

## KU fraternities join in project

Happenings on Big Eight campuses from the *National On-Campus Reports*.

### big eight

Two feuding fraternities at the University of Kansas mended fences by painting a senior citizen's house together. The project was assigned by KU's Interfraternity Council after the two houses staged a street fight last spring in which punches were thrown and one member was injured. After the painting project, the fraternities planned a joint cook-out, and a live-in-exchange.

### Drugs decline

The drug abuse rate at Oklahoma State University is declining, say campus police officials. The number of drug related cases dropped from 35 in 1979 to 26 in 1980. Student medical center officials say they still treat about 70 people per year for drug related problems. Hard drugs aren't causing the problems they used to, but alcohol abuse is increasing.

### Bed stacking

Bed stacking, a traditional way of saving space in residence hall rooms is under fire at the University of Oklahoma. Housing officials

there imposed a new policy this fall, prohibiting students in three residence areas from making their own bunk beds. The policy requires students to pay \$25 to have physical plant employees stack the beds and limits the number of bunk bed sets to 100 in each housing center. The policy was imposed to prevent damage to beds and increase safety.

### Lobbying felt

Fraternity opposition may have had an impact on an Ames, Iowa, local school tax resolution that recently failed. The Iowa State University Interfraternity Council took a stand against the resolution and mounted an extensive lobbying effort to educate fraternity and sorority members who live off campus about the tax. The IFC opposed the new tax levy because it would have increased taxes paid by sororities and fraternities.

### Basketball

A random student survey will determine if the Kansas State University student government votes to support construction of a new \$20 million basketball pavilion. In a 1979 referendum, students backed the new coliseum, but the vote was ruled invalid by the student senate after construction costs increased substantially.

Without student support and financial backing, coliseum construction will probably be delayed, say students leaders.

### Consumers

A consumer action council is being run on the Oklahoma State University campus by members of a housing design and consumer relations course. The service issues permits for on-campus sales of everything from life insurance to dishes, and advises students on contracts and other sales-related questions.

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## School forbids spying

The following are campus happenings reported by the *National On-Campus Report*.

-Spying on foreign students is now expressly forbidden at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. The school's president announced creation of a hotline students may call if they think they are victims of spying. Any student found guilty of spying on others could face expulsion. The action comes after a Carnegie-Mellon student died mysteriously on a return trip to his native Taiwan. Other Taiwanese students claimed his alleged suicide was actually government retribution for his anti-government activities in the United States.

-Dormitory residents can sue campus housing officials for violating the terms of a housing agreement, a Maryland circuit judge ruled recently. The judge overturned a lower court's dismissal of a \$5,000 suit filed by a University of Maryland student against housing officials there. The student claims a lack of safe showers in a residence hall caused "disruption in student life."

-Out-of-town football victories will be celebrated in a more orderly fashion at the Florida State University campus. Students, who used to celebrate in city streets, blocking them, can now congregate in the campus stadium, where university and student leaders plan to bring bands and a local disc jockey to add to the celebration.

-Changes in the legal drinking age have had no significant impact on alcohol consumption in four Midwestern states, accord-

ing to a recent study. The report, conducted by a private foundation and released by Wisconsin State Sen. Gary Goyke, compared alcoholic beverage revenues with numbers of legal drinkers in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Despite increases or decreases in the number of legal drinkers as the drinking age raised or lowered, alcohol sales remained constant.

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