

Not always lonely at the top



Mary Macmanus/The Battalion

Audra Robertson, a junior chemistry and biochemistry major from Odessa, receives congratulations after winning the title of Miss Black and

Gold for 1994. The pageant was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Saturday night in Rudder Theater.

Greek organizations come together to discuss mutual interests, image

Councils want to dispel myth about Greek groups

By Eloise Flint

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's three Greek councils will work together this semester and plan to hold meetings to keep the lines of communication open.

The collaboration began in January when representatives from the Interfraternity, Panhellenic and Panhellenic Councils went on a retreat.

Lenita Hanson, Greek coordinator, said this was the first time the groups discussed the uniqueness of their organizations.

"The retreat resulted in an understanding of the value each organization is to the University," Hanson said.

"They learned about each other and how they can interact to impact the students."

Donald Eknoyan, president of the Interfraternity Council, said the three councils will work together in the future to accomplish their goals.

"We learned about working together to distinguish between fragmented, conflicted and smooth situations," Eknoyan said.

John Price, adviser for the Interfraternity Council, said they are planning regular meetings with the presidents of the three councils.

Price said the main goal of the meetings is to get

chapters more involved in campus activities.

"There is a myth that Greeks only want to apply themselves to things that pertain to them," he said.

"If we don't increase participation, then at least we can publicize how much Greeks really are involved," Price said.

"If you look at almost any activity, Greeks are a big part of it."

Panhellenic Council President Julius Cox said a new collaboration will have a strong impact.

"All three organizations are individuals and I would never see them put together as one," Cox said.

"We can accomplish more working together, and what three of us can do is amazing."

Eknoyan said the councils are currently working together on their newsletter, The Forum.

"I'm trying to promote interfraternalism," Eknoyan said.

"Involvement of Greeks is there. We just need recognition of it."

Hanson said she is looking for an increase in cooperation and collaboration among the groups.

"They do a lot for A&M individually, but together they can build a better public image," Hanson said.

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-John Price, adviser for the Interfraternity Council

Prosecutors expected to call Branch Davidians to testify

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — For nearly three weeks, jurors in the murder trial of 11 Branch Davidians have listened to law officers describe the carnage of a shootout at the country commune of David Koresh.

Federal prosecutors this week are expected to call witnesses who were living

inside the religious sect's compound when the Feb. 28, 1993, gun battle broke out after a failed federal raid.

Four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed and at least 16 wounded in the shootout. Six Branch Davidians are believed to have been killed.

The gun battle led to a 51-day standoff that ended April 19 when fire destroyed

the Davidian compound near Waco. Koresh and about 80 followers died, some from gunshots.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn declined to say who his next witnesses are likely to be.

However, a defense lawyer indicated Victorine Hollingsworth, 59, a Branch Davidian who was classified as a material witness in the case, was expected to take

the stand early this week.

Still to come is key prosecution witness Kathryn Schroeder, who lived at the Davidian compound. She also was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to a lesser offense and agreed to testify for the government.

Prosecutors would not say when she will appear in court.

On Friday, government attorneys

questioned ATF agents about a second shootout near the compound during the raid. Defendants Norman Allison Woodrow Kendrick were arrested in connection with that incident.

Like the other nine defendants, Kendrick face murder and murder conspiracy charges and could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Communication satellite to relay medical information

The Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — A satellite deployed by the space shuttle Discovery last year could eventually help provide health care to remote areas of the world without actually going there, NASA scientists say.

Six Houston medical specialists tried out the \$363 million Advanced Communications Technology Satellite on Saturday by examining patients in Boulder, Colo., more than a thousand miles away.

Color images of the retinas of five patients from the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver were beamed to the Johnson Space Center, where doctors spent about 45 minutes examining them.

On four of the five cases, the local medical specialists arrived at the same diagnoses as doctors in Colorado.

During a similar exercise last weekend, the Houston doctors were right in five of six cases.

NASA believes that the technology might soon allow remote areas access to health care from such institutions as Houston's Texas Medical Center, one of

the world's leading medical complexes.

Dr. Roger Billica, chief of medical operations at Johnson, said "that is one of the biggest challenges in medicine right now."

"Telemedicine" has been used for decades, but such medical advances as CAT scans and ultrasound have outpaced the transmission limits of traditional phone lines and many satellites.

NASA's new satellite, deployed in September, provides transmission beams 20 times more powerful than standard satellites and allows individual users to hook up to each other with space-based switchers.

ACTS also uses an uncluttered part of the spectrum with bands five times wider than those used in traditional transmissions.

Such advances are only now allowing doctors use high-resolution imagery, such as retinal photography, to diagnose patients many miles away.

"The whole intent here is to see whether we can provide health care to remote sites of the world country without having patients travel long distances and do it at a cost that is comparable to traditional medicine or cheaper," said Charles Lloyd, a NASA medical projects office manager.

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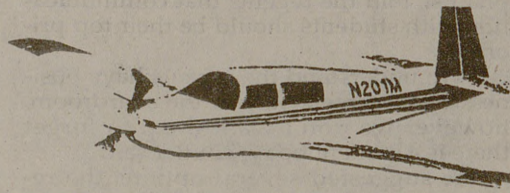
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