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SPECIAL REPORT

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Alcohol in fraternities

Hazing can involve alcohol, abuse

Editor's note: This story contains firsthand accounts of hazing experiences. The individuals' names have been changed and fraternity names withheld.

By **Kara G. Morrison**
 Senior Reporter

When Sidney, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman, joined a fraternity, he was promised that hazing didn't exist.

So much for promises. "People say hazing doesn't go on; they say it's been blown out of proportion. That's crap. They definitely haze. I know."

His most memorable hazing experience started out innocently enough. He and the rest of his pledge class were taken out for dinner.

They were told to eat lots of pasta and to collect dollar bills. They were told they would need the money for gambling with alumni when they returned to the house.

When they returned, the house was quiet. The pledges were asked to wait upstairs in a closed-off room.

The silence erupted into torrents of yelling from the basement. The pledges were asked to take off their shirts and shoes and line up. One by one, they were taken downstairs.

"All the lights were turned out. All the upperclassmen were screaming obscenities, what a bunch of losers we were, basically verbal abuse.

"They doused us with ice water and poured beer on us ... Some of my pledge brothers got hit with fists. (Actives) poured beer down our pants, threw beer in our faces, handed us pitchers to drink ..."

"We had to keep our heads down; we couldn't see everything that was going on ... One guy shoved a pitcher of beer at me. I tipped it over because I was mad, and he hit me.

"They were shoving us, shouting commands to get up and down. Afterwards, people were puking because they had eaten so much before."

He remembers all of them shivering from the ice water, his eyes stinging from the beer's carbonation, actives—drunk, violent, out of control—screaming in his face, vomit and beer everywhere.

He also remembers one of his pledge brothers, who was on medication, having a reaction to the two pitchers of beer he had been given to drink.

"He became a zombie," Sidney said.

Some of the pledges suggested



Photo illustration by Jon Waller/DN

Although alcohol is prohibited from greek houses, students say it is often consumed in fraternities. Alcohol also can be a part of hazing in such incidents as beer bonging, which involves drinking large quantities of beer in a few seconds.

they get help. They were told it wouldn't be a good idea.

Later, the pledges were asked to get out their dollar bills for the entertainment—a stripper. They were expected to participate. Sidney asked to leave.

"They called it brotherhood," he said. "I called it repulsive."

James, now a senior, has similar memories.

"My first experience with haz-

ing was formal pledging night. It was a total shock as far as what had happened previously.

"We had been treated with respect, and then all of a sudden we were put in a room with pillowcases over our heads, with actives screaming in our face."

James said alcohol was involved, but pledges were not being forced to drink.

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Campus Consumption

Today, the Daily Nebraskan concludes a weeklong special report focusing on the aspects, consequences and policies concerning alcohol consumption on campus.

MASA boycotts multicultural affairs office

By **Matthew Waite**
 Senior Reporter

Members of the Mexican American Student Association Thursday night said they would boycott the office of Multicultural Affairs because of discriminatory hiring practices.

Cathy Maestas, president of MASA, said of the last five positions filled in the multicultural affairs office, four were by African Americans.

"This action continues to reflect the notion that when one refers to minorities on campus, this only applies to the African American experience," a MASA statement said.

MASA members will not utilize any services offered through the multicultural affairs office.

Jimmi Smith, director of the multicultural affairs office, said the office's record of hiring was clearly diverse.

"We have probably the most diverse office in this university," he said.

However, Smith said, it was not as diverse as it would like to be.

Smith challenged other offices to match his on diversity hiring practices. He said he would continue to hire people qualified to serve the students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The statement said MASA was not condemning current Latino staff or making this an African American vs. Latino issue.

Maestas said a qualified Latino woman was not hired from the group considered for the fifth position. She said it was the first time in years a qualified Latino was considered for a job.

Maestas said MASA had brought up the issue several times with campus administrators. There are only seven Chicanos on faculty at the university, she said.

"This is not a recent thing," Maestas said. "It's been going on for quite a while."

The MASA statement said the multicultural affairs office's commitment to diversity was not sincere and was the worst offender when it came to affirmative action.

Eric Jolly, UNL director of affirmative action and diversity, could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

MASA also questioned the number of Latinos hired under Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen. MASA claimed the student affairs office ignored its concerns about its hiring practices.

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Athlete's lawyer wants one charge thrown out

Player may face double jeopardy, his attorney says

By **Angie Brunkow**
 Senior Reporter

An attorney for NU football player Tyrone Williams said he planned to get one of the two felony charges filed against his client thrown out of court.

In a press conference after Will-

iams' Thursday afternoon arraignment hearing, Hal Anderson said charges of unlawful discharge of a firearm and the use of a weapon to commit a felony were unconstitutionally similar.

Elements of both charges are the same, he said.

"I don't think he should have to face two charges for the same event," Anderson said.

"That's double jeopardy," he said. Anderson said his client would plead innocent to the charges.

The charges stem from a Sunday

morning incident in which authorities allege Williams shot two or three rounds at an occupied vehicle near 17th and L streets.

The weapons charge is a Class III felony, punishable by a minimum of one year in prison to a maximum of 20 years and a \$25,000 fine. The unlawful firearm charge is a Class IV felony, punishable with a maximum of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The weapons charge sentence cannot be served concurrently with the sentence from the other charge.

The firearms charge, also known

as the drive-by shooting law, was created by the Nebraska Legislature in 1990.

Williams was arraigned Thursday by Lancaster County Judge Jack B. Lindner on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond.

For a personal recognizance bond, Williams doesn't have to post bail, but he would owe the court \$50,000 if he failed to appear for his Feb. 14 docket call.

"He's just basically on the honor system to show up," he said.

Anderson said he had not had time to investigate the circumstances sur-

rounding Williams' case and could not comment on them.

But he said the situation was difficult for Williams, who had no criminal record.

"He's not used to this," Anderson said. "He's a good young man."

In another weekend incident involving football players Abdul Muhammad and Ramone Worthy, Lincoln police reported no new developments Thursday.

Muhammad and Worthy both suffered minor injuries in an apparent brawl at the Residence Inn motel, 299 S. 68th St.