

# Board of Regents approves Greek Row funding

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The university and Security Pacific Bank have reached an agreement to finance the construction of a greek row on campus.

Robert Ackerman, vice president of Student Services, said the UNS Board of Regents approved a plan that puts \$3 million towards building permanent homes for several fraternities.

The plan seems a simple one, according to Ackerman. "The university will hold the mortgage," he said, "and build the house, as well. The resident fraternity will then pay for it with the income it receives from members."

Ackerman says that four UNLV fraternities stand ready to begin planning their future homes. Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi have long expressed a desire to maintain a house on campus. But before that can happen, Ackerman noted, the fraternities will have to meet certain guidelines.

"The university will require of the fraternities some collateral," he said. "Three fourths of the anti-

dated architect fee will have to be put up as collateral. This will be approximately seven to eight percent of the total cost of the home. The reason is that if, for any reason, UNLV is really not committed and the house doesn't get built, this money will pay the architect."

The estimated cost of a single home is \$500,000. The 25-acre plot of raw land between Swenson Avenue and the tennis courts has been chosen as the site. Ackerman said the university will not allow building to begin until at least three fraternities are ready to proceed. "Utilities have to be brought to the area," he said. "It would be too expensive to do that for one house at a time."

The homes will be 9,000 to 11,000 square feet and house more than 30 members. ATO and Kappa Sigma have already contracted with designers and are moving towards the day construction will begin. Ackerman said the actual cost of the house is determined by the fraternity. "The fraternity designs its own house," he said. "Since they have to pay that money back it's cost controlled by them."

With two fraternities ready to push forward, the third fraternity

needed for phase one to begin is still undetermined.

JayDe Leonard, assistant director of Student Activities of the student union and head of the Interfraternity Council, said he is happy to see fraternities moving ahead with care. "I'm starting to work with the committee of students on the leasing agreement, where we come up with a suitable lease that the fraternities can sign."

Leonard said the fraternities have to work out a payment schedule and decide upon acceptable rules of behavior that satisfy both the university and members.

"Fraternities are looking at something they're going to have to support for at least 20 years. I want them to be careful and realistic about what is a fair payment policy and what is a good leasing agreement,"

Leonard said.

Last December President Robert C. Maxson said fraternities living on Greek Row could possibly be treated much the same as the residence halls, with the same type of rules and restrictions. Leonard said he doesn't see this as a problem.

"I would speculate that the fraternities would have a little bit more freedom," he said. "And that's what we're trying to decide. 'What does the university want, what do the fraternities want, and come to an agreement on those.'"

Leonard divides his efforts between helping establish the Greek Row on campus and working with fraternities who are currently housed off campus. He said he hopes, in the future, that UNLV will have both on and off campus locations

for fraternities, and that a "rotation system" will be in place.

"As a fraternity becomes ready to move on-campus, a new fraternity takes over an existing, off campus house. We can rotate them in," he said.

Leonard noted that recent decisions by the Clark County Commission have not favored fraternities. Sigma Phi Epsilon was recently denied a zoning change for a house they currently rent.

Leonard agrees that a new zoning code is needed.

"The county doesn't have an appropriate zoning policy," he said. "Something that will not put the county on the line, and will also give the county some accountability to fraternities."

## Condom machines cause controversy

(CPS) — A mysterious student group wrecked a condom vending machine on the campus of Mankato State University in Minnesota, claiming it was trying to prevent students from following "the path of Satan."

The group anonymously sent a letter to the company that leases the machines to the school, condemning premarital sex and threatening to vandalize more condom dispensers.

In its letter to Gerry Erickson, owner of G&B Vending Inc., "Students Against Sin" promised to "systematically sabotage each and every one" of the machines on campus.

"If these condoms were not available to the youth of our society, they would not be tempted to follow the path of Satan towards sexual misconduct," the letter said.

The vandals broke off the knobs at MSU's Centennial Student Union, and scrawled "Condom Machines Off Campus Now!" on the device.

"I'm very surprised. I think (the condom machines) are there for a good reason and people don't have any right to do what they did,"

said assistant union director Michael Hodapp.


"Although, when you have a campus this size, you are bound to have people who feel differently," he added.

Condoms have been a source of controversy on scores of campuses since schools began installing machines to distribute them in the late eighties.

In March, two students at the University of Dayton criticized President Raymond Fitz for not stopping a student group, the Democratic Socialists of America, from distributing condoms on the Catholic school's campus.

So far, attacks on Mankato machines have not reoccurred. However, Mankato's Women's Center and Alternative Lifestyles offices recently were vandalized and defaced with graffiti.

While the Mankato machines were under attack, the University of Massachusetts and Michigan State University installed condom vending machines in all dorms. Previously, condoms were available at only a few select places on the two campuses.



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