INCREASE

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Occupancy levels for fall 1997 fell to 98 percent, which placed a strain on Residence Life budgets, Sasse said.

"If our budget is built on 99 percent occupancy and we only have 98 percent, we don't have enough money to make the budget," he said.

In order to account for budget deficiencies, the Department of Residence Life keeps money on reserve. Sasse said that the bond covenants require the department to maintain a certain amount of money in reserve to complete bond payments.

"It is just good business practice to have reserves," Sasse said. "We also have $26 million in deferred maintenance that we need to complete."

Of the 1999 fiscal year budget, a 30.5 percent increase will fund a portion of the priority items on the deferred maintenance list. Expected increases in operation and staff costs account for an 8 percent increase in the budget. A 4 percent increase will fund anticipated maintenance and repair costs.

DORMS

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Eric Williams, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) president, said electronic contract renewal caters to students.

"With it being over the Web, you don't have to go out of your way to renew contracts," Williams said. "If you are at the computer checking your e-mail, you can renew your contracts then. It is convenient."

Thomas said the Department of Residence Life is working on a program to expand contract renewal.

That step would open the door to incoming freshman students for electronic contracts, Thomas said.

The addition of electronic renewal comes with additional changes by the Department of Residence Life and supported by RHA.

Honda dominates most-stolen list

DETROIT (AP) — While the 1989 Toyota Camry led the list of 1997's most stolen cars, more than half of the 25 most pilfered vehicles were made by Honda.

"It's the price we pay for having one of the best selling cars in the market," said Andy Boyd, spokesperson for Honda Motor Co.

Only five U.S. nameplates appeared on the list of the top 25, CCC Information Services Inc. said Monday.

"This year's study reflects the growing popularity of foreign cars not only among consumers but also among car thieves," said Jack Rozint, senior vice president of Chicago-based CCC.

The Honda Accord dominated the most-stolen list with 12 models.

Pony pedicure

MIKE FUENTES/The

Ryan McCreary, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries science major, cleans Deets' hoof while **Debbie Cooper**, a sophomore animal science majo holds him steady Monday in Animal Science 311 lab at the horse center.

WHAT'S UP

Tuesday

TAMU Water Ski Club: A general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center. Contact John at 695-8843 for details.

Alpha Phi Omega: Meet to go to the Crestview Retirement Home at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

Aggie Lutherans: A meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Treehouse, Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Call 694-6663 for details.

Catholic Students Association: There will be a general meeting today in MSC 225 from 7 to 8 p.m. There will also be a mass at 12:05 p.m. every Tuesday in the All Faiths Chapel.

Study Abroad Programs Office: An informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '99 program will be held from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in Rooms 154, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

Counseling Psychology Department: They will hold a support group for women in abusive relationships in 112 Harrington from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Call 845-8021 for more information.

ATM Roadrunners: Will run three to four miles starting in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum at 5:30 p.m. All students and skill levels are welcome. Call Steve at 847-7905 for further information.

Great Issues: A discussion will be held at 7 p.m. in MSC 212. Cult Awareness will be the topic and Ronald Loomis will address Satanic and ritualistic abuse as well as militias. Call Natalie at 845-1515 for details.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship: Liturgy will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the All FaithsChapel. Call Susan at 847-2073 for details.

Circle K International: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 144 Koldus.

Rainbow Christians: We will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Koldus. Come to grow spiritually as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered Christians. We will have bible study.

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers: A meeting with a guest speaker will be held 7:30 p.m. in 114 Richardson. Call Jesus at 847-2055 for details.

Aggie Anglers: Check out A&M's only bass fishing club at out general meeting for new members and Saturday's tournament at Lake Limestone. The meeting will be held in 404 Rudder at 8:30p.m. p.m. Call Tim at 693-5415 for information.

Wednesday

ATM Womens Rugby: Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 4 to 6 p.m. at the pitch on the corner of Texas Ave. and University Dr. Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

Reformed University Fellowship: There will be a large group Bible study in Rudder 301 from 8:30-9:45 p.m. For details call Jud at 695-0675.

TAMU Snow Ski Club: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 410. Call Chuck at 694-2726 for details.

Catholic Students Association: "Hot Topics" discussion session from 6 to 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center Library, followed by Newman Mass at 7:15 and a Bible study in Rudder Tower.

Study Abroad Programs Office: An informational meeting to promote the Italy Spring '99 program will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Room 154, 161 Bizzell Hall West.

ATM Roadrunners: Will run three to four miles starting in front of G. Rollie White at 5:30 p.m. All students and skill levels are welcome. Call Steve at 847-7905 for further information.

United Campus Ministry: There will be an Aggie supper tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Texas A&M Presbyterian Church. Rev. Wood will speak. All denominations are we

Phi Eta Sigma: There will be a genera ing tonight in 501 Rudder at 7:00 p current members. Officers meet a p.m. in the cube.

English Language and Literature Soci literary panel "What is literature for?" held at 7:30 p.m. in 150 Blocker.

TAMU Scuba Club: A general meeting guest lecture and class specials will b at Paradise Scuba at 7 p.m.

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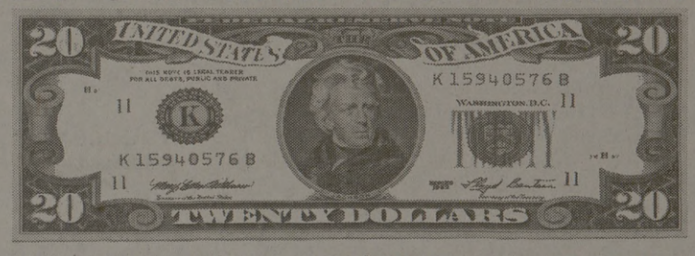

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