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## Housekeeping Week highlights students' cleaning habits

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This week is national housekeeping week, which may prove to be another good excuse for students to eschew studying for more noble pursuits. At the very least, this week gives students a better excuse than "playing video games" when they are asked to justify their midterm GPR.

Ashley Hoyt, a freshman business administration major, said housekeeping week is not likely to gain instant acceptance by the masses.

"Parents and kids alike seem to dislike cleaning," Hoyt said. "Why else are cleaning chores given to the young on weekends? But, when we go off to college we rebel again and stop doing them, unless of course it delays my calculus homework."

It could be argued that there are too many national holidays established every week and month. September alone is designated as Hispanic heritage month and contains Labor Day.

Hoyt said while there are many national holidays set aside for worthwhile reasons, students deserve more recognition than they are given.

"Why is there a week for everything?" Hoyt said. "How come there is not a college student week? We really should have that one."

Added on top of the national holidays honoring various and sundry groups are the factoids every A&M student is expected to learn.

Stephen Smith, a senior mechanical engineering major, said housekeepers deserve the thanks of the student body, but having another holiday is not necessary.

"If we give them a week, we'll have to give everyone a week," Smith said. "I think appreciation for the custodial crew here at A&M should just be a given. We should not have just one week to appreciate them all of the time."

Living on campus yields a unique

perspective to the celebration of housekeeping week.

Emily Luke, a sophomore civil engineering major, said students living together in close quarters differ in their views of cleanliness than those who live in more spacious housing.

"I think people that have their own apartments care more about housekeeping than people that live in the dorms," Luke said. "You can tell because most guys' halls usually stink even after their bonfire grades are gone."

Luke said for students who only own half a single dorm room, housekeeping can bring roommates closer together or drive them apart.

"With a limited space in a dorm room, organizing is more of a challenge than housekeeping," Luke said.

Hoyt said students who were taught to be neat before moving off to college become the cleanest dormitory residents, making the dorm room a more conducive environment to studying.

"All I do at home is make my bed and pick up my clothes, so there is room to walk," Hoyt said. "Our room is always picked up, and so is my room at home. During the week-end my room does get kind of messy because we are very busy, but during the week it is clean because I can't study in a dirty room."

Luke said it is nice to have custodial staff come into the dorm room to clean the bathroom, but a community bathroom is even less of a hassle.

Joy Luke, Emily Luke's mother and a mother of another current A&M student, said she thought it would be a good idea to have college students clean their own bathrooms because most should already be in the habit of performing that chore. She said she would support it, especially if it lowered the cost of living on campus.

"A clean toilet is no laughing matter," Luke's mother said. "It is a fact of life that toilets need to be cleaned,



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