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Legal action pending against sorority

By Kip Fry Staff Reporter

Legal action is pending against a University of Nebraska-Lincoln sorority for allegedly reneging on a verbal agreement to participate in a fundraising project, said the owner of a local plant store.

Fingers Greenhouse, 1544 Cornhusker including three truckloads of plants. Highway, said he had a verbal agree "We're sitting here with our neck ment with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority to supply all the plants and split the profits for the annual Plantasia sale today in the Nebraska Union.

Last week, however, Lococo was notified that the sorority had decided to of the controversy. use Oak Creek Plants and Flowers, 10th and Van Dorn streets, to do the partner, Edward Lococo, bought Green because Green Fingers had always

same job, Lococo said. Green Fingers has about \$5,000 in-

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Joseph A. Lococo, co-owner of Green vested in the project Lococo said, 'We're sitting here with our necks

stuck out," Lococo said.

John Christenson, co-owner of Oak Creek Plants and Flowers, said the store will supply the plants for the sale, but he said he did not know the details

Fingers last February, the previous supplied plants for the project. owner gave them the impression that the Lococos would supply the plants for Plantasia. Lococo said they learned of the changes last week.

However, the Kappa Alpha Theta president said the problem stemmed primarily from a lack of communication.

'There was no contractual agreement," said Patrice Cowan, president of Kappa Alpha Theta.

'When we first contacted Green Fingers, they seemed to be very unorganized, and didn't have any idea what it was," she said. "So we decided to get someone else.'

Lococo maintains that when the sorority contacted them in June, they said Lococo said that when he and his that nothing was needed in writing

But when Lococo tried to get back in touch with the sorority during the summer, no one ever returned his calls, he said. He made all the arrangements with the Nebraska Union where the event was to be held, he said. Lococo said the sorority offered to let them share the responsibilities with Oak Creek Plants and Flowers, and he reluctantly agreed. He then received word last Wednesday that Kappa Alpha Theta had decided to work entirely with Oak Creek.

In the process of negotiations, Lococo said that he repeatedly tried to contact Cowan. When he finally did contact her, Lococo said, Cowan told him that she had never promised to call back.

"At that point I realized I was deal-

ing with juveniles," Lococo said.

Presently, Lococo said that he is attempting to mediate the situation so that Green Fingers can be involved in the project to some extent.

Cowan said the sorority sought legal counsel in the case, and was told that no owner can pass on something which has been done solely with a verbal agreement, such as the case with Green Fingers.

Green Fingers just assumed that we would keep them," Cowan said, "but we've never said 'yes.

Half of the profits from sales will be sent to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kan., which helps hearing-and speech-impaired children. The other half will be kept by the business supplying the plants, she said.

GLSA faculty adviser Crompton says lack of leadership stifles group

By Lisa Twiestmeyer Staff Reporter

A lack of leadership is the main problem facing the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, the group's faculty adviser said.

Louis Crompton, professor and graduate chair of English and GLSA adviser, said the lack of a strong leader for the group may be the reason few students have shown an interest in GLSA.

Former GLSA president Rodney Bell III was a unique leader with much energy and devotion, Crompton said. Since Bell graduated in May, other students have not been able to devote much time to leading the group, he said.

'Strong leadership is rare anywhere," Crompton said, "but here it will be especially rare. It takes courage to be a leader of this group.'

Crompton said he estimates there are at least 1,000 homosexuals on campus. But of this number, he said, only a handful are willing to take an active part in the group. Many are shy or intimidated and would be afraid to put their names down as officials of the group, he said.

But even though only four people attended the

GLSA organizational meeting, Crompton said he does not feel the group is in danger of folding.

'This really isn't a new problem," Crompton said. "I'm sure there will be students around to keep the group going. It's still quite early in the

In the Lincoln-Omaha area, 39 groups provide support for homosexuals, Crompton said, including religious, social and AIDS support groups. With such a broad spectrum of activities, there will always be groups for homosexuals to turn to, he said.

Lincoln-area resources include:

- Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
- Capital City Couples
- Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line
- Lambda Resource Center
- Lesbian Support Group, Women's Resource
- Center Lincoln Legion of Lesbians
- Ministry in Human Sexuality **New Directions Center**
- **Open Door Ministry**
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays
- Third Culture

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GLPC chairperson needed

By Chris Allerheiligen Staff Reporter

A University Program Council search for a chairperson for the Gay/Lesbian Program Committee has been put on hold because no applications have been received.

Tentatively, UPC was to announce the chairperson last Friday, but no applications were nitted for the position, said Kim Hobson, UPC spokesperson.

Hobson said there was not a lack of interest in the position, because applications were picked up, but, since the idea of GLPC was formed last November, Hobson said, interest has declined. Hobson said some of the students may not

have had the time to be chairperson. Advertisements for the position ran two or three days in the Daily Nebraskan this fall, Hobson said, but they may have come out too close to the application deadline or some students may

have not seen the advertisements. When GLPC was presented to UPC by the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, the idea met

with student criticism. Some students argued that GLPC would cater to a small number of students but would be using student fees.

Although GLSA brought the idea for the committee to UPC, Hobson said, they are two separate organizations.

UPC approved GLPC in January 1987 on a one-year basis. The committee would provide programs on gay and lesbian topics and bring gay

and lesbian speakers and artists t The committee was given \$882 from UPC's 1987-88 budget.

The position is open to all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students. The chairperson would be responsible for planning activities and appointing committees within GLPC

"There are no qualifications regarding gender or sexual preference or lifestyle or year in school," Hobson said.

Hobson said UPC has to decide what it wants to do about the committee.

'It is undecided and undetermined where it (GLPC) will go . . . It's too early to know," Hob-

Around and around

A grounds department worker makes his way through Memorial Stadium stands Monday morning. Groundskeepers were working to clean the stadium after Satuday's football game.

John Treves, a graduate pre-med major, said ROTC cleans the big stuff up the Sunday after a football game, but it usually takes the grounds department until Thursday to get the stadium clean. "There's a lot of peanuts," he said.

Law College professor supports Bork, says attacks unfounded

By Amy Edwards Senior Reporter

Robert Bork, who begins facing the Senate Judiciary Committee today, is a conservative who has followed precedent in all of the cases he has presided over, according to a report released Monday by the Center for Judicial Studies.

In response to attacks on Bork, the center studied Bork's record and found that he has supported the majority views as a judge on the Washington D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, said a a contributor to the report.

The contributor, Richard Duncan, a professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law, said attacks on Bork by liberal groups are unfounded.

Bork has written more than 100 majority decisions and voted with the majority in more than 400 cases, Duncan said. Ninety percent of the cases Bork worked on were decided with a majority vote, Duncan said. None of these decisions has been reversed, he said

Bork has been the focus of many attacks from liberal groups since he was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Reagan.

Bork has been opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Women's Law Center, People for the American Way and many other liberal organizations.

The American Bar Association said Bork was "well qualified" for a position on the Supreme

Members of the ABA's standing committee made the rating after a divided vote in which 10 members voted Bork to be "well qualified," four members said he was "not qualified" and one voted "not opposed."

The threat Bork poses as a nominee is not that

of an extremist, Duncan said. Left-wing organizations that are "making a lot of noise" about Bork cannot support their accusations, he said. Bork's record speaks for itself and supports his nomination, Duncan said.

Although Bork is conservative, Duncan said, his appointment to the Supreme Curt would not sway the court's decisions to conservative views.

"It is not possible for one person to sway views," Duncan said. "I think what we'll see is a balanced court returned to interpreting laws instead of crediting new ones."