



Angie Nelson gets a hug from Cami Wacker Tuesday morning. Shaun Sartir/DN

Dirty rushing not a problem at UNL

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Sorority rush is not all fun and games — it can lead to some serious rule breaking. But not at UNL.

During the rush process, sororities must follow certain rules, said Panhellenic President Lisa Sickert. If a rule is broken, it is considered a "rush infraction," or "dirty rushing."

Every year rumors of dirty rushing spread, but formal complaints are rarely filed. Because UNL has had so few reports of rush violations, a list of infractions is difficult to compile, she said.

"I think that anything a sorority does that makes a rushee uncomfortable can be a form of dirty rushing," Sickert said, offering general characterization of illegal rush activities.

She also said the following could be considered rush infractions:

- excessive decoration of the sorority house during rush week.
- contacting a rushee during the summer. This gives one sorority unfair advantage over the others.
- "hot-boxing," when a rushee is cornered by three active members of the sorority during a rush party.
- entertaining a rushee when a sorority under prohibited auspices. For example, inviting a rushee over by herself, without the rest of the rushees.
- directly promising a rushee something.

UNL's greek system doesn't need to use these tactics to attract members, Sickert said, however, two overall rush chairwomen go to each sorority during rush and watch for possible infractions.

If an infraction is found, it is reported to the Greek Affairs office.

Rushees, the targets of dirty rushing, are unaware of what constitutes a rush infraction. They are told to talk to a Panhellenic delegate if they have a question about rush policies, Sickert said.

The delegate knows if a rush infraction has occurred and tells the rushee what options are available, she said.

In order to file a formal rush complaint, the rushee must fill out and sign a form citing the infraction. This process is intimidating for many rushees, Sickert said, especially when the infraction is something trivial.

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