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Greek petition for space in Aggieland rejected

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Becky Bridges, president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, asks the University Student Publications Board to allow Greek organizations to buy pages within the Aggieland yearbook organizations section. Kim Tijerina, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, listens at left.

Delta Pi sorority, presented a petition to be considered for the 1980 Aggieland. The petition was signed by seven out of nine existing sororities, and 11 of 13 fraternities. Bridges, along with Inter-Fraternity Council President Kim Tijerina, requested that the board's 1976 policy decision be changed to allow Greeks to appear in the yearbook.

Bridges and Tijerina argued that the Greeks make up a substantial part of the University that could not be ignored.

"We're almost the size of the Corps," Tijerina said. "We're not in competition with the Corps, but you have to acknowledge we're here."

He explained that the Greeks were not only involved in social activities, but were also involved in community projects, such as the United Way Fund Drive.

Bridges pointed out that sorority members are also active in campus activities.

"We are all Aggies," she said. "We feel the university can be as proud of us as we are of it."

Sororities and fraternities did appear in the 1976 Aggieland, although not in the student organization section. The decision that they be in the 1976 annual was made by Aggieland editors.

Ronnie Kapavik, student body president, said the board should uphold the 1976 policy. If the board made an exception in the case of the Greeks, he said, it would be difficult to determine where to draw the line as far as other unrecognized student organizations were concerned.

Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, said that being in

the yearbook was one of the privileges of recognition.

No motion was made to overturn the 1976 policy decision.

Bob Rogers, board chairman, pointed out that while the Greeks could not buy space in the Aggieland, the board has no control over editorial policies of the yearbook, and the Greeks could try to get editorial coverage.

In other business, the board set 5 p.m., Nov. 19 as the deadline for applications for editor of The Battalion for the spring semester. The board will interview candidates and make its nomination Nov. 27.

Student Publications Director Don Johnson reported that Student Directories will be ready around Thanksgiving.

15 'short courses' offered

Every semester for the past two years, MSC Free University has offered a special series of "short courses" on a wide range of subjects. This semester is no exception with registration for 15 short courses Thursday.

The short courses, which are held one night a week for four weeks, will

begin the week of Nov. 5. Registration fees are non-refundable and range from \$2 to \$12.

MSC Free University is repeating several popular short courses. These courses include: survival cooking, disco dance, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, country-western dance, dance exercise, jitterbugging, be-

ginning and intermediate guitar, powder-puff mechanics, bartending and defensive driving.

New courses include: how to pass math, rock climbing, motorcycle safety and Christmas ideas.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the second floor of the MSC.

Forecast mild for flu this winter

United Press International
COLLEGE STATION — The world is overdue for a new type of influenza more virulent than anything in recent times, but flu outbreaks this winter should be mild, a medical researcher reports.

Dr. John M. Quarles of the Texas A&M University College of Medicine said flu outbreaks this winter should be of the common Hong Kong and Russian varieties. But he said the A-virus strains of flu usually evolve into a worse form every three to five years.

The precursors of a new type of flu have not been seen in tests yet, "so sinus membranes may have another year's grace," the microbiologist said.

Quarles and other medical researchers at Texas A&M and Baylor College of Medicine are preparing for what they hope will be a large-scale test to determine how long some Russian flu vaccines can protect people.

The scientists hope to continue testing most of the 2,000 Texas A&M students who volunteered last year for the nation's first major study of Russian flu vaccines.

Preliminary results show about 60 percent of the students received protection from a single dose, said Quarles, and the percentage rose when a booster was given.

Quarles said the tested vaccines are "of the live attenuated variety, meaning a person is given a very mild dose of the disease — just

enough to trigger immunity without causing illness."

Although many massive inoculation programs for flu recommend other types of vaccine, "live attenuated varieties offer the best speed and flexibility."

"With strains changing almost before other kinds of medicine can be researched, tested and placed on the market, speed is essential," he said. "Since viruses are living, evolving organisms, they quickly and easily turn into something the body's defenses don't recognize."

Flu is still a relatively minor health worry, Quarles said, except for people with histories of respiratory illness or those with weak body defenses.

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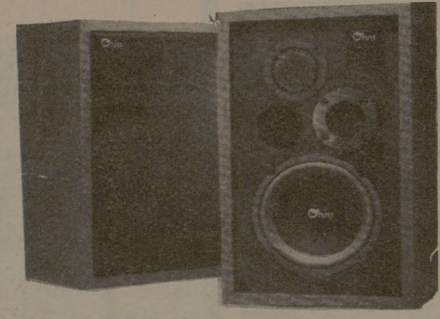
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