

First Greek yearbook adds to memories of college life

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Reporter

The Olympian, the first yearbook featuring Greek life at Texas A&M, is now on sale for \$15 at Balfour House and the Alpha Delta Pi house. The Olympian is the brainchild of Kari Weeks, last year's editor-in-chief and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Weeks graduated last spring and said she felt that a large portion of the Greeks' college life was missing from the Aggie land.

"We'd like to see ourselves have some memories to look back on," Weeks said in an interview last fall. "The Aggie land furnishes some for us, but we need to furnish some of them ourselves."

The Olympian was begun in May 1984 with a staff of eight people and was produced in conjunction with Josten's American Yearbook, a Dallas firm. Although the idea of a Greek yearbook had been discussed in the past, nothing was done until Weeks took on the project with the encouragement of two journalism professors.

Laura Wimberley, this year's editor-in-chief, says, "The Olympian is the first yearbook exclusively featuring Greeks that we or Josten's knows about."

"Each affiliation is represented according to the response we received from them. This year's Olympian is divided into four sections — community, campus, Greeks (chapters and candid) and patrons (advertisements). It was hard to know what to do with it, and there could be some changes in the next issue."

Wimberley says some of those changes might include feature sections, groups shots as opposed to composites and a more modern style and format. Wimberley says she also expects the next edition to be larger. She also has increased the size of her staff to 14 and now has people working on layout, photography, graphics, promotion and business administration.

Because it is the first yearbook of its kind, many problems arose concerning style and format, Wimberley says. She says there were also problems with finding a place to meet



Karen Bloch, a senior journalism major, reads the Olympian.

Photo by FRANK HADA

and train the staff. Only Weeks and Wimberley remained on the staff until the completion of this year's Olympian.

"Sure, problems existed, but that's to be expected with any new project you undertake," Wimberley says.

Despite these problems, Wimberley says she thinks the Olympian has been received well by the Greeks who have picked up their copy.

Now, however, a new situation might create yet another difficulty for the Olympian — recognition of Greek organizations by the University. Each recognized organization is entitled to a group shot in the Aggie land.

Liz Kahanek, editor of the Aggie land, says, "If the Greeks do become recognized by the University, they will be entitled to a group shot just like any other organization on campus. I know other universities have a special section just for Greeks that include their composites. But the

Aggie land is the biggest yearbook in the nation and, if it gets any bigger, it'll be two volumes."

Aggie land organizations editor Dawn Butz says, "So far, Kappa Sigma, IFC and Farmhouse are going to be included in this yearbook. We are also planning a feature on Fight Night."

If a majority of the Greek affiliations decide to be recognized by the University, the Olympian staff plans to poll the Greeks to see if they want to see the Olympian continued.

Wimberley says, "I think they probably will want to keep the Olympian. We offer more than the Aggie land can because we include more than just a group shot."

Wimberley also says that the yearbook seemed to bring the Greeks closer together and promote a pan-hellenic spirit. She did stress the Olympian was not meant to divide the Greeks from the rest of the campus because Greeks are Aggies first.

Charles Richter, pioneer in seismology, dead at 85

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Charles F. Richter, the pioneering seismologist who helped develop the Richter scale to measure the power of earthquakes, died Monday after a long battle with heart disease. He was 85.

Richter died of congestive heart failure at 12:30 p.m., said Jerene Hewitt, Richter's friend and spokeswoman.

Before his death, Richter had been aware of the giant Mexico City earthquakes that killed thousands of people on Sept. 19 and 20.

"Yes, one of the nurses told me Thursday that he had been watching television and listening to the Richter scale ranking of the earthquake," she said.

The scale he devised is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one

number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

Richter, a fan of science fiction who spent his vacations backpacking in the Sierra Nevada and who fought to admit women to the California Institute of Technology, had suffered heart trouble for several years, said Ms. Hewitt.

He was hospitalized after a heart seizure on July 30, 1984, and later was transferred to Park Marino Convalescent Center in Pasadena, but his condition had improved somewhat after that.

"He loved earthquakes," said geophysicist Karen McNally, who once worked with Richter and went on to direct the Richter Seismological Laboratory at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "It's one of the things we had in common."

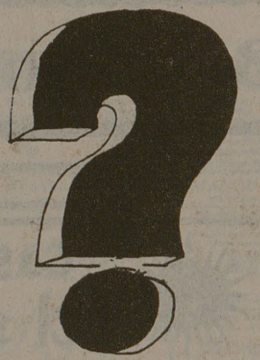
Silver Taps tonight to honor Scribner

Silver Taps will be held tonight at 10:30 p.m. in memory of Travis Douglas Scribner who died Sept. 15.

Scribner, 18, was a freshman business administration major from Forney.

Silver Taps, a Texas A&M tradition that dates back almost a century, is held on the first Tuesday of each month during the school year to honor deceased students. The ceremony, which takes place in front of the Academic Building includes a 21-rifle salute by the Ross Volunteers. The staff of the Office of Student Affairs requests that all lights on campus be turned off from 10:20 p.m. until 10:50 p.m. to honor Scribner.

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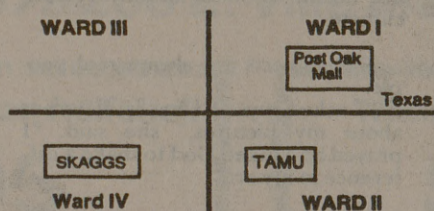
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