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Phi Delta Theta decision postponed

By Jonathan Taylor

After three and a half hours of deliberation, the UNL Judicial Board decided Thursday to continue a hearing regarding whether or not to revoke Phi Delta Theta's standing as a fraternity and as approved housing.

The meeting is scheduled to resume at 3:15 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union.

The investigation is the result of a complaint filed by Dolores Simpson-Kirkland, assistant to the dean of students, following the 1983 arrest last summer of two former Phi Delta Theta members for delivery of cocaine. Ronald Rozanek, an active, and Anthony Huffer, a pledge, were charged. Both have been bound over to Lancaster County District Court for trial. David DeCoster, UNL dean of students, said the university began a preliminary investigation of Phi Delta Theta in January, after police made the arrests and completed an investigation to determine if the organization was violating any sections

outlined in the UNL Code of Student Conduct.

John Wiltse, assistant general counsel for UNL said he would not specify what charges were being filed against Phi Delta Theta, but a charge was being brought against the organization because "we feel they are collectively responsible."

Tom Easley, Phi Delta Theta chapter president, said he didn't know why the university was waiting until now to conduct an investigation but thought the fraternity's "past reputation" could have something to do with it. Easley said the Judicial Board should pass judgment on the individuals who broke the law, not the entire chapter. "The actions of two should not be held against the group as a whole," he said.

Because the hearing proceedings are "really up in the air," Easley said he could not speculate on the actions of the Judicial Board. "We plan to keep going as a house . . . we're not going to let the Judicial Board's actions affect our plan for next year."

Testimonies were presented to the five student, four faculty member Judicial Board in a closed-door meeting, DeCoster said.

"It is the posture of the university that all allegations made are between the university and the students involved," he said. The Judicial board conducts open hearings only with written permission from those involved, DeCoster said.

Michael Levy, an Omaha attorney, whose son, Daniel, is a member of Phi Delta Theta, said he requested the closed-door hearing because witnesses were presenting unsworn testimonies. He said he was following bar association press guidelines because information that did not accurately apply to the case could be released, he said.

Although the UNL Code of Conduct requires that judicial hearings not be held during dead week, finals week or the summer session, DeCoster said if no decision is reached today, the rule may be suspended.

Awareness Days activities hope to reduce accidents

By Mike Weibel

Motorcycle safety activities will take place throughout Nebraska this weekend in an effort to promote the Third Annual Motorcycle Safety Education Awareness Days, ending Saturday.

In Lincoln, a parade and safety display at East Park Plaza Saturday will be sponsored by a local motorcycle club, the Lincoln Tour Stars, in cooperation with Awareness Days.

"We want to promote motorcycle safety in connection with automobile drivers," said Dan Cross, retiring president of the group.

According to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, about 7 1/2 million motorcycles were used in the United States in 1980. Between 1980 and 1983, a total of 5,428 motorcycle traffic accidents were reported in Nebraska, with 4,600 injuries and 126 deaths.

Creating greater public awareness should reduce the number of Nebraska motorcycle accidents, injuries and deaths, according to Fred Zwonechek, Office of Highway Safety administrator.

Awareness Days activities in the past two years may partly be responsible for a 14 percent reduction in accidents, a 17 percent reduction in injuries and a 33 percent reduction in motorcycle-related deaths, according to the Office of Highway Safety.

At UNL, 425 motorcycle permits were sold this year, according to Richard Gammel of the UNL police department. He also said no accidents involving motorcycles were reported on campus this year.

Some UNL students think motorcycles are better transportation than cars, but they also can be dangerous in certain situations.

"They're easier to maneuver, easier to park and they're cheaper with gas," Keith Albert, a UNL teacher's college sophomore said.

"Cars aren't used to seeing motorcycles...they could be deadly machines," Jon Boumstein, a UNL accounting sophomore said.

Seven other Midwestern states including Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas have followed Nebraska's example of conducting motorcycle safety activities.



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Motorcycle enthusiasts in Lincoln, such as the one pictured above, are invited to attend the final days of the Third Annual Motorcycle Safety Education Awareness Days.

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Graduates face static salaries

By John Meissner

Despite the improved economy and increasing number of employer interviews, 1984 graduates get basically average starting salary offers, according to a survey by the College Placement Council.

The survey, compiled from data submitted between September 1, 1983, and March 2, 1984, by participating colleges, cites three reasons for salary stability:

- With inflation apparently under control, employers have less pressure to escalate salaries.
- Companies recovering from lean times are unwilling or unable to increase starting rates, and new graduates do not want to press their luck.
- Employers are not anxious to face the problems of internal salary compression that they struggled with during the years of spiralling starting rate increases.

Still, UNL Career Planning and Placement Acting Director Fred Wendel said he anticipates a \$50 per month increase in starting salaries for UNL graduates.

Wendel said he cannot make any

specific predictions, because although the interviewing season is over, graduates will not be polled on job offers and wages until commencement. Nebraska's beginning wages rank lower than those on the East or West Coasts, Wendel said.

The survey reports that starting offers in six bachelor level disciplines have decreased since July 1983. Accounting, on the other hand, is up 3.6 percent since that time — a monthly average of \$1,622; and some engineering fields have made minor gains. Computer science passed the \$2,000 mark with a 3.3 percent increase.

Wendel said Nebraska has participated in the College Placement Council's survey for many years.

The UNL Center's survey gives average starting salary offers and post-graduation plans for all departments, Wendel said. These figures are broken down by sex. The most recent report from graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, for example, shows that of the 674 students who received a degree, 77 continued their educations at UNL, 131 continued it elsewhere, 23 planned to enter the Armed Forces, 56

were employed in Nebraska, 23 were employed out of state, 13 were self-employed, 12 had other plans and 265 still were seeking employment.

The starting monthly salary average for men employed in Nebraska was \$1,304. For women the average was \$1,114.

Other information from last year's Career Planning and Placement Center survey:

Home Economics — 139 of 235 graduates still were seeking employment at the time of graduation. The average salary for women employed in Nebraska was \$761 per month.

Business Administration — 291 of 536 graduates were looking for work. Men outdistanced women in Nebraska \$1,321 to \$1,250, while out of state, women held a \$1,612 to \$1,574 advantage.

Engineering and Technology — 332 of the 351 graduates were men. Of the total graduating class, 124 were without jobs. Men were offered \$2,091 a month in Nebraska — about \$56 less than the men employed out of Nebraska.