

# Frat 'recolonizes' University

After an absence of 13 years, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity has launched a "recolonization" effort at the University, and two representatives from the fraternity's headquarters in Indianapolis have been recruiting prospective members this week.

Despite having a chapter at the University from 1947 to 1970, Lambda Chi Alpha never built up the economic stability to withstand the loss of interest during the student activist movement, says Bob Curran, associate director of chapter services.

Tom Lawson, chapter consultant, says the environment is now ripe for recolonization. Some 277 students, the most in three years, signed up for this fall's formal rush, he says.

The fraternity is looking for students with diverse interests who have the time to contribute, says Curran. He says the fraternity wants to avoid being stereotyped as exclusively academic or athletic.

The youngest of the 20 largest fraternities nationwide, Curran says "We feel we are one of the most progressive." Lambda Chi Alpha does not cling to limiting negative traditions, says Curran.

"There are no 'pledges,'" he says. "We call those who have not gone through initiation 'associate members.'"

Curran and Lawson say they do not have any membership goals for the week, but they do want to ensure some stability. The colony does not plan to seek separate housing immediately.

Founded in 1909 at Boston University, Lambda Chi Alpha currently has 223 chapters and colonies throughout 44 states and Canada. The social and service organization is the third largest fraternity in the world.

About 1,700 students, or 15 percent of all undergraduates, belong to the 11 sororities and 13 fraternities at the University.

## Trib editor joins staff

A former Chicago Tribune editor has joined the University's journalism school faculty this fall.

Diane Donovan, who was assistant editor for news features at the Chicago newspaper until August, teaches news editing and reporting, among other courses, as a visiting assistant professor.

Donovan is a "respected, high-caliber professional who will bring fresh experience from a great newspaper to our students," says Everette Dennis, journalism school dean.

The Chicago Tribune was recently named as one of the nation's top five papers in a national poll of editors and journalism professors.

At the Tribune, Donovan was responsible for the paper's Sunday Perspective section, a forum for analysis, news review and news-related features.

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## Solar energy product show begins Friday

The public can view more than 20 booths demonstrating low-cost equipment that will save people money on energy bills at a product shows today and Saturday at the Eugene Hilton Hotel.

Both technically sophisticated solar audiences and solar energy novices are expected to attend the show, which will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. The show is sponsored by the University Solar Center.

"These are not luxury items," says David Neagley, director of the Solar Energy Center. Solar energy is not a hobby any more, but "something we will all be doing in the near future."

The product show, a first for Eugene, is part of the solar energy conference taking place this weekend at the Hilton.

The demonstration booths will be very visual, Neagley says. In addition, several booths will provide solar energy facts and information on the upcoming computer graphics seminar.

Eugene inventor Eldon Haines will demonstrate the complete operation of his new solar water heater at the show, and the University Solar Radiation Monitoring Lab is setting up an array of solar resource data equipment.

## Girl Scouts by the dozen invade University area

What is green and yellow, has 348 legs and will invade the University campus Saturday and Sunday?

A group of 174 Portland-area Girl Scouts on their annual mystery trip, aptly dubbed "Earthquack '83."

As of this moment, 174 questioning minds do not know where their secret trip will lead them. But the University is prepared for the energetic bunch.

Upon their arrival at Alton Baker Park around noon Saturday, a large duck will greet them for their "quack attack" lunch. No, they did not steal the football team's slogan. In fact, says one of the trip's coordinators, Pat McClean, the Girl Scout slogan was planned long before the football team's was announced.

The quackers will tour the entire University campus, as well as visit the dormitories and chat with some students. On Saturday night, the University's Song and Dance Troupe will give the Girl Scouts a special showing at the Valley River Inn, where they are staying. Saturday concludes with a jazzercise aerobics session and a good old-fashioned pajama party.

For many of the girls, aged 10 through 15, the secret trip will be their first vacation without their parents, says McClean, and the girls are eagerly anticipating their adventure.

So watch out.

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