

# TRHA delegates to hold annual convention here

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Delegates from residence hall associations throughout Texas will be meeting at Texas A&M University March 2-5 to attend the fifth annual Texas Residence Hall convention.

The purpose of the convention is for various residence hall associations to share ideas and, "To gain knowledge of activities other than just dorm mixers," said Curtis Cline, Texas Residence Hall Association (TRHA) convention chairman.

Jim Snyder, TRHA scheduling and programming co-chairman, said the goals of the convention are, "to introduce the participants to a viable social and educational program to use as inter-dorm and intra-dorm activities. And to bring TRHA into a working and productive statewide organization, utilizing the resources of many colleges and universities to provide a livable and productive atmosphere."

Approximately 150 to 200 delegates representing 15 public and private colleges across the state are expected to attend the convention.

Lots of schools, such as Southwest Texas State and Texas Tech, are interested in developing their TRHA programs," said Greg Hennington, TRHA president. Hennington was elected president at the TRHA convention last year.

The convention begins at 7:30 a.m. Thursday with a welcoming address by Texas A&M President Curtis Miller. Friday and Saturday delegates will attend workshops presented by Texas A&M staff members. The workshops deal with such topics as: "Getting Through Administration Red Tape" by

Charles Powell, director of student affairs; "Social Programming," by Sue Hodge, assistant residence area coordinator; and "Getting Involved in Dorm Intramurals" by Jim Jeter, associate intramural director.

"The convention will be a good time to meet good people," said Joe Nixon, RHA president.

The convention committee organized nighttime activities to give the delegates an opportunity to get to know each other. Some of the activities include a barbecue followed by a hayride and dance at the Quonset huts, and a formal banquet in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

The TRHA committee is planning to film the convention to show at the first RHA meeting next year. Other schools may also use the film.

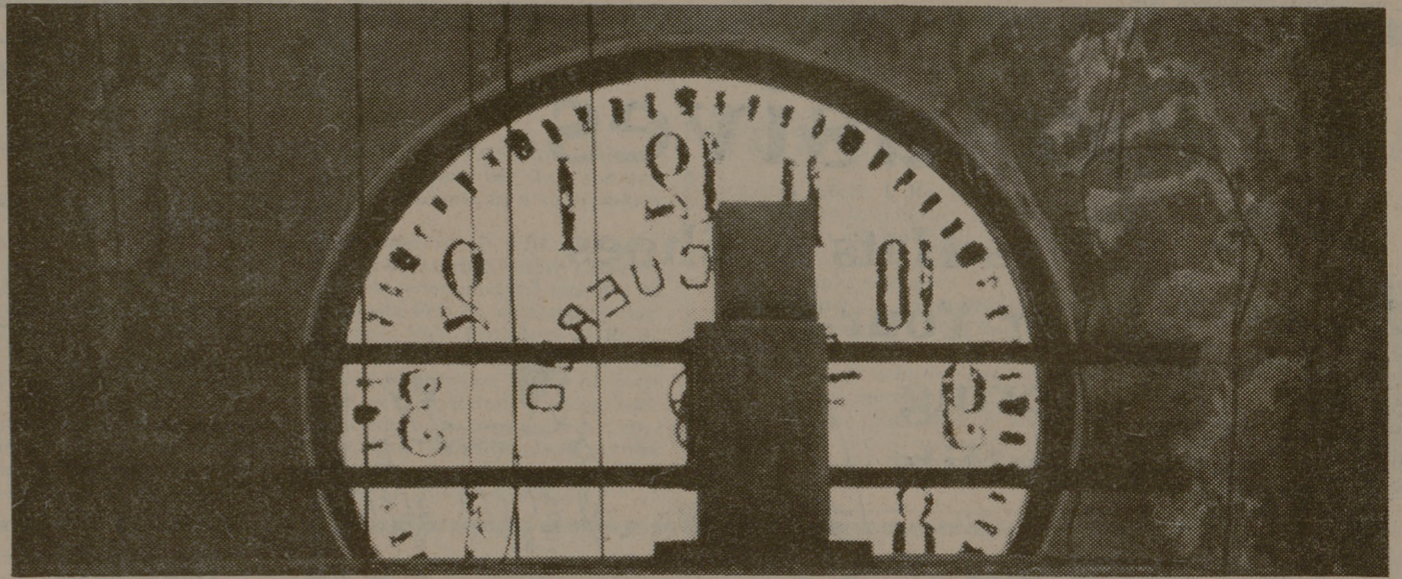
"We want to capture some of the funny things that happen as well as the work going on during the convention," Cline said.

Texas A&M residence halls are better organized and more motivated," Nixon said. "We can lend experience and leadership to other schools." Hennington said he wants students to realize that TRHA is not a political, but an information gathering and sending organization. "I hope this will be the best convention yet," Hennington said.

The cost of the convention is \$27.50 for out-of-town delegates and \$15 for Texas A&M delegates. The cost includes food and housing for the delegates.

Texas A&M is expected to send two delegates from each residence hall. Interested residents are advised to see their dorm presidents, for more information.

"There is so much to be gained by attending this convention," Nixon said, "especially for freshman and sophomores interested in running for residence hall positions."



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