

TKE activation policy changes

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A policy allowing fraternities to activate new members without a semester of pledgeship was passed by the Tau Kappa Epsilon International Conclave this summer.

But pledgeship probably will remain the same at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln TKE fraternity, said Jeff Beals, a national delegate for the UNL TKE house.

This policy is the first of its kind to be passed by a fraternity in response to negative publicity against hazing, Beals said. TKE members across the nation will vote on whether to implement this policy in their own chapters.

Since Beals said hazing hasn't been a problem at UNL, procedures at this chapter probably will remain the same for the next two years.

The more than 320 TKE chapters will vote on whether to follow the new policy when selecting new members this fall.

Beals said that in two years the TKE grand chapter will vote on making the policy mandatory to all chapters.

"This policy was a controversial subject at the convention," he said, and was voted on by delegates from all the national chapters and passed by about 60 percent.

"Some intentions of this policy are good," he said. "It makes membership fairer and it's a step in a positive direction to decrease negative publicity fraternities have received because of hazing."

But pledgeship also has its benefits, he said. It's a time to learn about the fraternity and build friendships, he said.

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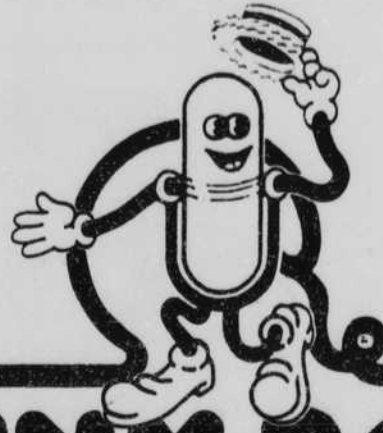
such as paving the gravelled lots and installing better lighting, Burke said. The money also will be used to build additional parking.

Burke said he hopes new parking stalls can be built closer to university buildings.

"It would be nice to have space

right by the facility," Burke said. "We are trying to situate lots by the buildings, but for now, commuter lots are mostly perimeter parking."

"We are self-sufficient," Burke said, "which means we receive no tax-dollar support. But we can stay affordable and keep costs down. We've managed pretty well up to now."



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