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Fraternity president faces legal battle

A UNLV student faces charges of intent to commit bodily injury

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A UNLV fraternity president faces charges of intent to commit bodily injury, a third-degree misdemeanor, in connection with an incident at a local bar in December, which resulted in another UNLV student's injury.

A preliminary hearing date of April 18 has been set for Brian Stedeford, 22, president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, who allegedly broke a beer mug over UNLV senior Steve Pearce's head at Tom and Jerry's Grub and Pub

Dec. 20.

According to Pearce, his girlfriend became upset during a conversation she was having with Stedeford and asked him to leave. When Stedeford refused, Pearce intervened and again asked him to leave.

Pearce said Stedeford asked him if he was getting mad, and then hit Pearce on the head with a beer mug.

Pearce's friends transported him to Sunrise Hospital, where he received 18 stitches above his left temple.

"I wasn't looking for a physical confrontation," Pearce said. "I had never even met this guy (Stedeford), and just 10 minutes earlier I was shaking his hand."

Because of legal reasons, Stedeford was advised by his attorney not to comment on the case.

Stedeford, an accounting major, was arrested at the scene. He was charged

with intent to commit bodily injury and was held in custody for 24 hours. His preliminary hearing is set for April 8 where the judge will decide if there is enough evidence to pursue the case.

"I would be happy if all that came out of this is that he (Stedeford) would have to take alcohol and temper management classes," Pearce, a 26-year-old criminal justice major, said. "Obviously he has a problem with these things."

Pearce said the incident does not involve Stedeford's fraternity.

"I don't think his fraternity was responsible for this, Brian was," Pearce said. "Ninety-nine percent of his chapter, I think are great guys. I have no animosity toward his fraternity or any of its members."

Robert Ackerman, vice president of student services, agrees.

"Why should the whole group be

punished?" Ackerman said. "It is difficult to generalize the actions of one student to the whole group. This is not a fraternity issue."

Pearce does, however, question the fraternity's decision to keep Stedeford in a leadership position.

"I think they made a mistake re-electing a person of such questionable character," Pearce said.

Pearce, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, admitted that several of his fraternity brothers jumped Stedeford approximately two months after the incident at Tom and Jerry's occurred, but insists he had nothing to do with it.

"I don't want to bring either fraternity into this," Pearce said.

Pearce said he plans to file a personal injury suit against Stedeford and will pursue on-campus disciplinary actions.

Mason leaves UNLV

National search underway for dean of enrollment management

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A national search is underway for UNLV's first dean of enrollment management, according to Tom Flagg, UNLV's director of news and publication. Andy Fry, executive assistant to the president, will head the search committee.

The dean of enrollment management position is a new edition to the UNLV administration, Robert Ackerman, vice president of student services, said Monday. "The position in the admissions department is being redefined" from director of admissions to dean of enrollment management, Ackerman said.

Larry Mason, UNLV's former director of admissions, left UNLV after 12 years of service to become the dean of community and outreach services at the Community College of Southern Nevada. Mason assumed his new position Feb. 1.

The dean of enrollment man-



Larry Mason

agement, when hired, will act as a liaison between UNLV's administration and potential students, according to Fry. The job entails frequent demographic analysis and identification of potential students, recruitment of potential students, and admissions processing and records.

The dean of enrollment management will share responsibility with other UNLV executive officers in the areas of financial aid, student orientation, and student retention, according to Fry.

"(The search) is an effort to make it a more comprehensive and orderly way to fill the (dean of enrollment management) position," Fry said Tuesday.

"The purpose of the job is to study more carefully who we (UNLV) are recruiting, why people come here (to UNLV), and why they stay," Fry said Tuesday.

The national search for the dean of enrollment management began the first week of February. An advertisement has been published in *The*

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UNLV fraternity suspended

Lambda Chi Alpha to appeal

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A UNLV fraternity was suspended for a year by the Interfraternal Judicial Council for unfair recruiting practices and publishing offensive material.

In an unanimous decision, 11 fraternity representatives ruled that Lambda Chi Alpha had offended other fraternities, as stated in a letter of complaint submitted by Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Lambda Chi Alpha intends to appeal the decision, according to Brian Stedeford, fraternity president.

Phi Delta Theta charged in the letter that Lambda Chi's recruiting fliers, *Supa-Fly Rush Issue - the Frog*, contained material offensive to women and Asian-Americans, falsified statistics and wrongly implied other UNLV fraternities haze pledges.

The council imposed a one-year suspension from the Greek system, a \$500 fine, and five hours of community service per member at the Ronald McDonald House. Lambda Chi Alpha is also required to host a sensitivity training presentation on sexism, racism and substance

abuse, and submission of letters of apology to every UNLV fraternity.

Suspension from the Greek system was the harshest sanction Lambda Chi Alpha received, according to IFC President Rick Detish. "I really hate to see a fraternity lose a rush," Detish said. "Rush is the life of a fraternity." Detish suggested that the \$500 fine may have been too severe.

The suspension will include mandatory quarterly progress reports on Lambda Chi Alpha's financial, scholastic, social and public service status. Lambda Chi Alpha will be banned for one year from all traditional Greek events, including IFC Rush, IFC Intramural League and Greek Week.

A two-thirds vote of IFC general meeting representatives is required to reinstate Lambda Chi Alpha as an IFC chapter.

The letters of apology are to be issued to IFC, the Panhellenic Council (the council that oversees UNLV's sororities), all Greek member chapters, all recognized student organizations and all UNLV department heads. An apology to UNLV students is to be published in the *Rebel Yell*. UNLV Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman must approve the letters before they are submitted to the respective organizations.

Internal disciplinary action had already been taken against two members of the fraternity in connection with the publication, Brian Stede-

ford, Lambda Chi Alpha's president said.

In addition to the material mentioned in Phi Delta Theta's complaint against Lambda Chi Alpha, IFC representatives considered previous issues of Lambda Chi Alpha's publications, the *Frog* and the *Wax Gazette*, both of which contain sexual references and profanity.

In a letter dated Nov. 8, 1995, Mike Pizzo, Lambda Chi Alpha member and editor of the *Frog*, apologized to Roberts for "the excessive amounts of profanity, sexual innuendoes and alcohol encouragement" included in the publication.

"I will not use any profanities, sexual innuendoes, homosexual connotations, alcohol encouragement or talking down in other fraternities," Pizzo wrote.

According to Stedeford, Lambda Chi Alpha was planning to issue letters of apology for the offensive statements included in the flier, but felt the suspension was inappropriate. "You know the play *The Crucible*?" Stedeford asked. "That's what it (the IFC hearing) was like," Stedeford said.

Nicholas Vaskov, Lambda Chi Alpha's fraternity educator said, "The incident (the punishment) will hurt Greek interfraterni-

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