

## State and Local

# Representative for 10 sororities still lacks recognition by A&M

By Mary McClenny  
Reporter

Although Texas A&M's fraternities and sororities increased their memberships this year, about 1,500 of the almost 2,800 A&M Greeks still aren't officially recognized by the University.

Panhellenic, the representative body for the 10 local sorority chapters, has not sought University recognition and probably won't in the near future, Collegiate Panhellenic President Margo Meyer said.

"Panhellenic overall does not have a view on recognition," said Meyer, a senior computer science major.

"We want to do what's best for all the sororities and what's best for Panhellenic as a whole," Meyer said. Elaine Hansen, a Panhellenic adviser, said sorority membership probably wouldn't be affected by official recognition of Panhellenic because most of the students who go through rush don't know it's not recognized.

There is a Panhellenic committee researching the pros and cons of official recognition on the A&M campus, but it has no solid opinion of what should be done.

Meyer said this committee is more of a fact-finding committee than a decision-making one.

The committee has not yet defined the advantages and disadvantages of recognition, but it has outlined some possibilities for an on-campus Panhellenic.

Official recognition would give Panhellenic access to campus facilities, office space and representation at Fish Camp, among other opportunities.

If Panhellenic applies for and is granted official recognition, the structure would probably change, Meyer said, but campus officials can't clearly define the guidelines that the body would be working under.

Meyer said one clear disadvantage would be Panhellenic's requirement to bank on campus.

"They (campus officials) consider banking on campus an advantage, but they're closed during Christmas break and during all staff holidays," Meyer said. "Our bills come in whether the University is on holiday or not."

Another drawback, she said, may be the fact that Hansen could be replaced with a campus adviser.

Meyer is not sure when the decision on recognition will be made, but she said it will not be in her term, which ends in December. All sororities will vote on the final decision.

Hansen said Panhellenic can't independently decide to apply for University recognition until an individual sorority instigates it through its delegates.

Although the future for official recognition of sororities is unclear, Interfraternity Council President Stephen Parker said official recognition by A&M is a privilege with many advantages for fraternities.

IFC gained recognition for its about 1,200 fraternity members in 1985.

The council is made up of two delegates from each of 25 local fraternity chapters and oversees the activities of these individual fraternities.

"The University recognizes IFC and then affiliated members get privileges as individual fraternities," Parker said.

Benefits, such as half-price ads in *The Battalion*, use of University facilities and use of the finance center are some reasons for formation of the IFC, he said.

"The key for fraternities is that there really are no disadvantages," Parker said.

IFC is effective in providing a forum for fraternities to exchange ideas and voice complaints, he said.

It also provides a judicial board, a liaison between fraternities, the community and A&M and a service group to provide educational programs on subjects such as hazing and alcohol abuse.

"The IFC mainly gets the fraternities working together on internal and external affairs, intramurals and rush, among other things," Parker said.

"And now they (campus officials) treat us like students and we are not separate and apart in our own little group," he said.

Meyer said as it runs now, Panhellenic is similar to IFC. They both promote bonding between the separate groups.

She said the only real difference is Panhellenic does it without campus support.

"As it stands now, we are functioning very well on our own," Hansen said.

# Research park uses 'soft sell' approach to find new tenants

By Susan Miller  
Reporter

Texas A&M Research Park officials don't go out looking for prospective tenants; instead, they use a conservative "soft sell" approach and wait for tenants to come to them, a research park official said.

"We have yet to go out and just make a blind call on a company," said John Millhollon, assistant for research park development. "Most of the time, people who have come to us and have become prospective clients for locating in the research park have been identified through activities sponsored by the University."

Actually, Millhollon said, companies' interest in the park is built by keeping the professors on campus informed. Professors are kept up to date on the park and how things are going through meetings and seminars, he said.

Millhollon said he and Dr. Mark Money, vice chancellor for the research park, make information available about the park for anyone who wants it. Professors' visitors or research sponsors should feel free to ask for information but there is no hard-sell technique, he said.

"We are not used-car salesmen," he said. Millhollon said park representatives show businessmen the park and try to convince them it would be a good place for their company.

The park is located on University Drive just west of the A&M campus. The Ocean Drilling Program opened the park in November 1984 and the first commercial tenant was Granada Genetics, which is owned by David Eller, chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

Millhollon and Money want companies to know the park is a reality and available, Millhollon said, and plans are in the work for other tenants.

"It is not just a dream somebody has; it is actually a fact," he said.

There are two philosophies for the development and selling of research parks, Millhollon said.

"One of them is the gung-ho, go in and make a big splash and splash advertising plan," he said. "You can spread a lot of money around all over the place and you might drag somebody in."

"Our philosophy is much more conservative. We try to be very re-

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— John Millhollon, assistant for research park development

ceptive to everyone. We try to follow up on every single contact and try to treat every individual who comes into the office as if he were a very important person. We do not feel that a flashy, fan-dance type of presentation is what we want for our park or for our University."

Millhollon said there is no need for the Research Park to have a separate public relations department for promotion. He and Money alone are in charge of getting companies involved in the park.

"Public relations is the fact that anyone who has an interest in locating in this research park knows that he can call and depend on us to do what we say we will do," Millhollon said.

The lack of a public relations staff shows the conservative approach to selling the park he and Money have achieved.

"You can't be flashy and spend a lot of money and then justify your existence when it comes time to get the budget for next year," Millhollon said. "You can't make any promises, because if you do, you are probably going to have to eat them."

# Doctors find condition of child's foot improved after exploratory surgery

MIDLAND (AP) — Doctors inspected, cleaned and tested Jessica McClure's damaged right foot on Monday and said, following exploratory surgery, it has improved somewhat since she was pulled from an abandoned well.

"I don't think we're totally out of the woods," orthopedic surgeon Charles Younger said at a news conference at Midland Memorial Hospital. "I think we feel a little better today."

The 18-month-old girl, who was pulled out of the well Friday after being stuck 22 feet down for 58 hours, was still in serious but stable condition after Monday morning's procedure, officials said.

Jessica's right foot was wedged between the well and her body, cutting off much of the blood circulation and severely injuring the foot. She

also has a silver-dollar-size pressure wound, similar to a bedsore, on her forehead.

Asked to estimate the chances that the toddler's foot might be amputated, Younger said, "I would hate to put a percentage on it, but I think we're all on the optimistic side."

In Monday's procedure, doctors cleaned and inspected Jessica's foot. Then they used a dye and a laser to determine whether blood was flowing through the appendage.

"There are spotty areas where the dye made it and areas where the dye didn't make it," Younger said, adding that they probably would have seen the dye diffuse farther into the foot if they had waited longer.

He said the doctors decided not to take a lot of time watching for the dye to circulate because

they wanted to take the child off general anesthesia as fast as possible.

The doctors also used a device called a Doppler laser, which can detect movement of blood cells through capillaries. Younger said there appears to be flow throughout the foot.

Vascular surgeon Shelton Viney said, "It's a skin problem. We're worried about microscopic blood flow to the skin. I'm just greatly pleased we got some arterial flow into the foot."

The doctors said Jessica's right big toe and areas on the outside edge and instep of the foot are most heavily damaged. Even if capillaries are destroyed, the baby can compensate by growing new vessels, they said.

The doctors plan to test the blood flow on Wednesday with the Doppler laser.

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