

Relaxed atmosphere, added scholastic requirements greet sorority hopefuls

Two changes mark the beginning of the 1982 sorority rush, according to Jayne Wade Anderson, UNL Panhellenic director.

The changes include rearranging the rush schedule and the addition of a scholastic eligibility requirement.

To create a more relaxed atmosphere, the rush schedule now includes two half-day open houses in which the rushees can visit each of the chapter houses in casual attire.

Formal rush week begins Aug. 17, with orientation, and formal pledging beginning Aug. 22.

According to Anderson, the second change is not a new idea because sororities on many other college campuses already have an eligibility requirement.

An incoming freshman must have graduated in the top half of her graduating class or received a composite score of 21 on her ACT college entrance exam. "The 21 score is

the average and might change from year to year," Anderson said.

Upperclassmen and transfer students wishing to participate in rush must have a grade report or transcript showing the completion of 12 hours from a previous semester with a grade point average of at least 2.2.

Even if a woman fails to meet the scholastic requirement in fall rush, she is still eligible for second semester rush if she has held 12 hours and received a 2.2 or better grade point average from first semester. "The door is never closed," Anderson said.

Orientation packets may be picked up in the Nebraska Union Aug. 17 in three shifts, beginning with group A rushees with last names A through F, 4 to 4:30 p.m.; group B; rushees with last names G through O, 4:45-5:15 p.m.; and group C rushees with last names P through Z, 5:30-6 p.m.



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Health Center has developed new student insurance plan

By Ward W. Triplett III

The new Students' Group Health and Accident Insurance Plan will provide UNL students with a coverage designed specifically for them, according to University Health Center Administrator Stephen Blom.

"Our old policy covered emergencies, accidents and hospitalization," Blom said. "Our new one covers all of those things, but it also covers primary out-patient care. We feel that students need that kind of coverage," he said.

The new policy, which is explained in pamphlets mailed to pre-registered students, is with the Keystone Student Insurance Company out of Carrollton, Texas. The switch from Mutual of Omaha to Keystone was made after careful consideration, Blom said.

"In reviewing the previous plan, the student health board, myself, Dr. Roy Loudon (UNL director of personnel) and students Mike Grier and Andrea Marinkovich decided that we needed a more comprehensive insurance program. Basically, we re-wrote the specifications to develop an insurance plan," he said. "In doing that, we sent the specifications to 16 different insurance providers, and of those, Keystone offered the best price and coverage." The group worked on the plan last semester, with the bid being placed in

April, he said.

A major benefit Keystone offered was the development of a student representative position. The student representative will answer questions, handle claims and market the policy. Dave Ditman, a senior life sciences/psychology major, will be the first representative.

Blom said the policy is open to all UNL students enrolled for four or more hours. Open enrollment for the plan will be from Aug. 16 to Oct. 1 for the first semester.

Blom said that although an estimated 50 percent of UNL students will use the health center sometime during the school year, only 1,947 students were involved in last year's insurance plan with Mutual.


"I believe that students say to themselves 'I'm 18, I'm healthy, I don't need any insurance.' That of course, is where they make their mistake. We want them to have the information on this new policy so they can make the decision as to their need. If they do decide that they need an insurance plan, we want to provide them with the best possible," he said.

Blom said he is optimistic that more students will sign for the new policy, which, at \$149 a year will cost just \$10 more than the increased price Mutual was to offer this year.

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