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\$711,000 house becomes home to members of A&M fraternity

By Jeff Pollard
Staff Writer

It was like watching the opening credits of the television show "Dallas."

Driving out in the middle of nowhere, among the fields and trees, the audience suddenly sees a house — a big house. The scene is impressive until someone is heard yelling, "Get a fast-food restaurant out here!" Then the audience realizes that it is not the Ewings who live here — the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity is moving into its new house.

Fraternity members moved into the house on Jan. 15 even though all the work had not been completed.

"I love just being in the house finally," said Darren Barfield, treasurer of Alpha Gamma Rho, a professional and social fraternity for agriculture majors. "We've been planning for this since we sold our old house three years ago."

The new house is the first to be built for any fraternity at Texas A&M and is located off Wellborn Road past FM 2818. Jason Howell, the fraternity's vice president, said the developer has set aside the area around the Alpha Gamma Rho house for other fraternities interested in moving.

"Building a house out here has gotten a lot of energy going as far as everyone trying to buy up the lots and trying to have the second house out here," Howell said. "Everyone keeps telling us that we won't be lonely out here for long."

The house will hold 60 people living in two- and three-person rooms. The house also has a receiving room for guests, a recreation room with a pool table and large-screen television set, a library, a computer



Alpha Gamma Rho moved into the first house on fraternity row.

Photo by David Elmer

room and a fully furnished kitchen/dining room area.

The cost of all of this was \$711,000, said Dr. Ron Richter, AGR's faculty adviser.

Richter said that the national chapter paid for part of the house and guaranteed the loans for 10 years. Fraternity members are responsible for the rest of the cost, he said.

Barfield said the national fraternity is supporting the A&M chapter.

"Our national headquarters is really behind this house," Barfield said. "I think all national fraternities are looking to improve their footholds in Texas. Since A&M is one of

the largest agriculture schools in the nation, it's really important to us."

There are 35 people living at the house now, paying \$390 per month. This pays for food, rent, utilities and the salary of the cook and house mother. Howell said that 50 people have to live there in order for the fraternity to break even.

The \$711,000 included the lot, the house and a few furnishings like beds, tables and kitchen equipment. It also included a lot of hidden expenses that the planners didn't expect, Barfield said.

"There are those little nit-picky things like getting the water and the power turned on that cost a lot of

money," Barfield said. "Then there are the times when you wash your hands and there are no towels (you) take a shower and there is no soap — little things."

If work stays on schedule, the fraternity hopes to have all work completed and the house decorated by Feb. 6, when an open house is scheduled for every one involved with the project, Howell said.

"The open house is by invitation only, but if someone wants to see the place we would be glad to show them around," Howell said. "We hope to have another open house in April that we can show it off to everyone

State warns students of test required for college degree

DALLAS (AP) — High school students across Texas are being warned they will face a new test of their skills when they get to college — one that holds the key to a college degree.

For the first time in Texas, students enrolling at public colleges and universities must pass a statewide exam before they can take the upper-level courses necessary for graduation.

Brochures describing the test requirement will go out to more than 400,000 high school students within a few months, the Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

"We are putting these students on notice that they will have to take this test," said Nolan Wood of the Texas Education Agency, adding that it might provide additional incentive to prepare for college.

The first wave of students to be tested, those now in the 11th grade, are being notified about the exam this spring by the TEA. Sophomores also will be notified.

The new exam — the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) Test — could shake up the state's higher education system when it is first administered in 1989. An estimated one in four freshmen lack the skills necessary to do college-level work.

The 150-question exam, measuring competence in English, math and writing, will be given to all incoming college freshmen beginning in the summer of 1989. Students will be given four hours to complete the test, which also includes a written essay.

Those who fail will not be barred from attending college, but they must pass the exam before they can

attain junior status. And they must take remedial courses until they pass.

The new testing requirement was perhaps the most significant of several higher education reforms passed by the legislature last year.

In recommending the exam to state lawmakers, a higher education reform panel cited statistics that a quarter of the 120,000 freshmen entering Texas' public colleges and universities each year lack basic skills to do the work.

"It would be wonderful if our expectations of a large number of students doing poorly on this test were wrong, but most of us expect to see a high failure rate," said Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee and a sponsor of the testing legislation.

Vendors find condom sales disappointing

HOUSTON (AP) — With the AIDS scare in full force, David Stegman saw dollar signs when he bought vending machines at a national trade convention.

The machines were tastefully designed. They lacked the gritty graphics that usually adorned the dispensers in the restrooms of truck stops and sleazy bars, so Stegman bought six of them for the upscale nightclubs where he has vending contracts.

He put one machine in a woman's restroom at a fashionable club on a Friday afternoon and waited for the money to roll in.

After all, the vending machine salesman had told him all six of his dispensers would be paid off once their batch of goods was sold to practitioners of safe sex.

However, Monday afternoon when he opened the machine, he discovered he had made only three sales. At 50 cents each, that meant a grand total of \$1.50.

"The manager bought one, his secretary bought one and blew it up like a balloon and no one knows who bought the third," he said. "They just don't sell."

Every two months for the past year Stegman said he has collected an average of \$6 from his vending machine.

Barbara Nelson, vice president of sales for Mediverse Inc., a manufacturer of condoms in Minneapolis and a supplier to the Houston area, blames poor sales on the traditional shyness people have about buying condoms and because prophylactics are readily available at pharmacies.

UFOs turn out to be planet Venus, moon

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — There really weren't any little green men in the skies near the Oklahoma and Texas border, according to a Little Rock astronomer.

Clay Sherrod, Arkansas Sky Observatory director, believes what Little River County, Ark. residents saw as unidentified flying objects were actually the planet Venus and the moon.

The Little River County Sheriff's Office received about 60 reports of UFO sightings between Ashdown and Foreman near the Oklahoma and Texas borders. Observers reported seeing two unidentified fly-

ing objects flying together and then going off in different directions at great speed. The objects changed color from red to green to blue, according to one witness.

"You can see that phenomenon from all over the country," Sherrod said.

"That's when the moon and Venus were so close together. It (Venus) appears to move from side to side, enlarge and change colors."

The motion and color changes are an illusion caused as light from the moon or other extraterrestrial object passes through the earth's atmosphere. Air currents in the atmo-

sphere cause light waves to bend and scatter, distorting the images of planets and stars beyond; like looking at an object through rippled glass.

Air movement, such as that caused by the rising of warm air in the atmosphere, will make the planet appear to twinkle or shift from side to side. The atmosphere can also work like a glass prism as it bends light and breaks light into its component rainbow colors. Shifting air will make the light from the object pass through the air at different angles, causing the planet appear to change color.



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