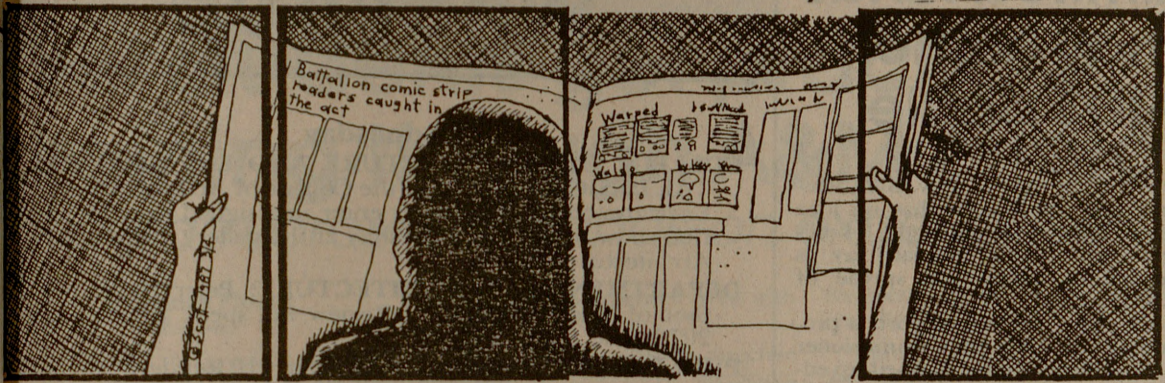


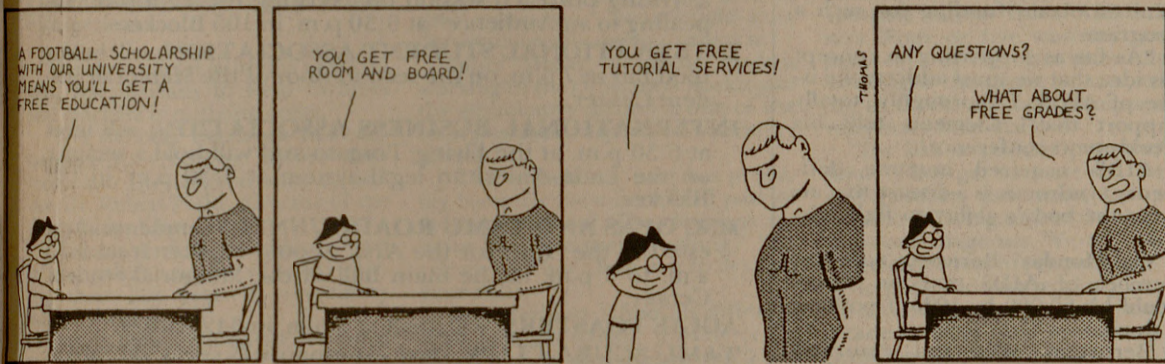
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A&M sorority members work as 'big sisters' at junior high

By Shannon Boysen
Reporter

Through a big sister program, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority at Texas A&M is totally changing a group of young girls' lives.

The service sorority, made up of 18 black women, was chartered in the spring of 1984, and 13 of the 18 women are involved in the big sister program.

Carol Murphy, assistant principal at A&M Junior High School, started the program that has been in effect for about three weeks. Murphy says she had been having problems with the predominantly white faculty communicating with some of the black students.

Murphy hired Patricia Larke, assistant professor in the education curriculum and instruction department, to come and conduct workshops with the faculty to teach them how to get along with the students.

Murphy says she also wanted some positive role models for the young girls.

"There were some extreme behavioral problems among a small group of girls — mostly fighting," she says. "I felt they were throwing their education away. They had wonderful potential for leadership roles but they were using negative ways."

"I felt they could profit from a big sister program if they could see the opportunities available to them through positive role models. That was when Dr. Larke said she knew of a sorority at the University that could help."

There are 13 junior high girls involved and each girl has a big sister. Six of the girls were chosen because they had the most problems, Murphy says, and the other seven were chosen so they could learn to assimilate.

"I began by asking students who they thought were leaders in their groups," she says. "I even asked kids who were sent to the office, who they thought were leaders among themselves."

The big sisters must act as positive role models, she says. They must increase the girls' positive attitude, act as tutors or counselors when needed and visit them in class one hour per week.

Gayla Lottie, chairman of the big sister program and member of the sorority, is surprised at the success of the program.

"The young girls see Murphy as the 'white prejudiced woman,'" she says. "I don't think anyone would dare throw it away."

Lottie says the girls have stopped fighting and have begun to put forth an effort toward school and toward life.

"My sorority sister, Michele, had the biggest troublemaker of the group," Lottie says. "The young girl was in the principal's office, about to get suspended from school, because she wouldn't serve detention in the afternoon. Just as Michele was arriving at the school for her one hour a week, she learned what was happening, so she went to the young girl, took her into the hallway and talked to her. The girl turned right back around, walked into the office, and Murphy almost fell on the floor."

Since the young girls have begun to know and respect the big sisters, Lottie says, they try to act older and more polite.

"One girl got real upset when she came home and overheard her mom telling her big sister about her past stunts," she says. "I guess they try to lie about their behavior to their big sis because they're embarrassed."

Lottie says this isn't the first organization to offer these services. There was a similar program offered by the Aggie Christian Fellowship, but because of the separation of church and state laws, the school district wouldn't allow the continuation of the program.

Murphy and Lottie both agree that there should be an expansion of the program to include other sororities and fraternities. They also want more children to be able to join, including boys and girls, black or white.

"We plan to write letters to other organizations to encourage them to get involved because the kids really love it," Lottie says. "I think it's made a big difference in their lives."

Mary Stark-Lobe said. She said he had burns over 85 percent to 90 percent of his body.

Two other men working at the plant — Albert Jones, 50, of Texas City, and Don Williams, 41, of Alvin — were treated and released from Danforth Memorial Hospital in

Texas City, hospital spokeswoman Beverly Boas said.

Jones was treated for a neck injury and Williams for first- and second-degree burns to his hands and backs, Boas said.

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