

ATOs plan return to campus, may have trouble finding home

By Jolayne Houtz Of the Emerald

Alpha Tau Omega plans to come back on campus this year, but the fraternity may have difficulty finding housing for its new members.

The fraternity lost the lease on its house in 1981 because it failed to pay its house bills and meet other financial requirements. The chapter remained active on campus until last spring, although alumni felt the members were not representing national standards because of drugs and other problems, says Jeff Corah, fraternity expansion director for the Interfraternity Council. .

But IFC President Mitch Vance says drugs weren't a factor.

"The problem was poor chapter management." he says. "The house had some weak rushes a couple of years and lost. members, so there wasn't enough money coming in to pay all the bills.'

Last spring, the council voted to place the chapter on "recolonization" status and give members two years to get , like reality," says McNeal,

another charter from the national fraternity. The University administration has formally invited the national fraternity to re-establish a chapter here.

A sign-up for students interested in joining the chapter is scheduled for today and Wednesday between 1-5 p.m. at a table in the EMU main lobby, Corah says.

New members expect to move back into their house in the spring at 1306 E. 18th Ave., which is still owned by alumni. But current residents of the house, which is now a Christian co-op called the Chelsea House, say they have not been informed of the fraternity's plans.

· "This is just another example of the ATO's trying to organize in a disorganized fashion," says Terence McNeal, manager of Chelsea House.

McNeal says an ATO alumnus and attorney for the fraternity told him the co-op has the first option to buy the house when the lease expires in July 1986. ;

And that option is "looking

because the co-op is saving money now to be able to purchase the house.

National fraternity directors. who will be at the sign-up table. are looking for about 25 to 30 freshmen and sophomores but also some juniors and seniors who will be "core members." Corah says.

The effort to reinstate the fraternity has met with strong support from about 220 area alumni, Corah says. Alumni from the 1940s and 1950s, when the house had a better reputation, "would like to see the house back on its feet," he says. -

The move also is strongly. supported by the Greek system after a sizable increase in students participating in fall fraternity rush.

"Four hundred men participated in (fall) rush and 300 pledged. That means there's 100 guys out there looking for a house," Corah says.

The ATOs were originally chartered on campus in 1910. The national fraternity has more than 150 chapters, Corah says.



Vote to decide their fate

The controversial future of six 90-year old maple trees along West Sixth and Seventh avenues will be decided by votes on Ballot Measure 52 at the polls Nov. 6. Measure 52 would make it more difficult to remove historic trees within the city's 1915 boundaries.

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Hatfield addresses educators

By Mike Duncan Of the Emerald

The future of education will be decided in the next congressional session, and educators must play an active part in determining the federal government's role, U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield said Monday

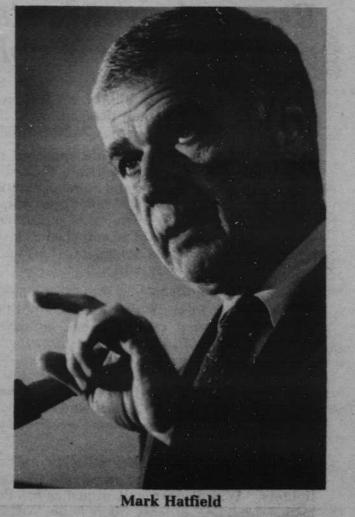
At a luncheon at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Hatfield asked 300 Eugene teachers and administrators to send him their views of what government's role in education should be.

Hatfield expects a wide-ranging debate in Congress on the education budget, but he predicts the issue will be reduced to one underlying question.

"Eventually, it will all boil down to 'What is the federal government's role in higher educaeducated citizens," he said.

"Education and medical research are the two highest cost-effective investments. For each one dollar put into the investment, the payback is 13 (dollars)," he added.

In his closing statement, Hatfield emphasized that different educational groups need to lobby as one. "Education is indivisible," he said. "I would like to see a system where all the facets of education are presented as one, for they are all interrelated.'



Ferraro to return

Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro will speak at the University on Friday, members of the Mondale-Ferraro campaign staff announced Monday afternoon.

Ferraro will speak on the EMU east lawn at noon, said Tim Collins, an advance worker with the campaign party. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the EMU Ballroom, although those arrangements are still tentative, Collins said.

Ferraro is stopping in Eugene on her way from Medford to Portland. The visit falls in the wake of a postponed appearance by Walter Mondale. The party's 250-person entourage will arrive Friday at Mahlon Sweet Airport and will proceed to the University, Collins said. National correspondents covering the elections also are expected to attend the campus event.

At least 50 student volunteers are needed to distribute leaflets, make posters and banners, and staff phone banks, which will be calling Eugene-Springfield residents this week to inform them of Ferraro's appearance.

The campaign will hold a poster-making pizza party Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

Ferraro's visit is co-sponsored by the ASUO Executive. For more information, contact Mary Kay Menard at 344-4167 or at 686-3724 in EMU Suite 4.

tion?' " he said. "The decision that is reached will have influence throughout all levels of education - grade schools to post-doctoral research.'

In each year that Congress has taken up the education budget issue, Hatfield has been amazed to hear of proposals striking the funding of the 17 institutes of educational research, he said.

'I believe these programs are very costeffective, both in maintaining research in the field of education and the quality of that research," he said.

When asked about nuclear arms and national security. Hatfield said that he measures security not by megatons but by internal well-being.

"In my view, today America is vulnerable because of the deficit, the lagging productivity and a rickety economic system," he said. "We are vulnerable because we have neglected the needs of education and now we're trying to Band-Aid that with a \$200-million appropriation deal in math and science deficiencies, which is but a confession that we have neglected education and have not been able to plan ahead.'

Hatfield justified his support of freezing the military budget and not the non-military budget for reasons of investment returns.

"If you build a bomb, it goes into a warehouse and there it stops. If you put that same dollar into educational programs, it creates employment and