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### Social clubs seek attitude change receives grant

#### By MERIL EDWARDS **Battalion Staff**

Greek social organizations say they are not pushing for recognition by Texas A&M University, but they would like to be acknowledged. National social fraternities and

sororities are not recognized as campus organizations by the University administration, said Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities.

"It's been two years since a group applied for recognition," Adair said. "Occasionally, individuals will come in asking the reasons behind our policy, but there have been no other official applications." Adair said she shows students the

letter written by Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, denying recognition of Sigma Phi Epsilon

In the letter, Koldus said that Texas A&M supports the premise that its social character was developed in the concept of together-ness — in that all students are Aggies and a social caste system would

detract from this concept. Sigma Phi Epsilon president Grover Ellisor said his organization's application for official recognition was mainly to get a feel of where the administration stood.

"I can't see now, though, where

recognition would help us that much," Ellisor said. "We're growing and getting bigger at a rate we can barely manage. We're doing fine except for maybe being able to advertise rush on campus.

"My concern if we were recog-nized would be the restraints and regulations the university would put

Ellisor said the administration is negative toward Greeks, but its po-sition doesn't affect his organization much

'We'd like to be acknowledged,' he said. "We love A&M and are Aggies just like everyone else. We're not like the Greek systems at other schools.

Ellisor said his group was criticized a lot at first for trying to undermine the system, but the attitude is better now.

"If A& M ever does change its pol-icy toward Greeks, it will be a slow and gradual change," Ellisor said. "When a larger percentage of the students are involved then we'll receive more attention, but we're all

right now." Becky Bridges, Alpha Delta Pi president, agreed with Ellisor. 'We want to be acknowledged

but we don't want to be recognized right now because that means our funds would be regulated by A&M." Bridges said the acknowledge-ment they're seeking is more of an attitude than a policy change. "We want the University to be

proud of us," she said. "They can acknowledge we exist as a student organization. We are a group of stu-dents enrolled in A&M." Bridges said there are about 1,400 students involved in Greek clubs.

"I think most students don't feel unnecessary competition to campus, Greeks are so bad anymore,' said. "We're interested in telling everyone that Greeks aren't just a party group. We place high priority on grades and service projects." major.

Bridges said her big project for the semester is trying to get Greek pictures in the yearbook. But what about students not in a

sorority or fraternity: do they agree with university policy toward Greeks?

"I'm glad they're not recognized," Vicki Maddux, a sophomore in man-agement, said. "That's one of the reasons I came to A&M. I didn't want to go to a school where I wasn't accepted if I didn't belong to a soror-ity. I think they would divide the student body."

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Halliburton Chair of Engineering has been presented to Texas A&M Blake Guillory, a freshman in University The Halliburton Education grant mechanical engineering, disagreed. "I don't have anything against Greeks. I think they should be recwas made to Robert H. Page, dean of the College of Engineering, by ognized. They're a part of college life, they allow you to get closer to each other like a family-type atmo-sphere. I might like to join a frater-

Greek recognition would bring

officials of Brown and Root Inc. and Welex of Houston. The 1979-80 contribution is the 15th annual grant to Texas A&M by the foundation.

Page said the funds will allow the new Halliburton Chair Professor, Dr. Stephen Riter of the Electrical Engineering Department, to per-form studies in several areas. They will include the effect of public pol-

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held Saturday. The house was completed late in August.

venty-seven members and a house mother are residents of

## reek living growing in popularity **By CINDY COLVIN**

e house

Battalion Reporter e 1976, eight of the nine ities with Texas A&M Univerchapters have bought property n area located on Athens Way in

ge Station. ere is a growing trend for social ernities and sororities to build es. On April 22, 1976, the Col-Station City Council passed an nance to allow fraternities and prities to build in designated nercial and apartment zones.

Chi Omega's house was pleted in late August, after apval by the College Station Planand Zoning Commission in rch. The sorority first submitted plans in the fall of 1978, said lyn Storm, Chi Omega presi-

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off-street parking space per 30 square feet of net floor space." James Calloway, community de-

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velopment planner, said the ordi-nance was designed to assure that the construction of the house ob-served proper building codes for "mercantile occupancy," and to assure proper parking spaces for each hous

Alpha Phi sorority had difficulties in meeting the requirements when it bought property with an existing brick house, said Kathryn Williams, the sorority's pledge trainer. Because the construction plans called for a 20-foot extension on each side of the house, construction was delayed, Williams said. In addition to having problems

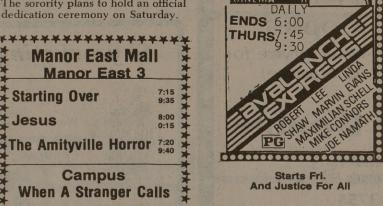
with the existing structure's 20-foot Ordinance 1019 requires "one extension, Calloway said a fire zone needed to be marked off in the parking area and curbs needed to be

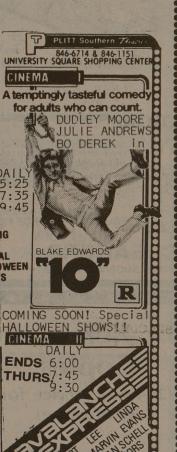
built Plans were finally approved Sept. 6, after three attempts. In the meantime, the sorority is making its

headquarters in an apartment. Since the house isn't built, four COMING

members live in the apartment and SOON other members live in apartments or dorms on their own, Williams said. The house, when it's com-pleted, will house 28 to 34 mem-

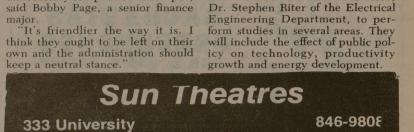
The Chi Omega house is already completed and houses 27 members and one house mother, Storm said. The sorority plans to hold an official dedication ceremony on Saturday.





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