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Women's dorm resumes use of kitchenettes



Staff photo by Becky Swanson

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The residents of Mosher Hall have resumed use of Texas A&M University's only residence hall kitchenettes, which were installed last April.

The kitchenettes are monitored by members of the residence hall council. Since the council is not active during the summer sessions, the facilities were closed.

Each kitchenette — a converted study carrel or drafting room — is equipped with a microwave oven, toaster oven, cook-book, cleaning supplies and a fire extinguisher, and is by a laundry room to provide easy access to water.

The kitchenettes were financed through Mosher's Coke fund. Coke funds are portions of vending machine profits generated by

each residence hall, and since Mosher is the largest dorm on campus, with 674 students, its coke fund is large.

"The kitchenettes began on a trial basis," said Mosher Hall President Kelly Simmons. "If it (the project) doesn't work with us, no other dorm will be able to have them."

The idea was voted on by dorm residents last fall and approved by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. The Mosher Hall Council Kitchenette Task Force, comprised of hall council members, checks the facilities weekly. Simmons said the project worked well last spring with no major problems.

Kitchenettes are available Monday through Friday between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., and between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m. on weekends.

Simmons said that because the kitchenettes are an experimental project, the dorm council enforces strict rules. Several 30-minute training sessions are held explaining the operating and safety procedures for those who want to use the kitchenettes.

The sessions are given by hall council officers. They explain the proper use of the equipment, and the type of food that can be cooked. The purpose of the kitchenette is for heating only, Simmons explained.

In order to use the facilities, a resident must attend one training session to obtain a user card. To

get the key to the kitchenette, she must present her user card, room key and I.D. at the Commor front desk and sign in on a master list.

If the room is not clean when the resident arrives, she can return the key to the front desk and the previous user will be contacted and asked to clean it. Failure to respond to this request is judicial board offense.

Each resident is allowed 30 minutes in the kitchenette and must return the key before her I.D. returned. Mosher residents are the only students allowed to use the kitchenettes.

Charlyn Jannasch uses the microwave oven in one of Mosher's experimental kitchenettes. The kitchenettes are converted study carrels and drafting rooms.

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