



MSC Hospitality's **Etiquette Dinner**

Wednesday, October 20, 1999 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Faculty Club, Rudder Tower

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Cost is only \$8.00 for a 7 course meal thanks to support from the Vice President for Student Affairs and the MSC Director's Office. Registration begins at Rudder Box Office on Tuesday, Oct. 12 through Monday, Oct. 18. See our tables at Rudder Fountain for more information. Questions? call 845-1515.

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Def Komedy Jam Fraternity brings comedians to A&M to promote unity

BY HEATHER BRONDY The Battalion

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frican-American fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, has been promoting its sixth Annual comedian show, the Kappa Komedy Jam, through what it has titled "Kappa Week." The seven-day programming and publicity campaign, capped off by a comedy show, is intended to enhance African-American cultural awareness on campus.

Julian Blevins, Kappa social chair and a se-nior civil engineering major, said the fraternity hopes to facilitate a more open-minded campus environment.

We set up a series of programs throughout the week to enhance knowledge on campus and set a different atmosphere for students," he said. "The theme for this year's Kappa Week is 'A New Life.'" The "New Life" week of pro-grams included a lecture, "Fear of the

Black Man," in which a speaker talked of his experience of being wrongly accused of a crime. Wednesday's program discussed the possibility of Armageddon.

Curtis Pete, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity president and senior computer engineering major, said the Kappas are trying to give back to the campus a little bit of what

they've been given. "Kappa Week is a chance to give back to the students by pro-viding programs and activities that are more faid back but are also educating at the same time, Pete said.

"The reason we chose to make this year's theme 'A New Life' is because we're focusing on a new outlook on life and trying to get people thinking about things they may have never thought about before; things that you've done, that you're doing and how they affect you."

Pete said the Kappas encourage everyone to participate in Kappa Week programs.

"The programs are open to any-one," Pete said. "I personally looked forward to getting people to come out to the show and pro-grams — It's been a nice break away from normal activities. We

hope that through our programs people become aware of issues we're facing today and what we can do about them.

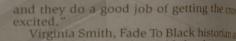
The headlining show, the Kappa Komedy Jam, will feature several popular comedians.

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The show is one of pretty good caliber, he said. "We're featuring AJ Johnson, who was in movies like Friday, How To Be a Player and I Got The Hook-Ups by Master P. It's good for us to be able to get such a celebrity because we're hoping it'll bring more people out to the show

The show also will include two tentative up and coming comedians and an African-American dance promotion by the campus dance troupe, Fade To Black

'We have a really good show this year, Pete said. "The minor comedians are from the Black Entertainment Television tour. We've also got Fade To Black dancing again,



a senior biology major, said the dance g looks forward to enhancing awareness of ferent types of African-American dance

"Fade to Black is a wonderful student nonprofit organization, whose purpose heighten awareness of historical and p African-American dance," Smith said

"We dance everything up to modern lyrical [and] hip-hop. The Kappas usua us to do a hip-hop dance to get the peo cited, but we've done a swing dance and elties, which are dances that tell a story. purpose at the Komedy Jam is to basically

LaTarah Lacey, Fade To Black presiden a senior journalism major, said she er hanging out with the Komedy Jam come We get to talk to th

medians backstage an what they're like b they go on, and that's cool because they're all laid back, "Lacey said.

"Last year we got t neat because you see they are on TV, and they are on TV, and t you get to talk to ther real life, and you rea that they're just like us Lacey said the Ka Komedy Jam is really ing to participate in. "The Kappas are nice, and the crowd is ways big so it's a lato

iust black people that g t's a lot more fun to Pete said the Ka

crowd to the Komedy

the campus toge through comedy, so any is invited this Sature night," Pete said.

The Kappa Komedy Jan will be at Rudder Auditor um tomorrow night at 7:30

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