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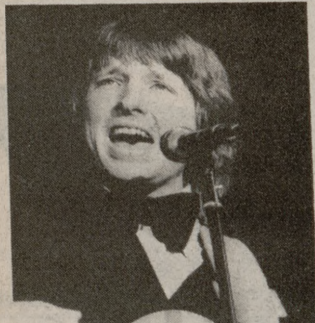
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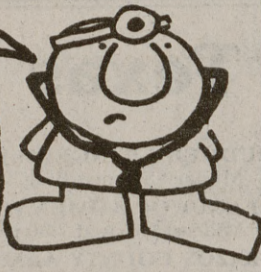
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Buying or renting: housing alternatives

By BRIAN BLALOCK

For many students, noisy upstairs neighbors and cramped dorm rooms are facts of life. But there are alternatives. Buying or renting a house or purchasing a mobile home may be the answer for those who want more privacy.

The availability of new housing in Bryan and College Station is good, with plenty of new homes being built. But with the present interest rates around 13 percent on new loans, it's hard for a student to purchase a new home.

"There's plenty of available housing — the difficulty is in the financing," Kay Playter of Brazosland Realty Service in Bryan said.

"You can't find that little house for \$20,000 anymore that you used to be able to buy. New houses are selling for around \$40 a square foot. Of the new homes that are being built in Bryan and College Station, probably the best price you can find is in the low 40s for a new home," she said.

Playter, who is a past president of the Bryan-College Station Board of Realtors, said few students can afford new houses, but sometimes the student's parents will buy a new or old house for them.

She said there are a number of resale houses available in the area starting at around \$30,000, depending on size and location. However, she added that financing is expensive.

"One of the problems with resale housing is that mortgage money is so expensive, and the payments are very high," Playter said.

She said young married couples who qualify might want to consider a loan from the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration.

Playter said FHA loans are good because they require small down payments. The FHA loans also have small monthly payments during the first few years, which gradually increase over the years as the couples' income increases.

VA loans require no down payment, are financed at 12 percent interest and only require the buyer to pay a closing cost, Playter said.

Since buying a new or old house is beyond the budget of most students, another option is to rent a house, if they are lucky enough to find one vacant.

Frances Calliham, property manager at Homefinder Realty in College Station, said there are quite a few rental houses located north and south of the campus, but it is difficult to find a vacant one.

"They seem to keep rented all the time," she said.

Calliham said she seldom has to advertise a vacant home because often the tenant who is moving out already knows a person who wants to move in.

She said that most rental houses in the area are large three- or four-bedroom homes which the owners usually prefer to rent to families. She added that those houses which are available to students are two or three bedroom homes, usually unfurnished, costing from \$145-\$250 a month.

Mobile homes are one way that students may be able to own their own home. When the time comes to sell the owner can make a profit on his investment.

Danny Blankenship, manager of Mobile Home Brokers in Bryan, said that saving money is one advantage to owning a mobile home.

"Compared to renting a home, there's no comparison. The mobile home is going to be cheaper to buy than a house is to rent," Blankenship said. "Resale on them right now is going up 10 to 12 percent a year."

Blankenship said that mobile homes start in the \$11,000 range for a small two-bedroom, one-bath, to around \$50,000 for the large two-bedroom, two-bath, double-wide homes.

He said the price of the homes includes delivery, materials and labor to block, level and anchor

down the home and sealing the roof seams to prevent leaks.

In College Station, a person is required to have a licensed electrician and plumber hook up the utilities unless the mobile home is designed for self-hookup. Mobile home owners from Bryan can do all the hook-ups with a homeowners permit.

Blankenship said few students buy a mobile home because most don't have the money or credit. Those buying mobile homes pay 10 percent of the purchase price down, with the balance financed over a 12-year period.

He said quite a few parents do buy mobile homes for their sons or daughters to live in while at college, because they are able to take some of the money off their taxes.

"A lot of the time, the student himself is making the payments and his dad is still setting it up on his tax roll," Blankenship said. "It serves both their purposes — the students are supporting themselves more or less and at the same time their parents are getting a tax deduction."

He added that when parents do buy the home, it is considered secondary housing and they must then pay 15 percent down with 12-year financing.

Blankenship said in the past, mobile homes have received bad publicity about being unsafe, but with new government regulations mobile homes are becoming safer.

He said all new mobile homes are equipped with smoke detectors and flame retardant materials in the ceiling and the roof. He added that some new mobile homes are equipped with sliding storm windows for escape, and electrical outlets near the sinks that will trip a breaker if electrical appliance comes into contact with water.

Blankenship had this piece of advice to give to the prospective mobile home buyer.

"Look for a reputable dealer," he said.

Dollar rises, gold teeters

United Press International
LONDON — The dollar increased slightly in most European trading Monday. The price of gold rose marginally in London and dropped in Zurich.

Gold opened in London at \$631 an ounce, up \$1.50 from Friday's close of \$629.50. In Zurich gold dropped \$7 from \$637.50 to \$630.50.

The dollar opened in Frankfurt at 1.7615 marks, up from 1.7585 in Paris at 4.1302 francs, up from 4.1287; in Amsterdam at 1.3000 Dutch guilders, up from 1.9365 in Milan at 813.85 Italian lire, up from 812.25.

The dollar also rose in London where the pound sterling dropped from \$2.2760 to \$2.2730.

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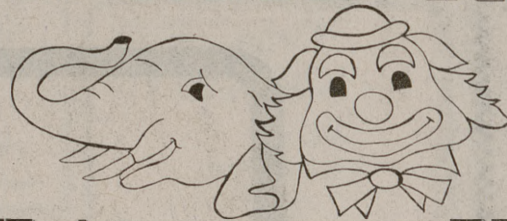
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