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Sorority benefits local community

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The service organization Alpha Kappa Alpha was the first black sorority to become Greek, and Texas A&M's chapter of the sorority was formed five years ago to benefit the community and provide sisterhood for females at A&M.

Demetra Andrews, Alpha Kappa Alpha's A&M chapter president, said the sorority was formed at A&M because in 1985 there were no campus service organizations specifically for women.

"There was a need for a service sorority on this campus for women who wanted to belong to a sorority for the sisterhood but also wanted more than a social atmosphere," Andrews said.

Andrews said she hopes all races can learn to work together.

"We should all realize history is not specific to a single race, it's always all of our history," Andrews said. "The sooner we realize that, the stronger we will become as a nation."

The sorority participates in programs such as Adopt-a-School, Big Event, the Options program at Bryan High School, food, paper and clothing drives.

This year the sorority has adopted Southwood Valley Elementary School in College Station. Sorority members work with children at the school who need special attention.

Sorority members also help with the Options program at Bryan High School. The Options program is an organization for high school students who are pregnant or who have children.

"Mainly we just talk to the girls and provide support," Andrews said.

The sorority is having a food-paper-clothing drive in April. The paper will be donated to the Brazos Valley Animal Shelter and food and clothing will be given to various organizations in Bryan-College Station.

Alpha Kappa Alpha began in 1908 at Howard University and has more than 200 chapters around the world. This includes city chapters throughout the United States, Africa, Jamaica and West Germany for women who are not enrolled at a university.

Chapters for Alpha Kappa Alphas who have graduated from college but want to remain active in the organization also are available.

"Once you join Alpha Kappa Alpha, you are a member for life," Andrews said.

The sorority formed a graduate chapter in Bryan-College Station last summer.

Anyone interested in joining Alpha Kappa Alpha must complete an application interview process and attend formal rush, usually held once each semester.

Signing autographs



Photo by Scott D. Weaver

Seven-year-old Jacob Appelt from Bryan waits Saturday. Jacob and his friends were attending a birthday party and the Aggies gave presents by signing autographs on balls, bats and gloves.

Police hunt for clues in robbery

Thieves break into, rob C&C Creations

Thieves broke into and stole numerous items from C&C Creations on Holleman Street in College Station, according to a Crime Stoppers report.

The report says that sometime in the early morning hours of Thursday, March 8, thieves smashed the front door on the north side of C&C Creations. After entering the building, suspects tore a dummy video camera from the wall and ripped the phone from its connections.

They proceeded to remove two computer terminals, a scanner, a laser printer, a fax machine, about 40 T-shirts and golf shirts and 15 jackets of assorted colors and sizes.



The majority of the equipment came from an office on the west side of the building and the clothing was taken from the showroom floor. Investigators have been unable to lift any fingerprints from the scene and all leads have been exhausted in the investigation.

This week the College Station Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for this burglary. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a coded number to protect your identity. If your call leads to an arrest and grand-jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.

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The sorority's motto is "to be of service to all mankind."

Although Alpha Kappa Alpha is mainly a service organization, the 16 members host parties and mixers. All proceeds from these events are donated to various organizations throughout the community.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha is all about serving the community, and through serving the community, lifting up the members themselves so they can achieve more," Andrews said.

She said although the sorority is historically a black organization, membership is not limited to African-Americans.

"We do not limit membership to blacks or minorities in general," Andrews said. "We are working for the good of the community, not any specific racial group."

Black, Hispanic enrollment in Texas universities increases

AUSTIN (AP) — Enrollment of black and Hispanic students in Texas' public universities is up, but the percentage enrolled still lags behind the minority population as a whole, the Higher Education Coordinating Board reported Monday.

The board said Hispanic enrollment increased by 8.6 percent in the fall 1989 semester, from 50,275 students in 1988 to 54,615. Black enrollment rose 5.5 percent, from 31,544 in 1988 to 33,287.

Overall student enrollment increased by 3.8 percent, from 385,422 in the fall of 1988 to 399,948. Minority student enrollments accounted for 42 percent of the overall increase, the board reported.

Despite those gains, however, the percentages for mi-

nority enrollment "are far less than their percentages of the population at large," the board said in a new report.

Hispanic students made up 13.7 percent of the enrollment in public universities, while blacks constituted 8.3 percent. Their percentages of the total Texas population are 24.2 percent for Hispanics and 12 percent for blacks.

Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth said he was pleased with the efforts of some campuses but said many still have far to go.

"A review of the state's demographics confirms that there are schools within easy access of black or Hispanic communities which can do more to attract minority students," Ashworth said.

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Aggies

Everyone Counts!

One out of six of you will receive a detailed census questionnaire on March 23 from the Bureau of the Census. If you do, you will be required to list your income for 1989. Your answers will be held in strictest confidence and will be used only for census purposes. **Here is how Aggies should fill out the income section:**

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32. INCOME IN 1989 --
Fill the "Yes" circle below for each income source received during 1989. Otherwise, fill the "No" circle. If "Yes", enter the total amount received during 1989.

For income received jointly, see instruction guide.
If exact amount is not known, please give best estimate.

If net income was a loss, write "Loss" above the dollar amount.

a. **Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses or tips from all jobs --** Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues or other items.

Yes No \$ _____ .00
Annual amount -- Dollars

Question 32a:

Income from jobs should include:

- Some fellowships.
- Assistantships.
- Scholarships.
- Work study.
- Student worker positions.

Question 32h:

Income from other sources should include regular contributions from persons not living in your household such as:

- State and federal grants.
- Parental support.
- Scholarships for which no work is required.

b. **Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony --** Do NOT include lump-sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home.

Yes No \$ _____ .00
Annual amount -- Dollars

***Do not include withdrawals from savings of any kind, any type of loan or payment in kind (food, free rent).

It is important that you fill in the other sections of Question 32 and the rest of the questionnaire correctly too. If you need help or have any questions, contact the Census Bureau at 846-2600.

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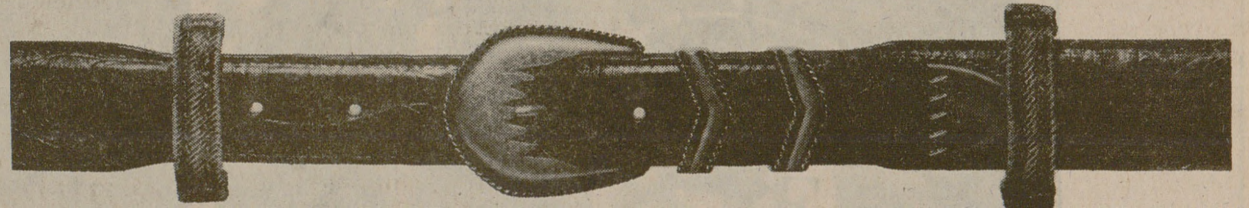
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