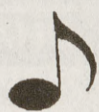




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### Recruiters available at Spring Career Fair

Texas A&M's Business Student Council will host its 17th annual Spring Career Fair Jan. 29 to Feb. 1 on the first floor of the Webner Building.

Students can meet with recruiters from more than 100 companies, such as Anderson Consulting, Target and Texas Commerce Bank.

Business Student Council representatives said students interested in accounting, finance, marketing, management and business analysis should attend the fair.

A banquet and reception will be held at the end of the week.

For banquet and reception ticket information, call Mark Evans at 845-6817.

### Texas DOT hosts open house today

The Texas Department of Transportation will host an open house today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at The Brazos Center in Bryan for citizens with questions about three proposed plans to alter Wellborn Road.

Other community meetings to discuss Wellborn Road construction are scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at A&M Methodist Church and 7 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1447 S. FM 2818 in Bryan.

For information, call Denise Fischer at 778-2165.

### Baylor lifts century-old ban on dancing

WACO, Texas (AP) — There may be dancing in the streets on the Baylor University campus this spring when the Southern Baptist institution lifts a ban that dates back more than a century.

Baylor President Robert Sloan announced Friday that the nation's largest Baptist university, with 12,000 students, will allow dancing on campus.

"We have aerobic dancing in Baptist churches and dance routines at athletic events," he said Friday. "Dancing can be a very wholesome activity."

## Fraternities offer bids to rushees

Spring Rush may have been hampered this year by a hazing investigation.

By Marissa Alanis  
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M's fraternities ended Spring Fraternity Rush Friday by extending 205 bids to prospective pledges.

Fraternity members turned in their bids by Thursday at noon, and rushees received the news Friday afternoon at Bid Day.

Bid Day is an annual event held at the Systems Administration Building.

Drew Diener, president of Delta Tau Delta and senior English major, said Rush, particularly Bid Day, should be a celebration of what is ahead for the pledges.

"Rush is the springboard for the semester," Diener said, "since it affects the general attitude within the fraternity house."

Diener said rushees usually know which fraternity they are going to join before they even receive their bids.

"By Monday or Tuesday, I'd say around two-thirds of them knew which fraternity they wanted to join," Diener said.

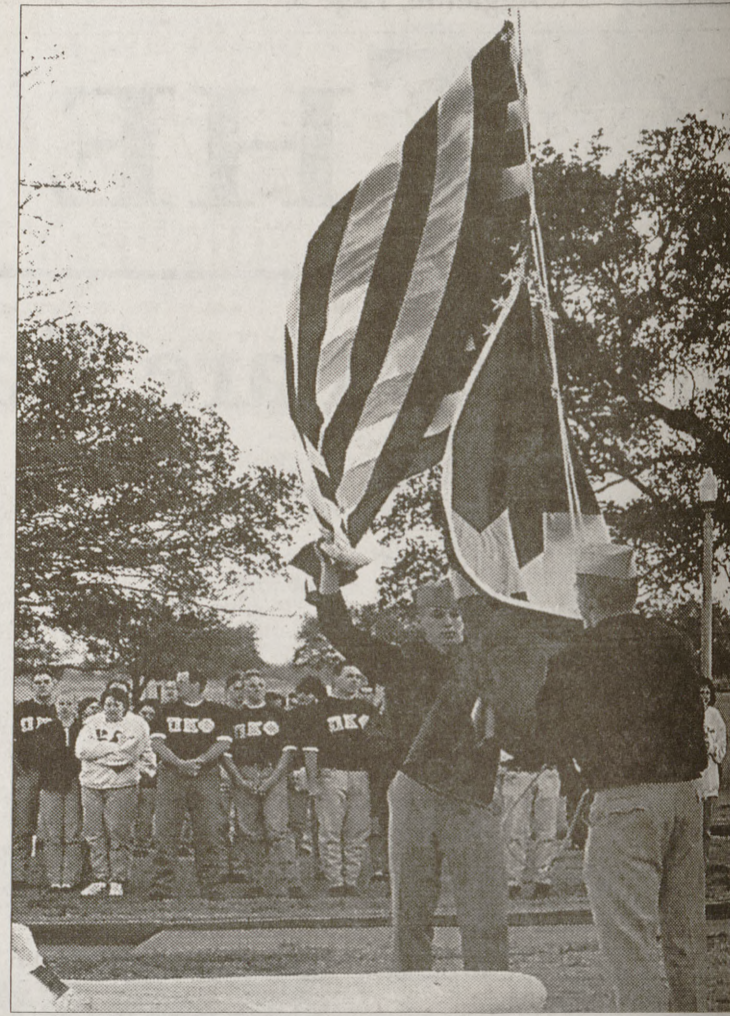
Adrian Gottschalk, president of Delta Chi and junior biochemistry major, said each fraternity recruits 10 to 12 pledges in the spring.

"Spring Rush is a lot smaller (than Fall Rush), so it's hard to predict the numbers," he said.

"Most people will just end up waiting until fall to rush."

Investigation into an alleged Pi Kappa Alpha hazing incident adversely affected the number of pledges this semester, Gottschalk said, and caused people to regard the Greek system with suspicion.

"There are a lot of good Greeks who are diverse in many areas," Gottschalk said. "It's sad to see people comment on an



Shane Elkins, THE BATTALION

Cadets take down the flags in front of the Systems Building Friday at 4 p.m. Members of all the fraternities were gathered there for Bid Day and stopped their festivities to watch quietly. Last semester, controversy surrounded the same type event when fraternity members failed to observe the Corps handling of the American flag.

isolated incident."

Gottschalk said students who rush in the spring usually receive bids from the fraternities of their choice.

"Rushees who decide to do that (try for a bid from a particular fraternity) usually are the ones who are pumped about the Greek system, and they are generally good guys," Gottschalk said.

Jason Signor, a Delta Chi

pledge and junior chemistry major, said he did not approach Rush with a specific goal.

"During Rush Week, I just went to the events for free food," Signor said.

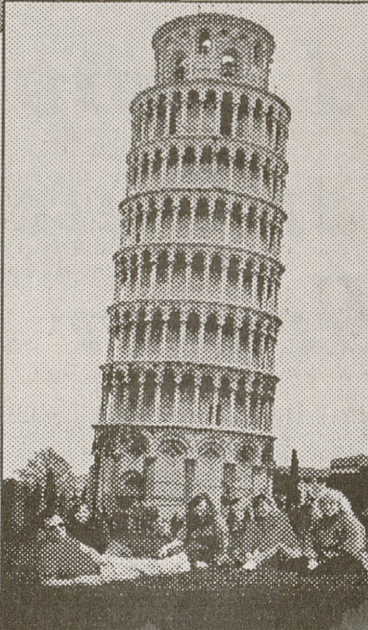
"I didn't make up my mind until last night."

"It's going to be hard to be in a fraternity, especially since I'm taking 17 hours and am on the rugby team."

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