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Fraternity appeals one-year suspension ruling

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Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity filed its second appeal in connection with dirty rushing charges, which garnered a one-year suspension from the Greek system, a \$500 fine and mandatory sensitivity training.

The punishment is slightly milder than the original decision of the Interfraternal Judicial Council. Lambda Chi Alpha will now be allowed one rush day in the Spring 1997 semester.

Lambda Chi Alpha will also be allowed to finish Greek Week and participate in IFC intramural league through the Spring 1996 semester because the dates of the suspension were changed.

Originally, the fraternity was to be suspended one calendar year from the day of the decision. Under the new ver-

dict, Lambda Chi Alpha will be suspended from May 10, 1996 to May 10, 1997.

Brian Stedeford, Lambda Chi Alpha president, said his fraternity appealed the Interfraternal Judicial Council's ruling because of the severity of the punishment and an alleged delay in announcing the decision to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Stedeford alleged that Jason Ferris, Interfraternal Council vice president of programs, told him the time when the ruling was announced didn't matter, and that "if we (Lambda Chi Alpha) keep on (ticking) off the fraternity presidents we would just get in more trouble."

Ferris denied making the statement but confirmed the verdict was announced some time after the mandatory 24-hour waiting period had expired.

"It was a matter of a few hours," Ferris said.

According to Dane Roberts, Campus Community Development program coordinator, there is no definite guideline for when the announcement must be made, except that it must not be discussed for a full day after the verdict is reached.

"For right now, I'm assuming IFC followed all procedures," Roberts said. He added that because no applicable precedent has been set for this type of case, "What students thought is appropriate" (is what was done).

Stedeford cited in the appeal letter the highly publicized fight between Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities at a UNLV football game several years ago.

"That was an incident that made national news," Stede-

ford said. "They didn't get anywhere near the punishment we got for supposed 'dirty rushing.'"

In the initial appeal process, the matter was referred to the Greek Review Board, which outlined a suggested punishment and sent it back to the IFC Judicial Council. The suggestions were not binding, according to Roberts.

The Interfraternal Judicial Council exceeded the suggested punishment, but it was within its rights in doing so, Roberts said.

In addition to the one-year suspension, a \$500 fine and sensitivity training, Lambda Chi Alpha's punishment includes letters of apology to IFC, Greek member chapters and all UNLV students, faculty and organizations to be published in *The Rebel Yell*.

"We've accepted that we're going to be punished," Stede-

ford said. "What we want is for the punishment to be fair and proactive, serving to benefit the Greek system in the future."

Ferris called Lambda Chi Alpha's appeals frivolous and said they were based on technicalities.

"If anyone is to blame here, it's not the board, it's me," Ferris said. Ferris maintained that all proper procedures were followed, and the appeal was groundless.

"They're (Lambda Chi Alpha) just going to keep appealing because they don't like the outcome," said Ferris.

The second appeal will bring the matter under the jurisdiction of the Greek Review Board, which is composed of fraternity and sorority presidents. If the fraternity appeals a third time, the matter will be referred to university administration.

Education college holds cultural diversity talk

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Seven national multicultural education scholars visited UNLV Friday to participate in a cultural diversity panel discussion sponsored by UNLV's College of Education.

The seven-member panel was in town for a diversity workshop sponsored by the Clark County School District. The College of Education paid each panelist a speaking stipend.

"This is part of a continuing effort by the College of Education to celebrate, recognize and incorporate cultural diversity into our college," said Dale Andersen, education dean. "These are really exceptional people."

More than 50 UNLV faculty members, Clark County School District teachers and administrators and UNLV graduate students congregated in the Richard Tam Alumni Center to hear the discussion,

organized by Porter Troutman, an instructional and curricular studies professor in the College of Education.

The panel included Philip Chinn, a professor and chairperson of the Division of Special Education at California State University, Los Angeles and the director of the Center for Multicultural Education at CSULA; Carlos Cortes, a professor emeritus of history at the University of California, Riverside; and Geneva Gay, a professor of education and associate with the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Donna Gollnick, a vice president of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, was also a panelist, along with Carl Grant, a Hoef's-Bascom professor of teacher education in the De-

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PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

UNLV Provost Douglas Ferraro spoke to a room full of students Tuesday.

Ferraro addresses students

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Douglas Ferraro, UNLV's new provost, fielded student questions about university issues such as university pride, athletics, academics, the proposed law school, and cultural diversity within the university, during a press conference Tuesday.

Ferraro, who assumed his position at UNLV March 1, encouraged students to take pride in their university. "I'm concerned that, in general, we (the campus community) don't take enough pride in who we are and what we can do," Ferraro said. "The message isn't out broadly

enough...that there's a quality university here."

Ferraro said athletics play an integral role in providing students with "a sense of identity, spirit and belonging (to the university)," adding that he supports athletics from intramurals to the varsity level.

"It (athletics) has a role at the institution but it shouldn't be the driver of the institution," Ferraro said. "The driver of the institution has to be academic excellence."

Ferraro, UNLV's top academic officer, emphasized the importance of academics but said he would not raise the minimum grade point average required for admission to the university. "The GPA is set by the state and is systematic," Ferraro said. "From

among those who qualify to get into the university, we need to select the best.

"This is a demand-driven strategy," Ferraro continued. "Our goal is to make ourselves so attractive (to potential students) that more and more people want to come here."

One possible addition to the university that may attract new students is the proposed law school.

The James R. Dickinson Library is the proposed housing site and will be renovated to accommodate the school, Ferraro said. "The attraction there is that law schools need law libraries."

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