

Fraternity rebuilds after fire

Tragedy responsible for making group closer, members say

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As members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity near a final decision about the purchase of their new house, they say they are realizing that the flames that brought the old TKE house down have brought them closer together.

Kevin Wilson, president of TKE, said he thinks this tragedy has had a unifying effect on the fraternity.

"This whole thing hasn't really put us out any," he said. "In fact, it seems to have pulled everyone together. I guess trauma does that."

Dr. Sam Gillespie, TKE alumnus and faculty adviser, said he thinks the TKEs did a good job overcoming the fact that they didn't have a house during rush.

"Anytime you don't have these things, you're at a disadvantage," he said. "But we had a situation where we were able to talk about the fact that we used to have a

house and we were anticipating getting a new one."

Wilson said several TKE alumni and financial advisers are presently number-crunching in an effort to purchase a house or land on which a suitable house could be built. Gillespie said he and several other alumni are looking at four or five different sights, two of which are rural locations outside College Station.

"A lot depends on the settlement we get from the insurance company," he said. "That has not been settled yet, but we are close. We can't really make a decision until we know how much money we have."

Gillespie said the old TKE house was owned by a Housing Board, comprised of himself and several other former TKEs. They bought the property and were leasing it to the chapter, he said. The house was not paid for so the existing debt must first be paid off before a new house can be purchased.

Gillespie said the final decision will be made by members of the Housing Board, but they will consider the desires of the active members.

"There is an open exchange," he said. "We've got to listen to the members because they're the ones pulling the freight here. On the other hand, we can't do what they want if we can't afford it. It will be a series of compromises."

Wilson said the members will be presented their suggestions to the board members in a meeting on Nov. 1 and he hopes a final decision will be made at that time. Gillespie said there are many factors that must be considered in making the final decision.

"We have to consider money, what the chapter wants, and what's out there and available," he said.

"We have to consider the future of this chapter and what role it will play on this campus. We have to factor all of these things into our decision."



Gabriel Ledezma, a third grader from Anson Jones Elementary, enjoys the children's concert with his classmates at Rudder Auditorium on

Monday. The concert is put on every year by the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra for elementary school students in the B-CS area.

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Correction

In the Oct. 19 edition of The Battalion we incorrectly stated that Dr. Khalid Iman, a planning and design consultant for Texas A&M, said "Cairo, where earthquakes rarely occur, has no building codes..." and later, "Considering that San Francisco has building codes..." In both cases the story should have clarified seismic building codes. The Battalion regrets the error.

Organization gives library \$2,000

By CHERYL HELLER

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University's Sterling C. Evans Library will receive new audio-visual equipment for its Learning Resources Department, thanks to a \$2,000 gift from the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The gift, which has been presented to the Library for three consecutive years, is made possible from the fraternity's annual Derby Day fund-raiser. The first gift provided the Library with two NOTIS terminals in the Reference area, and the second gift provided NOTIS terminals in the Journals Department. The fraternity presented the gift to the Library without being solicited, according to Evans Library development and promotion coordinator Charlene Clark.

"Sigma Chi came to us with the gift," Clark said. "They decided on their own that the library was a high priority for them."

By presenting the gift to Evans Library, Sigma Chi achieves two major milestones.

Because of the amount of the gift, Sigma Chi will be recognized as a major donor in the Library's donor recognition program, the Legacy of Learning, as the first student group other than a graduating class to receive such an honor.

Sigma Chi is also the first student group to contribute to the Library as part of the University's capital campaign.

"We think very highly of Sigma Chi," Clark said. "They have made a commitment to the library, and it means a lot to us that they're thinking of our needs."

Doctoral student dies in car accident in Corpus Christi



Roy Pereira Sebastian, a doctoral student in wildlife and fisheries science at Texas A&M University, died in a single car accident in Corpus Christi over the weekend.

Sebastian was in Corpus Christi working on a research project.

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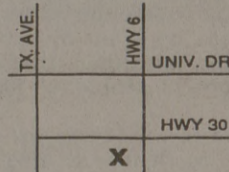
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