

# Fraternity wins battle over house — for now

by Michelle Powe  
Battalion Staff  
Members of a fraternity living in Bryan's East Side Historical District have won the first battle

in their effort to stay in their house, but the war may be far from over.  
Bryan City Attorney Donald Wolf told the Historic Land-

mark Commission Wednesday night it presently has no authority to kick members of the Texas A&M chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity out of their 1903 mansion at 600 E. 29th St.

Since the SAEs moved into the house in August there has been some question as to whether their presence violates a historical district ordinance which prohibits any multiple-family housing in that district, and some neighbors have been trying to get the fraternity kicked out.

But, Wolf said, the commission can't take action against the fraternity because Bryan doesn't have a definition for multiple-family housing.

Wolf recommended the commission amend the ordinance and more clearly define the rules laid out for the district.

"You can win the war in the long run, if you clean up the ordinance," Wolf told the commission.

He said that if the commission amends the ordinance and clearly defines multiple-family housing, "you can protect what happens to the rest of the neighborhood."

But until then, it is not clear what the next step will be for the commission and for the neighbors who want the fraternity out.

Colleen Batchelor, an historical district resident leading the fight against the fraternity, says she's not against a compromise with the fraternity.

"I'm not on any kind of crusade," she said, but fraternities and families have different schedules and activities.

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# Theater arts play opens, cast makes it 'enjoyable'

by Bonnie Langford  
Battalion Reporter

Strong acting by the theater arts cast made Wednesday's opening night of "What the Butler Saw" an enjoyable production.

Even the brief scenes of underwear were polished in the presentation, which runs through Saturday in Rudder Theater.

Joe Orton's play about the events surrounding a mental hospital give the cast several opportunities for laughs and they use them well. One humorous scene occurs while the two psychiatrists are dueling with pencils and one of them stumbles over the trash basket.

"I'm not mad!" shouts Dr. Prentice. "It only looks that way."

Richard Strayer, who plays Dr. Prentice, does a great job of portraying a married man caught seducing another woman. His actions and emotions add to the credibility of his portrayal of a man lying to his wife.

Another well-portrayed character is Dr. Rance, who is done by Peck Phillips. He carries just enough lunacy, fast speech, and pacing to make him convincing as a madman.

His scenes with the nymphomaniac Mrs. Prentice also go well. She is played by Annette Suite. Prentice claims to be a lesbian, but throws herself at every man in the asylum. Suite's actions, clothing and



Elizabeth Smith, plays Geraldine Barclay, and Richard Strayer, plays Dr. Prentice in "What the Butler Saw."

hairstyle make her a believable frustrated wife.

Elizabeth Smith, who plays the secretarial candidate Geraldine Barclay, had a problem with overplaying in

Another problem the play had was timing during the undressing scenes. There was complete silence while Miss Barclay undressed. It made the part slow and awkward.

The players did handle training around in their underclothing well, though.

Overall, the production was good and the rough spots probably smooth out.

# United Way kicks off campaign

by Michelle Powe  
Battalion Staff

Texas A&M officially kicked off its 1984 United Way cam-

paign Wednesday morning and announced its goals for the drive at a breakfast held for the drive's area coordinators from each col-

**'Dean' packing winds of 60 mph**

United Press International  
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raked the North Carolina and Virginia coasts with gales and 8-foot seas Wednesday night but residents remained unruffled.

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for the university this year is \$56,000, and the goal for the students is \$10,000.

Last year, the university raised \$50,306 and the students raised \$3,577.

Cole encouraged the area coordinators to fully support the drive and to encourage their col-

leagues to do the same. He reminded them that Texas A&M's goal of \$111,000 is more than 25 percent of the \$420,000 goal set for Brazos County.

Dr. Clyde Freeman, executive vice chancellor for administration, also encouraged Texas A&M support for the drive, and

reminded area coordinators that contributions to the United Way are tax deductible.

Last year the system raised \$38,598 for the United Way. Contributions raised by the United Way drive will be used to support 17 human service agencies in the Brazos County

# Tropical storm blows into eastern shore

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the north of the center, and forecasters said "further slow strengthening is possible" during the night.

At 6 p.m. EDT, the center of Dean was 300 miles east of Cape Hatteras, N.C., near latitude

34.5 north, longitude 70.5 west. It was moving northward at 10 mph between the mainland and Bermuda, the "alley" traversed by many of this century's Atlantic hurricanes.

Gale warnings were extended at 6 p.m. north of Virginia Beach to Chincoteague Inlet, Va., and were continued north of Cape Lookout, N.C., to Virginia Beach.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said high pressure building up north of the storm center probably would slow Dean's forward motion during the night and early Thursday morning. But they said there was only slightly more than a 10 percent chance the storm center would come within 65 miles of any given mainland

point. "We don't worry much about 50 mph winds," said W.E. Martinson of the Atlantic Beach, N.C., police department. "When they start getting around 90 mph, then we get nervous."

"We've got some rough weather and we have high winds," police officer Betty Midgett Kill Devil Hills, on the Outer Banks. "But right now, we don't have any damages at all."

Neil Frank, chief forecaster at the hurricane center, said "Right now, it looks like Dean will stay offshore for a while, but far from land and we don't expect any drastic changes."

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