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# Fraternity bids more than 300 new members

**Scott Powers**  
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Fraternity Rush '94 ended Friday in the same fashion as it did last year. Chris Nelson, chair of fraternity rush, said the turnout for rush this fall was the same as last year. Nelson said about 450 men went through rush, with nearly 340 men receiving bids. He said 280 to 300 men accepted bids.

Although the numbers are not greater than last fall, Nelson said they are happy with the turnout this year.

"We are always hoping for more inter- but we feel our numbers are still in- creasing for the future," he said.

Nelson said that getting the word out to new students is important for con- tinual improvement.

This year we sent out a pamphlet to all human and transfer students who were at orientation this summer," he said. "It was full of information about fall rush, the Greek system, and each individual fraternity."

Donald Eknoyan, president of the Inter- fraternity Council, said rush was also ad- vised on sandwich boards and in The Battalion the first week of school.

Eknoyan said the basic rush policies have remained the same. An eight day process allows interested Aggies to check out the Greek system and allows fraternities to take a look at rushees.

"It's a two way street that allows them to evaluate each other," he said. "The men may visit with as many fraternities as they wish."

Eknoyan said an open forum was held the first day of rush to increase visibility. He said all 23 chapters had tables available with information.

Nelson said a Fraternity Life Seminar was held the first evening where Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, and several campus coordina- tors for the Greek system spoke to rushees about campus life.

"The first day was a good way for inter- ested Aggies to take a casual look at the Greek system," Nelson said.

Eknoyan said rush is a process which continues throughout the year.

"Anytime you wear the letters you're making an impression," he said.

Nelson said the fraternity system had two closings this year. Beta Sigma Psi and Zeta Beta Tau were both closed by their national chapters.



Stew Milne/The Battalion  
Members of Pi Kappa Phi tackle new pledges in front of the Systems building Friday concluding this fall's fraternity rush.

# Companies take advantage of students

## Personal information on mailing lists sold by businesses for gain

**Lisa Messer**  
BATTALION

Technological advancements in the market competition are forcing companies to make personal information less private as students may find themselves being sold on mailing lists without their permission.

Larry Lightfoot, executive director of the Better Business Bureau of the Brazos Valley, Inc., said businesses using people's personal information for their own gain are becoming more common.

"It becomes more of a problem as technology advances," Lightfoot said. "Now we wonder if the technology isn't as good as it is."

College students should be especially cautious of who has access to their personal information, he said.

"A lot of offers, like sweepstakes, are targeted to college students and senior citizens," Lightfoot said. "That's because they're the people looking for something for nothing."

Lightfoot said modern advancements allow more businesses to access more information, such as individuals' names, addresses and buying habits.

Lightfoot said danger arises

when unscrupulous businesses gain access to individual's personal information.

"People collect lists of people that they have successfully scammed and then hit these people time and time again," Lightfoot said. "They also sell those lists. The lists go for \$100

The Texas Public Utility Commission, however, is now requiring telephone companies to notify their customers that they have the right to restrict the use of this personal information.

Anne Rowssos, PUC spokesperson, said a telephone company could potentially sell

regulations.

"As you move more and more into the electronic age, this becomes more of an issue as to information being gathered without people really knowing that it is being gathered," Wilson said.

Bill Erwin, public affairs manager for GTE Southwest, said they will accommodate the PUC.

"As a matter of policy, we do not give out personal information," Erwin said. "With this notice, we'll reassure people that their privacy is being protected."

Rowssos said the Federal Communications Commission is thinking about revising their rules governing telephone companies' use of customers' information.

"A lot of local telephone companies are merging with companies that aren't restricted by the FCC," Rowssos said. "That's the potential for the information passing along."

Lightfoot said the Better Business Bureau receives daily complaints of businesses using people's personal information.

"We are made aware daily of people whose names were placed on mailing lists without their knowledge or their authority to do so," Lightfoot said. "It is a substantial problem around here."

**"People collect lists of people that they have successfully scammed and then hit these people time and time again. They also sell those lists. The lists go for \$100 to \$150 a name."**

*-Larry Lightfoot  
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