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Center to help Aggies solve disputes

By Carrie Miura

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M students can seek legal help to resolve personal disputes and conflicts by taking advantage of the newly developed Student Conflict Resolution Center.

Eugene Zdziarski, coordinator of the center, said the center was developed to include the Dispute Resolution Services and provide assistance to students in negotiation and mediation of personal disputes.

"There was a gap in the services that were previously offered to the students," Zdziarski said.

The Dispute Resolution Services started as two separate offices, the Office of Student Judicial Programs and the Office of the Student's Attorney.

Student Conflict Resolution Center to aid in problem negotiations, mediation

But, Zdziarski said, the Office of Student Judicial Programs could not handle issues outside of the University disciplinary process, and the Office of the Student's Attorney was unable to advise students against one another. These offices now fall within the Dispute Resolution Services.

The idea behind forming the conflict resolution center was to give students access to free legal services and to assess an individual's problem so the student can seek the proper services, Zdziarski said.

"Our goal is to try and assess the student's problem and to explain and layout the options that are available to them," he said.

The center also contains the

Student Judicial Service, which disciplines students who break University regulations, and the Student Legal Services, which provides legal advice and counseling to students.

Students often seek advice from the legal services office when they get in trouble for breaking on-campus alcohol consumption rules, Zdziarski said.

"Students have many misconceptions relating to various legal issues, like getting a MIP (Minor in Possession)," he said. "Some students just treat it like any other ticket."

But, Zdziarski said, when a University police officer issues a citation to a student, this citation may appear permanently on the

student's criminal record.

Kim Thomas, who helps coordinate the Student Judicial Services, said the student will also have to face disciplinary sanctions within the University's system.

"We try not to be punitive, number one, to make the students aware of University policies concerning alcohol possession or consumption on campus, and number two, to educate them about alcohol consumption," she said.

The other disputes that the center frequently encounters are roommate conflicts, relationship disputes, landlord and tenant disputes, and wills and divorce decrees.

The conflict resolution center is staffed with advisers who have completed the State Certified Mediation Training and are qualified to conduct court-ordered mediation sessions.

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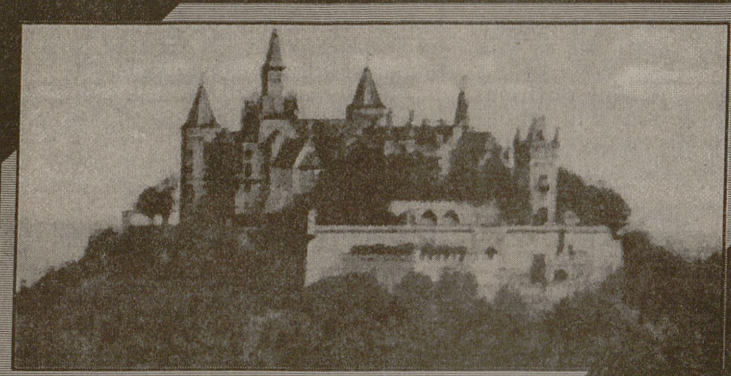
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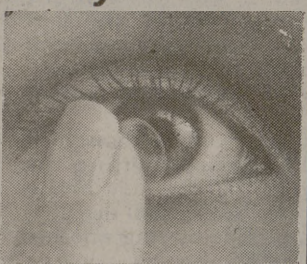
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Fraternity receives charter from international chapter

By Cheryl Heller

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The Texas A&M University chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity received its charter from the fraternity's international chapter Saturday night during a special installation ceremony.

37 fraternity members were initiated during the ceremony, which was conducted by members of the arch-chapter of Delta Tau Delta international fraternity.

Delta Tau Delta was established at Texas A&M two years ago with 17 members and has been recognized as a student group at the University since November 1991.

"We've been officially recognized on campus as an Interfraternity Council (IFC) member since the fall of 1991, but we've been working on getting our charter since spring of 1991, so we've been around about two and a half years," said fraternity President Chris Ritter.

Delta Tau Delta went through a two-year colonization process to receive its charter and during that time it had to meet academic and moral guidelines established by the IFC.

"Most student groups are im-

mediately recognized at Texas A&M, but we want new fraternities to meet certain standards," said IFC President Michael Reilly. "When a new fraternity comes to Texas A&M, we hold them to certain standards that they must meet to be recognized as a student group."

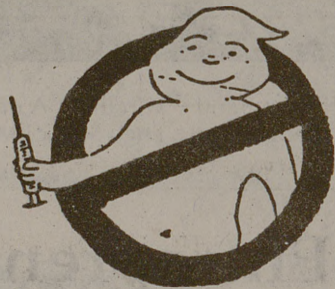
The fraternity was also required to meet University guidelines relating to academics and establish a philanthropy, Ritter said.

Reilly said Delta Tau Delta was the first fraternity to undergo the colonization period under new IFC guidelines.

"We made them the test case, which required them to meet with advisers and show the progress they have made over the past two years," he said. "The new guidelines forced them to grow and become strong, and they've become very successful in a short time."

Ritter said fraternity members are excited about receiving their charter and are glad to see the fraternity benefit from its work.

"We've all worked very hard to get this charter," he said. "It was a big effort trying to meet the requirements to become a chapter. It's great to see all of our hard work pay off."



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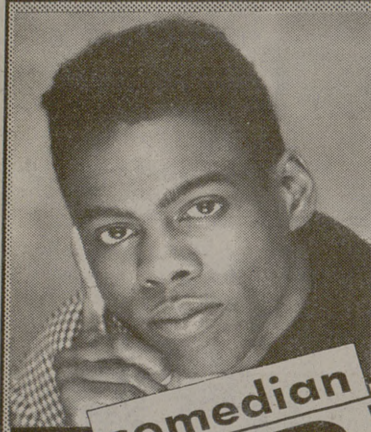
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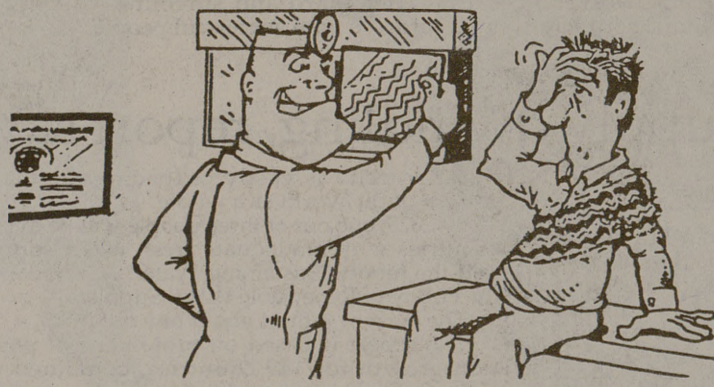
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