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# Students speak at Senate forum

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Staff Writer

Students expressed negative opinions to Student Senate representatives Monday night concerning a bill proposing a tavern on campus and one calling for a co-ed dormitory.

Sixteen people discussed the proposals at the Student Government Issues and Grievances Committee meeting.

A Student Government survey taken last year showed about 80 percent of the respondents in favor of co-ed housing, said Brian Hay, who represents graduate students in the College of Agriculture.

Hay — who sponsored the senate's resolution to encourage women to join the Aggie Band and its resolution to recognize the Gay Student Services Organization — is sponsoring the co-ed housing bill. He said he based his decision to do so on the survey results and on graduate students' desire for on-campus housing.

The bill calls for one dorm to be co-ed as an experiment for one year. If the bill passes, a modular dorm probably would be used for the experiment, Hay said. Students' demand would determine whether co-ed housing continued to be offered.

One student said she felt co-ed dorms at other universities she has

attended were noisy and "liberal in moral character," and another student said a co-ed dorm would only encourage "harlotry."

Students were no more in favor of an on-campus tavern where alcohol could be served. They said Texas A&M has needs more pressing than a tavern on campus.

Jim West, the representative sponsoring the bill, was not present at the meeting, but Wayne Roberts, vice president of student services for the Student Senate, spoke in West's behalf.

Students' safety was West's main concern, Roberts said, and students would not have to drive back to campus after consuming alcohol if a tavern were on campus.

The tavern would generate funds for the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center, Roberts said. But the main argument against the tavern is that only seniors and graduate students would be able to take advantage of it since the Texas Legislature is expected to raise the drinking age to 21, he said.

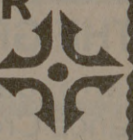
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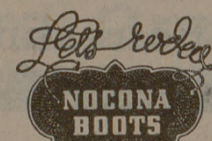
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# Raising children in the nuclear age

By AMY BOWMAN  
Reporter

About half of the children born today will live with one parent. This increasing trend spurred the making of the documentary film, "And Baby Makes Two," shown Monday in the Medical Sciences Building.

The film was sponsored by the Medicine and Society Forum, the Department of Humanities in Medicine and the Learning Resources Unit.

The film discussed many facts and opinions about women who choose to bring up their children on their own. Five women were interviewed, all of whom chose single motherhood over marriage.

"To me, having a child was more important than being married," said Kathy, one of the women interviewed.

The women, all of whom were over 20, opted for motherhood as a single parent because they felt they were better off raising their children without a father.

Psychologist Dr. Anna Rosenberg said children of single mothers are more prone to juvenile delinquency. Rosenberg also said boys need a male role model in their lives to help them form their traditional sex roles.

Many single mothers may become too close to their children and put them under a lot of pressure, she said.

"The children behave like little adults yet their maturity is defensive," Rosenberg said. "They're scared and they take on a pseudo-adult role."

The film also revealed many problems single mothers encounter. Many women are restricted financially because they have to take care of their children, either by themselves or with a babysitter or day care center.

Single mothers also must deal with the emotional frustrations single-parenting brings, such as depression and guilt.

# Doux Chene Apartments damaged by small blaze

By JERRY OSLIN  
Staff Writer

A one-alarm fire struck the Doux Chene Apartments Monday afternoon, gutting one unit and damaging three others.

College Station Fire Department spokesman David Giordano said no one was injured but one unit was "very extensively damaged" by fire. He said two other units were damaged by smoke and one other damaged by water. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, Giordano said, but the fire started in the kitchen of the destroyed unit. The cost of the damage has not yet been estimated, he said.

Doux Chene's assistant manager, Debbie Saaler, said the fire started in the stove of the destroyed unit while its occupant was visiting a next-door neighbor. Smoke started coming through the vent of the neighboring unit and when the occupant returned to her apartment, she found the kitchen engulfed in flames, Saaler said.

Everyone was evacuated from the building and then the fire department was called, she said. Only two of the damaged units were occupied. The occupants of the damaged units were given other apartments to stay in, she said.



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