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## Greeks finding TAMU traditions large obstacle

By LORI RAESNER  
Contributor

"Sorry, but it's not for me."  
"That sounds neat! I'm really interested and would love to hear more about it."

"No way! You've got to be kidding! What the %\$! do you think you're doing here at A&M?"

These are some of the widespread reactions awaiting representatives of social sororities as they contact Aggie coeds and urge them to join.

Eight sororities have attempted to gain campus recognition this year, said Carolyn Adair, Director of Student Activities. All have been refused.

"From way back it has simply been the policy of the university not to recognize social sororities and fraternities," she said. "When I feel enough demand from the students, I'll recommend that the policy be changed. However, I don't think things are quite ready yet."

Many of those working to establish the sororities are local residents who became members at other universities. With recognition denied, they continue to recruit members on an off-campus basis by advertising in newspapers, writing letters and telephoning women students.

In the beginning stages of organization, Adair said, sororities usually

form small colonies. After sufficient growth the colonies go through pledge periods and then are recognized nationally.

One of the women organizing a society reported to Adair that seven sororities have a combined number of between 110 and 130 A&M students who expressed an interest in joining or have already pledged. Most of them live off campus and said they have had trouble meeting people.

Cindy McGough, resident of Krueger, has joined a sorority and enthusiastically supports it.

"I was active in high school clubs and joined a few groups at A&M during my first semester," she said, "but I just didn't find a group I felt close to. The sorority gives me the chance to become friends with many different kinds of people. I've found it to be a very open situation."

Adair, who was a sorority member when she was in college, gave advantages and disadvantages of joining one.

"The close friendship you can find in a sorority is probably the best thing about joining one," she said. "On the other hand, it can be a very narrowing experience if you limit yourself to the group."

Adair said she has received little feedback from students about the

sororities, but that most of the reactions she has heard are negative. For example, when one of the sororities held an organizational meeting in Krueger Dorm, Head Resident Ann Wampler started an opposing petition and presented it to Adair the next morning with over 250 signatures.

"Student opposition seems to be tied in with other Aggie traditions," Adair said. "Sororities tend to divide campuses into Greeks and non-Greeks, and there is a unified feeling of 'being an Aggie' that most of the students want to keep as long as they can."

## New methods sought in drug preparation

A TAMU chemist is developing new methods to prepare anti-tumor drugs that are less harmful to humans.

Professor Patrick S. Mariano, is investigating new syntheses for mitomycins, drugs which have to date given good to excellent response rates with tumors tested in clinical trials.

"Three mitomycins were isolated in 1959," Mariano said. "These were discovered by people searching for new and interesting compounds. Since then, several researchers have found that these compounds display potent anti-bacterial and anti-tumor activities."

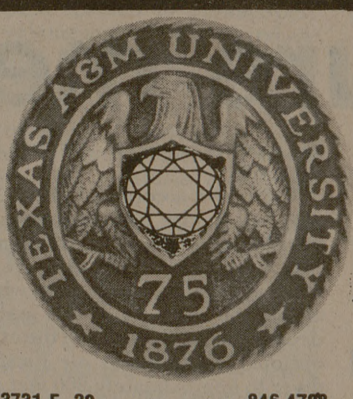
"Patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia and other tumors have responded well after treatment with these drugs," Mariano said. "However, one serious drawback is their high human toxicity."

The studies supervised by Mariano show how pure chemical research can be applied directly to human problems.

"The way in which the mitomycins reduce tumor growth has received a great deal of study at the University of Wisconsin and the Lederle Laboratories," he said. "Several chemical groupings within the mitomycin skeletons are now known to be responsible for its drug activity. Thus, the major purpose of our efforts is to develop efficient methods for preparing compounds which have structures and chemical groups similar to those present in the naturally occurring drugs."

"The current studies are really exploratory in nature and are focused on the development of new synthetic methods which will help in preparing mitomycin analogs and other important drugs," Mariano said.

"Once we can easily synthesize the basic backbone of the drug, we can introduce a host of different chemical groupings which will lead to increased anti-tumor activity and reduced toxicity," he said. "What is most rewarding is the fact that these current investigations grew out of a very basic chemical study."



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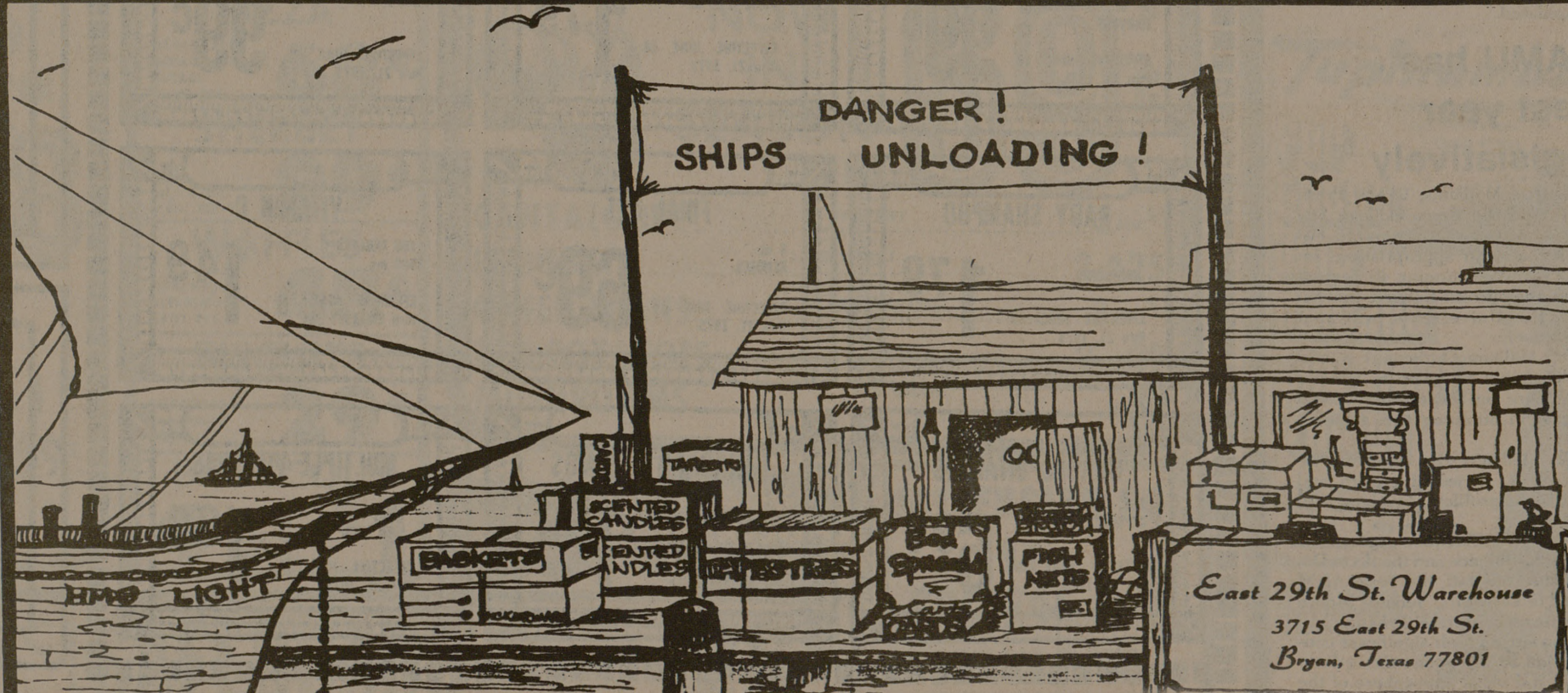


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