

UW putting pressure on its greek system

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington is hoping to cut down on alcohol abuse and violence on Greek Row this year.

When fall quarter opened Monday, four of the Washington's 30 fraternities had signed agreements with the school concerning members' conduct. Ernest Morris, vice president for student affairs, said he expects all but possibly one or two of the fraternities to submit agreements by the end of the week.

In the past, fraternities have operated independently of the school. But that relationship changed after Washington sophomore Jennifer Wen was struck by a flying bottle during a brawl last September. She lost sight in one eye and has since sued a fraternity whose members were among those involved in the fighting.

The school's decision to insist on the agreements came under pressure from legislators and residents of the area north of the campus.

In announcing the agreements Monday, Morris, Seattle police Capt. Douglas Dills and Douglas Luetjen, a Seattle attorney and fraternity alumnus active in talks with the university, said they are optimistic that the new "recognition agreements" will end the perception that fraternities are beyond control.

But they stopped short of suggesting the agreements are a perfect solution.

The pacts require fraternities to provide seven days' notice of parties and get a banquet permit from the state Liquor Control Board. The permits allow liquor-control agents and Seattle police to enter the parties and check for underage drinking.

Some fraternity members are leery of the plan.

Lincoln Popp, 19, and Greg Marguglio, 18, said sending liquor agents into houses to catch underage drinkers might

cause them to drink elsewhere.

Underage drinking "is going to go on. It always has. As long as it's controlled, it's better," Popp said.

"People get a little under the influence, their judgment drops off a little, but they stay in the house," Marguglio said. "These young people will be tempted to go somewhere else. Then you'll be dealing with drunken driving and drunken disorderliness."

The agreements also require fraternities to provide the university with names of key contact people; to get liability insurance that covers both the fraternity and the school; and to provide acquaintance-rape and substance-abuse education.

They are also required to obey all of the rules and laws and to discipline members who don't.

Fraternities violating the agreements can be warned, reprimanded, fined, required to pay compensation to damaged parties, put on probation, suspended, or have university recognition withdrawn.

If recognition is withdrawn, the university would no longer provide names and addresses of incoming freshmen or information about members' grades to the fraternities.

Some fraternity members said the agreements violated their rights as private organizations on private property.

"It's like they're singling us out," said Aaron Schmidt, 21, a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Schmidt said he realizes many of the rules originated with insurers, saying, "It's up to the insurance group. It's not really the university's place."

Chris Nelson, 19, and Justin Mak, 19, of the Theta Chi fraternity, agreed the pacts violate the rights of fraternities, but expect they'll be signed anyway.

"The pressure the UW is giving the fraternities is pretty intense," said Nelson.

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- ★ **Film, Longest Hatred: The History of Anti-Semitism:** Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30 or 7:00 pm. Call JSU or Hillel for details.

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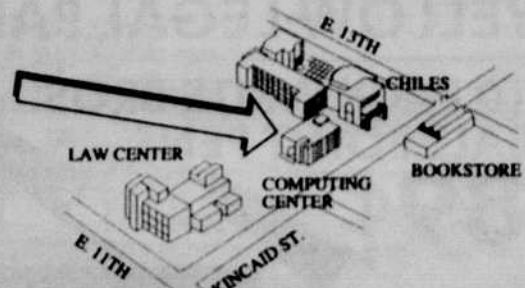


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