

RHA accepts Cain residents

Hall officially gains membership

By TANYA SASSER

Staff writer of THE BATTALION

Cain Hall became an official member of the Residence Hall Association last week, and the hall officers are hoping that the resident athletes will get involved despite the time constraints they face as students and athletes.

The NCAA passed a rule stating that at least 50 percent of Cain must be occupied by non-athletes by 1995, said Dr. Steve Crews, Cain Hall adviser.

This means that at least 106 of the hall residents have to be non-athletes by that time, he said. At

to do extracurricular stuff."

RHA president Kim Tenpas said she is excited that Cain has joined RHA.

"I think it's a really great thing," she said. "It's definitely a step in the right direction."

Cain has different needs than the other halls, and it will be difficult, at first, to fully involve the residents, Tenpas said.

"Their council is trying to be optimistic, but it's hard," she said.

"They need special attention, so we are trying to include them as part of RHA and make them more active members. I think we're moving in the right direction."

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- Dr. Steve Crews, Cain Hall adviser



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Erik Zbrahamson, right, front, a senior animal science major from Tampico, Mexico, and Angela Pawlak, left, front, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries major

from Sealy, listen intently to their scuba instructor. The members of the introduction scuba class are preparing for their final tests prior to certification.

the present time, there are about 50 or 55 Cain residents that are not involved in Texas A&M's athletic program.

"There was some interest in getting involved (in RHA) about three years ago," Crews said. "The athletes had time constraints, but they wanted to be involved."

Some non-athletic residents approached him earlier this semester and expressed interest in making Cain a member of RHA, Crews said.

"It's hard for a lot of the residents to be active," he said. "But we're in the process, and we're still growing."

It is probable that many of the resident athletes will have a hard time getting involved in RHA, said Claudio Sosa, Cain Hall RHA delegate.

"It is very understandable that they might not be very involved," he said.

"They have a lot of demands on their time, and they have to work to budget their time. Their time is very limited, and it is hard

Sosa said he thinks most of the residents don't even know that Cain is now a part of the RHA.

"I would say that about 98 percent of the residents don't even know what happened," he said. "But we're just getting started; we're trying to build and lay the foundation."

Carlos Margo, Cain Hall president, said he is eager to get started and to get Cain as involved as possible.

"I think it's a great thing that we became members," he said. "We are as eager to get started with as many activities as we can."

It will probably take some time before the hall is completely integrated with the RHA, Margo said.

"We're just getting started and we're really working towards next semester," he said. "Right now, we're just experimenting and getting feedback. We've gotten both positive and negative responses from the residents but you never know what will happen until you try."

Workshop to offer hints on GRE

By WILL HEALY

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's graduate school is cosponsoring a free, all-day workshop on Friday to teach students how to pass the GRE test.

Project 1000, the other organization sponsoring the workshop, is an educational organization which was set up to help students pass the GRE and get into graduate school.

The organization seeks to make it easier for students to get accepted into graduate programs at major universities and receive financial aid.

The workshop is held at 250 in-

Organization to prepare students for graduate school entrance exam

stitutions across the country and tells students how to prepare for the exam by the people who wrote it, said Melissa Werner, coordinator for outreach and development at Project 1000.

The seminar will also give students tips on things such as time management and stress reduction.

"A&M has students who are currently enrolled in graduate programs who used the Project 1000 process," said Susan Yeager, admissions counselor and re-

cruiter at the Office of Graduate Studies.

The program is designed for Hispanic students, Yeager said. Those Hispanic students who participate in the workshop will be able to fill out an application with Project 1000 that can be forwarded to other universities.

According to information provided by Project 1000, "Most Hispanic students (79 percent) apply to only one university (if they apply to any university at all) for

graduate work. The chances for being admitted are far greater when students apply to more than one university."

Though the program is designed for Hispanic students and other underrepresented minorities, all students are welcome to attend the seminar.

The workshop will take place on Friday, Nov. 13 and lasts from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

It will be held in room 510 of Rudder Tower.

Anyone wanting more information can call Project 1000 at 1-800-327-4893 or Jeri Salyer of the Texas A&M Graduate School at 845-3633.

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