

Two fraternities put on social probation

By Debbie Hemminger
and Rocky Strunk

Because of a new system of reporting complaints to the Student Affairs office, disciplinary action has been taken against two UNL fraternities and a third is awaiting Judicial Board review.

The Phi Kappa Psi and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities received social proba-

tion from a decision handed down last week by the Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council. The probation, beginning Oct. 5 and continuing until Dec. 21, rules out organized parties, serenading, and little sister functions. Spokesmen from both fraternities said the disciplinary action was alcohol related.

"Student attitudes have changed over the years and the bonfires (on campus) are

a reflection of that," said Jayne Wade Anderson, UNL coordinator of fraternities, sororities and cooperatives. She added that a new system of reporting complaints was deemed necessary by Dean of Students David DeCoster.

"I have requested systemized reports of university complaints submitted in writing," DeCoster said. "This will hold Greek houses more accountable for their actions."

DeCoster explained that while the new reporting system applies to the entire university, Greek houses have no university staff such as student assistants and security officers in residence halls.

Although university organizations aren't included under the Buckley Amendment concerning individual student privacy, DeCoster wouldn't release the names of the fraternities because "it isn't our policy, as a courtesy to organizations involved, to release their names."

DeCoster also said the new reporting system includes assistance from campus police.

"We've worked out something new in the past couple of months where a special report will be filed through Dean DeCoster's office," said UNL Police Chief Gale Gade. "If we see something when

we're answering a complaint, we'll report it."

Gade added the campus police will only assist to a certain point.

"If we have a report that a fraternity is carrying in kegs of beer, we'll go to the house and talk to the house officers," Gade said. "If they tell us they don't have any beer in the house, we certainly aren't going to search the house."

President of Phi Gamma Delta, which faced judicial review last night, Scott Nelson, said that the sudden action by university police in reporting incidents that previously went unreported isn't fair to students.

"It isn't fair to start doing this without any prior warning," Nelson said. "Especially when IFC is enforcing a first offense with such stiff penalty."

Agreeing with Nelson on the extent of penalties imposed on the two fraternities was Tau Kappa Epsilon President Dave Johnson.

"We are planning to appeal the decision on the grounds that the sanction is much too harsh for the violation," said Johnson. Johnson's fraternity violated campus alcohol policy on Aug. 30.

Johnson added that he would like to see alcohol legalized on campus because of the impossibility of enforcing present policy.



Photo by Tom Gessner

Society of one

'Smoking Alligator' surveys headquarters for his empirical society. 'Alligator' serves as rector of the society and currently is its only member. He calls for a "spiritual awakening" to find "real truth." See story on Page 9.

Inflation slows savings

By Craig Nelson

The current rate of inflation is discouraging many students from opening savings accounts, simply because it no longer pays to save, according to Jerry Petr, associate professor of economics at UNL.

Petr said that even though savers now are earning the highest interest rates ever, money put into savings accounts is steadily declining in value because of the higher rate of inflation.

"Passbook savings accounts, which are popular with students because they require no minimum balance and are easy to cash, currently are paying 5 to 6 percent interest," Petr said.

"Longer term certificates, which are less popular because they require a longer savings commitment, pay between 7 and 8 percent interest, and money market certificates, which require a \$10,000 minimum deposit, pay between 9 and 10 percent interest," he added.

"You can see that no matter which savings plan you choose, it cannot keep up with the current 13 percent rate of inflation," Petr said.

"Savings accounts are no longer looked at as a means to earn money," he said, "but rather as a way to minimize a loss."

Nevertheless, Petr said he still believes the majority of students probably would be wise to start some sort of savings account to have some money to fall back on in the case of an emergency.

As an alternative to a savings account, some people suggest buying now before the prices go up again. But Petr disagrees.

"This is the kind of advice that fuels inflation," he said.

Another alternative to a savings is the purchase of a tangible item such as an art object, a stamp collection, or a piece of real estate. But Petr said that few students can afford investments of this type.

Petr said the best investment a student can make is "in himself."

"Investing in an education increases future earning power. That is the best investment that can be made," he said.

The economic picture for next year does not look much better to Petr. He predicts an inflation rate of between 9 and 10 percent for 1980.

ASUN advocates money, joins student lobby group

By Barb Richardson

The ASUN Senate unknowingly approved, by a voice vote, a \$275 appropriation for membership in the United States Student Association, a national student lobbying group, at the Aug. 29 meeting, Sen. Jim Davidson told the Senate Wednesday night.

Davidson said the hour and a half that the senate spent debating the issue Wednesday was a waste because the Senate already approved the appropriations.

The Senate, during Wednesday night's meeting approved, 16-7-2, appropriating \$25 to allow USSA's director Frank Jackalone to visit the UNL campus.

Earlier in the meeting, Sen. Brad Belt said that USSA distributes publications on social issues such as abortion, nuclear power and the ERA.

Belt also pointed out that the American Federation, another student lobbying group split from USSA because USSA addressed social issues. The release from the American Federation that Belt read said it was time to address student issues rather than social issues.

Sen. Todd Adams objected to approving the \$25 appropriation for Jackalone to speak at UNL because he said it is against the University's bylaws to pay political speakers with student fee money. He added that ASUN would be setting a precedent by spending money on Jackalone's visit. He said although ASUN has extra money that is not student fee money, it should not be spent for the visit.

Although the Budget and Fees Committee which presented the legislation had a "consensus to pay \$20 or less," according to Sen. Renee Wessels, the \$25 appropriation passed.

"The positions which this organization, (USSA) takes are taken by vote at the convention each year," Bob Gleason, former chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, said in open forum.

Gleason also said that USSA already had this year's convention in Massachusetts. No one from ASUN attended the convention, he said. Because ASUN was not there, he said the Senate would have little if no input in this year's priority list.

The social issues USSA addresses are

funded by other organizations, and not by USSA membership fees, Gleason said.

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution condemning sex discrimination. Sen. Janice Kluck said that the resolution is a reaction to two male students being voted out of a woman's poetry class.

Report is submitted about poetry class

The head of the UNL English Department, John Robinson, said Wednesday evening he has prepared a report concerning the removal of two male students from a "Women and Poetry" class.

Robinson said the report will be on the desk of Max Larsen, dean of College of Arts and Sciences, by noon today.

Robinson would not comment on the contents of the report, saying that his findings are privileged information.

He also refused to comment on whether the two male students would be allowed to re-enter the class.

The students, who were voted out of the class by female members, according to the instructor Linnea Johnson, are taking the course independently now.

Wordie Wright, one of the two male students, was unavailable for comment Wednesday, concerning whether Robinson had contacted him in the course of Robinson's investigation.

Robinson, in a statement released last Thursday, promised that he would "investigate" the charges reported in that morning's Daily Nebraskan.

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