

ZTA rush changed

Two unusual events marked this year's rush week. For the first time in several years the weather cooperated, and for the first time not all the sororities participated. Zeta Tau Alpha decided to have a special rush to be held Sept. 7, 8 and 9.

Susan Depue, president of ZTA, said 20 members of the Missouri chapter will help during the special rush. She said this rush will be on a more informal basis than usual and should help everyone get better acquainted.

Jayne Anderson, coordinator of the PanHellenic Association, said the Zetas were granted permission to have the special rush.

"It's new to this campus, but we're very supportive of the idea," she said.

Anderson said this year's rush results were about the same as last year. About 620 women expressed an interest and 411 were pledged during rush week.

Fraternities pledged 515 men during the summer and 75 to 80 were accepted in the first weeks of school.

Anderson said the application forms she's seen give a sense of a trend.

She said interest in women's athletics in Nebraska has been growing and a greater number of female pledges have been involved in athletics than in past years.



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September 6, 1979—Kathy Alder spreads hay on the ground to help the newly planted grass grow.

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Groundkeepers—guardians of campus

By Paula Bauer

Visualize a scene from last winter.

Below zero temperatures and 12-inches of newly-fallen snow greet you as you stumble out of the house and head for class. Sidewalks, cars, houses and a good portion of the street are blanketed in white. You're looking forward to a fun-filled day of slip-sliding around campus, but arrive to find UNL's sidewalks and steps have been cleared of their winter nuisances.

Elves, you think. It must have been elves that sneaked in and cleaned it all up.

It really wasn't elves, but the guardians of campus walks and lawns—the grounds department.

Carl Langenberg, a UNL groundskeeper for 13 years, said he can remember many working "days" that started at midnight and continued until the walks were clean.

"Back in the mid 60's, we put in 40 hours in two days trying to clear up 22-inches of snow," he said. "That's the worst I can remember. That's a lot of hours, but that was a lot of snow."

Langenberg is from a farm background and said he enjoys working outside.

Grounds work, he said, is "challenging by trying to make things look better."

Another groundskeeper said she liked to work outside during the winter because it keeps her healthy.

"When you work outside in the winter, it keeps you going. You don't get colds because it keeps you stronger."

She said that working outside in the summer has benefits, too. Her tanned arms and legs were proof of one benefit. Sprinklers, she said, were another.

"When it gets too hot, you can run through the sprinkler and cool off."

Does she every year for an "inside" job with air conditioning and cushioned chairs? "Yes," she said, "But I know it wouldn't last too long."

"There's more freedom of choice," she said. "Certain things have to be done every week, but not every day." She said she can choose what to do that day, provided all the work is done by the end of the week.

Chris, a groundskeeper on the west side of campus, said he takes pride in the way his section of campus looks.

He said he's been with the grounds department for about three years because he likes to work outside.

"In fact, if I worked in an office, I'd probably do most of my paper work out on the lawn, anyway."

Chicano painting shown at open house

A painting depicting the history of Chicanos living in Lincoln will be unveiled Friday night at the UNL Cultural Center, 1012 N. 16th, according to a program consultant for minority activities.

The Lincoln Hispanic Center's mural, "The Past, The Present and the Future," will be shown during the UNL Cultural Center's open house at 7 p.m., according to consultant Ennio Quevedo.

The mural was painted in five sections by painters ranging from children to an 85-year-old woman, Quevedo said.

It was completed during the summer, and was a year-long project by the Hispanic Center, he said.

Music will be provided by two singing groups. Students Heidi Lynch, Lorraine Coleman and Wendi Triplett will sing contemporary songs. Mexican ballads will be sung by Quevedo, Beatrice Gonzalez George, Gloria Medina de Reifnath, Lupe Medina and Cristina Lovato.

Native American bread, prepared by Ann Keller, will be served with other refreshments.

A hand-crafted pinata made by Maria Ramos will be broken during open house festivities. Ramos will also offer other pinatas for sale.



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