

Campus security investigates Frats

by Alan Small

Garneau residents aren't the only ones that are taking a hard look at fraternities.

The University, through Campus Security, is holding an investigation into the incidents that have brought about a petition signed by Garneau residents complaining about rowdy fraternity parties. It is the second such investigation brought about by the Garneau residents' complaints.

"Whatever a fraternity does will fall under the Code of Student Behavior," said Peter Miller, dean of student services for the University of Alberta.

"The results of the investigation are forwarded to me and I determine if a penalty against them is appropriate," he said.

"We try to deal with it as an in-house University matter," said Campus Security spokesman Dennis Dahlstedt.

There are four levels of punishment against a University sponsored group — which includes fraternities — that can be levied by Miller if any wrong doing is found.

"It is a range [of punishment]: It can be from disestablishment of the fraternity, to fines, to community service to a reprimand," Miller said.

The university has not been shy in handing out such penalties in the past. Miller has reprimanded one fraternity who are now serving 200 hours of community service at a senior citizen residence over a different matter.

One of the Garneau residents concerns is the consumption of alcohol at fraternity parties. According to Alberta Liquor Control Board Regulations, fraternities are classed as private residences, and therefore can't sell alcohol at these functions.

"No one is allowed to sell liquor in a private residence," said ALCB spokesman Jim Ogilvie. "However, if someone buys liquor for himself and a roommate comes home, and then the roommate pays his share, there's no reason to enforce the rule for that."

When these parties get out of hand, the way the Garneau residents contend they do, it is an Edmonton City Police problem, and not a problem for Campus Security explained Dahlstedt.

"We really can't do anything because the fraternity houses are off campus and not in our jurisdiction," said Dahlstedt. "When we do receive complaints, we sometimes talk to them and try to sort it out."



The Dekes are a campus fraternity who are proud to belong. They want people to know that fraternities are not on campus only to party.

"We have a number of strategies to come up with a solution for the betterment of everybody in the community," said EPD constable Tony Harder.

Miller believes that despite fraternities' "rowdy" image, they're on campus for a reason.

"On the whole, there's more to be proud about fraternities than

to be apologetic about," Miller said. Miller also admitted that there are several complaints a year, but few of which are carried through into a written complaint.

"We've had periodical complaints, but when people are allowed to lodge a complaint they have declined," said Miller, "but people have taken advantage of it as well."

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was the conclusion of their efforts.

The new system mandates that the Students' Union publicly determine a new policy on tuition fees on September 30 of each year.

"The SU now can reflect student opinion on tuition," said Tupper, allowing the SU to be "heard more loudly" on the issue. We can now give the government and Administration a "credible answer" when they approach the SU to discuss proposed tuition fees increases.

Wade Deisman, incoming SU vp external echoed these sentiments, adding that an iron-clad policy will allow for more accountability and insure awareness of tuition issues.

"I'm pleased with it," agreed Miller. He said it will provide "more meaningful student input in determining fee increase. It will be more effective in keeping increases as small as possible." This will allow for the first time in years some negotiation between the Students' Union and Administration.

Both Tupper and Miller were vague when discussing any probable concrete results of the new policy. Both confirmed however, that the new policy will insure that student opinions are voiced more effectively, if and when tuition fees are proposed by the Administration.

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