

Student Life, fraternity disagree on eligibility rules

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Zeta Beta Tau and the Department of Student Life are having a small disagreement.

Zeta Beta Tau introduced themselves to the USC community in early March, when they initiated five people into the newest of USC's social fraternities. Once a USC fraternity, the group was banned from campus, according to Martin Streett, the new group's chapter advisor.

But with just over a month until students come back to campus looking for groups to join, Zeta Beta Tau, which now has 19 members, still hasn't been officially recognized as an organization or by the University's Inner Fraternity Council (IFC).

"We're now struggling to exist and seeking the same recognition as others," said Streett. "We really don't desire to be like every fraternity at USC."

In fact, Streett and the members of Zeta Beta Tau don't desire to asso-

ciate with the IFC. They have received special permission from their national office to exist independently from the IFC.

"Our national office said it's alright with them," said Reid Clark, a member of the fraternity. "We really don't care what anyone else thinks. We have a good fraternity, and we're just trying to stand out and not be like the others."

However, because Zeta Beta Tau doesn't want to be a member of the IFC, they can not be recognized by the Department of Student Life as a social fraternity because of the policies in Carolina Community, the USC student Handbook and Policy Guide.

According to the policies, for Zeta Beta Tau to become an official Greek fraternity, they must first become an official organization of Student Life and then must be voted in by the IFC.

Director of Greek Life Gena Staggs said no communication has been made to the office of Greek Life by any member of Zeta Beta Tau. The only

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thing that has occurred is a lot of angry feelings, she said.

"My concern is that unwanted animosity is being created by a group that isn't even a student organization," Staggs said. "The ball is just not rolling. I would be glad to get together and talk with them."

Streett however feels it would be in the best interest of Zeta Beta Tau to remain independent of the IFC.

"We want to be recognized as a social fraternity, but we want to be left alone," Streett said. "For us to not be able to call ourselves a social fraternity is a violation of our first amendment rights."

that specific group as well," Staggs said.

According to Hamilton, all the necessary forms were sent to Rick Gant, Coordinator of Student Life Programs, and Zeta Beta Tau is awaiting word on the decision of Student Life. Gant, however, said the application and petition must be revised in order to make Zeta Beta Tau's application file complete due to a decrease in membership.

Although Zeta Beta Tau can not be recognized as a social fraternity without participating in the IFC, they can be recognized as an organization if they turn in all necessary forms and the forms are completed correctly.

As of August 7, Zeta Beta Tau's application file had not been completed according to Gant. Streett however says all the required forms will be sent in so Zeta Beta Tau can participate in rush with the rest of USC on August 23-28. Their rush will be held off campus.

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and the plans will approved by a university board.

In addition, all must have at least 20 beds and will be required to have a houseperson to supervise the house.

Brewer said he doesn't expect the greek organizations to separate themselves from the rest of the student body, but he does foresee a change in relationships between the groups.

"I think it'll be a challenge for governance between the groups," Brewer said. "It's natural now. Cohesion within the system will be the most challenging."

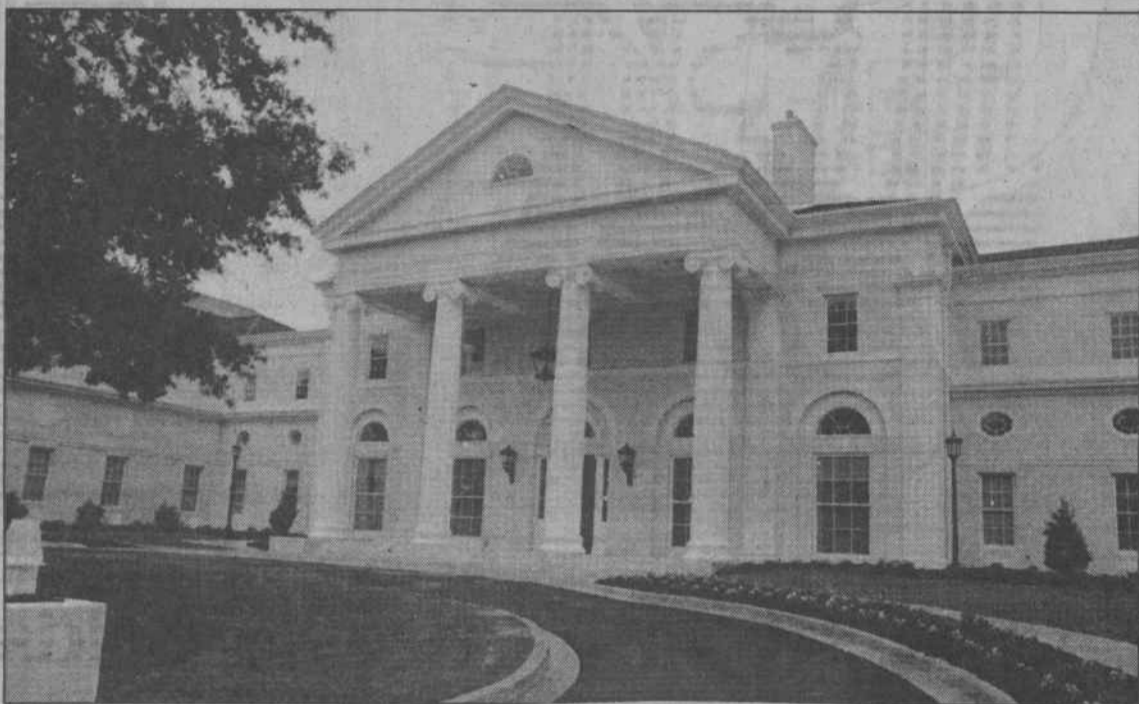
Budgeting will be another challenge. While regular campus fees include water, cable and electricity, the greek groups who live in the houses will have to contend with mortgage payments and other bills.

They will also have to make their own arrangements for maintenance services.

The current sorority residence hall underwent renovations during the summer.

Groups who don't want to move into a house will still have the option of Greek housing.

WHILE YOU WERE GONE...



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U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno joined President John Palms for the long-awaited opening of the National Advocacy Center. The center offers workshops and training sessions for United States attorneys. The building has mock-court rooms, hotel rooms, a bar, cafeteria and office space. However, it is closed to the public and has strict security policies. The building will be USC property in 20 years.

USC spends \$10 million on land

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In the May meeting of the USC Board of Trustees, three property acquisitions with a total cost of \$9.77 million on 300 Sumter, 730 Devine and 1600 Hampton streets were approved.

According to Charles Jeffcoat, the director of Buildings and Grounds, the USC Development Foundation has already purchased 300 Sumter Street and 730 Devine Street, and these two properties will be bought from the foundation for upcoming projects.

Jeffcoat said the Sumter Street acquisition will be bought from the foundation for \$290,000. This is the proposed site for the development of Greek housing. Housing Maintenance Reserve funds will fund this project.

"This acquisition is requested because the property is in the center of property currently owned by the University," Jeffcoat said.

The 300 Sumter Street site has brick and metal structures that will have to be demolished before the proposed Greek housing can be constructed, Jeffcoat said.

The Devine Street acquisition has an appraised value of \$535,000 and will be purchased from the foundation for \$480,000, he said. This property has an existing office building that contain about 13,803 square feet of gross building area.

The proposed use of this property is to provide space for grant/research programs and is to be funded with Institutional Funds.

The third of the land acquisitions approved by the board was 1600 Hampton Street, current site of the BellSouth State Headquarters complex.

According to Jeffcoat, BellSouth and the university are in a proposed sale/donation agreement. The building and land site will be offered to the university at a lower price than the market value.

The acquisition will include 1600 Hampton Street, the adjacent five story parking garage containing 253 spaces and the adjacent three story annex building. The main office building of the complex is eight stories with a full basement with an approximate square feet total of 253,234, Jeffcoat said.

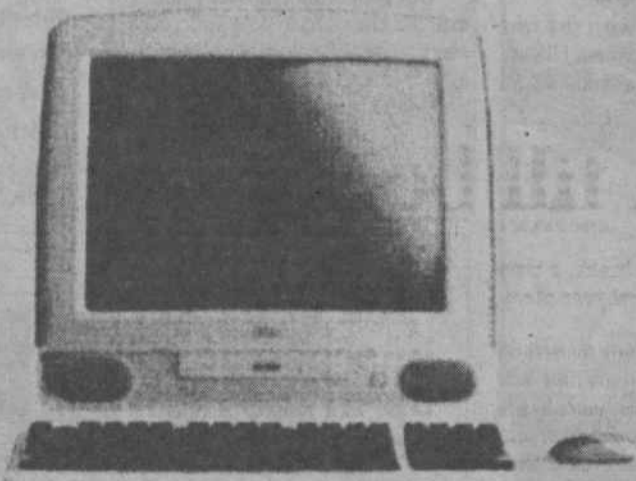
"The benefits of the acquisition include continued master plan development, consolidation of support functions ways from the core of campus and relief of demand for core campus parking," Jeffcoat said. "Other benefits include additional net square feet for academic functions, vacating leased facilities and the potential to demolish older buildings with high maintenance."

The board approved the request to purchase the BellSouth Headquarters complex with the exception that the overall budget not exceed \$9 million. The project will be funded with Institutional/Revenue Bonds.

The board also approved a \$10 million budget for the construction of a 50,000 square foot addition to the existing School of Public Health located on the Horseshoe at the corner of Sumter and Greene streets.

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