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Census Bureau adds help lines to assist public

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau is increasing the number of telephone help lines, after receiving nearly 50,000 calls over the weekend, the agency said Tuesday.

The toll-free service for people with questions about the census opened Friday with 390 lines available. The total is now being increased to 460 lines.

"The volume of calls we're receiving means there is a high degree of awareness and support for the census. But obviously we don't want people to get a busy signal when they call and we're taking steps to make sure that they don't," said census director Barbara Everitt Bryant.

The assistance lines are staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., local time, seven days a week.

The numbers are:
 English: 1-800-999-1990.
 Spanish: 1-800-283-6826.
 Cambodian: 1-800-289-1960.
 Chinese: 1-800-365-2101.
 Korean: 1-800-444-6205.
 Laotian: 1-800-888-3208.
 Vietnamese: 1-800-937-1953.
 Thai: 1-800-288-1984.
 Hearing Impaired: 1-800-777-0978.

Sigma Chi Derby Days raises money for charity

By ISSELLE MCALLISTER
 Special to the Battalion

It's that time of year again. The 15th annual Sigma Chi Derby Days will hit Texas A&M today through Saturday with a few changes from previous years.

The charity event that raised \$5,000 last year may raise more money this year because the fraternity will not have alcohol at the Derby Days activities, Dave Wiener, president of Sigma Chi fraternity, said.

The elimination of alcohol from Derby Days will have two advantages, Wiener said. It will make the event more acceptable to the community, the University and its participants, he said. Because the cost of alcohol will be eliminated, the amount of money going to charity should increase.

Another change this year is that proceeds will benefit local causes in addition to the Cleo Wallace Center, a home for underprivileged and handicapped children in Broomfield, Colo., which is usually the main beneficiary of funds raised during Derby Days.

The Sterling C. Evans Library and Special Olympics will receive some of the money.

The Cleo Wallace Center has been adopted by Sigma Chi chapters all over the United States and Canada, but since the center is doing well financially this year, Sigma Chi decided to focus its efforts on a local level, Wiener said.

The decision to donate to the library was a logical one, he said.

"The students at Texas A&M are the ones who are doing all the work and raising all the money, so we might as well give them the benefits," Wiener said.

About one-third of the money comes from T-shirt sales, but most of the money comes from the sponsorship of the Derby Days magazine, he said.

About 1,300 women participate every year, he said. Eleven sororities and one independent team compete against each other in various games and contests.

Derby Days will begin tonight at 8 during an open house at Sneakers. A \$2 donation gets patrons in to see two comedians. Sorority members will also compete at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in a house decorating contest.

Skit night is at 8 Friday, Wiener said. Teams will perform original skits at La Fiesta Ballroom. The public is welcome, and the cost of admission is a few cans of food. Last year Sigma Chi collected 900 pounds of food for the Brazos Food Bank, and this year they hope to top that, he said.

Derby Days will end Saturday with an all-day game day and the presentation of the Derby Days Queen, he said. Game day begins at 11 a.m.

The chairmen of Derby Days events started planning in October, he said. They hope to raise \$6,000 this year.

Making connections

Engineering Week activities offer students fun opportunities to meet business contacts

By DAPHNE MILLER
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an engineering booth in the lobby of Zachry.

Texas A&M engineering majors can try their hand at building sandcastles and wooden bridges today as part of Engineering Week activities.

Engineering Week, hosted by the Student Engineering Council, is in progress this week. All engineering majors are encouraged to participate.

Various events are scheduled through Saturday.

Wednesday's events include a 5 p.m. wooden bridge building contest at the CE Materials Lab and a 7 p.m. sandcastle building contest at Sneakers.

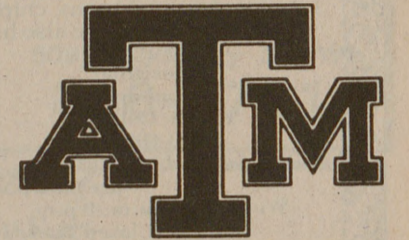
Thursday's events begin at 5 p.m. Fortran programming at the CVLB, a paper competition at Zachry, a domino "42" tournament and a volleyball tournament at Sneakers are scheduled.

The volleyball tournament and "42" tournament will continue at 2 p.m. Friday at Sneakers.

The tournaments will come to a close at 10 p.m. Saturday at Sneakers.

A fajita supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. The supper is \$5 per person, but students can purchase tickets early for \$1 at

Jane Smith, adviser to the Student Engineering Council, said all events are sponsored by corporations that are sending representatives to participate in the events. Participating in events is a good way for students to make connections, Smith said.



Sponsors include Exxon Corporation, Dow Chemical Company, Frito Lay, Du Pont and E Systems, she said.

Smith said Engineering Week is an annual event that usually includes about 300 student participants.

She said this year more participants are expected because of increased activities and the additional planning and work.

Alpha Phi Alpha prides itself on serving community's needs

By JULIETTE RIZZO
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"First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all."

Members of the Texas A&M chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first predominantly black college fraternity, pride themselves on living up to their founders' motto to serve all and all the needs of the community.

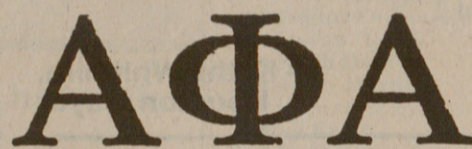
Terris Burton, A&M chapter president, said members constantly strive to uphold what they consider their responsibility to promote excellence in education and social progress in communities nationwide.

Through numerous service projects, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha in Bryan-College Station, who call themselves Alphas, are doing their part to help the community.

Their national Adopt-A-School program has been implemented in the community to help educate children and maintain school retention rates. Once a week the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha tutor, play games with and serve as role models to students at Southwood Valley Elementary School.

Michael A. Brown, alumnus of the A&M chapter, said the Alphas believe children are the key to the future of many communities.

"By all means, education in the community is important to us," Brown said. "We



believe strength comes from the mind and that through educating people, strength will come to them."

And from strength comes perseverance of all races, Brown said.

The Alphas also co-sponsor Project Alpha, a national project to teach youngsters about the importance of sex education and the responsibilities and risks involved in the act.

Other Alpha projects include Adopt-A-Highway, Alpha Academy (the members teach courses to youth in school settings), voter registration drives and the Go-to-High School/Go-to-College movement to increase retention rates at nationwide high schools.

The Alphas also sponsor programs to educate non-blacks about the African-American culture.

Burton said that on the first Monday of the spring semester the fraternity also sponsors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day to promote education and foster the dream of King, who was an Alpha.

Roland S. Martin, chapter historian, said the fraternity definitely stresses scholarly

achievement and involvement in the community.

Like the sphinx, the fraternity's symbol of strength, the Alphas stand for excellence, perseverance and control, Martin said.

Brown said these are the traits the Alphas want to instill in the children of today.

"We want all children, the underprivileged especially, to realize there is a better world waiting for them if they become educated," Brown said. "We want kids to realize the number of opportunities available to them today that were not available to all those who came before them. We want them to take advantage of as many as they can, because today there is no limit."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY 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.

h. 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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