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Cloudy and mild with a chance of rain  
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## University recognizes sororities

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Sororities at Texas A&M now have the University's stamp of approval.

A&M and the 11 sororities have been negotiating the University's recognition of the sororities for about two years, Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student affairs, said.

For the decision to become official, all sorority members and their governing board, called Panhellenic, had to agree on the proposal.

Adair said the voting process was completed in late January.

"Now that they will all become recognized student organizations, we will parallel them with the Interfraternity Council (social fraternity system) and with our black Greeks," Adair said.

Panhellenic will be recognized as the sororities' governing body.

Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services, said he was pleased the sorority system will be added to the list of University-sponsored student organizations.

"From the institutional point of view, we would rather have a good relationship administratively with all of our student groups," Koldus said.

"From their side, it gives them the opportunity to have all the services available to them that all other student organizations presently have."

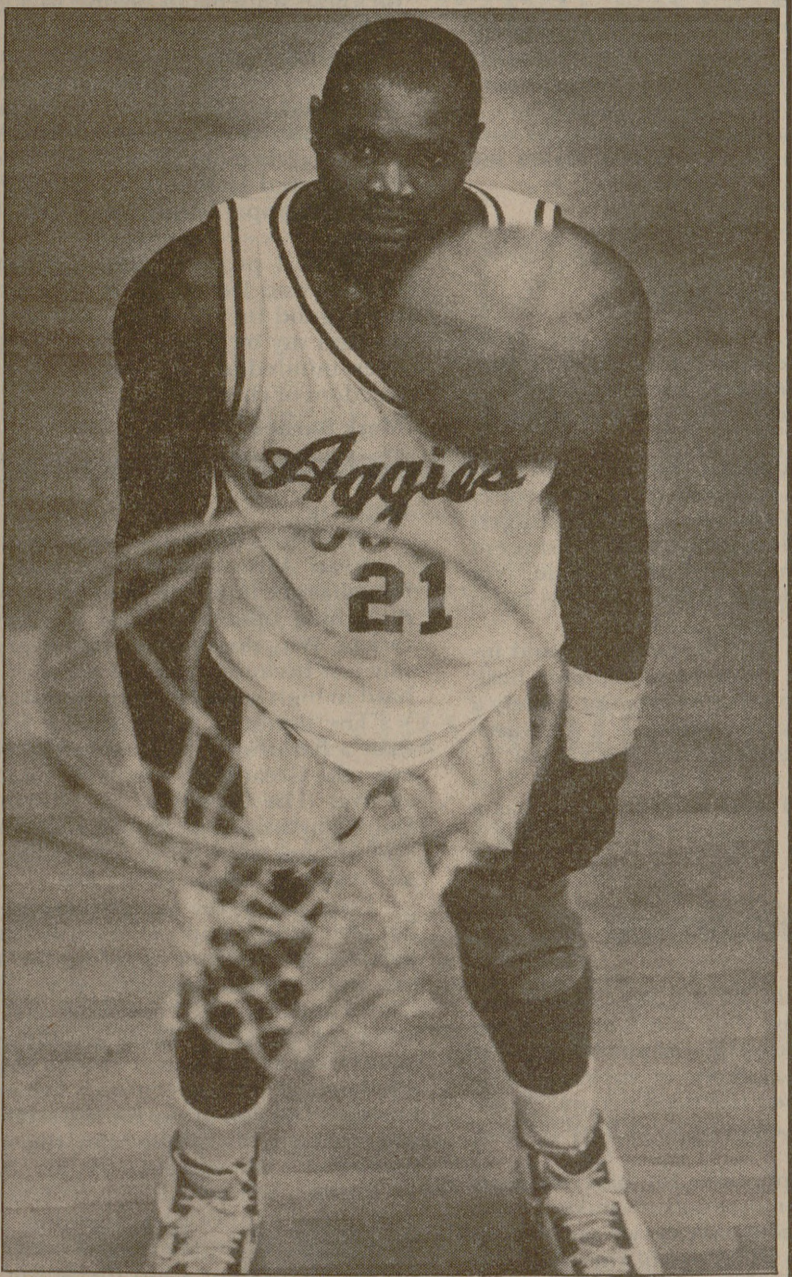
The sorority members now can use campus facilities, have name recognition on campus and participate in intramural recreational activities.

Koldus said he didn't see any disadvantages with the University recognition of the sorority system.

Sororities historically were not recognized by the University, Koldus said, because the Texas A&M Board of Regents chose not to do so.

"The feeling was that they (the regents) wanted everyone to be an Ag-

## Down the drain



A&M center David Harris watches as TCU scores the final points of a 72-67 victory over A&M in G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday night. See game results/Page 11

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## Coed dorms dispel concerns after successful trial semester

**By SUZANNE CALDERON**  
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PART 2 OF A 3-PART SERIES

When the idea of coed residence halls was introduced at Texas A&M, there were concerns about how it would work out, South Area Coordinator Rick Turnbough said.

But, he said that one semester after their inception, everything is going well in the halls and their future looks bright.

"I think just the fact of having both sexes in the same building was a concern in the beginning but it's proved just the opposite," Turnbough said.

He said that besides the typical roommate conflicts there have been no complaints from the residents. Comments from the residents have been overwhelmingly positive, he said.

In fact, when the Residence Hall Association Coed Oversight Committee conducted a survey of residents, most said they would move into a coed hall again, Kyle Jacobson, chairman of the committee, said.

"Overwhelmingly, the response to that question was yes," Jacobson said. "Some people even circled it two or three times."

Three coed halls are currently on the A&M campus. Wells Hall and Eppright Hall house mostly upperclassmen and are new modular-style halls on the southside of campus. Lechner Hall, a freshman honors hall, is a new modular-style hall on Northside.

When asked why he liked living in a coed hall, Wells Hall resident Rodney Ahart, a junior political science major, replied simply, "Girls."

Although men like the idea of women being around, and women like the idea of men being around, romance doesn't run rampant in the coed halls, residents and resident directors said.

"I thought it was going to be one big date party, but it's really not," Liz Legg, a junior psychology major and first floor resident adviser at Eppright Hall, said. "Everybody is friends and goes out in big groups as friends."

A few romances can be found, Hardy Brown, resident director for Wells Hall said, but they are few and far between.

"There has been a surprising lack of interest dating-wise," he said.

North Area Coordinator JoEllen Newman said living in a coed hall provides opportunities for residents to understand their peers of the opposite sex better.

"I think they've learned so much from each other just from sitting in the hall talking to each other," Newman said. "They're learning things from each other without the pressure of a relationship."

Turnbough said another advantage of living in coed residence halls is that students are given a more realistic outlook about life outside the University.

"Coed residence halls give students more of an opportunity to learn how to adjust to normal society living—a living-with-the-opposite-sex-type of environment," Turnbough said.

Legg said other advantages are that someone always is available to walk you to your car and to help move things in at the beginning of the semester.

Security is another reason for living in a coed hall. Turnbough said the visibility of men on female floors discourages strangers from wandering around.

Jerald Caffey, Eppright second floor resident adviser, said he thinks women feel safer knowing men are around.

Living with members of the opposite sex has its disadvantages too, Wells Hall resident Anna Presley said.

"Boys hog the TV and leave the laundry room a mess," Presley, a sophomore marketing major, said.

Wells Hall resident, John Reasons, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said, "You can't wake up and go strolling around in your underwear—there's always that element of surprise."

Brown said noise has been the only real problem.

"The beginning was kind of rocky because the expectations noise-wise with a male hall on a Friday are just different from a female hall," Brown said. "When you bring those two elements together, the guys first thought we were forcing them to live in a morgue, and the females thought that another day of this would really be trying."

Resident directors and resident advisers said problems with visitation hours in the coed halls have not been any worse than in other halls.

Public areas in the coed halls, like hallways and lounges have 24-hour visitation. Residents can have members of the opposite sex in their rooms until 11 p.m. on weekdays and 1:30 a.m. on weekends.

Except for the 24-hour visitation in public areas, the visitation hours in the coed halls are the same as in other halls on campus.

"People have been pretty good about when visitation ends," Brown said. "They'll just go out in the hallway or study lounges. They don't try to hide it as much."

Turnbough said residents' behavior has proven that coed halls can be successful.

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example for the rest of the campus—I'd like to see us get some more coed halls," Turnbough said.

Turnbough may get his wish if the RHA Coed Oversight Committee, a one-year committee studying coed housing, recommends that coed housing continue at A&M.

Kyle Jacobson, a junior civil engineering major and chairman of the committee, said when coed halls were proposed last year, part of the legislation called for a committee to study the coed halls.

The committee, which will report to the Department of Student Affairs and the RHA president, will make recommendations about the coed halls remaining coed and the construction of new coed halls.

Jacobson said the committee's final recommendation will not be made until after Feb. 14 because the results of the survey of residents are still being processed.

## Corp official conducts investigation of hazing

**By KEVIN HAMM**  
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A Corps of Cadets official is conducting an investigation to determine if hazing was involved in an incident that prompted a cadet to go to A.P. Beutel Health Center and later withdraw from the Corps.

Former cadet Shannon George, a sophomore biology major from Silsbee, withdrew from the Corps Friday, a week after he went to the health center complaining of a sore back and abdomen.

Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of the health center, said George came in complaining that he had stiff muscles and trouble straightening up.

George said he had run extensively that week, training for the Corps' annual three-mile run and doing aerobic running, Dirks said. George said he was required to do push-ups and sit-ups for an hour also, Dirks said.

Dirks said George received Motrin and a one-week excuse from

military activities.

The administrative hearing officer in charge of the investigation, Maj. Gerald R. Betty, said the investigation was ordered Friday after George withdrew from the Corps. The investigation began Monday, he said.

Betty declined to comment on the status of the investigation, but said it would be conducted according to University regulations.

Lt. Col. Donald J. Johnson, assistant Corps commandant, said the investigation focuses on the period between George's training for the three-mile run and Jan. 26, the day he went to the health center.

Johnson said that one day the upperclassmen overseeing George's training weren't satisfied with his performance. They thought he should put more effort into bettering his time, he said.

"We think some excessive physical activity took place," Johnson said. "If University discipline seems to be dic-

tated by what is found, that will take place."

Hazing is illegal according to University regulations and state law.

Betty said the first step is to notify the cadets who were involved in the incident that they are under investigation. A three-day waiting period follows before those under investigation meet with the administrative hearing officer. During the waiting period the hearing officer collects any information relevant to the investigation.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the hearing officer submits a report to the commandant of cadets, recommending whether or not any further action should be taken.

Depending on the cadets' schedules, the three-day waiting period may be extended, Betty said.

Herb George, Shannon's father, declined comment on the investigation, saying he feels the Corps should have time to complete their inquiry in as open and fair a manner as possible.

## Adviser: U.S. foreign aid reflects American life

**By SUZANNE CALDERON**  
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Foreign aid is a confusing issue in the United States, but it doesn't have to be, the senior public affairs adviser for the World Bank said Wednesday in the opening address for Student Council on National Affairs XXXV.

John Maxwell Hamilton said the scope of foreign aid is so vast that many people are uncertain of its purpose and effectiveness.

In his speech titled "The Origin, History and Purpose of United States Foreign Aid," Hamilton said the concept of foreign aid is old. Back in the '50s, he said, a cultural historian pointed out that the United States is a country with a history of strong voluntary giving.

"This reflected a significant factor about Americans and American life—we are a country that believes in volunteerism, a country that believes in giving," he said.

That is how foreign aid got its start—through America's entrepreneurial and "can do" spirit, Hamilton said. For example, he said, as far

back as 1812, the U.S. government sent aid to help earthquake victims in Venezuela.

Hamilton said whether it is 1812 or 1990, the debates about foreign aid have remained essentially the same.

Three guiding purposes have governed what happens in government assistance, he said.

The first of these purposes is that the United States gives money and aid for humanitarian reasons. The second is to further U.S. economic objectives, for example, creating markets abroad. Lastly, Americans give assistance in order to promote American values, like democracy, to other countries.

Hamilton said many arguments have been raised about these purposes for foreign assistance.

Some have said there should be conditions on foreign aid, or else foreign aid should only be given to those countries that have a tie to U.S. businesses, Hamilton said.

The United States' motive for giving foreign aid to promote Ameri-

## Graduate dies of leukemia

**By JILL BUTLER**  
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Funeral services are pending for Juan Manuel Basombrio, Class of '89, who died of leukemia Wednesday.

Basombrio, 22, a biochemistry major from Houston, graduated from Texas A&M in May 1989 and was commissioned in the Navy. He was a member of K-2 outfit in the Corps of Cadets, a Fish Drill Team adviser, a Ross Volunteer platoon leader, sergeant major of the Sixth Battalion as a junior and commanding officer of the battalion as a senior.

Basombrio, originally from Peru, received the Legion of Valor Award and the Senior Merit Award, was named Distinguished Naval Graduate and was recognized in Who's Who Among American College Students in 1989.

Jeff Barbieri, a senior environ-

## New licenses slow fake ID use

**By JULIE MYERS**  
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Minors who use "fake IDs" will find liquor harder to obtain as soon as the last batch of old Texas driver's licenses expires in 1992.

Since January 1988, the Texas Department of Public Safety has changed the front of all new or updated cards to curb the counterfeiting or alteration of driver's licenses.

If the minor is younger than 18, he must face sideways in his picture. If he is between 18 and 21, the words "Under 21" are stamped on the front.

Additionally, every new license issued, regardless of the age of the owner, is stamped on both sides with transparent, embossed seals of the State of Texas.

Bouncers and bartenders at local clubs recognize the differences between the old and new cards. They also know, for example, that a person born in 1967 should have a new, updated license with seals that are nearly impossible to duplicate inexpensively.

"These (new cards) are a step in the right direction," said Ron Stone, College Station Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission Assistant Supervisor.

"There are not nearly as many flea market IDs as there used to be," Stone said. "Word has gotten out that they're not worth the paper they're printed on. Everyone knows they are fake."

Already most bars, grocery stores and convenience stores will not accept temporary paper licenses without a picture ID or an out-of-state driver's license.

"If we serve alcohol, we are expected to know what all 50 licenses look like," Phil Harrison, a senior anthropology major and a Dudley's Draw bartender, said. "But we don't accept out-of-state licenses as proof of age unless they are obviously over 21."

Stone said bars by law are not au-

## Proposal threatens existence of happy hours throughout state

**By JULIE MYERS**  
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Happy hours will be banned statewide if the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission adopts a proposal presented last week by Texans War On Drugs, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Parent Teacher Association.

Lowell Lasley, a former TABC employee and independent attorney who drafted the proposal for the coalition, said they had 1,363 reasons to present the proposal to TABC. Department of Public Safety figures indicate that 1,363 people were killed on Texas highways in 1989 as a result of drunk driving.

TABC General Counsel Joe Darnall said the proposal would ban happy hour advertisements and promotions.

Technically, the proposal only bans advertisements, but Darnall said that the way the proposal is worded, it would lead to a total ban.

"They would be asking us to prohibit discounted and free

drinks during ladies' nights, happy hours and other promotions," Darnall said.

"They are focusing on a handful of businesses selling drinks during rush hour," Darnall said. "This is far more widespread and far reaching than is needed to reach their goal."

Instead of a ban, Darnall said, the coalition should help TABC identify those establishments who act irresponsibly, and the commission would solve the problem using the laws already on the books.

Lasley said, however, that a legislative decision was not a viable alternative to the coalition.

"Not speaking for the coalition, but as an attorney, the political reality of that is the alcohol lobby is so strong in the Texas Legislature that other groups do not have any real chance of getting proposals passed," Lasley said.

"If TABC already has laws on the books, they need to get rid of

thorized to confiscate altered or counterfeit licenses. They can only refuse service.

Harrison said that if he thinks IDs are fake, he can only tell the patron, "Sorry," and show them the door.

Consequently, Stone said College Station TABC only confiscates four or five altered and counterfeit licenses a month.

Using or making counterfeit licenses or ID cards with the intent to circulate is a third-degree felony which stipulates two to five years in a state penitentiary.

Making or using altered licenses is a Class "C" misdemeanor and carries a \$25 to \$200 fine for the first offense and a \$100 to \$500 fine for the second offense. The amount of the fine is left to the judge's discretion.

If convicted of these charges, the defendant also faces three to twelve months suspension of his or her license.

Borrowing or lending a valid license is also a Class "C" misdemeanor. Having more than one valid license at a time is also a Class "C" misdemeanor.