

## Cuca, Chapin on alleged TNE list

By Michelle Carr

The secret organization behind the skull and crossed keys symbols has surfaced again at UNL.

The Daily Nebraskan has obtained a letter that lists paid and partially paid alleged members of the secret organization. The source who contributed the letter asked not to be identified.

The skull and crossed keys painted on various locations on campus are the alleged work of Theta Nu Epsilon, the secret "fraternity of fraternities." The group is designed to have a membership of Greeks in prominent campus positions.

A source said the letter was found in a fraternity room. The letter, written on Interfraternity council stationery, announced a March 2 meeting and members were told to bring typewriters for the "news edition and rush letters."

### 'As always destroy'

The letter also said members would have "final black ball on rushees" and the "passing of the box." The letter said \$30 dues were to be paid by March 1, \$60 dues were to be paid by March 15 and \$95 dues were to be paid by March 20.

At the top of the letter were the words "As always destroy." The letter was signed "The Out to Lunch Bunch, Shorty."

Some persons listed as members on the letter were contacted by the Daily Nebraskan. One person listed as a member admitted his membership in TNE provided that his name was not used.

The name "Cuca" was listed as a paid member. When ASUN President Bud Cuca was asked if he is or had been a member, he said, "My best comment is no comment."

Cuca denied being a TNE member and said he never has been a member of the secret organization. Cuca said the letter probably was planted. He said IFC stationery is easy to obtain.

### Handwriting 'similar'

The name "Chapin" also was listed on the letter. Lee Chapin, president of the Interfraternity council said he is not and never has been a member of TNE. Chapin, whose nickname is Shorty, said the handwriting on the letter was similar to his, but he did not write the letter.

He said the letter could have been written by "someone upset about my alcohol policy."

"People think if you're in IFC that you are in TNE," he said. "I had people accuse me (of being a TNE member) ever since I walked in the door (of IFC)."

Of 17 last names listed on the letter, only the last names "Cuca" and "Chapin" coincided with the names of campus-wide leaders.

Other alleged members were called, but all denied current membership in TNE. One alleged member said he was not involved in the secret organization, "at least not this semester." Another person listed said: "I can't say I never

have been a member."

One person listed as a member said he was not in TNE, but "if I was (a TNE member), I probably would deny it anyway."

Another alleged member said he was warned that he would be receiving a call from the Daily Nebraskan. The same person and another alleged member said they would sue the Daily Nebraskan if their names were used in connection with TNE.

Richard Armstrong, UNL vice chancellor for student affairs, said he has not seen any written rule against secret organizations like TNE, but he said TNE is not a recognized campus organization.

According to most UNL fraternity bylaws, members are allowed to belong to only one fraternal organization. Membership in TNE would be grounds for expulsion from the fraternity.

Two Daily Nebraskan staff members Monday evening received threatening phone calls concerning the publication of names on the letter.

The Daily Nebraskan decided to print only Cuca and Chapin's names because of their leadership positions.

According to a 1975 Daily Nebraskan article, TNE was reportedly founded in the late 1890s by Roscoe Pound, former Harvard Law School dean and NU alumnus.

The article, which was attributed to unnamed 1950's TNE alumni, said that the organization began as a drinking organization. At one point, the source in the article said, the fraternity wielded power on campus.

## Openings available at infant child care center

By Kathy Stokebrand

The University Child Care Project has openings for children between 6 months and 3 years old, according to Valdeen

Nelsen, director of the project.

Nelsen, who has been affiliated with the center for three years, said the project has two centers. The infant center for those 6 months to 3 years old is at Faith Luth-

eran Church, 6345 Madison. It now has 19 children enrolled, but is licensed for 24, Nelsen said. The center for 3 to 5 year-olds, at 333 N. 14th St. in the Common-place Church, is enrolled to capacity with 27 children.

The project is tied with the university through the office of student affairs, said Nelsen, in that work-study students are employed by the center. The project has six full-time professional staff members and 40 work-study employees.

The bulk of the project's budget is covered by parents' fees. Full-time care for one month costs \$140 per child. Part-time care, for example, for 5 mornings or afternoons a week, costs \$80 per child per month. Nelsen said some students with Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes will divide a monthly fee with students who have classes on Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is \$7.50 per child a day, Nelsen said. Both

centers are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included in the cost. Nelsen said the project participates in a U.S. Department of Agriculture child care natural food program that enables it to be reimbursed for food each month for low income families.

Low income students receive first priority on the enrollment waiting list, Nelsen said. She estimated that 67 percent of the children enrolled now are from low income families. Other students receive second priority. Faculty and staff members of the university are given third priority, she said.

Child-care payments for children from low-income families may be partially or totally funded through the State Department of Public Welfare, Nelsen said.

Continued on Page 6

## Complaint alleges Wessels broke ASUN election rules

A formal complaint alleging violations of ASUN election rules has been filed against Renee Wessels and the US party by two UNL students.

Bill Flack and Anne Jensen are to have their complaint heard at a meeting of the Electoral Commission today at 4 p.m. According to Flack, the complaint requests at least a severe reprimand.

Flack said Wessels campaigned in illegal places in the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence complex, and did not stop when asked.

"I would call it a flagrant violation of the electoral rules that ASUN has set up," Flack said.

Wessels said she believes the allegations are not listed under electoral rules, but she understood that each residence complex sets its own rules. She said the rules were checked before the campaign and that she believes the rules were not violated.

"And we didn't mean to offend anyone," Wessels said. "When we were asked to quit handing out cards, we stopped on both occasions."

## NU budget bill advanced

The Legislature Tuesday advanced seven budget bills to the second round of floor debate. Included in the bills were the state appropriations for NU operating and capital construction budgets.

The unamended bills would give NU a 12.57 percent increase for fiscal year 1980-81 as compared to the 1979-80 budget.

The bills went largely unopposed and Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln attributed that to the solidarity shown by the Appro-

priations Committee members.

"Even though we know there are some differences, we also know that the overall budget recommendations are good," Marsh said.

The committee's budget recommendation would give NU \$131 million, compared to an appropriation for this year of \$116.5 million. Gov. Charles Thone recommended an increase of 8.57 percent or \$125.9 million.



Photo by Tom Gessner

Photographer's  
goal

To arrest, for the space of a breath, the hands busy about the work of the earth, and compel men entranced by the sight of distant goals to glance for a moment to make them pause for a look, for a sigh, for a smile—Joseph Conrad