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Cooking policy

Dorm students at A&M question regulation

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Reporter

Although dormitory students can understand the reasoning behind the quiet hour rules, cooking regulations are confusing and unfair.

The policy, which says students can have only hot pots in their rooms and use them only for boiling water, is considered unnecessary and contradictory by dorm residents.

Although water from the hot pot can be used for instant soup, students cannot boil items inside the hot pot, such as canned soup or boil-in-a-bag items.

Texas A&M officials say cooking in dorms would result in sewage and sanitation problems due to improper disposal of food.

But because both items could be poured down the drain, students are questioning the logic behind the rule.

Nyla Pomey, housing programs director, says although the rules

seem contradictory, a line must be drawn somewhere.

"There are many grey areas that are hard to define, but there needs to be a cut-off point, and only boiling water limits what the student can make," Pomey says. "If we say you could boil soup, then students would be wanting to cook things that could greatly magnify our problems."

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs, also defends the cooking rules.

"We have to have some sort of structure that enables everyone to live together," he says.

Sasse is especially concerned that business would be taken away from food services if cooking were allowed.

"We're a part of the University as a whole, and if we are doing something that is detracting from food service and they are not able to pay their bills, they could require students to be on a meal plan," he says.

"I don't want to be in the food service business. I want a positive resi-

dent hall environment that students want to live in."

Sasse says the housing staff is making efforts to enhance that environment by placing microwaves in some dorms.

Although students want more appliances to be allowed, Sasse objects to the preparation of hot food in dorms.

Sasse also says cooking in the residence halls would make ant and roach problems worse.

Although the housing staff could demand there be no cooking, Pomey says, they're trying to be flexible by letting students boil water.

Sasse says students don't understand the ramifications of changes in the rule.

"If we have to change the cooking (rules), they (the rules) will be more restrictive, not less," he says.

Bullock against allowing U.S. to regulate state Indians

Associated Press

LIVINGSTON — State Comptroller Bob Bullock says he fears a proposed law to put two Texas Indian tribes under federal regulation would permit the tribes to hold high-stakes bingo games outside the authority of state laws.

But tribal members say they favor federal jurisdiction, instead of state oversight, merely because it would protect their lands and provide health and education services.

The bill, proposed by U.S. Reps. Charles Wilson of Lufkin and Ronald Coleman of El Paso, would place Texas' Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua Indians under federal regulation.

The bill has cleared the House and is being considered by the Senate.

Texas is the only state where tribes are not under federal jurisdiction.

Bullock contends that if the bill is passed, the Alabama-Coushattas — whose reservation is near Livingston — and the El Paso-based Tiguas will organize high-stakes bingo games.

"You're talking about so much money, as much as \$1 million on a single night," Bullock said in a recent interview. "And I doubt whether these tribes, with the money problems they have, can resist the temptation."

Bingo nets big money for tribes in other states, Bullock said.

About 100 U.S. tribes hold bingo nights that often offer jackpots of \$50,000 to \$100,000, according to statistics released by the U.S. Department of Interior.

Under the Texas Bingo Enabling

Act, bingo prizes are limited to \$500 per game to \$2,500 per session.

But the Coleman-Wilson bill would allow Texas tribes to circumvent the law, paving the way for enormous jackpots, Bullock said.

Large tribal jackpots would hurt charities by drawing players who otherwise would participate in state-approved bingo games and would invite organized crime to Texas, Bullock said.

But Wilson said the comptroller really fears losing potential tax revenues.

State-approved charity bingo games generate \$218 million each year and bring in millions of taxes for the state.

Russell DaMetz, administrator of the Alabama-Coushatta reservation, said he doubts the tribe will ever set up a "big-stakes game."

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