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Speaker says Greeks need to up responsibility

By Jan Higginbotham

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Members of Texas A&M's Greek system have a responsibility few people could ever have, a speaker told members of A&M's Greek community Sunday night.

Dr. Will Keim, a public speaker and campus minister who travels across the United States to speak to Greek organizations, said it is important for all Greeks to accept responsibility for their brothers and sisters.

"We're only as strong as the weakest house on campus," Keim said.

Greeks have several choices they have to make if they are going to survive at Texas A&M, he said.

"Studying has to be the number one priority of every house on campus," he said. "We need to prepare scholars." Fraternities and sororities need to make studying important, and they also must make an effort to serve their community and to include a variety of people in their organizations, Keim said.

He said Greeks have to take the initiative to not haze, to be sexually responsible, to learn to use alcohol responsibly, and to live drug-free.

Keim said Greeks have the best thing going, and they must get out and let people know.

"It is our responsibility to build bridges," he said.

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Dance to victory



Members of the UH chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity perform a part of their step sequence that helped them win first place in the Sixth Annual Greek Olympiad. The Olympiad was held Saturday night in Rudder Auditorium for a crowd of over 800.

Students emphasize Latino culture, destiny

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

THE BATTALION

Over 400 Latino students from colleges throughout the Southwest attended the seventh annual Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture (CAMAC) conference on Latino Affairs this weekend.

Dr. Michael Olivas, law professor at the University of Houston's Law School, said Latino students should strive for more than an undergraduate degree and take advantage of their opportunities at A&M.

"There has never been a better

time to be at schools for Latinos," he said. "We produce too many lawyers and engineers but not enough Latino lawyers or engineers."

Olivas said in his speech, titled "Is the glass half-full or half-empty?", that Latino students need to realize the job market works differently for them.

"Let us look at putting ourselves in these positions," he said. "That will be the day that the glass will be entirely full."

"What they (Americans) fear the most is not us as gang members, pachucos or cholos, but as us becoming lawyers, doctors, intellectuals, engineers and judges."

Olivas said Latinos have come a long way at A&M.

"I am astonished at how wonderful things are for Latinos at Texas A&M compared to before," Olivas said. "We must celebrate the distance we have come but member how far we have to go."

Seminars held Saturday included discussions on gang problems in the Latino community, immigration and the importance of knowing Latino history.

Many visitors from other universities said they were pleased to see A&M was not as racist as they perceived it to be.

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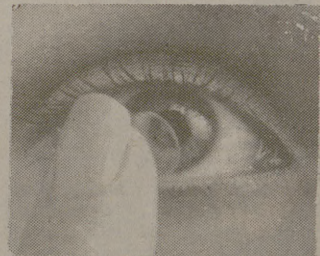
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