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Unfair evacuation

Fraternity treated with disrespect

In the midst of the holiday season, most people expect to get surprises in the mail. But for one group of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, a surprise arrived that eclipsed even the most daunting cheese log or the most weighty fruitcake.

Those students were members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and their surprise came in the form of a letter telling them their house was closed, and their charter was suspended. No reason was given for these actions.

It was only a couple of days before Christmas when most of these students were hit with the realization they would be spending the rest of their break in search of new homes for the next semester.

Many of the fraternity members thought the letters were, at first, a joke. They said they couldn't believe their house was going to be closed with no prior warning, or that anyone would kick them out of their home with only a few weeks to find new ones. They said they couldn't believe this was happening after a semester without breaking any rules that warranted closing their house.

But it wasn't a joke.

Many of the Kappa Sigma members moved into the residence halls. Others moved off campus. And some decided they wouldn't return to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Whatever the results were for individual members, the closing of Kappa Sigma proved to be more than an inconvenience. And now that everyone supposedly has a place to live for the rest of this school year, the challenge presented to the men of Kappa Sigma is over.

But the questions remain. And many of these students understandably want them answered.

They want to know why their house was closed. They want to know why nobody bothered to tell them the closing was imminent. They want to know if they'll ever get their house back.

Whether the closing of Kappa Sigma was warranted or not is a question subject to debate, but the short notice and lack of explanation for the closure are, for the members of that fraternity, inexcusable.

No matter what violations, technicalities or financial difficulties forced the closing of Kappa Sigma, the decision makers at the fraternity's national headquarters acted inappropriately.

And after having their home taken away and their fraternity closed, the men of Kappa Sigma at least deserve one thing: an apology.

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Taking out the trash

The whining and pleading Frost did may have endeared him to NU fans, but around the country he looks like an arrogant punk. When Michigan players were asked who should be national champs, their arguments revolved around what they did on the field. All Nebraska's players could do was trash Michigan. I guess the class of Coach Osborne doesn't show up in his players. But then again, Osborne left his first string in long after the game was decided, so maybe it shows what Nebraska is all about.

Yes, NU begged its way to a share, but when it comes to honor and class, Michigan wins hands down.

Brian Stierle
(School not available)

Are you on dope?

Dear die-hard Nebraska fans, I think it is great that you guys are HUGE fans and show such pride. Pride is something that is not seen on every campus. We are the select, the few and the privileged. Although you guys won a SHARE of the national championship, there are many reasons you DO NOT deserve it. Can you please answer these questions?

If Coach Osborne was NOT retiring, do you HONESTLY think you would have won the share of the title? If it's yes, it is pretty pathetic ... considering Osborne was hyped up as if

Coach Osborne was involved in this, he needs to see a psychiatrist or is smoking too much Nebraskan pot. Not to be vengeful, but that kind of baffles me.

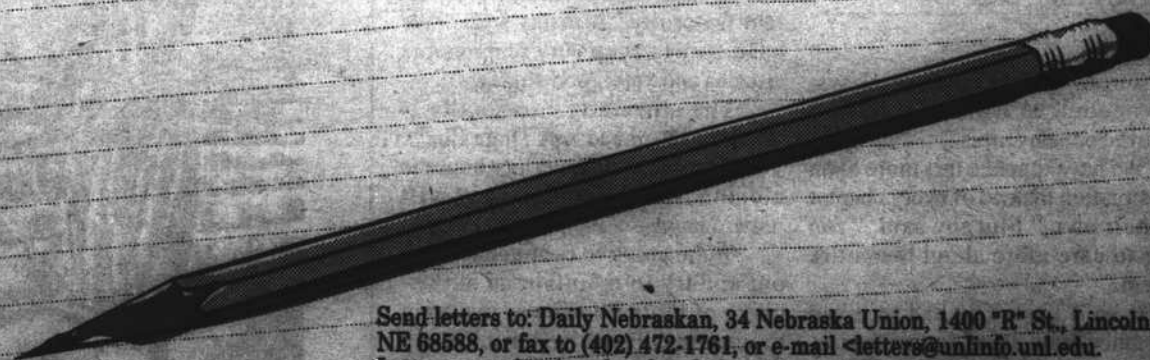
How does a team by the skin of their shoes - literally - deserve the national championship? Mizzou was not even ranked in the polls. Michigan never had such a problem. We always won with authority ... but had the tact to not

RUN UP the score.

That is not what the beauty of the sport is about. If you take the two teams both Michigan and Nebraska played, we did better on both teams - Colorado and Baylor. Honestly, Michigan played an under-rated WSU, and Nebraska played an over-rated team. In big games, Manning sucks and Leaf is great. Besides the fact that Manning was injured, there are many other reasons why Michigan deserved both titles. We are clearly the better team.

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University of Michigan

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