

Bid Day marks end of Rush week

500 rushees received bids to sororities of their choice Saturday at Oaks Park Pavilion.

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THE BATTALION

It was the moment the 620 rushees had waited for as they opened their envelopes and discovered if they would be a pledge in the sorority of their choice.

Saturday during Bid Day at the Oaks Park Pavilion, 500 rushees received invitations to join one of 10 sororities.

Lanita Hanson, director of student activities and the Panhellenic Council's advisor, said that although the number of pledges decreased from last year, 500 is a good number to work with.

"I think it worked out very well for the rushees," Hanson said. "Rush was more successful this year."

The number of rushees who did not receive bids decreased 50 percent from last year.

"Unfortunately, the process is very competitive, and it takes away from some of the opportunities the rushees have when joining a sorority," Hanson said.

Rush is run by a staff of four executive officers, one of each who is responsible for either the computer staff, delegate staff, administration or rho-chi, who are counselors who assist rushees.

Stacy Bush, president of the Panhellenic Council and a senior industrial distribution major, said the current rush team was selected last September, and preparation began soon after.

"In order to have a successful rush, so many things have to happen and everyone has to work together," Bush said.

Hanson said it was amazing what everyone was able to accomplish during the week of rush.

"Everyone worked incredibly hard," she said. "Our computers crashed on Monday, but we were able to pick up very quickly. That was the only problem we had all week."

Kathy Filkey, rush chair for the Panhellenic Council and a

senior business analysis major, said the selection process is done by the sorority and the rushees.

During the week, the rushees narrow down their choices to two sororities they would like to join. The sororities pick the women they would like to send an invitation.

If the rushee's name appears on one of the two sororities' lists and there is enough space available for the girl to pledge into the sorority, she gets an invitation.

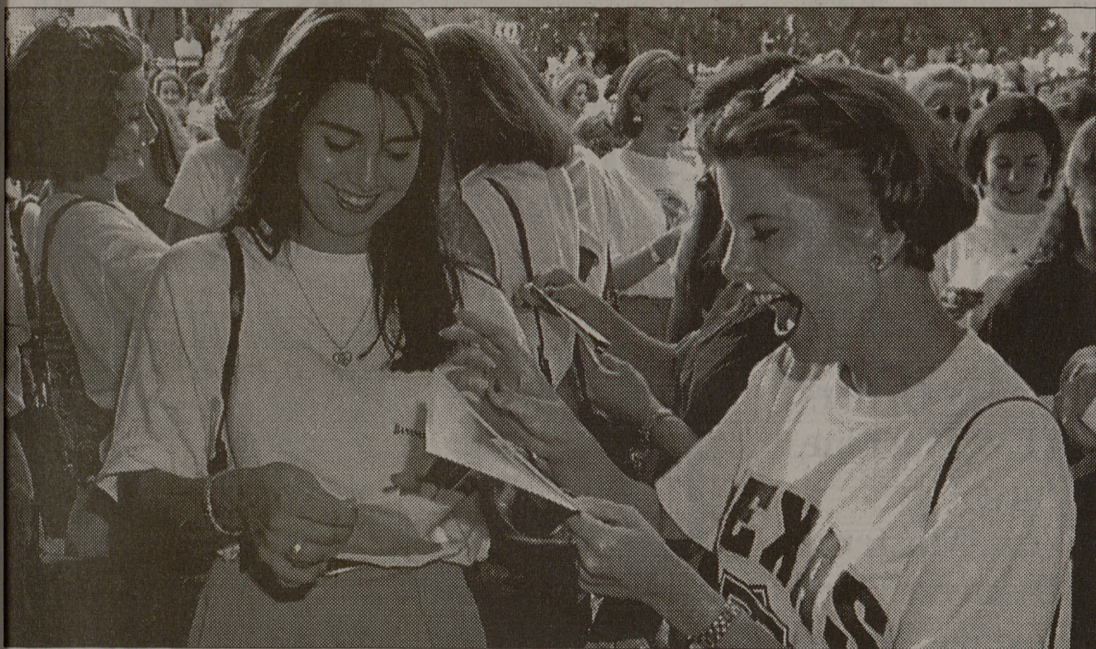
Each sorority was allowed about 50 new pledges this year. Bush said she expects great things from the new pledges.

"They have been really open minded," she said. "This is a group of strong girls. There are a lot of leaders among them."

"I expect them to be really active in academics and organizations. They asked a lot of questions."

Hanson said the new pledges have made a permanent decision, which will effect their lives.

"I feel they are going to stick to that decision which is great," she said.



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After a week of rush, freshmen Stephanie Williams and Jane Ivey are excited to receive a bid from Kappa Alpha Theta sorority Saturday evening at Oaks Park. Afterward, the girls run down Sorority Row to their new house.

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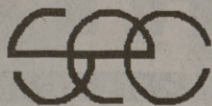
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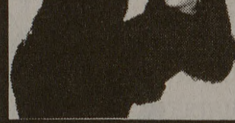
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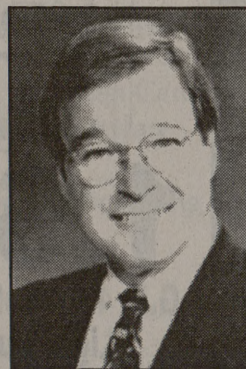
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