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Fraternity member James Williams and friends.

# 39-year-old Texas student enjoys fraternity lifestyle

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James Williams fits in at the U. of Texas, Arlington, Sigma Phi Epsilon house. He likes to chew tobacco, reminisce about favorite parties and kibitz with his buddies.

But Williams is about 20 years older than most of his brothers. You might call him the Ancient Greek.

He trades time with his wife and three children for afternoons of baseball talk around the fraternity house. "It's just something I always wanted to do and didn't have a chance to," the 39-year-old says.

Two years ago, tired of the fluctuating construction business and seeking security for his family, Williams made the move to UTA.

"I was scared to death to come back to school," he remembers.

Although he saw plenty of peers on campus, Williams wanted to get acquainted with some younger students because "teaching and coaching were what I always wanted to do." Williams went through rush and pledging to ensure he would be able to relate to students.

Williams admits he suffered some mis-

givings about throwing himself at the mercy of the Sig Ep brothers. "I figured when I went in I'd have to listen to a lot of Beastie Boys and Twisted Sister."

Being the oldest active Greek on campus means Williams has to party with men half his age, but it's a challenge he says he's up to. Although Williams is usually under control, "he has been known to party," says fraternity brother Mike Warren.

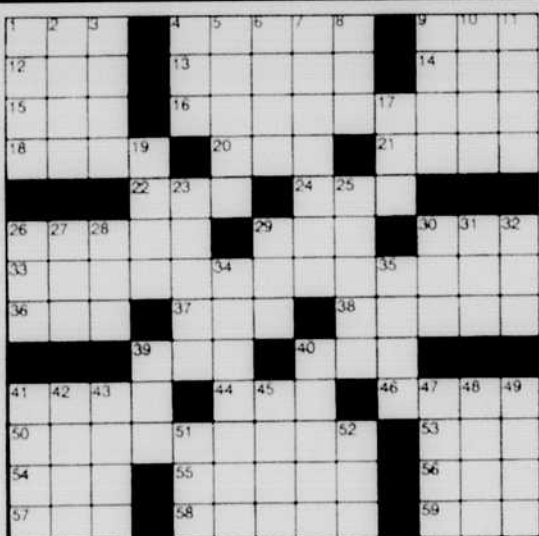
"He kind of sits back and laughs at others," Sig Ep Dennis Crosby says. Williams plans to graduate with a teaching certificate and P.E. degree this spring.

Despite his double-decade academic layoff, he made the dean's list twice and has maintained a 3.0 GPA. Williams gives his fraternity brothers at least partial credit for his academic success. "You can usually find somebody with some brains to help," he says.

Despite his fraternity ties, Williams has one campus companion even closer than his brothers — his 19-year-old daughter Tracy is also a UTA student.

Charlotte Williams says she would allow her daughter to date Sig Ep fraternity brothers, but isn't sure what her husband would think. After all, "He knows them better than I do," she says.

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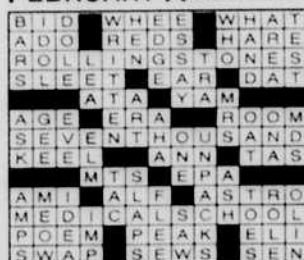
### ACROSS

- 1. Floor-washing need
- 4. Time and (overtime rate)
- 2 wds.
- 9. Gorilla
- 12. "Without any further"
- 13. Shakespearean lover
- 14. Speak
- 15. "Tin Tin"
- 16. "Born on teh Fourth of July" star; 2 wds.
- 18. Beer barrels
- 20. Soup holder
- 21. Butter portions
- 22. Vegas
- 24. Enterprise ("Star Trek" ship)
- 26. Perfect
- 29. "You the Sunshine of My Life"
- 30. Patrick and Paul; Abbr.
- 33. "L.A. Law"
- 36. Frat letter
- 37. Neckline shape
- 38. Crucially important
- 39. Not very many
- 40. Actor Kingsley
- 41. Get top billing
- 44. Dallas college; Abbr.
- 46. Odds and
- 50. "Pump" group ranking
- 53. Have dinner
- 54. L.A. footballer
- 55. Singer LaBelle
- 56. Top NCAA
- 57. Actress
- Madigan or Irving
- 58. Fed the kitty
- 59. Unused

### DOWN

- 1. Grade papers
- 2. Garfield's pooch pal
- 3. Ping-pong
- 4. Major for some
- 5. Basketball game needs
- 6. Bullets, for instance
- 7. Give a speech
- 8. In favor of
- 9. Home to 3 billion
- 10. Gone by
- 11. Hurricane centers
- 17. and downs
- 19. Thick slice
- 23. Still in the game
- 25. Tennis shot
- 26. Hockey surface
- 27. Tiny circle
- 28. Historical period
- 29. Lincoln's nickname
- 30. Very fast plane; Abbr.
- 32. Late-night weekend show; Abbr.
- 34. Brokaw or Rather
- 35. Workday start for some
- 39. To and
- 40. Montana town
- 41. Actress Mia
- 42. Dodgers or Astros
- 43. West Point athletes
- 45. Catcher's glove
- 47. Kind of light
- 48. Copenhagen native
- 49. Beef dish
- 51. Fitness center
- 52. Kept out of sight

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## Dissident

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parents were imprisoned as "counter-revolutionaries," the tag given to political dissidents by the Communists.

With his family jailed, Li spent his first 10 years living with different families, including those of peasants, workers, and low-level government officials.

As liberalization came to China following Mao Tse Tung's death in 1976, those once branded counterrevolutionaries, including Li's friends and family, were admitted into positions of

authority.

"I got the chance to see the whole picture about the whole society," he said.

Just as the injustices of the Chinese system have shaped his own life, so have they shaped the history of China over the past century, Li contends.

"This has been a long, long struggle for human rights, for democracy, for a fairer system," he said.

"The movement is still alive," he said. "The leadership comes naturally. One series of leaders may get killed, but there comes out another series of leaders."

Li said he is fighting for basic human rights in China, not for political control of the government by an opposition group. For this reason, he refused to be on the board of directors of the Federation for a Democratic China, the main group of exiled pro-democracy leaders.

"The most important thing is to bring to China the concept of human rights. What we struggle for, what we fight for are human rights, very basic universal human rights," he said.

On Aug. 16, Li took his case to the U.N. subcommission on human rights in Geneva, asking for a resolution condemning the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Following his address, a Chinese Government observer branded Li "a criminal, wanted by the security organs of a member state of the United Nations," and charged him with being "personally responsible" for the June 4 killings in Beijing, according to *The New York Times*.

In a historic move, the subcommission eventually passed a resolution condemning the Tiananmen Square massacre.

It was the first time one of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council was censured for human rights violations.

The greatest obstacle to democracy, he contends, is the tight control over information by the government.

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