

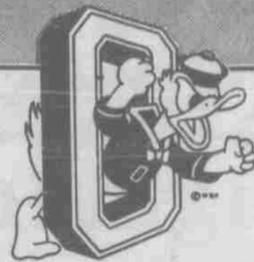
Friday

Weather:

Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Winds southerly 10-20 mph with a high of 71. Becoming partly cloudy tonight with a low of 43. Cloudy and colder for the weekend with rain possible, high for Saturday of 62.

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UNL fraternity charged in Wesleyan panty raid

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Although some of the undergarments stolen from a Nebraska Wesleyan University sorority house were returned, the house president says members won't be satisfied until they receive full payment.

Delta Zeta Sorority President Jody Wysong and her house members are demanding that UNL's Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity pay \$1,100 for the bras, underwear, slips, nylons and pajamas taken from the house.

Wysong said about 25 to 35 members of the UNL fraternity, with nylons on their heads and paint on their faces, forced their way into the sorority last Saturday night.

She said the men "pulled drawers out and threw clothes all over the rooms." Nothing was broken, she said, but desk drawers were emptied and papers were strewn all over the floors.

Wysong said some of the fraternity men shoved two of the women across the room as they attempted to block the men's escape.

"They ransacked the rooms," Wysong said. "What might have started out as an innocent panty raid didn't end that way."

Strong armed robbery charges have been filed against the fraternity members responsible, she said.

She said house members "felt that they had been raped."

"It was an awful feeling for those three days to not know who had done it and who was walking around with our underwear," Wysong said.

During that time, she said, house members received many crank telephone calls.

Wysong said the fraternity members brought back some personal items but most were torn and snagged.

"A lot of things were returned in perfect condition, but the girls feel uneasy about wearing them," she said. "When they pay us the money,

we'll return everything they stole because that's what they wanted in the first place."

Wysong said she thinks the situation is a feminist issue.

"They did it because they knew we couldn't fight back," she said. "Men don't see it as serious as we do."

Fraternities would not raid other fraternities to steal underwear, she said.

"It's just another example of men that don't respect women," Wysong said.

John Rood, public relations chairman for Alpha Tau Omega, said in a prepared statement that the panty raid is "an age-old fraternal custom that got enjoyably out of hand."

He said all items were returned and the responsible persons were "appropriately reprimanded." Rood said the members were disciplined within the house, but he would not disclose what kind of disciplinary actions were taken.

"Don't look for it to happen again," he said. "It's not an every day occurrence."

Rood said panty raids have declined in the last few years.

"That's kind of a shame because it can be harmless and enjoyable," he said. "It certainly isn't a sexist matter."

Yet, Rood said, he doubts that his house "intends to raid a fraternity."

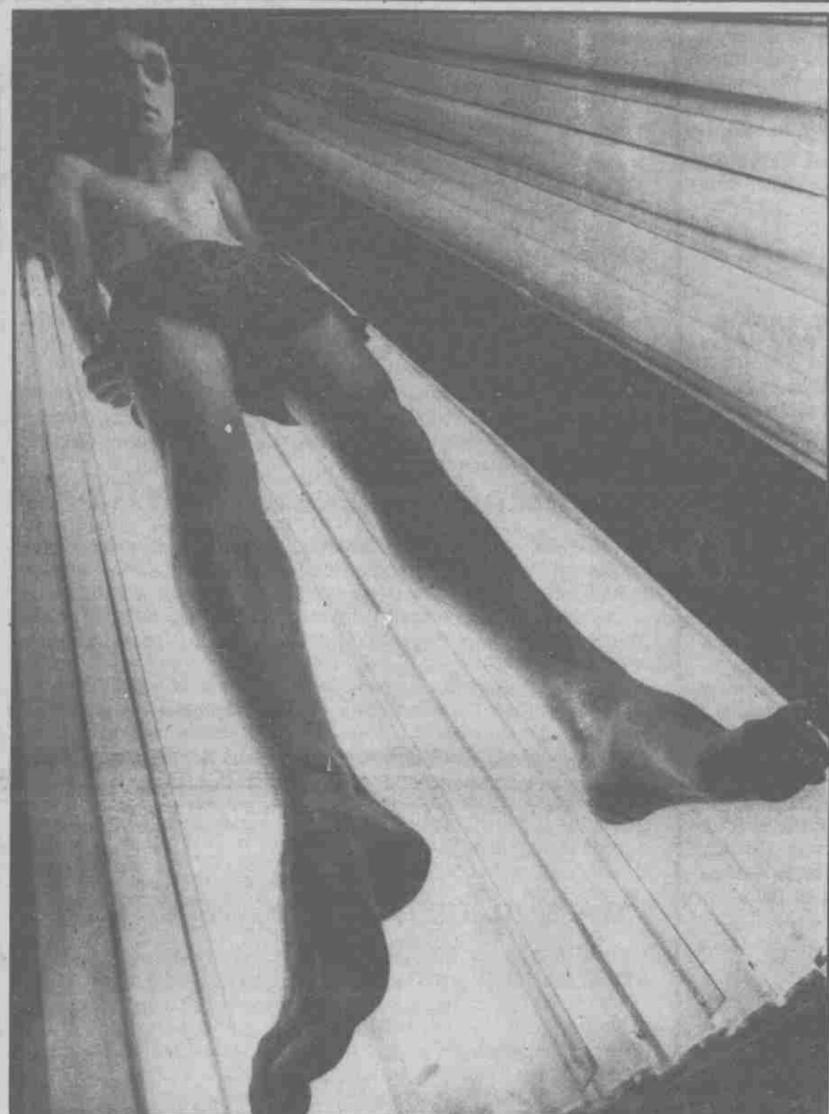
He said he doubts that his fraternity members will conduct another raid "for a while."

He said the situation gets out of hand when items are lost or damages are made. Last weekend's action was "sub-standard," he said.

"It hurts our image," Rood said. "We have a responsibility to handle our bad as well as our good."

Rood said he was not involved in the incident. He said he doesn't think the raid was provoked by anything "except a festive mood."

He said if the raids are "handled properly," they are an "acceptable practice" because they hurt no one.



Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

A UNL student models a tanning bed at Great Tan, 245 N. 13th St.

Tanning salons say students provide bulk of fall business

By Jen Deselms and
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Staff Reporters

The perfect tan.

People lie in the summer sun for hours, working to get that savage look. Dark. Healthy. But as summer heat turns to fall frost, students seek an alternative: year-round tanning salons.

Business at European Tan Spa, 1120 K St., picked up almost immediately when college classes started, said assistant manager Dan Struss. Business people made up most of the spa's customers during the summer, he said, but 75 percent of the spa's business now comes from students.

Despite the large number of students, many kinds of people use tanning salons, said Deb Neighbors, assistant manager of Hair Express at 245 N. 13th St. She said her tanning salon's clientele includes "students, people that hold a 9-to-5 job, housewives who want to get out of the house, middle-aged men and bodybuilders that use it to glorify their looks."

Neighbors and other managers of Lincoln tanning salons said people see them as an alternative to the beach.

Ron Adams, manager of Tanning Plus at 2710 S. 70th St., said many would rather not go to an overcrowded and noisy beach when they

could use up less time and get a more even tan in a pleasant salon setting.

Reasons for using the salons change during the colder months. Neighbors said people will come in to build a tan for weddings or parties or to maintain the tan they have. When spring break approaches, students come in for a protective tan that will ward off sunburn at the beach, she said.

When done properly, tanning can help clear up skin diseases such as acne and psoriasis. Struss said the tanning beds at European Tan Spa use a form of ultraviolet light that promote formation of melanin — the body's tanning substance — without sunburn and the risk of skin cancer.

Some customers said the benefits of tanning go beyond darker skin. Linda Alderson, a teacher in the Lincoln Public Schools, said a tan makes clothes look more attractive and gives a person a more positive attitude.

European Tan Spa recommends that people just starting a tan have no more than seven sessions within 10 days and one to two sessions a week after that, Struss said. The spa limits sessions to 30 minutes, but people with lighter skin usually begin with 15-minute sessions.

The spa is so popular that customers who walk in off the street probably won't find an open bed, he said. To be sure of a bed, customers should make appointments a day in advance.

Greeks get good safety marks

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

The Lincoln fire investigator responsible for UNL's Greek system said Thursday that this year's inspections have turned up only minor violations.

Mike Durst of the Bureau of Fire Protection said none of the 20 houses that he has checked have had violations worthy of penalties. Greek houses have been cooperative in correcting the violations that inspectors found, he said.

"Everyone's pretty agreeable," he said. "They understand that what we tell them is a life-safety problem."

Most houses have improved their fire safety over the last two or three years, said bureau chief Jerry McGinn. Durst said that although a Greek house was set on fire during homecoming three or four years ago, UNL hasn't had problems with arson like the University of Denver and the University of Colorado. Three fraternity-house fires at those schools since Sept. 18 have caused more than \$500,000 in damage.

Many of the houses have blocked open fire doors when they should be left closed, Durst said. If the doors are open when a fire breaks out,

oxygen can rush in and spread the fire, he said.

Most of the houses needed to be cleaned, he said. Greek houses often store things like homecoming banners and keep them until the next year rather than throw them away.

"It seems like they wait around for us to come around and tell them what they need to do," he said.

Once checked, a house has 30 days to correct violations before the bureau re-inspects it, he said. If the problems aren't corrected the house could be fined for each day it remains in violation.

McGinn said that Greek houses can lose their occupancy permits for extreme violations. But the bureau often gives such houses up to two years to make corrections to ease the financial burden of repairing a house immediately, he said.

Greek houses that haven't been inspected yet should adjust all fire doors and make sure they are closed, he said. The boiler, laundry and furnace rooms and hallways need to be clear of combustible objects, he said.

The bureau has yet to check most of the Greek houses along R and S streets. After the bureau finishes at UNL, it will inspect Greek houses at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Durst said.