

Summer here . . . some are not

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Summer is finally within reach and for many students it means fun in the sun. But for the less fortunate students, summer means continuing the never-ending quest for knowledge, otherwise known as summer school.

The main difference between summer and any other semester in College Station is the number of students walking around campus.

Last year, summer school got off to a good start with 14,720 students enrolling for the first term, according to associate registrar Donald D. Carter. The second term was a bit less fruitful with only 13,111 students enrolling.

Carter says predictions aren't made for summer terms, so he can't speculate on the number of students sticking around this summer. He says that since enrollment is expected to be up for the fall, he guesses at least as many students as last summer will attend this summer.

As many long-time summer school advocates will say, summer in College Station is as good or as bad as a person makes it.

Freshman business major J.D. Shiver says he will not be returning to school this summer because he "learned his lesson"

last summer.

Shiver got a head start on college when he took history and political science the summer before his freshman year.

"Summer school was a good experience that helped break me into school," he says, "but it was not fun and I studied all the time."

Shiver lived on campus, as he does now, and says it was a lot of fun and very convenient. He says he wanted to see what dorm life was all about. His only complaint was that the Commons Dining Hall was a long walk from Hobby Hall, where he lived at the time.

One determining factor in the success of your summer will undoubtedly be your choice of residence. The first option, living on campus in one of the specified dormitories, has good points and bad points.

Meeting people is one of the good points, if you like meeting people. Unless you're living with the same roommate you've lived with forever, pot-luck is a great way to find a new friend. If that doesn't work, door-knocking and dorm parties are alternative ways to meet people.

On-campus students also

have the advantage of setting their alarm clocks a little later in the mornings, not to mention the fact that they have less distance to walk once they finally do get up.

Campus housing also gives students the opportunity to eat at one of the campus dining halls.

This summer, the Commons Dining Hall will be the only dining hall available, but cafeterias and snack bars will be available in Rudder Tower, the Memorial Student Center, the Commons and the Pavilion.

The Housing Office suggests that those students utilizing a board plan live in Dorms 4 or 6 for men and Gainer or Briggs for women, since these halls are close to the Commons dining hall.

Other residence halls open for the summer include Haas and Fowler for men, McFadden and Keathley for women, and Underwood and Hughes for men and women.

Prices for on-campus housing range from \$173 to \$340, depending on double or single occupancy and dorm choice. A full list may be obtained from the Housing Office in the YMCA building.