



GOTCHA! Heather Pruitt, journalism senior, is cornered by Chris LaGraize, engineering senior, and Jerry Haddican, speech senior, at the Anchorettes TGIF party. — photo by Kristina Butler



FRONT ROW: Laura Christine Parchman, Nichole Marie Sanders, Holly Virginia Hanchey, Kelly Lynn Stewart, Amber Elaine Lake, Kristi Beth Pate, Shannon Kelly Burke, Cindy Marie Smith. SECOND ROW: Patrick Joseph Moynihan, Nicole Elizabeth Dodge, Cynthia Elizabeth Dennis, Karen Lynn Schomburg, Jennifer Lynn Quaife, Tracy Marie Vonderharr, Meredith Anne Healey, Charlotte Payne. THIRD ROW: Karen Ann Lutz, Kimberly Anne Schneider, Kristin Marie Kobur, Elizabeth Ann Smith. BACK ROW: Karri Jean Robert, Bonnie Lynn Arrp, Monica Lee Noordam, Rowann Pais, Shari Jill Osofsky. — photo by Vortex Studios

An Anchor in Seas of Change

"Anchorettes, in the past, had an image of being a kind of dating service, and that's an image we've changed. We are a spirit, service and social organization," Jennifer Quaife, organizational communication senior, said. The Anchorettes, who were the Navy ROTC sweethearts, kept themselves busy with a wide variety of activities.

The organization kicked off the year with a raft trip down the Comal River, near New Braunfels. The fall semester's events also included a reunion for NROTC alumni during Homecoming weekend, a Halloween party with the naval unit, and trick-or-treating for charity.

The fall term was concluded with their annual Christmas party and "ceremonial," where the pledges are initiated as active members. Also in December, the Anchorettes participated in "Mail Call." "We sent out a batch of Christmas cards which were then dispersed to members of all the armed services," Nicole Dodge, advertising sophomore, said. The purpose of Mail Call was to send some Christmas cheer to servicemen who might not be able to spend Christmas at home.

The Anchorettes also revised the point system for active membership.

In the past, a pledge was required to earn a total of 1,100 points. In 1989, the total was lowered in order to keep pledges from leaving the group before the reached their point quota. "By lowering the number of points required, we hope to keep the pledges interested in becoming an Anchorette, and prevent the actives from thinking they 'have' to do things just to stay in the group," Quaife said.

Support was given to NROTC through TGIF parties, participation

in co-ed intramurals and bi-monthly "Cookie Calls." The Cookie Calls were held in the Fantail, the unit's study area, and refreshments were provided by Anchorette members. Additionally, when the midshipmen drilled or took physical fitness tests, the Anchorettes turned out to offer their encouragement.

All in all, the 50-member strong organization proved that they were capable of providing the support the NROTC needed.

—James P. O'Shea III

