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SOPHOMORE ANDREA BELL and other members of Gamma Phi Beta sorority pose for pictures in front of their sorority house. Gamma Phi Beta signed 34 pledges Monday afternoon.

Bid Day closes sorority rush

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one side of campus to the other in our heels."

As a freshman last year, Chamberlain filled out a rush application, but she decided not to participate. She said she wasn't familiar with sororities last year, but she was ready to get involved this year.

"I think the sorority will give me more opportunities to do volunteer activities that wouldn't be available to me if I wasn't in a sorority," Chamberlain said.

Like Chamberlain, Sasek also joined the house to become more involved. Sasek said she liked meeting other students and seeing the skits that members of Gamma Phi Beta put on for them. Sasek said she thought

the skits showed what the sorority was all about.

White also liked rush and said it was better than she expected.

"Every one of the girls was so special," White said. "You met a lot of girls just like yourself."

Pledges weren't the only ones who were busy during rush. Sorority members and Greek Affairs were busy making sure rush went smoothly.

Shannon Fletcher, a senior psychology major and Gamma Phi Beta assistant rush chairwoman, said she remembered feeling some pressure when she rushed.

Sorority members try to be friendly and honest with the new members, she said.

"We have been in their shoes and know how it feels," Fletcher said.

Lexie Mueller, a junior agribusiness major and member of Alpha Omicron Pi, said she was relaxed during rush. Mueller said her sorority would be like a family away from home, especially now that she was 28 new sisters.

Greek Affairs director Linda Schwartzkopf also thought rush went smoothly.

Schwartzkopf said 568 women turned in rush applications, which was nine more than last year. She said she was especially happy with the increase because the number of freshmen enrolled at UNL dropped this year.

Greek, housing judicial boards dropped

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great merit when it comes to judicial affairs."

Zatechka said students and faculty were frustrated with the judicial process at the university last spring after early controversy over disciplinary action of a university-affiliated student group brought the three separate judicial boards into question.

In January, Sigma Chi fraternity was accused of burning a 6-foot cross during a pre-initiation ceremony and was not punished for the incident by the university. The fraternity fell under the jurisdiction of the greek judicial board.

One judicial board will also streamline judicial proceedings, resulting in a more effective and efficient process, Zatechka said.

Before, a student heard in the housing or greek judicial court could

appeal to the all-university judicial board, he said. The same student could then appeal to the university appeals board on grounds of insufficient evidence, inappropriate proceedings of the all-university board or inappropriate punishment received for the gravity of the alleged misconduct.

Now, only one appeal is possible from the all-university board to the appeals board, Zatechka said.

The new board also will allow students easier access to the all-university board. Before, a student who lived in a campus residence hall or who was a member of a fraternity or sorority could receive a hearing with the all-university board only if they appealed their respective subordinate judicial board's decision.

Zatechka said the university decided to consolidate the judicial

boards after a team consisting of internal and external members reviewed UNL's student judicial process and suggested the move last spring.

All student affairs division directors decided to consolidate the judicial boards during a May retreat with James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, Zatechka said. The directors had yet to hear the review team's recommendation when they decided to consolidate the boards, he said.

He said housing staff members also supported the consolidation although they lost their own judicial board.

"The university ought to speak as one voice on the values we want to stand for," Zatechka said.

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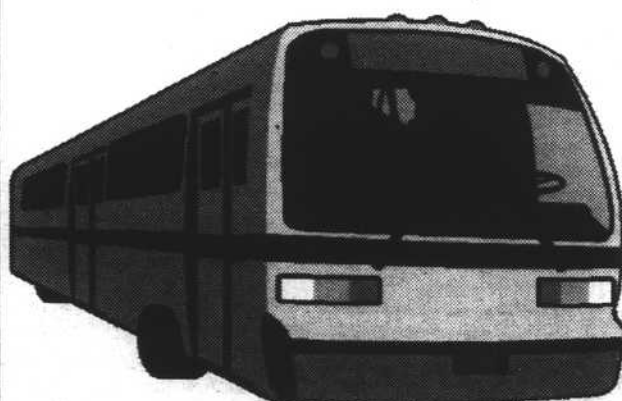
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