

Hotel rooms here hard to find on busy weekends

By TAMMY KIRK
Reporter

"No room at the inn." That's what the hotel and motel clerks of Bryan-College Station must say to people seeking rooms for graduation weekend, May 4-6.

Most lodgings take reservations up to a year in advance for busy weekends such as graduation, Parents' Day and football season. So, for those deciding to come to Texas A&M functions the last minute, rooms may be hard to find.

The Holiday Inn, on Texas Avenue across from campus, takes reservations 50 weeks in advance for a one-night deposit plus tax, employee Jewell

Owens said. This year's graduation weekend has been booked full for the entire year with no cancellations, she said.

When they have no rooms available, Owens says she calls other motels in town to check for vacancies or sends the customers to the Holiday Inn in Brenham, about 30 minutes away. If the Brenham Holiday Inn is full, the customers probably will have to travel to Navasota or Hearne, she said.

Gail Briggs, an employee at AggieLand Inn, said they also take reservations up to a year in advance. Her policies are similar to the Holiday Inn in that room deposits are required in advance.

"We've had several, several, several calls in the last two weeks for this weekend (graduation)," Briggs said. But, again, no cancellations.

The Sands Motel, by the corner of Texas Avenue and University Drive, only takes reservations for graduation after the first of the year, says owner Ed Garner, Class of '37.

The people who make reservations at this motel are regarded as "family," Garner said. "Most of the people who come for football season and other functions have been coming for 15 years," he said. "Seventy-five percent of the people who stay here know what room they're going to be in and what

rooms everyone else is in, too. In fact, I can name three women right now who'll be in their housecoats drinking coffee with me on Saturday mornin'."

Garner said there has only been one cancellation at the motel, but that the room will easily be filled.

The Ramada Inn, next to the Sands Motel, never has a cancellation unless there are extenuating circumstances, says

Ursula Shellburg, an employee for 17 years. The reason for the low cancellation rates is that pre-payment is required. Whatever the room costs, that's what the customers pay in advance.

With most hotels and motels taking reservations a year in advance and with such low cancellation rates, many prospective lodgers are turned away.

"We can't make many suggestions if every other motel is

booked too," Shellburg said. Another alternative to staying at a motel, though, is to stay with students.

Mike Davis, a junior journalism major, says his mother Cleo Davis has stayed with friends of his in the women's dorms several times. Mrs. Davis has stayed in Underwood, Spence and Neeley.

Mark Crisp, who graduated last December, says that his parents stay with him in Oakwood

Townhomes or with friends in town.

"Mom and dad stayed with friends in a local cabin near Eastwood Airport for my graduation," Crisp said.

John Fuller, a freshman petroleum engineering major, says that during Parents' Weekend his mom stayed with his sister Francine and his dad stayed with him. John and Francine both have apartments in the Arbor Square complex.

Ways to make dormitory check out faster, easier

By BETH HRDLICKA
Reporter

One of the most enjoyable times of the year is checking out of the dorm. I mean what else could you rather do after you've had a marathon study session for a week?

You lazily go to the nearest grocery store for the semester collecting, only to find the boxes they have left are flimsy. Making those exhausting trips back and forth can be hazardous to your health. But, following dorm check-out procedures correctly can make life a

little easier.

Here are a few reminders:

- All dorms will be closed and locked at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11.
- Set up a check-out time with your resident advisor. Move your stuff out, clean the room, then, turn the key in, sign the inventory card, and check out.
- Students who will live in the same room for summer school may leave their belongings. Students who are moving to a different room can move their belongings from the present room to the new room during finals week.
- Telephones serviced by General Telephone Co. will be disconnected Friday, May 11.
- Students who need housing between spring and summer sessions must make arrangements between Thursday and Wednesday, May 9, in the Housing Office, room 101 of

the YMCA building.

- Fines will be enforced. Failure to turn in a key is a \$15 penalty. Failure to sign an inventory card, check out at the correct time, or check out with an R.A. is \$25. Failure to clean the room is \$10-\$20. The charges for missing furniture, phones or other damages will vary.
- If there's damage to the room, work out with the roommate who did the damage, and who is responsible for the charge," says Cami Brown, an R.A. for Hass Hall. "The last person who leaves will have to pay the charges."

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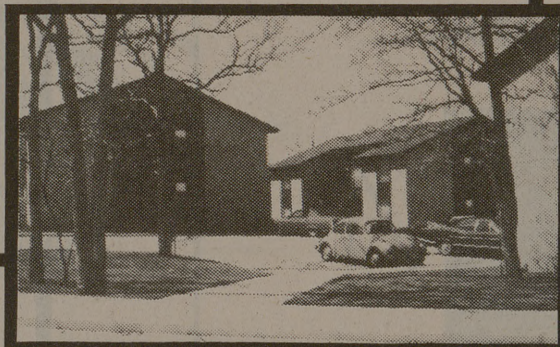
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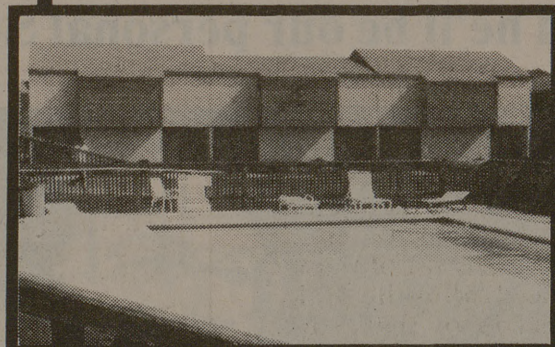
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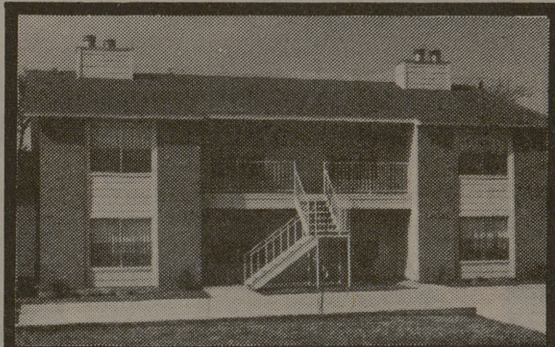
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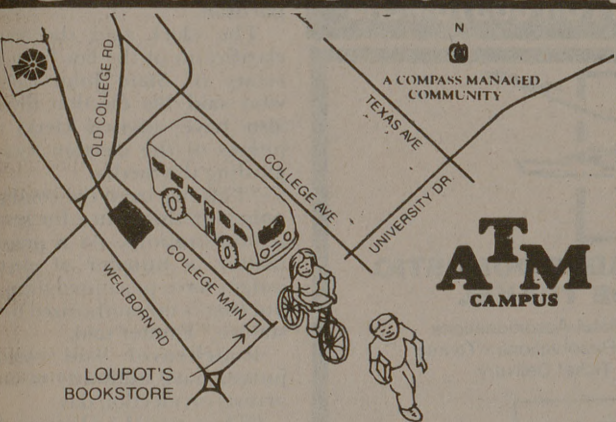
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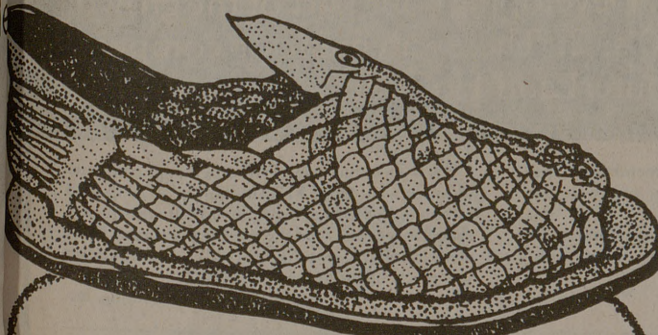
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