

## Dorms on time; women hear how to reserve space

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The 666 new women's dorm spaces under construction on the northside of campus will be completed as scheduled for the 1979 fall semester, Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, said Monday.

Sasse, Sandy Hood, assistant area coordinator, and Tom Murray, area coordinator, explained plans for the renovated Legett Hall and the new modular dorms. The blueprints and color schemes for the dorms were displayed. About 300 female residents attended.

"The prices for the dorms are still unknown," Sasse said. "However, we do have a breakdown." In order of expense, the Commons type dorm was listed first, followed by the modular type, Legett, the balcony type and the corp type.

He explained some of the pros and cons of the different types. One advantage of the modular type, for example, is that it was built with economy and noise reduction in mind. Each room has two walls and an air space separating it from the next room. Also all rooms are carpeted.

Sasse explained the physical characteristics of the new dorms and outlined the necessary procedures for securing an assignment in one of the dorms.

"If there are more requests for rooms in the new dorms than there are rooms, a lottery will be held," Sasse said. "In none of the three dorms do we want to have women of all the same class. We think this is the fairest way to prevent this. Twenty percent of the spaces will be reserved for freshmen and the other 80 percent will be allocated to female students currently living on campus."

The drawing of all housing agreement cards requesting the new dorms will begin at 5 p.m. on April 2 in A-1 Lounge.

Sasse said mutual roommate requests will be honored in the lottery.

If a woman does not get the room she requested in the new dorm, her previous reservation will stand, Murray said.

Asked about the parking situation, Sasse classified it with others "up in the air unsolved problems."

## Increase in recruiting creates need

# Career center adds interview rooms

The success of the Texas A&M Career Planning and Placement Center has caused 11 pre-fabricated rooms to be constructed on the second floor of the Rudder Tower near Rudder Theatre.

Louis Van Pelt, the center's director, said the center's 22 interview rooms on the 10th floor were inadequate due to the increase in corporate recruiting and the number of students using the program. Van Pelt said the 11 extra rooms enabled 2,700 more interviews to be held.

## Mexico study says women smoke more

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MEXICO CITY — Women smoke more than half of Mexico's annual consumption of 50 million packs of cigarettes, according to a study by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS).

Dr. Jorge Yarza Carreon said peer group pressure, glamorous commercialism, emotional stress and the quest for maturity all contribute to the high number of smokers among Mexico's female population.

Only a few years ago cigarette smoking was regarded as taboo for most Mexican women, he said. Now women smoke more than men, and they began at an earlier age, he added.

More than 475 major corporations conducted 13,000 interviews for students last fall through the center. In the fall of 1977 there were 9,964 interviews, and the annual total of interviews held was 19,453. There were 2,229 students who registered for interviews.

Van Pelt said the 11 new rooms are only temporary; a more permanent system will be found to deal with the increase in growth.

The placement center is designed to provide employment assistance to students and former students of Texas A&M University. In addition to interviews and job referrals, the center has an extensive career counseling and employment library. Students can find help and advice on letter writing, resumes, ethics and principles of interviewing, salary, job market prospects in their fields, and many other aspects of a job search.

Don Boozer, regional manager for Kentucky Central Life, which has offices in 46 states, said, "I'm amazed with the attitude and the quality of students at A&M. They seem to have a lot more direction than what I've seen at other schools; whoever is working with them is doing an exceptional job."

A representative from Arthur Young and Co., a public accounting firm, says A&M is one of his company's prime sources of employment and the facilities are excellent.

The staff also lectures to student professional societies, classes, honorary organizations, meetings and faculty workshops. They also arrange for employers to speak to these groups. This helps provide for successful student use of their services, said Van Pelt.

A staff of 22 mans the office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Recruiters seem to agree with Van Pelt's assessment that Texas A&M's "facilities and organization of the center are some of the best."

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## Consol board favors more secondary elective choices

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Students at A&M Consolidated High School may have a wider choice of elective courses if community support for the curriculum changes can be solicited.

Charles Greenawalt, principal at the high school, presented nine proposed changes to school board trustees during the regular meeting Monday.

Among the proposed changes are advanced courses in health, biology, history and art. Beginning guitar and English as a second language would also be offered.

Board members were enthusiastic, especially about the art and guitar classes.

"Right now, we're so deficient in the arts," said Trustee Rodney Hill. "It's an area that really needs to be built."

Trustee Lambert Wilkes said, "I think the guitar is great. It's something the kids can do individually. After all, what do you do with a tuba when you're home by yourself?"

Under these recommendations, freshmen and sophomore students would be offered a study hall as an option to taking a sixth academic subject. These students are now required to take six subjects, said Greenawalt, and some parents have complained that it is difficult for a weaker student to take that many classes.

Greenawalt explained that the only expense to the district if the changes are approved would be the hiring of an instructor to teach English as a second language and an aide to monitor the study hall.

Because the changes are based only on community input, board president Bruce Robeck said, "I would like to see some systematic attempt to get community input."

Greenawalt suggested that the April 5 preregistration period at the high school cafeteria would be ideal.

In other business, Ken Broach, the district's gasoline supplier, informed the board that gasoline for the buses will be available on a new allocation system.

The yearly allocation will be based month-by-month on the amount of gasoline the district bought between July 1977 and June 1978. These amounts will be distributed monthly.

For example, the district purchased 5,092 gallons of gasoline in March 1977, so the allocation for next March will be the same amount.

Although Broach assured the board that schools have special priority should gasoline become scarce, Wilkes urged the administration to formulate contingency plans.

The board also approved an average 10 cent hike for school meal prices effective April 1.

Olie Grauke, assistant superintendent of finance, said the original prices had been unchanged since the 1975-76 school year and that the district was losing an average of 14 cents per lunch.

Board members also approved the 1979-80 school calendar. Classes will begin on Aug. 30 and end on May 29, allowing 175 days of instruction and five days of teacher in-service.

Following executive session, the board announced that the special education staff and counselors, teachers and aides at the junior and senior high schools would be reemployed for 1979-80.

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