

Alphi Phis appeal council's ruling of conduct violations

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The Alpha Phi sorority was charged by the Panhellenic Council with violating University and sorority conduct guidelines last month during winter term initiation of pledges. The sorority appealed the ruling to the Student Conduct Board Thursday, but the verdict has not been released.

Susie McElhaney, outgoing Alpha Phi president, said the house was charged with "embarrassing" its pledges while they were out serenading during initiation week. She said members were not informed by Panhellenic of the specific charges against them.

A membership hazing agreement signed by all members of all Greek houses defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created...to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule."

The Panhellenic Council learned of the alleged infraction through a letter it received from the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Beth Blue, Pi Beta Phi president, said the Pi Phi pledges were out serenading the same night and saw the Alpha Phi initiates engaging in activities that might endanger them. Blue said the Pi Beta Phi pledges "saw the Alpha Phi's serenading and felt bad for what they were going through."

Blue said the Pi Phi pledges described the Alpha Phi pledges as being "intoxicated, blindfolded and being led through an alleyway and up concrete stairs."

The Pi Phi pledges became concerned when they saw that the only way the Alpha Phi pledges were able to tell where they were going was by holding onto the person in front of them. They believed the circumstances would increase chances for a possible injury, Blue said.

The Pi Phi pledges told Blue that the Alpha Phi initiates were visibly intoxicated. According to the story, the Pi Phi pledges related to Blue, the Alpha Phi initiates were staggering, and several came up to pledges they knew in the Pi Phi group and said, "I'm so drunk."

McElhaney disputed this version of the incident. She said the pledges were led up to the fraternity and told there was a surprise inside. If they wanted it to remain a surprise, the girls were told to put on blindfolds. She said they were not required to wear blindfolds and that only a few chose to do so. McElhaney denies the pledges were ever led through the alleyway blindfolded.

The allegation that the pledges were intoxicated is also untrue, McElhaney said. "They weren't drunk. They were rowdy, they were having a good time, but that doesn't mean they were drunk," she said.

She did admit, however, that earlier in the evening, a fraternity had invited the pledge class over for about 40 minutes, and that there was a keg present. McElhaney said that a few of the girls had one or two beers but didn't drink enough to become intoxicated. "Several of the girls drank nothing at all," she said.

McElhaney said at a tribunal held in late January the Panhellenic found the Alpha Phi house guilty of embarrassing its pledges but cleared the members of any endangerment charges.

Panhellenic penalized the Alpha Phis by placing members on social probation until the end of spring term, which prohibits them from holding a function with any other Greek house. They still are allowed to hold one house dance each term and participate in all-Greek activities, McElhaney said.

The Alpha Phis appealed the Panhellenic tribunal's decision to Bill Ballester, the student conduct coordinator, and although the hearing was held Thursday, the results were not released.



Photo by Derrel Hewitt

U.S. aid to rebels and involvement in Central America sparks protest

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U.S. support of counterrevolutionary (Contra) forces in Nicaragua and U.S. involvement in other Central American countries sparked a protest in front of Eugene's Federal Building Friday. About 150 people attended the peaceful protest, co-sponsored by the Central American Response Network and the Committee in Solidarity With The Central American People.

President Reagan is asking Congress to approve \$100 million in aid to Contra forces in Nicaragua, primarily for military purposes. Last year, Congress approved more than \$900 million in aid to Central America.

Eugene City Councilwoman Cynthia Wooten kicked off the rally by reading a statement from U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore., in support of the protesters. Reading from the statement Wooten said, "Rep. Weaver is particularly outraged at Reagan for proposing \$100 million to overthrow the government in Nicaragua. (The protest) serves as a notice to Reagan that taxpayers won't stand idly by and watch their tax dollars being used to overthrow any government."

Another speaker, Chris Orsinger, updated the activities of the Contadora Group of Nations, a group that has been working on a Latin American peace effort for three years. The Contadora is working to create a balanced plan that takes into account the concerns of all Central American nations, Orsinger said.

Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama, the countries that initially formed the Contadora group, have been joined by Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Peru. Orsinger said all 13 Latin American countries are backing Contadora principles.

He said the principles include the suspension of all foreign military maneuvers and a halt to the continued support of guerrilla armies in Latin America. The Contadora is also working to maintain respect of the self-determination and territorial sovereignty of each country, he said.

"International support is clear for Contadora principles," Orsinger said.

He said Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on Reagan's aid proposal are a "slap in the face to the 13 Latin American countries working diligently for peace."

The U.S. government has a clear choice. It can take the opportunity for peace and travel the road of democracy by backing the Contadora, or it can pursue the warrior's path and send another \$100 million in aid to the Contras," Orsinger said.

Javier Castro, a Salvadoran refugee living in Eugene, said U.S. citizens must "remember Vietnam. I don't want to see my people killed by Marines or see my people-killing Marines, either," he said.

Castro said he believes people in Nicaragua are asking the United States for economic support, not for weapons.

More money for weapons in Nicaragua means Contra forces will be able to kill more civilians and peasants, Castro said. "We have for the first time in our history a chance for self-determination," he said.

Demonstrators peacefully protested Reagan's request for \$100 million in aid to Nicaraguan Contras Friday in front of Eugene's Federal Building.

Assembly to review ROTC's policies

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Does the University's ROTC program discriminate?

This is the question faculty members will explore Wednesday when the University Assembly considers two motions.

One motion proposes eliminating ROTC from campus, and the other proposes suspending ROTC from campus until it complies with University affirmative action and equal opportunity policies.

In the spring of 1983, the last time the Assembly considered similar motions, concern for the issue prompted two student demonstrations at Johnson Hall and a public debate of the issue involving University President Paul Olum.

"The military science program is a department at the University of Oregon that has to abide by military rules in certain areas, and those rules are in-

compatible with the policies of the University of Oregon," said Cheyney Ryan, the head of the University's philosophy department.

But Col. Richard Meredith, head of the ROTC program, disagrees.

"The department of ROTC here at the University of Oregon does not discriminate as charged by professor Ryan and McConnaughey," Meredith said.

Both Ryan and Bayard McConnaughey, a biology professor, contend ROTC discriminates against homosexuals and thereby violates the University's equal opportunity policy.

McConnaughey has been trying to rid the University of ROTC since 1967 on charges the program promotes militarization of the United States. Ryan formally entered the protest in 1983 by propos-

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