this fall.

Residents challenge nursing home study

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DALLAS — A statewide investigation of nursing home care has been challenged by relatives of one nursing home patient who charged that officials of the Texas Department of Health used "gestapo tactics" in an early morning inspection of Fireside Manor Nursing Home.

The Texas Nursing Home Associates Inc. Monday filed the suit on behalf of the relatives. The suit asks State District Judge Charles Storey to prohibit inspections in the middle of the night. Named as defendants were an assistant state attorney general and five Department of Health employees.

The defendants used gestapo tactics, were rude, abrupt, officious and condescending toward the staff and patients," during the 2 a.m. inspection, the suit said.

The suit charged that the team, escorted by a uniformed Dallas police officer, awakened sleeping patients and disturbed the staff.

It described the visit as an intrusion and claimed it was offensive and disturbing to patients who were "awakened by strangers rifling their personal belongings."

The visit was made after a routine inspection of the home was conducted under Health Department director Lewis V. Allen.

Reports attached to the petition said Assistant Attorney General Bill Flanary's team reported finding wet and soiled beds, missing tiles in the bathroom, roaches in the basement, a medication room unlocked by an aide, some patients without (nurse) call buttons and a "terrible odor."

The defendants are expected to file a response to the charges.

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