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Greeks celebrate 20 years of achievements

Membership in sororities at Texas A&M is increasing while decreasing at other schools across the country.

By Lily Aguilar
THE BATTALION

Several Texas A&M sororities are looking toward the future as they celebrate their 20th anniversaries this year. Lanita Hanson, Greek affairs coordinator and assistant director for student affairs, said eight sororities were chartered in 1975 and have increased in popularity and membership each year since. "Obviously the system has expanded in numbers, but since the initial eight groups, we've added three more sororities," Hanson said. "Across the country, the trend is that memberships are leveling off or even decreasing. "Our membership continues to go up. Over the past 20 years, students have identified more with the University, and

we have been part of the University since we were recognized in 1989."

Hanson said the sororities have sent a message to the A&M campus because they have continued to "grow and succeed" while facing negative stereotypes.

"It is a continual challenge to address why stereotypes are there and ways they can be dispelled," she said. "I work with Greeks to dispel the stereotypes on campus and in the community at large."

Sororities have incorporated more Aggie traditions, Hanson said, but have remained unique organizations because they provide a small-group living environment and a forum for sisterhood.

"The sororities provide leadership, a feeling that a student belongs outside the classroom," she said. "They still offer the

kind of leadership and organizational experience that they can take into their careers."

Andrea Britt, Delta Zeta president and a senior business administration major, said her organization held an alumni reunion last weekend to celebrate their anniversary.

Britt said the alumni seemed impressed with the accomplishments the sorority has made.

"We had quite a few charter members attend, and they were excited to see the house because [the sorority] started in an apartment," Britt said. "For them, Rush was done in a D-Z apartment."

Some of the feedback Britt received from alumni focused on how members manage social, service and school activities.

Britt said she has seen an improvement in alumni rela-

tions since she pledged in the Fall of 1992. She said Delta Zeta has tried to become involved on campus and in anthropic activities.

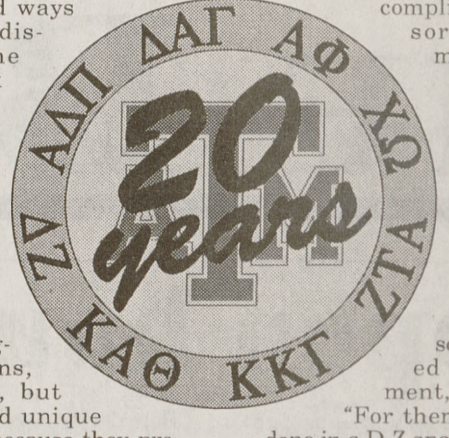
Jennifer Opland, Alpha Pi president and a senior medical science major, said her organization will have a reunion in the spring. She said she wants Alpha Delta Pi to be the alumni where the group has been and where they are going.

Opland said the Greek community has established a reputation by attending activities like football games, and Silver Taps.

"We've been here for years, which is a short time compared to other campuses and it has taken this long to gain acceptance," she said. "I'd like to see the negative stereotypes filter out."

Opland said Alpha Delta has worked for more involvement and participation, she said those traditions should continue in the future.

Other sororities celebrating their 20th anniversaries are Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha.



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HEALTH TIPS

Community organization provides free HIV testing

By Kendra McCown
A.P. BEUTEL HEALTH CENTER

Have you had your blood pressure checked recently? Do you think your glucose level may be too high or too low? What is your blood type? Has your vision been screened lately? Are you concerned about HIV? Do you want to become more informed about health and find out what services are available on campus and in the community?

If so, the 1995 Health Fair is for you. A. P. Beutel Health Center will present "With Health 'N Mind," Wednesday, Oct. 11, to promote social, mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health.

The Health Fair will be held in the MSC main walkway and Flagroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair's goal is to increase awareness and interest concerning health issues and how they relate to the students, faculty and staff members and the surrounding community. More than 30 campus and community orga-

nizations will provide information and free screenings.

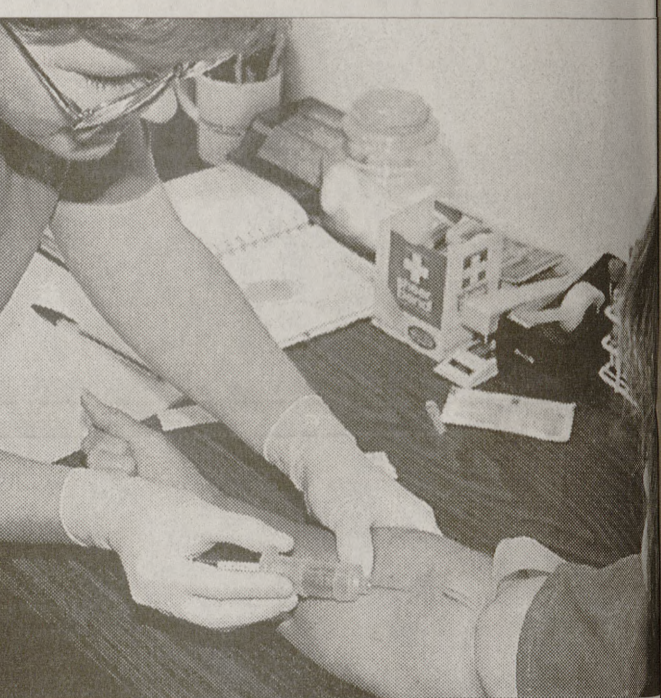
Services offered include blood pressure, glucose, HIV and vision screenings provided by community organizations. Biofeedback and stress tests will be conducted along with information on stress management.

Activities will include massages, free food, entertainment, sample products, door prizes and other free and fun stuff to do.

These are just a few of the organizations that will participate in Health Fair '95: American Heart Association, Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Brazos County Rape Crisis Center, BVCAA/AIDS Services of Brazos Valley, Department of Recreational Sports, Employee Assistance Program/Occupational Health and TAMU Nutrition Society.

For more information, students can contact Health Education at the A. P. Beutel Health Center at 845-1341.

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