



Cranes and fences are evidence of renovation now taking place at Legett Hall. The hall may become a women's dorm.

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Housing official says women may be in Legett

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When Legett Hall reopens its doors next fall, it is possible that more than the physical appearance will be changed.

The residence hall, which houses up to 178 men, may find 194 Aggie women residing within its walls.

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs—Housing—at Texas A&M University, said although a final decision has not been made, the dorm will probably be used as a women's dorm.

There are now 2,282 spaces for women on campus. In March, when room assignments were made, almost 3,000 women were turned away because of lack of space, he said.

The use of the hall for female students could provide an alternative option in co-ed housing at the university, Sasse said.

There are now three options for women: the Commons, the

balcony-type dorms in the Northgate area, and the corps-style dorms located in the quad.

The refurbished Legett Hall will be a "nice place" with a reasonable price, Sasse said. It could provide the fourth option.

Also under construction is a 504-unit modular dormitory facility. If assigned for women residents, it would provide a fifth place of residence for women, Sasse said.

Remodeling of Legett, which began in June, is scheduled for fall 1979 completion.

"It's hard to say, but the project appears to be on schedule," Sasse said. "Of course, you can tell better later on."

He said Legett and the new dormitories will be assigned for next fall. If they are not completed, about "70 girls" will be without dorm space, he said.

Although the physical structure of the building will not change, a number of improvements are in-

cluded in the \$2 million renovation project.

"The bath facilities will be completely redone so that they can be used by either sex," Sasse said. "The room size won't change, but there will be an additional closet built into each room."

An old laundry substation that will be converted into rooms will increase dorm capacity from 178 to 194.

Nolen Mears, resident educational coordinator, said a few 4-man rooms will be converted into double occupancy rooms.

Legett will have central air and heat, and telephones will be installed. New furniture will be provided.

Both Milner and Legett Halls were built in 1911, and when completed, the renovated Legett should resemble Milner.

Legett's renovation has not been a factor in the shortage of rooms at Texas A&M this fall, Sasse said, because the rooms were not assigned for residency.

Sambo's under fire

United Press International

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Rhode Island Legislature should ban the name Sambo's unless the restaurant chain agrees to change its name voluntarily, the head of the state Commission for Human Rights says.

"Minorities resent having to live in a community that permits businesses to openly advertise a name that provides a constant reminder of slavery," James Warrick Jr. said.

The name Sambo's is commonly associated with the children's book, "Little Black Sambo," about a boy who is chased by tigers that eventually turn into butter. The boy takes the butter home for his mother to make into pancakes.

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