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Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity

# Black service group organized

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Reporter

Eleven Texas A&M students were inducted into Alpha Phi Alpha—the nation's oldest service fraternity for blacks—on March 5.

This is the first group of students to be inducted into the fraternity at A&M.

The students recently received their national charter and now are seeking official recognition on campus.

Dr. Alvin Larke Jr., a member of the fraternity and an adviser to the

group, said the goals of the fraternity are to promote brotherhood and to serve the community for the betterment of mankind.

Larke said he is aware that some fraternities are probably known only to dance, drink and smoke, but he said Alpha Phi Alpha has a different motive.

"Hopefully, this stereotype will not be a mark of Alpha Phi Alpha," Larke said.

Don Scott Jr., a newly inducted member, said: "We plan to show that Alpha men are distinguished men."

Even though the group has just recently been recognized, they have already been active in the community.

Their community service projects include cleaning Hensel Park, working with nursing home patients and helping set up the new data processing center in Sterling C. Evans Library.

The group plans to conduct workshops on campus to teach students how to develop better study and time management skills.

They also plan to work with Bryan High School counselors to arrange times to speak with minorities about campus life at A&M.

The students inducted are Roderick Wright-Holmes, Joseph Chavis Jr., Don Scott Jr., Nathan McClellan, Andre Brackens, Kevin Johnson, Kevin Jones, Marcus Davis, Edward Haskins, Rodney Pennywell, and Mark Anthony Sterling.

Alpha Phi Alpha was organized in 1906 at Cornell University.

# Aggie Credit Union begins distributing membership forms

By PAM WEEMS  
Reporter

The April issue of Texas Aggie magazine will have something new for its readers—an application for membership in the Aggie Credit Union.

Early last spring, the idea emerged to start a credit union for members of the Association of Former Students. Verbal agreement was not given until March 12 by Credit Union Commissioner John Parsons to place the application in the magazine.

Jack Fritts, director of the Aggie Credit Union and past president of the former students association, said he was pleased with the appearance of the application.

"The April issue will allow all former students a chance to apply for membership," he said. "Rather than going to 30,000 members, the application will now go to 90,000."

Fritts said the credit union offers former students an alternative to their financial plans.

"In the first 10 years after graduation, anyone's beginning career is economically trouble-some," he said. "When these Aggies graduate, they can depend on the credit union to assist them through those years."

Fritts said once the graduate moves, it is difficult to borrow money unless the individual has adequate collateral.

"We hope the Aggie Credit Union can help these former students, but we do realize we can't give them all they need," he said.

Fritts said credit unions are non-profit organizations. But like any other institution, the Aggie Credit Union must take in more money than it spends.

"After money is held back for future operations, any excess funds will become undivided earnings that we hope can be returned to Texas A&M for academic purposes," he said.

The Aggie Credit Union makes use of a provision in the credit union laws that allows these contributions to be sent to non-profit organizations, Fritts said.

"Another unique quality of the Aggie Credit Union is our use of a section in the credit union laws, which has never been used before," he said. "We have a \$20 membership share certificate not covered under share guarantee insurance."

The \$20 share certificate will not be insured if the credit union dissolves. But Fritts said the \$20 will receive dividends when there are undivided earnings to pay.

When an Aggie joins the credit union, he also will pay a \$5 membership fee.

"The Aggie Credit Union is the first alumni credit union in Texas and we want to be the primary financial institution for the Texas A&M graduate," he said.

# Texas Senate gives approval to bill that would broaden death penalty

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Senate voted Monday to extend the death penalty law to mass murderers, including those who kill several people at once or who kill again and again.

Under current law, for example, a person may commit several murders but unless the murders occurred during a felony or the victim was a police officer or firefighter, the slayer could not be assessed the death penalty.

The bill broadening the capital punishment law was returned to the House with an amendment that removed a provision providing the death penalty for defendants who

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Senators also approved and sent to the House a bill that would punish those who cheat at big-money fishing tournaments.

Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, opposed the death penalty change, said: "I think the God who made us all one day will straighten out the lives of some of our people. I think until we create a life, I just

don't see where we have the right to take a life.

"I feel that one day some doctor's going to make a breakthrough and find out that there's some chemical imbalance or something metabolically wrong with people who kill other people, and I think that you all got the blood of all these people on your hands when that happens."

A bill by Sen. Bob McFarland, R-

Arlington, would crack down on cheating in fishing tournaments. About 4,000 bass tournaments are held in Texas each year, and prizes total as much as \$1 million.

McFarland's bill would require all participants in freshwater fishing tournaments where the prize for any one category is \$10,000 or more to be paired randomly or observed at all times during the tournament. Sponsors violating the provision could be sent to jail for a year.

Participants or sponsors committing fraud at big-money tournaments could be sent to prison for 10 years. This would apply, for example, to a participant who falsely claims that he caught a particular fish.

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