

Student suits challenge fee collection, use

At least three student-initiated suits against UNL are presently awaiting further action in various courts. Two seek injunctions to stop collection of mandatory student fees.

Students Ralph Larson, Bruce Wimmer, Frederick Otto and Wayne Stuenkel, represented by Lincoln attorney Lawrence E. Murphy, have taken their case to the Nebraska Supreme Court seeking a permanent injunction against collection of fees after a Lancaster County District Court denied it.

In a brief filed Aug. 22, they challenged the University's right to collect that part of student fees which support non-educational activities—the *Daily Nebraskan*, ASUN and speakers' series.

Specifically, they challenge classifying the *Daily Nebraskan* as an educational activity

because it does not present as many divergent views as possible to students.

Rather than being the traditional teaching device published by the journalism school, the paper "is a useful political tool in a politically charged arena" where most students are of voting age, the brief says.

No date for further court action is set, pending filing of the University's brief Sept. 22.

A hearing has been set for December in the U.S. District Court for a similar suit brought by UNL junior Richard Veed.

This action came after District Judge Warren K. Urbom denied Veed's request on Aug. 25 for a preliminary injunction to stop collection of fees.

Veed, also represented by Murphy, objects to the way fee monies are spent. In presenting the request, Murphy said the money is spent for a private newspaper, speakers on sex, rallies in the coliseum, attacks on the President and student strikes.

He likened mandatory *Daily Nebraskan* subscriptions to a forced subscription to the *Omaha World Herald* or the *Lincoln Journal*.

A third case will probably be appealed. A request for a preliminary motion by student Gregory Hickman was refused Aug. 25 in U.S. District Court.

Hickman is contending that the University violates his constitutional rights by refusing his registration and withholding grade reports because of unpaid parking fines.

Better late than never

Disaster—that's how one staff member described it.

Another pegged the paper we'd planned for last Friday the "now-you-see-it-now-you-don't" issue.

At any rate, our plans were short circuited. The 1972 fall *Daily Nebraskan* didn't really debut last Friday as planned.

Greek houses complete rush

Since formal rush activities were concluded August 27, both fraternities and sororities at UNL have experienced a slight increase in the number of members.

Rush is the system fraternities and sororities use to select new members.

According to Mrs. Jayne Wade Anderson, coordinator for sororities, fraternities and cooperatives, 376 girls pledged sororities this fall.

After four days of orientation, tours of the houses and three sets of "parties", 33 girls chose to not pledge a house. During the course of rush week, 35 girls withdrew, making a total of 68 girls withdrawing from rush.

Less girls withdrew or didn't preference this year than last, according to Anderson.

While sororities only use a fall formal rush procedure, fraternities pledged men during the summer.

Between July 1 and August 20, 412 pledged according to Bill Beer, Inter-Fraternity Council Treasurer. Out of 120 going through rush week, 112 pledged. The total was 12 more than pledged last year.

Mike Denker, IFC Rush Chairman said 80 per cent of fraternity novices pledged during the summer.

Students interested in joining a Greek house can contact either Panhellenic or IFC in the Nebraska Union and sign up for open rush this fall.

Last-minute difficulties with our printer's press caused the papers to be smudged, streaked or unreadable.

But before the decision to not distribute the paper was made, a few hundred copies escaped. Consequently, the few of you who caught a glimpse of our "trial run" will be reading many of the same stories in today's issue. Just the same, hang onto that illegitimate paper. Someday it may be a collectors' item.

Although this is a make-up

edition, Wednesday we'll be back on regular publishing schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Premiering four days after we planned, is our first weekly magazine supplement entitled **friday**. Administrative changes which potentially effect every student on campus are discussed in this edition.

What remains unchanged is our intent to provide UNL students with a forum for their views and a place to find out what's going on on campus.

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