

Students scramble for places to park

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permit Monday. However, the Abel Hall resident was disappointed that the only permit available was a perimeter pass.

"I'll have to get out my parking map and figure out how to use the shuttle bus," she said.

Chamberlain said students do have some options for off-campus parking.

First, she said, students can car-pool or share a pass. To share a pass, students need to call parking services and add another license plate number to the list of vehicles authorized to use the pass.

Students can also use StarTran buses to commute to campus. Chamberlain said the free passes were available at the information desks of both the City and East campuses' unions.

Chamberlain also said National Garages, at 1033 O St., had passes for sale.

Chamberlain said students who commute from out of town could try to park at a friend's house and catch the bus.

However, she cautioned students against parking in private lots because they run the risk of having their cars towed.

Finally, Chamberlain said she did not recommend parking in residential areas, and that students choosing to



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STUDENTS WAIT IN line hoping to get their hands on parking permits. Students on Monday afternoon were greeted with the news that all permits were sold out except night and East Campus permits. Alternative options include using StarTran buses, buying a downtown garage pass or sharing a permit with a friend. For that option, students must contact Parking Services.

park there would need to be careful to stay out of no-parking zones.

She said the university would continue to look for other options, but did

not expect any new options to materialize.

"Right now I can't think of anything."

Sorority rush pulls huge attendance

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the highest in recent years, which leaves the UNL campus with more than 3,000 students in its fraternities and sororities, said Linda Schwartzkopf, director of Greek Affairs.

"We've had really quite a dramatic increase in the number of women choosing to join a sorority," Schwartzkopf said.

More than 99 percent of rushees were awarded invitations.

The number of rushees has steadily increased over the past four years, Schwartzkopf said.

"I think students are attracted to the very positive values of the sorority system," she said, naming leadership, scholarship, service and friendship as just a few of those.

The high applicant turnout was strong proof of the positive image UNL sororities uphold, Schwartzkopf said.

At UNL, 85 percent of rushees get their first choice of houses after filling out a preference card of the sorority they most want to be a member of, said Mary Ann Holland, Greek Affairs staff assistant.

"We have a lot of pride here because we make every attempt to place every young woman who wants to be a part of the greek system in their desired sorority," Schwartzkopf said.

Sorority rush began Wednesday with an orientation inside the Nebraska Union and finished in the same fashion Monday, with members opening invitations inside the union.

Each woman had the opportunity to visit all 14 sorority houses throughout the week. Each sorority then chose prospective members based on academic performance and

student involvement.

Each of the sororities located around the UNL campus placed high emphasis on students' SAT and ACT scores, high school grade point average and extracurricular activities, Holland said.

"When a student is involved in several things, it would indicate that they may have good time-management skills. That's an indicator of success in college," Holland said.

Angela Nichols, a junior secondary education major and pledge educator, said she was more than ready to make her new sorority sisters feel right at home.

Nichols, who represents Pi Beta Phi Sorority, will be challenged with the task of presenting her chapter's history to the incoming freshman class.

She also has to match new members with other sisters who have similar interests and classes, which can ease some of the pressure of being a first-time college student and can help create connections on campus, she said.

"Our house is a big network, where everybody knows someone else," Nichols said. "It really makes you feel comfortable when you're on a large campus."

Initially, 657 students signed up for rush. More than 175 either dropped out along the way or were listed as no-shows, Schwartzkopf said.

Lacey Sukstorf, a junior advertising major and rush chairwoman, said she was eager to greet the more than 30 new sisters entering Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

"It'll be a really neat experience. They'll have a lot of fun and interesting experiences ahead of them," Sukstorf said. "I'm excited for them."

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