

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity doors closed on members

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not discussed the future of the fraternity if the house does not reopen.

Sullivan said he thought remaining active without a house was a possibility.

"It is a doable situation," he said. "There are plenty of national fraternities that do not have a physical plant."

Kappa Sigma Fraternity, at 519 N. 16th St., faced a similar situation two years ago. After being forced to vacate their house, the fraternity remained active and recruited enough members to move back in this fall, said Linda Schwartzkopf, director of Greek Affairs.

"Kappa Sigma was one of the first to make the decision to be a fraternity without a living unit," Schwartzkopf said. "They were able to do that very successfully."

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, which colonized in the spring of 1998, has also functioned successfully without a house, Schwartzkopf said.

Michael Consbruck, Interfraternity Council president, said he was disappointed about the closing of the house but said the situation facing Phi Delta Theta is not a unique one, and many houses must deal with the reality of fewer men choosing to rush.

"It's a problem all of the houses are going through," he said. "Each house has to step up their programming and make their house shine."

This year, fraternities signed on 422 new members. Last year they signed on 455 members, and in 1997 they signed 467.

Despite the problems the fraternity has had recruiting members, Sullivan said he was optimistic about changing recruitment practices and garnering enough members to reopen the house.

Sullivan said he would feel bad if his former home had to shut down in the future.

"I would be saddened," Sullivan said. "But they are going to have to show me solid numbers in order to shut it down."

Y2K council member: State is well-prepared

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five Y2K experts were from different areas of Nebraska. The panelists were asked questions about Social Security, money management, electricity, communication problems and health issues.

"It's a unique management problem for the entire world that will affect everyone everywhere," Koskinen said. "Nebraska has done a wonderful job. It's easy to see why Nebraska is one of only three states that is well-informed. The state government is in very good shape."

Jack Dillich, Nebraska Public Power District Y2K Readiness Project Manager, said NPPD understands the problems that could be created by the upcoming year but also expects to be ready for it.

"We don't anticipate having any Y2K electricity problems in Nebraska," he said.

Questions about financial issues were answered by Jim Mastera, the executive vice president for Cornhusker Bank.

Some people in Nebraska, he said, are taking their money out of the banks and hoarding it at home. Mastera warned those people that the

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money may not be kept safe in doing this. The bank is still the safest place to keep it, he said.

Most of the questions received by phone calls came from Omaha and Lincoln. Members of the live audience also were allowed to ask the panelists questions.

The other panelists included: Fran Laden, the assistant director for Nebraska Emergency Management; Larry Nieman, a senior analyst for Alegent Health; and Dennis Weather, the area market manager for US West. The show was hosted by Nancy Finken of Nebraska Public Radio.

Koskinen said the Y2K issue was a fascinating one that no one in the country has ever dealt with before.

"Nobody can guarantee things

will function perfectly on January 1, but no one can guarantee that they will function perfectly tomorrow morning," he said. "Everyone should be prepared for a long winter weekend. It's not a waste of time to prepare for the Y2K."

After buying bottled water, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothbrushes, floss and many other essentials, Anderson said she will be prepared for whatever happens.

"People have to decide for themselves if they want to do this," Anderson said. "But we are preparing ourselves, just in case."

The "Y2K Nebraska Town Hall" program will repeat on EduCable on Sept. 5, at 6 p.m.

Shooting leads to 2 arrests

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streets. Srb said two individuals in a car fired four to six shots with a rifle into an adjacent car. Srb received reports that shots were also fired at bystanders in the area.

"I think there were a fair number of students in the area," Srb said.

He said police did not recover the weapon used in the shooting.

The attack stemmed from an argument on Monday, Srb said, but he did not know the cause of the argument.

Wilks said no fights took place Monday that could have led to Tuesday's shooting.

"I had no report of a fight Monday or else we would've nipped it in the bud," Wilks said.

In addition to about 80 students trained in peer crisis resolution, crisis counselors were available for students, Wilks said.

The majority of the 2,200 students at Northeast High School seemed to be handling the crisis well, Wilks said, adding that he hoped the incident was not part of a nationwide trend toward violence in schools.

"Society seems to be a little more violent today than it has been," Wilks said.

CORRECTION

The late Nicholas Babchuk, a professor emeritus in the UNL sociology department, was an expert on the Kiwanis Club, the Masons and the Knights of Columbus. Because of a reporting error in Tuesdays Daily Nebraskan, his association with the groups was misidentified.

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