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saw four women running away from the house. He then went back to sleep. He said he didn't check downstairs at that time because he was tired.

Mahaney was reawakened at 3 a.m. by more footsteps in the house. He said he went downstairs and the four women said they were looking for someone and gave him a name. He told them no one by that name lived at the house and they left.

After the women left, Mahaney saw the broken window and checked the downstairs area but did not find anything missing. He never filed a report with EPD

"Once I saw they were girls, I figured they were probably drunk," he said.

Vanbeever and Fitzpatrick were patrolling the University area on Christmas night and decided to check the fraternities and scrorities because of burglaries at four fraternities dur-ing the 1991-92 Christmas

Last year, police arrested five people in connection with burglaries at four fraternities. Police estimated that 200 people could have had items stolen.

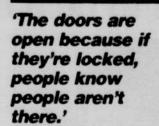
"(This year) was nothing like last year," Birr said. "We found it more curious that after what happened last year many fraternities would leave their doors unlocked. I would have thought people would have exercised more caution.'

Vanbeever and Fitzpatrick reported seven fraternities with unlocked doors: Kappa Sigma; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Phi Gam-

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Jamie Bakum, Kappa Sigma secretary

ma Delta; Lambda Chi Alpha. 818 E. 15th Ave.; Phi Delta Theta; Alpha Tau Omega; and Delta Tau Delta, 1886 University St. The sorority with an unlocked door was Kappa Delta. 1680 Alder St.

Jamie Bakum, Kappa Sigma secretary, said he believes television news reporters focused too much on the fact the houses were unlocked. Kappa Sigma members left the house's front doors unlocked for a reason.

The doors are open because if they're locked, people know people aren't there." Bakum said. "It's usually homeless people who come in and they won't break anything if there's nothing to break.

Phi Gamma Delta President Greg Harris, Delta Tau Delta house manager Phillip Johnson. Kappa Delta President Tara Kresge and Alpha Tau Omega President Matt Ross said they believe police couldn't have found the house unlocked because members lock all the doors before they leave for break. Phi Delta Theta and Lambda Chi Delta members were unavailable for comment.

Detective Bob Holland said police have no suspects.





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