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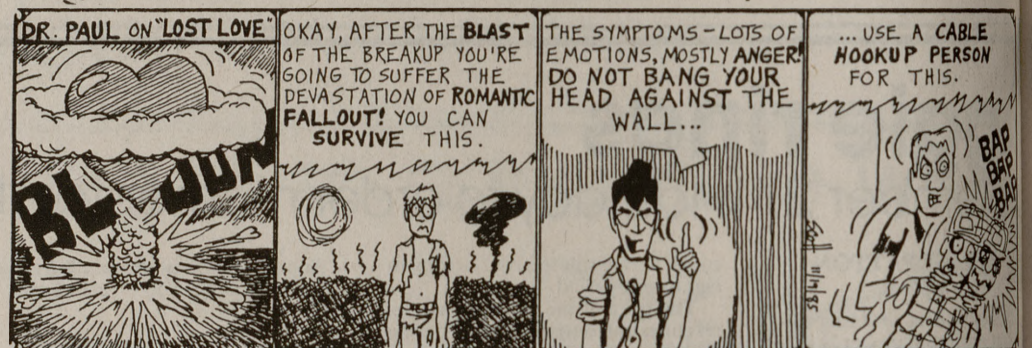
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Seminars will aid students planning to live off campus

By CHRISTOPHER EMIG
Reporter

The Texas A&M Off-Campus Center will present two seminars for students who plan to move off campus in December.

The programs will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in Lounge A, between Briggs Hall and Spence Hall, and Monday at 8 p.m. in Lounge A-1 at the south end of Hughes Hall.

Ken Russell, with the Off-Campus Center, said the presentations are designed to inform students of potential problems when moving from a dorm to an apartment.

"Students need to know what they will be facing when they move off campus," Russell said.

The program, offered twice each year, will emphasize what students should know about a lease, how to choose a roommate and how to locate a place to live, he said.

"Our program is there to aid the student," Russell said. "This is the first time that the presentation will be held in the fall. We need to be fair

to the student who will be moving off campus between semesters.

"Most students move off in the spring, but in-coming transfer students or students who have their own reasons for moving off campus have a right to this information. For as many students there are as many reasons why they move off campus."

Because of these reasons, the seminars will feature a question and answer period.

"After the presentation, there will be 45 minutes in which the audience may ask questions," Russell said. "These will be answered on a personal basis since the speaker is also an off-campus student."

Each program will feature a different speaker. The two speakers will be student assistants with undergraduate experience who live off campus, Russell said.

Russell said many students move off campus without realizing what is involved.

Russell said students do not understand that a lease is a financial

contract or that there could be conflicts with roommates.

Besides preparing for potential conflicts with roommates, the Off-Campus Center advises students to thoroughly inspect and examine the places where they might live.

Russell added that the Off-Campus Center is the student's primary resource in locating an apartment because of its comprehensive rental listing service which includes up-to-date information on availability and prices.

The Off-Campus Center also advises students to budget their expenses to avoid financial difficulties and pressures.

Russell said that the presentation, which doubled its turnout last spring, will discuss all of these topics.

During the program, price lists, apartment maps and off-campus listings will be distributed to the audience.

ENVE working to lower costs

Coupons cut bills to size

By TAMARA BELL
Reporter

Are you paying more each month for groceries than you paid for this semester's textbooks? If so, then the Society for Entrepreneurship and New Ventures has a solution — buy coupons.

Barry Rudd, a member of ENVE, found out about Empire Unlimited, a company in El Paso that sells coupon books. The company buys a manufacturer's overflow of cents-off coupons and puts them in a catalog. The company then distributes the catalogs to its representatives in cities across Texas.

Rudd said the saving aspect of the program prompted him to bring the concept to Texas A&M.

"The cost for \$30 worth of coupons is only \$20," Rudd said. "Right

there you save \$10 a month on groceries. And you don't have to worry about not using all of the coupons because you pick the coupons of your choice."

Rudd said the process begins with a catalog of more than 2,000 coupons. The catalog is divided into different product sections. A person picks out \$30 worth of coupons, fills out an order form and sends it into the company, Rudd says.

Every month the person will receive an order form, he says. The person can either change his original order or simply return the form.

"This saves the time of looking for coupons in the paper," Rudd says. "Usually you'll use only four of the 100 coupons you see in the paper."

Rudd said that although he appreciates the saving aspect of this

venture, he also sees it as a business opportunity.

"Young people want to make money now," he says. "We have the ability and the skills now. That's what the entrepreneur spirit does to people."

Rudd said the company works within a process of structure duplication. A salesperson receives commission off coupon books he sells. He also receives commission off books his buyers sell.

"The good thing about selling coupons is that it's not like Amway where the customer may not want that product anymore," he says. "Everyone always needs coupons."

Rudd said there will be a meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Timber Creek Apartments party room for those interested.

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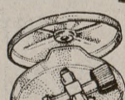
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