

Anderson said he will work closely with Dean of Faculty John Watson in the hiring of 40 faculty members over the next four years to ensure that the faculty is as diverse as possible. Fund-raising efforts and grant proposals will also be a large part of the office's responsibilities. "The national image that the university portrays is important," Anderson said, and currently the university is not doing enough to publicize its achievements. "When people talk about diversity, they only talk about the way to confirm their own beliefs," Anderson said. "People should instead think about it in terms of what it can do for people and not how they feel about it personally." The reaction of student leaders to the administration has been largely positive. African American Student Union President Cedrick said the University's hiring of Anderson is a step in the right direction. "I think it's excellent. AAMU has been talking about diversity for a long time," Bates said. "I'm looking forward to working with Dr. Anderson." Ana Jara, International Student Association president, is a member of the selection committee that chose Anderson. "The University is really something to achieve diversity and (Dr. Anderson) will turn talk into action," Jara said. "It's up to us, the student body, to help him achieve this."

There are a lot of people out there trying to scam people out of their money," said Sergeant Jack Maynard of the College Station Police Department. "Students are easy victims, too. It's important to keep yourself from being a victim of a scam." Maynard urges others to be wary of people selling things out of their car or on the street, and to report suspicious activity to the police. "It sounds too good to be true, but usually it is." Maynard said you go to a reputable dealer to have a place to go back to. Sergeant Jackie Maynard of the Bryan Police Department said the problem is that you can't tell if a traveling salesman is legitimate. Maynard said that when you deal with people selling products on the street, the consumer should take some time to research the product. He said the best strategy is to call the vendor the next day or to call the local Business Bureau first. Vendors have to have a city license to sell their merchandise, Maynard said. He urged people to report to the police if vendors cannot provide either a solicitor's or vendor's permit, and not to buy anything if they cannot provide it. "If you just want to catch the scammer, they can't do it again," Maynard said.

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Boy meets girl

Living with the opposite sex poses challenges, offers rewards for students

By Katie Wigginton
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Another long and stressful day of classes faces Jane. She manages to get to class and sit back in her chair to retain as much information as possible. Eventually, her day ends and she cannot wait to get home. As soon as she walks in the door, she is comforted and consoled by her ideal roommate: a man.

On the other side of campus, Andrea Nichols finishes up her classes and heads off to work. After completing all her bustling hours she gets to head home for a quick nap before returning, but not before she boxes more items belonging to her former husband.

Opposite sex cohabitation works for many people but is not the right path for everybody. Much of the lasting capability depends on the comparison and contrast of the individual's goals for college, personality traits and maturity.

"I'm really enjoying the time spent with him," said Jane, a senior elementary education major.

Jane and John, who did not want to give their real names, have shared an apartment for five months now.

While John has already graduated and is looking for work, Jane is now dealing with the hard effects of still having tests to study for and papers to write.

"It does get hard and the big problem for me is self-discipline," Jane said.

She said that while dealing with the living habits of a male roommate can present problems, the shock is minimal.

"As long as you are in a mutual, monogamous relationship and have deep trust with each other, everything should work out and the fights should be minimal," Jane said.

Kristin Hill, a graduate communications student, feels those guidelines proved just as true for her.

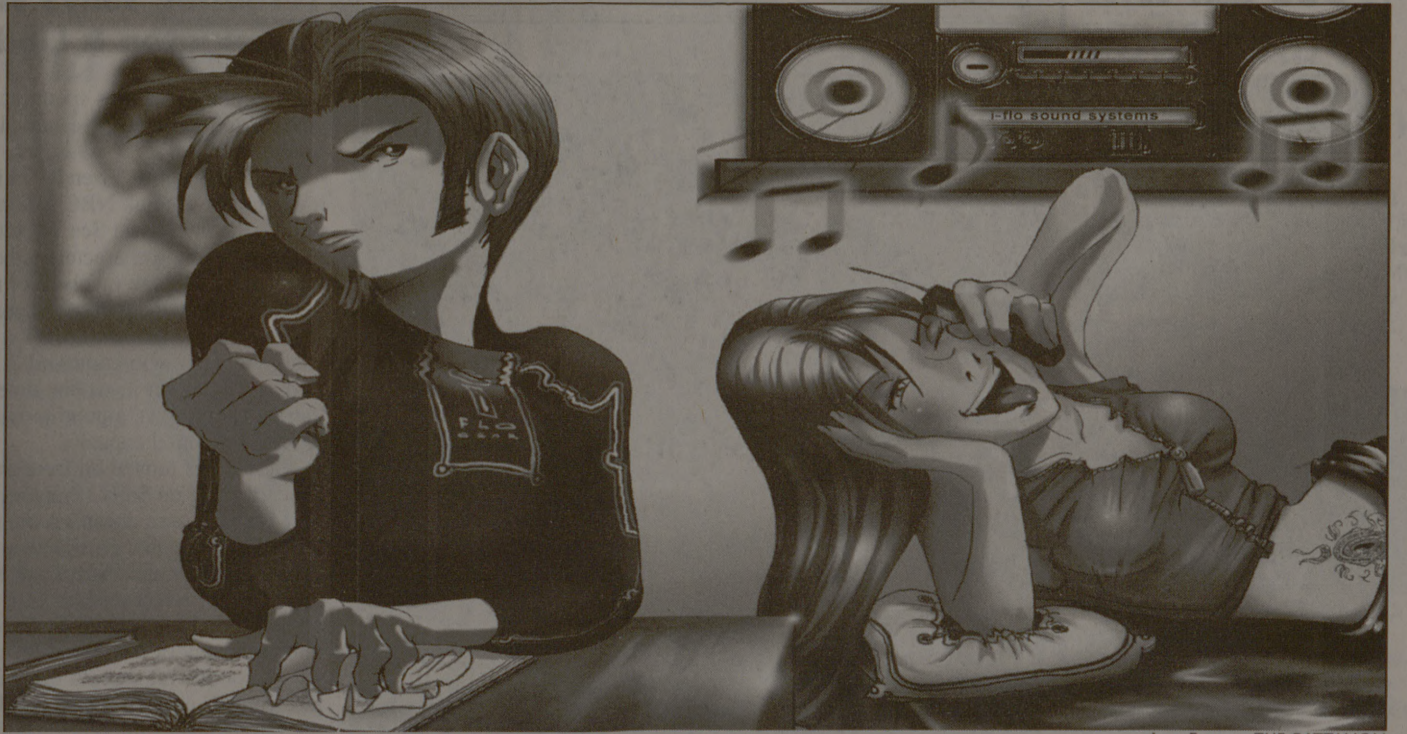
Hill has been living with her husband, David, for more than two years and made the transition from an all-girl residence hall to a house and husband appear easy and smooth.

"After we got married and began living together, our grades actually got better. It was like having a built-in study partner," Hill said.

While Kristin is still facing the pressures of a graduate's schedule, David has already graduated and is working for the Saturn dealership in College Station.

Hill and her husband did not live together before marriage primarily for religious reasons. To prepare, they attended a marriage preparation seminar through their church and had a trained counselor assist them in deciding several of the important factors that cohabiting couples would face.

"We've succeeded because of who we are together and that does not always work for all couples," Hill said.



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Nichols, a senior education major, can attest to Hill's statement. Nichols lived with her husband for a little more than one year and is in the process of filing for a divorce.

"It was more of personality clashing than anything else," she said. "Being in school and working full-time did not help the situation either." Nichols began married life by making her husband home cooked meals every night. That all changed, she said, when her job became a handful.

Now, Nichols is looking at single life again with an optimistic view despite the loss of a roommate and husband.

"I still believe that you can work out anything if you try hard enough and I would wait until the both of you are done with degrees before making the move," she said.

Joe Medina, a senior accounting major who lived with three women last year, said he and his former roommates would never fight about things like leaving the toilet seat up or whether the house smelled like vanilla. If they fought, he said it would be about personality differences.

"You don't get along with people because of personality, not because she's a girl," he said.

Medina grew up sharing a bathroom with a sister, so it wasn't difficult for him to adjust to women's habits.

"It might be a shock to someone who wasn't used to things like lots of soaps in the bathroom or something, but I had been accustomed to that so I was OK," Medina said.

Gabriela Cantu, a senior biomedical sciences major, decided to live with a man because of convenience and safety.

"If something broke, I felt like a guy would be more equipped to deal with it," Cantu said.

She said she felt safer at night because she thought she would be protected if someone broke in. However, she said it might be awkward for some women to live with the opposite sex.

"Guys tend to be more crude," Cantu said, "so some girls might be uncomfortable if you don't know them well and don't set ground rules for living with each other."

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