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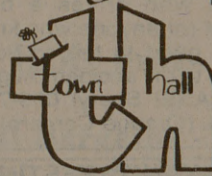
Joe Austin (left) and John Herrmann sleep as well as study in Aston Hall carrel 373. Twenty-two men are living in Commons study

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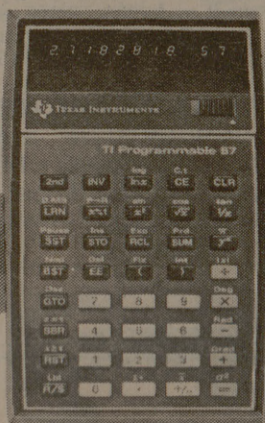
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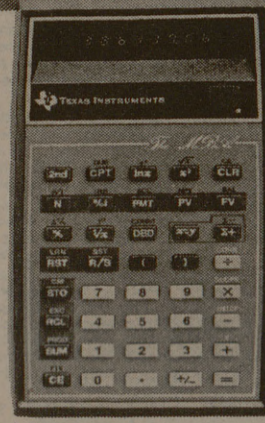
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Carrels have dual purpose

Some Texas A&M University students have been cramming already by living in residence halls. Twenty-two men were rooming in study carrels of the Commons dormitories Wednesday, said Glenn Morris, area coordinator for Commons. This is due to an over assignment of men to rooms. David Bruce is a resident of a year dormitory and has two roommates. Bruce says that having two people in a room designed for one makes it difficult to study. One problem is that there are only two desks.

their housing applications. "I think that they should be prepared for something like this," Bruce said. Ron Sasse, associate director of Student Affairs, said that three factors caused the overcrowding in men's residence halls: more returning men, fewer men cancelling dorm reservations, and more freshmen signing up for residence halls. "We're trying to get everybody out of a three-to-a-room situation," Sasse said. He added that having two men living in a study carrel is preferable to having three in a room. Sasse said that the only carrels being used as places of residence are located in Aston.

"We're using 13 out of the 20 in Aston for assignments until we can get regular room spaces," Sasse said. Joe Austin and John Herrmann are residents of Aston carrel 373. The carrel comes complete with a dresser, bunk-beds, and brown paper covering the windows to the hall. Austin said that carrel 373 is an improvement over Lounge B, located near Crocker, where he was housed before moving into the

Commons. In the lounge, there were 15 to 20 men in the same room, and the carrel only has two. "You couldn't get any studying done," Austin added. He said that there was always someone coming or going. Herrmann said that the carrel doesn't have any closet space, but it does have plenty of desks. "Moving out of the Commons would be a mistake," Herrmann said. He prefers the carrel to moving to a lounge of a residence hall, or a residence hall outside the Commons.

Both Austin and Herrmann find the carrel a good place to study because it has carpeting on the walls, which deadens sound. They both said that the lighting in the carrel was better than other rooms in Aston. "They're messing with our grades," Herrmann said. "They should be more sure before they promise a room."

Sasse said that one of the married student housing buildings is being used to place male students until rooms are available. The end of the men's housing problem depends on the number of cancellations. Sasse said that as soon as someone withdraws, the vacant space is filled.

Besides the lack of desks, there is only closet space for two. This forces one person to leave his clothes out, which makes it difficult to move around the room, Bruce added. Bruce said having three people in his room is a hassle, and said he believes the university should have a place for students after accepting

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