

## Housing now luxury for renting students

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are moving out of a house or mobile home. Another good method, says Bonnie Lingren, a sales representative for Culpepper Realty Co., "is for students to check the classified ads in the local newspapers and call local realtors to see what is available."

"It's never too late to start looking." Lingren said she is already getting phone calls from students looking for a house or duplex to rent this fall. She said she would not know what specifically will be available until late July or early August.

"Some will become available in June when students leave here to go home and others arrive to attend summer school."

Lingren said Culpepper rents a number of low-rent duplexes and houses close to campus. The unfurnished duplexes rent for \$159 a month plus utilities. Rent for the houses ranges from \$125-175 a month for a two-bedroom, one-bathroom unit. The company also manages several duplexes in Wellborn.

Surprisingly some students are making down payments towards the purchase of a home as an investment.

"Right now, it's a lot easier to buy than rent a house in College Station," Lingren said, "but prices average about \$3,000 to \$4,000 higher than in Bryan."

"It's almost impossible to find anything here for less than \$30,000."

Brad Crane, a salesman with Jacob Beal Real Estate, said the firm is having very little trouble renting its properties.

"Whenever we obtain a property we place an ad in the following day's paper. By 8 the next morning the phone is usually ringing off the wall. The property is usually rented a half-hour later," he said.

"There is a desperate need for adequate rental property in this area and it is just not available."

Crane said his firm is renting mostly two- and three-bedroom homes, but also rents apartments, duplexes, fourplexes and mobile homes. Rents range from \$100 a month for a one-bedroom duplex to \$250 a month for a three-bedroom house plus utilities. Rent is generally a bit lower for units in Bryan because of their distance from the A&M campus.

Marge Freund of Home Finder Realty said she has a fairly long list of persons, mostly students, who want to rent a house, particularly in College Station.

"It's critical," she said, referring to the housing shortage. "The builders are building as fast as they can at mass-production rates."

She said a typical two-bedroom house rented by Home Finder in College Station costs about \$165 a month plus utilities. Most houses and duplexes, she said, are rented on a one-year lease.

Many students are finding mobile homes to be a cheap way of living off campus. Parents of some students will purchase a mobile home for them to live in while at school then sell the unit when the student graduates. Prices for a mobile home vary from \$2,500 for a small, used unit to \$9,000 or more for double-wide units. In the Bryan-College Station area rent for mobile home spaces ranges from about \$35 to \$50 a month, depending on the variety of services provided by the mobile home park. There are 16 mobile home parks in the Bryan-College Station area.

Tomorrow: An analysis of the local housing situation.

## Willie Nelson picnic: issue of student lobby convention

Willie Nelson's Fourth of July picnic just might be sponsored by the Texas Student Association (TSA) this year. This and other issues will be discussed at the student lobby group's Spring Convention in San Antonio this weekend.

Members of the Texas A&M Student Government (SG) will join members of other student governments in Texas to attend workshops on different programs the Association has been working on.

Near the convention's end, members will elect the new TSA president for next year along with all of the Board of Directors. U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen will be there to speak on Saturday, and Willie Nelson is

scheduled to give a concert Saturday night.

TSA is considering sponsoring Willie Nelson's 1976 Fourth of July picnic to generate money for Texas students.

Jeff Dunn, student body presi-

dent, said that more students than usual are going to this convention. He added that A&M is basically sending underclassmen who will be here next year, so that they can familiarize themselves with TSA.

— LeAnn Roby

## Library to sponsor week of music poetry readings

"Collegium Musicum", poetry readings and a booksale will highlight National Library Week, April 5-9, at Texas A & M.

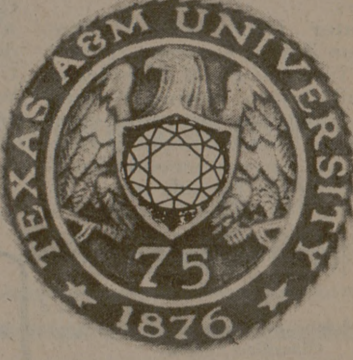
"Collegium Musicum", a musical group composed of students from Sam Houston State University,

specializes in Baroque and Rococo music. The group will present a bi-centennial program. Additional selections will be performed from European music written from 1650 to 1850. The program will be April 5 in the Forum of the Rudder Complex at 8:00 p. m.

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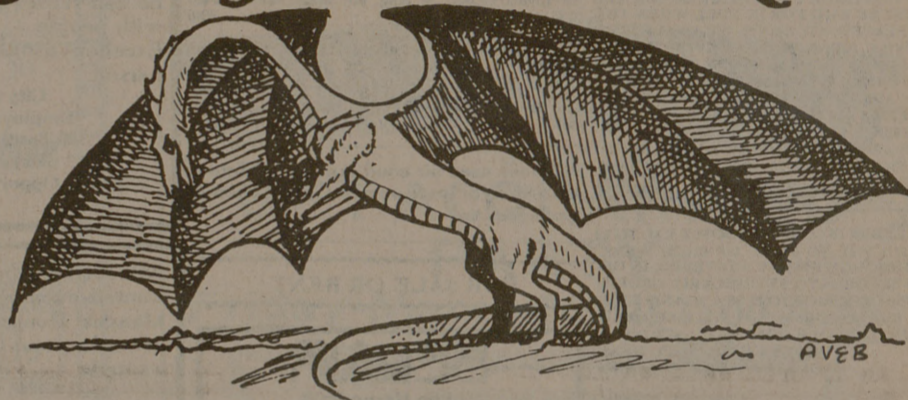
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