

CSL uncovers membership inadequacy

by Adella Wacker

The Council on Student Life struggled to its feet Thursday night without a permanent chairman and one too many student appointees from the College of Arts and Sciences.

At his first CSL meeting, Ken Bader, new vice chancellor for student affairs, said he would talk to UNL Chancellor James Zumberge Monday about the appointment of a chairman. He also indicated that Administrative Dean Ely Meyerson would sit in on CSL in his place.

It was brought up during the meeting that

there are three Arts and Sciences students on the council in spite of CSL rules which state no more than two student members are allowed from each college.

The three students are Deb Loers and Sherile Schwenninger and Chris Harper.

Loers is a hold over member. Schwenninger and Harper are new to CSL.

After ASUN President Bruce Beecher asked the council for suggestions for correcting the mistake, faculty member John Goebel reminded CSL members that the issue had caused trouble before. He recommended compliance with CSL rules.

Another suggested rule be waived.

Beecher said he will talk with Zumberge about the problem and report to the council at the next meeting, Sept. 21.

On another topic, acting chairman Hazel Anthony questioned Beecher about whether ASUN or CSL is responsible for Publications Board selections. As it stands now, ASUN is to submit 10 names to CSL who make selections.

Regents' agenda includes tuition, budget proposals

A merry-go-round of important items faces the Board of Regents at their 1 p.m. Monday meeting in the Nebraska Union.

The board is scheduled to set the University's 1973-74 budget request, which includes a probable tuition hike for the next school year.

The tuition proposal tentatively endorsed at the board's last meeting would cumulatively cost UNL students an extra \$376,912. Some board members say they support an increase steeper than the one preliminarily decided upon.

The board will meet informally with the Student Liaison which is a statement of the University's general direction in both the academic and physical sense. The plan was prepared by University President D.B. Varner's office.

Regents also will set a date to discuss the report of the Commission on Governance of the University. That report was completed last March after more than a year of deliberation.

Sorority becomes rush week fatality

by H.J. Cummins

Sigma Kappa was a 1971 rush week casualty—the traditional recruiting festivities gleaned for them a single pledge. This year's pledge class of zero has made the sorority a rush fatality.

"There's a 90 per cent chance the house will close" after this semester, house president Cheryl Shrewsbury of Lincoln said. Unless house members reconsider their earlier decision to close—which she said could only be prompted by pledging six or more women through open rush—the 15-member chapter will fold.

The Sigma Kappa closing is not a harbinger of death for the Greek system, however, Panhellenic adviser Jane Anderson said.

Anderson, who advises the 16-member sorority governance body, said most houses this year pledged as many women as they could under quotas set by Panhellenic.

"There was no difference in enthusiasm from last year or the year before," she said.

Then why Sigma Kappa?

Shrewsbury puts part of the blame on other sororities and fraternities on campus.

"The Greek system hasn't helped us any," she said. "Comments are made all over campus (about

Sigma Kappa) and there is no proof, no reason for the comments."

Rush Chairman Ellen Luebs of Wood River agrees. The house's "labels" killed them: "We're the 'smallest house on campus,' some even say 'the worst.'"

She said she's convinced the labels came up during rush week—among rushees and by members of other sororities.

Becky Lahr of Lincoln, one of the three 1971 Sigma Kappa pledges (the house picked up two, including Lahr, through open rush), expressed indignation at the house's labels and the rushees who she said were swayed by them.

"In a generation that prides itself on individualism, I'm disappointed that the girls would not take the time to judge us individually—I think they did go for the label," she said.

Shrewsbury also blamed some practical handicaps for the outcome of this year's rush.

The small number of active members could not handle the volume of rushees as well as other houses, which have up to 80 members, she said. Low finances also hurt, she added.

Shrewsbury pointed out that two or three rushees could have been pledged after this year's rush week. But the actives decided the number was too small to



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save the chapter, and that the limited social and philanthropic opportunities for a small pledge class would have been too little to offer pledges, she added.

Times have been rough for the shrinking sorority, Shrewsbury said.

The standard duties have had to be divided among fewer people, meaning more work for all. Members repainted sections of the house and made curtains for windows in several rooms. House members and eight boarders are cooking their own meals.

All of this, she said, has served to draw the girls together. The sorority sisters have pledged to continue meeting even if the house closes.

Shrewsbury and Luebs said they think the Greek system is slumping in the Midwest but predict it will gain muscle again.

"Some people will always want to live in a smaller unit than that of dormitories, in a place they feel they belong," Luebs said.

Both agreed the system is changing, relaxing in many ways and centering around the goal of a comfortably sized living unit of like-minded people.

Shrewsbury said the fate of the 16th Street building is in the hands of an alumni board. She said she thinks the house will probably take boarders for four or five years, using the rent money to pay back debts and saving the rest for a possible revival of the chapter.