

Schlondorf

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Former UNL student Scott Clifford also testified Wednesday morning. Clifford said he let Schlondorf crash on his couch on the night they met drinking at a bar.

Later that night, Clifford said, Schlondorf entered his room, agitated and distressed, saying, "I'm mentally ill," and that he needed help.

Clifford agreed to take Schlondorf to the University Health Center. Peg Blake, University Health Center director, complemented Clifford's testimony with the medical records from that night.

Blake read from records that recounted what Schlondorf told a receptionist that night.

"I want to die. I just want to feel the pain," Blake read to the jury.

Tony Lindquist, who worked in Neihardt Residence Hall in fall 1992, told the court about a Sept.

25, 1992, incident in which an intoxicated Schlondorf threatened to kill himself in order to make his family and acquaintances "feel the pain" he felt.

Lindquist said he talked to Schlondorf for about an hour that night. Schlondorf said he wanted to commit suicide because he was being pressured by his father to return to the family farm.

During the conversation, Lindquist said, Schlondorf took a knife from his closet and waved it around. Lindquist asked if he could have the knife, and Schlondorf gave it to him. He also gave Lindquist a "rather large" pocket-knife he had in his pocket, Lindquist said.

After Lindquist had reported the incident to the Neihardt residence director, he returned to Schlondorf's room. He found Schlondorf lying on his bed, eyes closed and unresponsive.

An emergency team arrived. Lindquist said, and tried to get Schlondorf to respond. After some

time, he said, Schlondorf opened his eyes and smiled.

Greg Meyer, a Lancaster County Corrections department officer, works in the jail where Schlondorf is being held.

Meyer testified about an Oct. 10, 1994, incident in which Schlondorf cut his left wrist with a blade he had removed from a disposable razor.

Chris Eskridge, a criminal justice professor, had Schlondorf in three classes and has visited him in jail.

Deputy County Attorney Joe Kelly asked Eskridge about Schlondorf's demeanor on his most recent visit in May.

When questioned by the defense, Lindquist said Schlondorf was a slow student who frequently asked him to repeat information in class. Schlondorf would sometimes come to two sections of class and listen to the same lecture twice, Eskridge said.

"I wish all my students were as determined and hard-working."

Greek contest lights up children's faces, houses

By Jenny House
Staff Reporter

A holiday contest lit up Greek houses and raised money for needy children.

For the "Winter Lights for Kids Contest," sponsored by Sigma Nu Fraternity, Greek organizations competed in two categories: best house decoration and raising money, toys, books and clothing for the Child Saving Institute.

Jeff Barclay, Sigma Nu philanthropy chairman and contest organizer, said each participating house paid a \$50 entry fee.

"From the 18 Greek houses that participated, we raised over \$800," Barclay said.

Jayne Wade Anderson, Greek Affairs director, and Mary Ann Holland, Greek Affairs staff secretary, chose the winners Monday night.

Alpha Xi Delta Sorority won the \$200 first prize, Kappa Sigma Fraternity won the \$50 second prize, and Beta Theta Pi Fraternity won the \$50 third prize.

Anderson said she thought all participating houses looked great and that the decorations "add a festive air to the campus."

Sigma Nu also will award an additional \$50 to the fraternity or sorority that collects the most donations.

Julie Boeshart, Alpha Xi Delta philanthropy chairwoman, said it took them roughly three to four days to decorate.

"Nearly 40 to 50 members, alumni and family members helped by donating lights or putting them up," she said.

Although they did not enter their own contest, a core group of 10 Sigma Nu members spent a solid two days lighting the house.

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