

Board recognizes dozens of new organizations

By JUDY DUNN
The Student Organizations Board, which governs student activities, has recognized approximately 35 new student organizations since last fall, said Carolyn Adair, director of student activities.

"There are a total of 354 organizations," she said.

Anyone who wants to apply for recognition of an organization must fill out forms obtained in the Student Finance Center in the Memorial Student Center, Adair said. Those who apply must fill out applications and a constitution, stating information about objectives, officers, and requirements for membership.

When the forms are filled out, the information generally goes to the board's subcommittee, she said. That group is composed of a student from the Organizations Board, a council adviser and Carolyn Adair.

"When considering an organization for recognition, we consider whether there is already an organization with similar objectives, and if it is appropriate for Texas A&M," Adair said.

If the organization does not pass this stage, then the Student Organizations Board considers its application, Adair said. The board has 16 members. Eleven are staff mem-

bers, familiar with the different types of organizations. Five are students appointed by the student body president.

When and if the board approves its application, the organization becomes officially recognized, she said.

Not all applicants are accepted. The Texas A&M Sport Parachute Club was not accepted the first time they applied, because the activity was considered too dangerous. However, later it reapplied and became a fully recognized organization.

There are advantages to being a recognized organization at Texas A&M, said Adair.

"An organization can use bulletin boards and all campus facilities, within reason," she said.

Organizations not officially recognized by the University, are not allowed to use these facilities, Adair said.

When an organization becomes recognized, it also becomes a candidate for money from the bookstore allocation fund, she said. The fund was established to provide financial support for certain expenses of officially recognized student organizations. The fund is financed through

profits made by the MSC bookstore. "Organizations requesting such funds must pick up request forms in the Finance Center," said Adair.

There are general regulations that recognized organizations must follow. The regulations must be general because there are so many types of organizations, she said.

"One rule meant to be restrictive on just one organization might end up being restrictive to several," Adair said.

Every September, an officially recognized organization must fill out a card requesting that it stay recognized by the university, she said.

"If an organization doesn't fill out the card for two years, then it is not considered active, and it is taken off the books," Adair said.

If an organization is taken off the books, it must reapply for official recognition.



Battalion photo by Malcolm Moore

Space grapes

Participating in the All-Night Fair Friday are, left to right, Susan Hull, junior horticultural major, and Trudy Eckstein, sophomore agricultural engineering major. The women decided to dress up to draw attention to the Women's Soccer Team's "space shoot booth."

Contract to receive critical study by miners

By United Press International
Coal miners across the country say they plan careful scrutiny of all the fine print before deciding how they will vote on a proposed new wage contract with the soft coal industry.

The 160,000 striking United Mine Workers members will be briefed on terms of the settlement proposal by their district leaders in the next couple of days.

Their secret-ballot ratification vote was expected to begin later in the week.

Miners in coal-rich Appalachia indicated at weekend rallies that the 84-day strike was far from settled, despite the tentative agreement reached in Washington late Friday.

"We're getting to the nitty gritty now. Every miner in the country is going to go over this contract with a fine tooth comb before he's going to say how he'll vote," Robert Howard, recording secretary of UMW Local 1340, said at a rally in Columbus, Ohio, Sunday.

"We have been out 83 days and we can stay out 83 more to get what we need," Howard told 300 miners who paid \$2 to attend the rally — at which beer and popcorn were served, a film titled "Harlan County, USA" was shown, and a string band played miners' ballads.

In Illinois, about 10,000 of the state's 12,000 striking coal miners

reported sick.

Don Prince, president of Local 602 at Shawneetown, Ill., said Illinois locals had collected a total of about 10,000 petition signatures and planned to send the petitions to UMW in Washington.

"If Arnold Miller refuses to accept them, we plan to present them at a national constitutional convention," Prince said.

Charles Grimm, field representative for UMW District 6 in Ohio, said the rank and file will check out four items that were objectionable in the first settlement proposal, rejected overwhelmingly by the UMW Bargaining Council.

He said these were: cost-of-living adjustment, pension benefits for older miners, wildcat strike penalties and the handling of non-union coal UMW tipples.

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