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Fraternity faces heavy sanctions

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Nick Hatfield, a mechanical engineering junior, was elected interim president of the fraternity. He said the fraternity's attitude was positive, and members who were forced out harbor few hard feelings.

"They wanted what's best for the fraternity," Hatfield said.

After losing half its membership, the house GPA rose and the house got cleaner, he said. The house also declared itself a dry fraternity, joining 10 others on the UNL campus.

A long road lies ahead of those quick improvements.

Official reparations with the university began Monday evening when the members met with Griesen and Linda Schwartzkopf, director of UNL Greek Affairs.

The two administrators presented the dozen proposed sanctions to members at that time. The University Judicial Board had approved the sanctions at a 5:30 meeting that day.

The positive Chi Phi response — one of commitment to change — impressed the administrators.

"I was more buoyed by that meeting than at any other time in my 12½ years as vice chancellor for student affairs," Griesen said.

The fraternity members agreed to the following sanctions:

- Members will remain on conduct probation through May 2001, during which any major code-of-conduct violation will be handled by the Judicial Board.

- The house must complete a membership review.

- A university-employed graduate assistant must live in the house, monitor fraternity compliance with the student code of conduct and advise chapter members until May 2001.

- All major house officers must be appointed by the chapter's alumni board until December 1999.

- New officers must attend a mandatory officer retreat within two weeks of their appointment.

- Second-semester freshmen and first-semester sophomores must actively serve on one or more chapter committees to strengthen house leadership.

- All Chi Phi pledge candidates and their parents must be told of the house's past code-of-conduct violations and sanctions until May 2001.

- House officers must undergo a performance review at the end of each semester.

- The house must have its detailed social calendar approved by Charles Green, director of judicial affairs, and by its alumni board. At social events, chapter funds cannot be used to purchase alcohol. Alcohol at any event must be provided by a licensed beverage caterer and consumed only by members aged 21 or older.

Griesen said Tuesday that alcohol wasn't prohibited at off-campus fraternity functions, but fraternities must abide by local and state serving laws.

- Before May 1, each Chi Phi

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pledge and active member must complete the Alcohol Skills Training Program offered by the University Health Center and must pay the registration fee. All new Chi Phi members through May 2001 must also complete the program.

- The chapter must sponsor or co-sponsor a risk management education program open to all UNL greek chapters once each year through 2001.

- The fraternity's behavior will be evaluated in April and in December by Griesen, Schwartzkopf, Green, chapter officers and chapter alumni.

Although the sanctions are severe, the fraternity is grateful for the chance to stay on campus, said Rick Blessen, president of the Chi Phi Club of Nebraska, the chapter's alumni association.

"I expect some (community) backlash, but it comes with an incident like this," he said. "I expect the men of the chapter to ride it out and prove any naysayers wrong."

With half its usual members paying dues and rent, the chapter also will ride out a grim financial situation, but alumni have pledged to support the house with financial and moral advice.

"Nobody really likes the idea of losing their home," Blessen said. "That's how the alumni feel."

Alumni took members on a retreat Saturday to discuss chapter reform.

Alumni will continue to stress scholastics to the chapter first, followed by the importance of being upstanding university and community members, he said.

Schwartzkopf said strong alumni support was a major factor in the university deciding to sanction the chapter and to allow it to rebuild.

Griesen said he had asked the fraternity's national office, whose sanctions of Chi Phi members are still pending, to go along with the university's sanctions and not heap many other restrictions on the men.

National Chi Phi officials had discussed limiting the men to one party a semester, among other restrictions.

But Griesen said a healthy social calendar would help Chi Phi rebuild and become one of the strongest houses in the greek system — a system whose members excel in volunteer work and campus leadership. The greek system also has the highest retention rate of any campus organization, he said.

"We want strong greek houses on the campus, and we want to see Chi Phi grow and prosper here."

Alumni grant aids students

■ **Enhancement fund** supports events to improve campus life.

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Last year, the Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Club was able to sponsor only one event promoting itself because of lack of funds.

Now, thanks to a grant given to the group by the Student Alumni Association, the club will sponsor several days of activities in their "Celebrate Every Body Week."

"SAA made it possible for the events to occur next week," co-coordinator Linda Schweer said. The Nebraska Alumni Association gave \$25,000 to the Student Alumni Association last August, which will be used to enhance all aspects of student life on campus, said Tom Heacock, committee chairman for the SAA fund.

The grant, known as the Student Enhancement Fund, is distributed to organizations on campus wanting or needing money to sponsor events that could benefit students' lives.

At least half of the fund will be given to groups that promote diversity, Heacock said.

For example, the SAA donated money to help bring a diversity speaker to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last October during Homecoming week.

"The important diversity issues need to be addressed," he said.

If the alumni association has the funds, the SAA would receive the same amount of money each school year to better the university, said Shelley Zaborowski, director of student programs for the Nebraska Alumni Association.

She said that the student alumni association had the leadership ability to make a difference with the enhancement fund.

"We wanted to give students the power to help other students," Zaborowski said. "We want to touch a lot of students because they are our future alumni."

The purpose of the SAA is to work with the Nebraska Alumni Association to encourage people to become members of the group once they leave the university, Heacock said.

He said the fund has already been used to give \$7,000 to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska.

The group is now taking appeals from organizations that need help funding an event. Applications are available at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

This semester, the SAA will grant money to two more events, yet to be chosen.

A week after the application is turned in, the organization requesting the money must present its event's objectives to the SAA.

The deadline for the first sum of money to be divvied out to an organization is March 11. That group of applicants would give presentations to the SAA on March 25.

The second deadline is April 15, with presentations following April 26.

Heacock said he encouraged students involved in organizations to apply for money for their coming events.

"Right now, we are trying to increase awareness about the fund," Heacock said. "Through the fund, our goal is to benefit the campus and make it a better place for students."



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