

Rush week format new; frats to have open house

By Sara Martens

UNL fraternities will try a new system and sororities will stick to the old as both seek pledges for the coming year.

Fraternities have abandoned the traditional Rush Week format of scheduled house visitations to try an open house format, said Jim Dennell, Interfraternity Council rush chairman.

Fraternity rush will begin at 9 a.m. Friday with a slide presentation on Greek life. Following the presentation, 12 of UNL's 25 fraternities will have open house for any rushee who wishes to visit. Open house will be Saturday at the remaining 13 houses.

Sorority rush begins Thursday with each rushee visiting 8 houses, followed by 5 scheduled parties on Friday and 3 on Saturday.

Pledging for sororities will be 5 p.m. Sunday but fraternities must wait one week before pledging new members, Dennell said.

"This waiting period should generate more interest in rush," Dennell said. "The

guys will have to keep rushing all through that week if they want to pledge anyone."

Although most fraternity rushing is done during the summer, Dennell said, the open houses should provide an opportunity to get good pledges.

"We want this to be a kick-off for rush that will last the whole academic year," he said.

It also is hoped the new system will generate increased interest in fraternity rush, Dennell said.

Fraternity Rush Week attracts between 60 to 90 people each year, said Jayne Anderson, IFC-Panhellenic coordinator.

Anderson said the change in fraternity rush is a "tremendous progressive step that will encourage rush throughout the year."

Rush Week is the first chance for sororities to rush and 677 women have signed up, Anderson said. About 20 to 25 percent of those registered will drop out before rush begins, she added.

"About 90 percent of those dropping out have been accepted to other schools since they registered for rush and will not be going through," she said.

ASUN work begins early

With the school year rapidly approaching, ASUN has begun work on several of its projects, including a student book exchange, a government workshop in Alabama, a university credit union, and moving the student government office to the main floor of the Nebraska Union.

ASUN's office was moved from the union's third floor to the main floor next to the Women's Resource Center about a month ago. The study area replaced by the office was moved to the previous office location, room 335.

"Student government should be accessible to students," said ASUN President Ken Marienau. "Up in the attic it was hard for people to even know where we are."

A need for more room also necessitated

the move.

Among ASUN's fall projects is a trip to Alabama the weekend of the Nebraska-Alabama football game. A one-day workshop will be held with student government representatives from UNL and the University of Alabama.

Alabama's student body president invited ASUN to the workshop, Marienau said. A group of 21 is planning to begin the trip Thursday, Aug. 31. Students attending the workshop will pay their own way, he said.

Marienau said the workshop will give the group a chance to "pick up ideas from other parts of the country."

ASUN's first meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the East Union.

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