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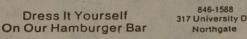
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Lake Somerville is seven feet low so due to drought throughout Texas fiv

By BRANDON BERRY Reporter

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Record-low rainfall throughout

Texas this summer has caused a 7foot water level decrease at Lake Somerville which could pose danger for boaters and skiers

"Due to the method of construction we used on the lake there are trees and some other terraneous features still lying underwater, and when the water level drops...well, ac-cidents can happen," said Ron Ruffennach, assistant public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District. "Mother Nature got us into this because there just hasn't been enough rain. I'm afraid she will have to be the one to get us back out. It just -hasn't been a good year for recreational lakes in Texas."

'Mother Nature got us into this because there just hasn't been enough rain. I'm afraid she will have to be the one to get us back out. It just hasn't been a good year for recreational lakes in Texas.' - Ron Ruffennach, assistant public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District.

Until increased rainfall does replenish the lake, the Army Corps of Engineers constantly surveys for any tree stumps or gravel bars dangerously close to the surface.

'We close off these dangerous areas with safety buoys," Ruffennach said, "but we're only human and can't mark every last one of them. Therefore, we depend on people using common sense before

they go boating or skiing.

Too often, people just take off without any preparation," Ruffennach said. "But they can pay all too dearly, especially in low-water conditions like the ones we have now.

Ruffennach said the biggest problem is not that people drive their boats at high speeds, however.

"Launching is the biggest problem for the inexperienced weekend boa-

ter," he said. "Right now, because the number of ramps that are tually unusable at present levels many of our lakes, the problem

compounded.' Despite its great hazardous pole tial, the low water levels have in been attributed as the cause of a of the deaths that have occurred

the 22 Texas Corps lakes this sun

"We like to think that that fath something to do with us," Ruffe nach said

The U.S. Army Corps of Enneers, Fort Worth District, is charge of all military building of tracts of the Army and the Air Fo

in Texas. They began construction on lab Somerville in June, 1962, for the purpose of flood control.

Aggie Cowboys sponsor fifth annual bash

Two charities to receive proceed

By KARI FLUEGEL Staff Writer

The Aggie Cowboys will sponsor the Bourbon Street Bash from 7:30 to midnight tonight with music provided by the Dealers and the Busboys in Brazos County Pavilion.

More than 4,000 people are expected to attend the fifth annual Bash, Mike Cavanaugh, one of the coordinators for the Bash, said.

in the hit movie Ghostbusters singing "Cleaning Up the Town."

Proceeds from the Bash will be given to the Christian Children's Fund and the Village of Hope, Cava-

The Village of Hope is a campussh, Mike Cavanaugh, one of the ordinators for the Bash, said.

The Busboys, who are flying in food, clothing and medical care to

the needy children in Amaga, Co-

Last year's donation from the Bash proceeds — about \$3,000 — sponsored five Village of Hope children for a year bringing the Aggie Cowboys total charity contributions from the Bourbon Street Bashes to nearly \$10,000.

The Aggie Cowboys also donated money from last year's Bash to the American Heart Association, Spin-

dletop International and the Ill Lodge

Advance tickets are \$10 and a be purchased from any of the Age Cowboys at the various book around campus, at Music Expres R. Rush or either of the Rother Book Stores.

Tickets also can be purchased for \$11 at the gate.
"Be there early to get tickets,

cause I think we'll be sold out e in the evening," Cavanaugh said.

Black students find 'comfort zone' in sororities

By JULIA HARDY Reporter

Two women's groups on campus are trying to make black students feel more comfortable at Texas A&M, says Carolyn Adair, director of student activities.

Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha are two black service sororities at A&M. These sororities "find black students coming in and give them a sense of belonging, as well as getting black students that are already here involved," Adair said. "We want to help bring black students into the family and create a comfort zone.

These sororities will provide a chance for blacks to express themselves, be understood and provide

leadership, said Kevin Carreathers, student activities adviser.

Cheryl Richardson, Alpha Kappa Alpha president, said the sororities were formed to provide a network that will group black females and provide a sisterhood and support

Alpha Kappa Alpha was recognized in October 1983, Richardson

Delta Sigma Theta received University recognition in August, 1983, Carreathers said.

Both sororities were recognized by A&M because they are service so-rorities, Carreathers said.

"Many people don't understand that," Richarson said. "A lot of things we do don't always appear to

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make money Yolanda McKenzie, a junior pre-med major from Dallas, and presi-dent of Delta Sigma Theta, said her

be services; for instance, we throw

parties because it's a fast way to

sorority currently is focusing on the local community. A "can dance" to give cans of food to community members, and a trip to the elementary schools on Halloween to distribute candy to children, are just two of the projects Delta Sigma Theta is working on, McKenzie said.

Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha both plan to tutor ju-nior high students in the community, Carreathers said. Also, both sororities will aid in voter registration,

Richardson, a junior electrical en gineering student from Dallas, sai Alpha Kappa Alpha plans on staring a tutoring progrom for student at A&M.

"Retention of black students a A&M is good, but not as good as could be," Richardson said. "Tut ing will help freshmen and studen already here maintain the qualit tions necessary to stay in school."

Currently, the sorority require 2.25 grade-point ratio and o tion of one semester at A&M, Rich ardson said.

Delta Sigma Theta requires a least 25 credit hours and a minimum of a 2.5 grade-point ratio, McKenzi



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