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Dr. David W. Parrott, dean of student life, said all recognized student organizations are expected to adhere to the rules of conduct. A&M student rules mandate that organizations may not discriminate against members on the basis of sexual orientation.

"There are rules and regulations in place that address types of discrimination," Parrott said. "Sororities and fraternities are recognized student organizations, and, as such, are subject to those rules."

Cunningham said he did not tell members of the fraternity about his sexual orientation while he was rushing because he thought they would not accept him as a pledge.

"I knew that this could, in any way, help me get into TKE," Cunningham said. "I don't know for sure this would help me, but I knew it wouldn't hurt. I hoped that eventually I would be openly gay to the other members. I joined TKE because I wanted to join, not because I wanted to make a statement."

Danner said Cunningham was trying to prove a point by joining the fraternity.

"We believe that Cunningham has an agenda," said. "We think that he was trying to see if he could be accepted before he told everyone that he is gay."

David Griffin, a TKE chairman and junior construction science major, said he was unaware that Cunningham had been asked to leave TKE. The organization cannot be held responsible for decisions made by a few of its members, he said.

"We try not to discriminate any way," Griffith said. "Somebody said something to him [Cunningham], there was no discussion about it with other members. It's hard for me to be responsible for all TKE's members."

"This was not something that was decided by all of our members," Griffith said. "It was something that happened between a few of them."

Parrott said he cannot conduct an investigation or the course of action to take, but that it would be handled "expeditiously."

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by Adrian



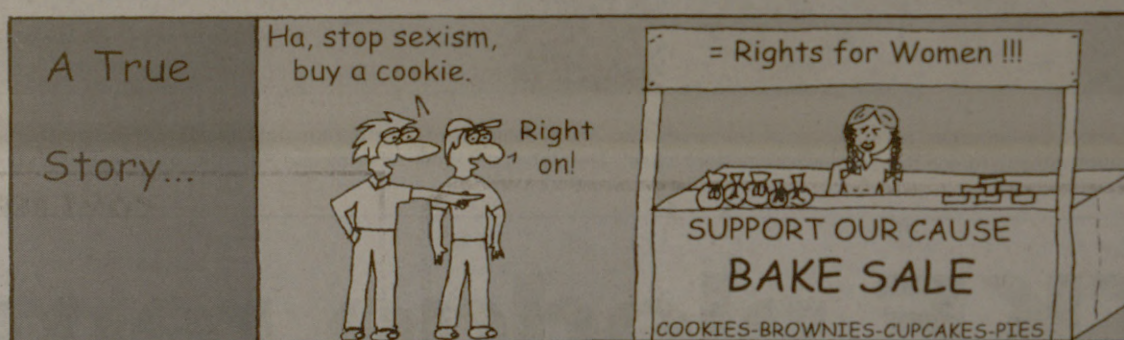
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The MPO is now required to complete two impact statements per proposed route.

After the rail study is completed, the final rail plan will be chosen.

Parks said that although the word "relocation" is in the title of the study he does not want residents of Brazos and Burleson counties to assume that relocating the railroad is the only option.

Charles Sippial Sr., a member of the MPO policy board and Texas A&M vice president for administration, said the setbacks make immediate completion of the study impossible.

"The new developments with the Federal Highway Administration that require us to have a primary and optional relocation plan with the completed [environmental] studies might set us back past the current January 2002 time period," Sippial said.

Although new situations have arisen throughout the rail study, Sippial said that is not the only reason for the slow progress.

"As in most issues of this kind with lots of public involvement," Sippial said, "there is a tendency to take a slow route to make sure all members of the community get a chance to weigh in on the issues."

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Wednesday

Experiential Education will hold an Internship Search Strategies Workshop in Koldus 111 at 4:30 p.m.

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) will hold its first general meeting in MSC 292B.

The Educational Society for Resource Management, (APICS), will hold an informational meet-

ing at 6 p.m. in Rudder 401. For more information, contact Summer Bakowski at 696-0848.

Cooperative Education will hold a Co-op Orientation at 5:30 p.m. in Zachry 119. Steps to learn about participating in the program will be taught at this time.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in Zachry 104.

Thursday

Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity, is holding the Fall 2001 Rush Informational at 7:30 p.m. in MSC 201. For more information, contact Kristie at 694-0181 or Mary at 575-8358.

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