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Rep. Rangel urges Hispanics to stand firm

By Geneen Pipher

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Members of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority continued their month-long celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Thursday night with a motivational speech on Hispanic issues by State Rep. Irma Rangel.

Rangel, a democratic member of the Texas House of Representatives and chair of the Hispanic Caucus, offered a brief history of Hispanics in Texas and noted that many Hispanic leaders who helped shape Texas are left out of history books.

"We are the people who really started the state of Texas," she said. "We had a prominence in

Sorority sponsors motivational speech

the 1500s. We were the majority. I want to teach the history that has not been provided for us. I want young Hispanics to see the changes that took place and let them know that we can overcome the obstacles that face us and do great things with our lives."

When faced with discrimination or opposition, Rangel encouraged Hispanics to stand firm, persevere and never give up.

"If you experience any acts of discrimination, ignore them," she said. "Do not allow the experience to make you bitter or angry because it will take away from your educational experience and

you will be giving them the satisfaction of knowing they hurt you."

Rangel said Hispanics have made great progress, and she has seen many changes since she began her career.

"We are progressing," she said. "The obstacles are not as big as when I was in school. I was the first Hispanic-American woman in the Texas Legislature and now there are seven of us, 26 Hispanic-American state representatives total. We must go forward but never forget who we are and where we came from."

Rangel urged Hispanics to give

something back to their communities after graduation.

"You have nowhere to go but up," she said. "When you achieve that great success, you must help those who are not as fortunate as you. If you want to clean up the government, you need to become a leader yourself."

Patricia Morales, a junior biology major and president of Kappa Delta Chi said the speech helped students to realize that they can make a difference in society.

"Because we come from such diverse backgrounds, we often lose sight of where we come from," she said. "She helped us realize we can be successful and still remember our heritage."

UPD holds Crime Prevention Fair

Groups to offer information on property protection

By Lisa Elliott

THE BATTALION

Students, faculty and members of the Bryan-College Station community will have the opportunity to learn more about personal safety and property protection when the University Police Department holds a crime prevention fair today at Rudder Fountain in honor of Crime Prevention Month.

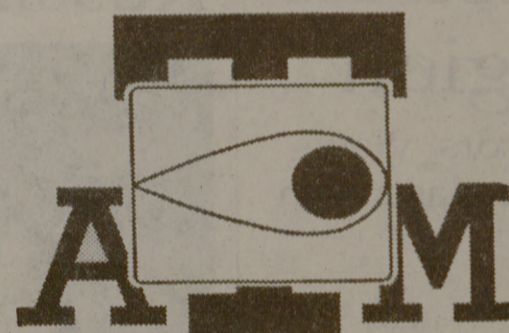
Among the groups that will be offering information are the Center for Drug Prevention, Off-Campus Aggies, Bus Operations and A&M Escort Services.

Crime Prevention Officer Cpl. Betty LeMay said she will have a truck on display that was vandalized recently when someone tried to steal it.

UPD will offer demonstrations to teach motorists how to protect their cars from theft.

One such demonstration will show motorists how to turn the screws in the tailgate around to prevent tailgate theft which, she said, is fairly common.

Motorists will have the opportunity to compare alarm systems and different kinds of locks as well.



"We will offer a wide range of information people would be interested in," she said. "We're hoping everyone will stop by and play some games, get some information and some free candy as well."

LeMay said there will also be demonstrations in self-defense, drug prevention, bike registration and property engraving, as well as office safety and crime prevention for the disabled.

The event will be from noon to 5 p.m. and will consist of games, displays and demonstrations.

A&M making bid to host regional RHA conference

By Jan Higginbotham

THE BATTALION

Leadership and exposure are important benefits that Residence Hall Association members at Texas A&M University are looking for as they organize plans for a regional conference.

The RHA is working on a bid that could bring the 1994 Conference of the South West Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH) to Texas A&M.

Kim McNulty, co-chair for the RHA SWACURH bid committee, said the conference would provide a lot of exposure for Texas A&M. Plus, it would serve as a leadership experience for A&M students.

"This would be a good opportunity for A&M to host this because the other schools in our region could see what A&M has to offer," McNulty said.

Kori Remmler, co-chair for the committee, and McNulty are organizing the bid that will be presented at this year's SWACURH conference November 10-14 at Oklahoma State University.

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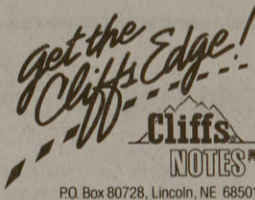
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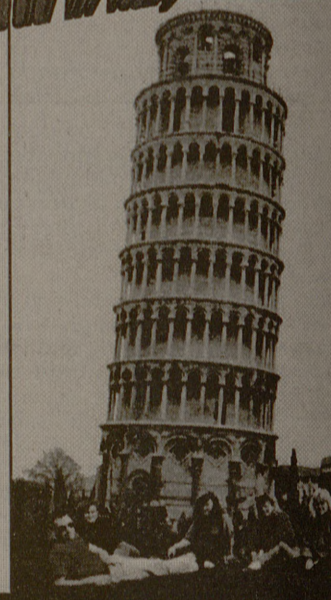
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