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In this photo from the 1915-16 school year at Texas A&M, Bill Westerhoff and Jacob Born study in their Legett Hall dorm room. Other students were members of the Corps of Cadets.

Pros and cons... of

It is Bob Aggie's first day at Texas A&M University.

After consulting a campus map, he finds his residence hall and checks in. With a suitcase in one hand and a desk lamp in the other, he climbs the stairs to the third floor.

Before him is a small, empty room.

He gazes at the plain walls and cold hard floor. The room does not quite fit the image of dorm rooms portrayed by University brochures.

Was your dorm room not quite what you expected? Before you go apartment-hunting, read on.

by Cyndy Davis
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Battalion Staff

There are many pros and cons to living on campus, and what you get out of it depends largely on what you put into it.

A big benefit of dorm life is the convenience. Getting to school is no problem because you live there, and this means not having to worry about finding a parking space every morning or filling the gas tank quite as often.

Cost is another benefit. When you live in a residence hall, you pay once and don't have to worry with electricity bills, water bills, monthly rent or gas bills.

Another advantage is that there's always someone around with whom you can study, eat or just talk.

But having someone around all the time can also be a disadvantage, especially on that late night before a test when you absolutely have to study and everyone decides to use your room for their poker game.

When you live in a residence hall, you never have to clean the toilets or showers. Maids take care of that.

But you have to do your own maintenance, room changes, enforcing hall rules.

Hall activities are a major feature of residence hall life. Every residence hall has a hall council of residents that plan social gatherings, educational programs and other activities for the hall. Residents pay an optional activity fee of about \$10 per semester if they wish to participate.

"All Girls Free" parties are popular among the men's halls and both men's and women's halls sponsor formals and theme parties.

The Residence Hall Association, the University-wide coordinating body of residence halls, also has many activities throughout the year. They provide fun

meals are available in three different plans — the dining halls if you're on board plan, or dining out at night or living off cold, cut veggies and tuna fish if you're not on board plan.

Coffee, popcorn and beer are the only things which

can be cooked in a room. The University is not responsible for the students' property in the dorm rooms, including the beer in your refrigerator, so it's a good idea to lock your door when you're not on board plan.

To live in a residence hall, a student must maintain a load of at least 12 hours during semester and three hours during a summer session.

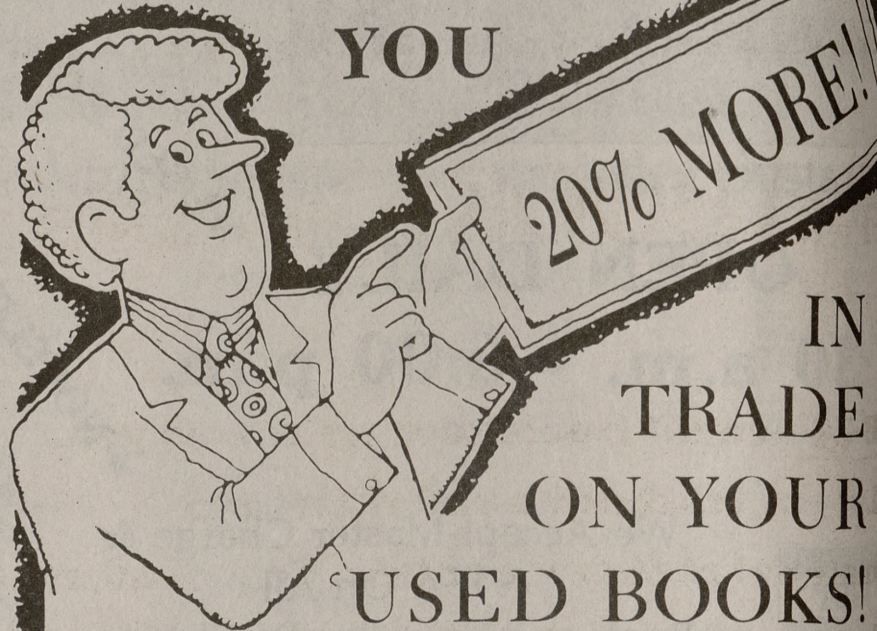
Visitation by members of the opposite sex is limited to 10 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. No all-night study sessions with a member of the opposite sex. Your best bet would be to visit your place — off campus.

The University does not have the possession of firearms on campus. This includes firecrackers, hand grenades, nuclear warheads. But the above may be stored with University Police.

Don't go on the roof of a residence hall. The roof is not a walkway.

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