

What's up

Wednesday

TAMU SAILING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC to discuss upcoming activities. A windsurfing video will be shown. Everyone is invited to attend.

CAP AND GOWN: will meet at 7 p.m. in Rudder. All new members must attend.

MSC HOSPITALITY: applications for membership are available in the Student Programs Office through Sept. 6.

TAMU WRESTLING CLUB: will have an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 260 G. Rollie White. For more information call Coach Walton at 693-1052.

TAMU BOXING CLUB: will have an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. in 260 G. Rollie White. Contact Coach Walton at 693-1052 for more details.

MSC MADRIGAL DINNERS: is holding auditions for vocalists, musicians, jesters and jugglers. Contact the Vocal Music Office in 003 MSC.

LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP: applications for membership are available in the Student Government office, 213 Pavilion, through Sept. 10.

TAMU LACROSSE: is practicing every day at 4 p.m. on the Main Drill Field. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday

AG ECONOMICS CLUB: is sponsoring a "Burger Burn" at 6:30 p.m. at the Q-Huts. The cost is \$3. All students are invited.

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL: will meet at 5 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

BETA ALPHA PSI: Accounting majors who have completed Acct. 230 with a 3.5 GPR or Acct. 328 with a 3.0 GPR are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. in 165 Blocker. For more information, contact Lynne Frazier at 260-0621.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: is having a welcome back meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

KANM STUDENT RADIO: will have an organizational and D.J. meeting for all staff members at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: presents the movie Mad Max (the original road warrior) at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

Friday

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: will have an introductory meeting followed by a square dance in 601 Rudder at 7 p.m.

MALAYSIANS IN AGGIELAND: is having a general meeting and Merdeka Day celebration.

CLASS OF '86: is sponsoring a back to school bash at the Q-Huts from 8 p.m. until yell. Admission and refreshments are free.

KANM STUDENT RADIO: is having a "Fountain Float" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. Swimwear, inner tubes and rubber ducks are welcome.

Teachers stop work, delay class

United Press International

Teacher strikes Tuesday extended summer vacation for more than 76,000 students in five states, including community college students in Michigan and Illinois.

Nearly 62,000 students were locked out of classrooms in Illinois, where more than 2,600 teachers were on strike from the Chicago suburbs to the Mississippi River. Other strikes were in Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

The teachers walked out over various issues, including salaries, class size, benefits and unfilled teacher vacancies.

The largest strike canceled classes indefinitely in Rockford, Ill., the state's second largest school district with 29,000 students. Classes were called off for 10,000 students at Thornton Community College in South Holland, Ill.

More than 10,500 students were out of Michigan schools due to strikes affecting three public school districts and Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, where 5,000 students were locked out of classes.

Officials of the St. John the Baptist Parish school system in Louisiana urged parents to send 1,200 children to school while teachers' representatives told parents to make other arrangements.

Substitute teachers and bus drivers were asked to keep classrooms open.

"Our schools are open," said a spokesman of the school board. "We are advising parents and encouraging parents to send their children to school."

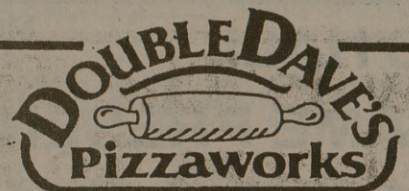
Five-hundred teachers and other employees walked off the job. The board-offered increase is 5.8 percent of the portion of salary paid by the board, with the rest coming from the state. The teachers want a 5 percent hike in the entire salary, which amounts to a bigger raise.

A strike by 74 teachers affecting 1,182 students in South Fayette School District near Pittsburgh was in its fourth day. Teachers missed two preparation days and two days of school were canceled.

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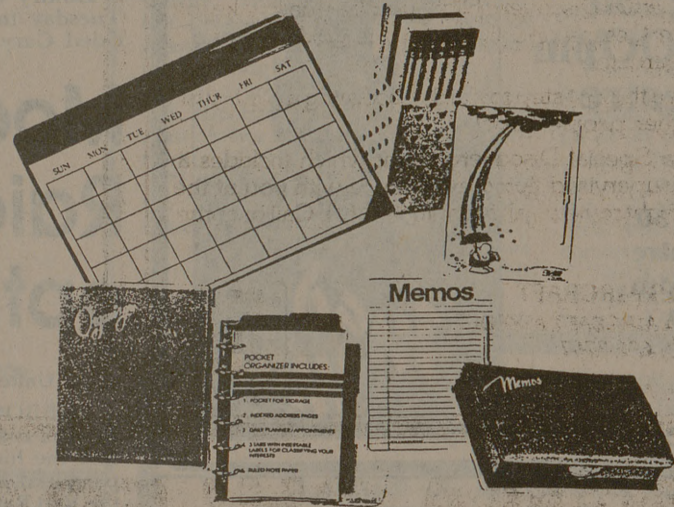
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Sororities help women find friendship, common bond

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD

Reporter

On a campus teeming with more than 36,000 students it is easy, ironically, to feel isolated. But for some women here, the solution may be found by joining a sorority.

Last week more than 350 women found a niche in the sorority system—a system which has grown rapidly during the past several years and now has about 1,300 members.

Delta Zeta member Angie Mote, a sophomore journalism major, said she enjoys the closeness and common bond which joins sorority women. Mote pledged after her first year at Texas A&M because she said she felt separated from the other students.

Sorority Rush Director Penny Ditton says the main attraction of sororities is the home-away-from-home atmosphere.

The Greek sorority system at Texas A&M has been in existence since about 1975. Ditton said strong and prosperous growth is anticipated. Because of the increased interest in sororities, a tenth sorority will be established next fall. Applications from several national organizations already have been received, Ditton said.

She said that the system's organization has improved, as have students' attitudes toward members.

Both Ditton and Mote agreed that non-Greek students seem to be indifferent to the growing presence of sororities.

Mote said the stereotype of sorority women as "preppy" is not true and membership actually is widely varied. Ditton said that members are chosen on the basis of friendliness, extra-curricular activities, and

grades.

Rush week ended August 27 for those pledging for the fall semester. All nine sororities held parties for the 450 women who rushed. Of those, 358 pledged and Ditton anticipates at least 100 more than that will join next fall.

All incoming women accepted to Texas A&M by April 1 were contacted by the rush committee with mailouts during the summer. Ditton said that those accepted after that date usually hear about the program from their friends.

The fact that sororities and fraternities are not recognized at Texas A&M has been overcome now that all the sororities have houses, Ditton said.

Jackson pledges broad support

United Press International

NORTH OAKS, Minn. — Jesse Jackson, on the political sidelines since the Democratic National Convention, pledged his "broad-based" support in a meeting with Walter Mondale Tuesday but reserved the right to "challenge and express myself."

The pledge of support came on a day when another prominent politician — former Republican and independent presidential candidate John Anderson — endorsed Mondale as "the best hope for our nation."

Jackson and Mondale met for two hours at Mondale's secluded suburban home, going for a long walk in the woods during their talk. The two went together to St. Paul for a meeting with 40 to 50 black leaders, where Jackson said they would wrangle with the issues and likely will support the Mondale-Geraldine Ferraro ticket.

"My support (for Mondale) will be broad-based," Jackson said. "My involvement will be deep and intense. We can be unified without being uniform."

Jackson was repeatedly questioned about what appeared to be a qualified endorsement, but he said that his support is unqualified and that Mondale has made tremendous progress toward correcting problems in his campaign, including adding blacks, Hispanics and others to his staff.

"First of all, I've not been attacking him, but I will always reserve the right to challenge and to express myself," Jackson said. "I've not taken any vow of silence, nor have I taken anything to put an anesthesia on myself."

Jackson, who brought blacks to the polls in record numbers as a candidate in the Democratic primaries, embraced the Mondale-Ferraro ticket at the Democratic convention last month.

"And yet strong leadership has the capacity to endure challenges. The issues that I raised throughout the last several weeks have been addressed meaningfully now. It's important that we define our proximity in the campaign, and we have not done that before. It's important that blacks and women be represented, not just in numbers and symbolism, but intellect in this campaign."

Mondale said he found the meeting "very valuable" and said that "I'm very pleased that Reverend Jackson has decided to take that course."

Earlier in Urbana, Ill., former Rep. Anderson said he will actively campaign for the Democratic ticket.

"It was Fritz Mondale who had the courage to take that historic action that led to the nomination of a woman for vice president of the United States," Anderson said. "He is committed to setting a saner course for our nation."

Anderson received almost 6 million votes, or 7 percent, when he ran for president four years ago.

The Democratic presidential nominee arranged to meet with civil rights activist Jesse Jackson at Mondale's suburban Minneapolis home later Tuesday and to see about 50

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