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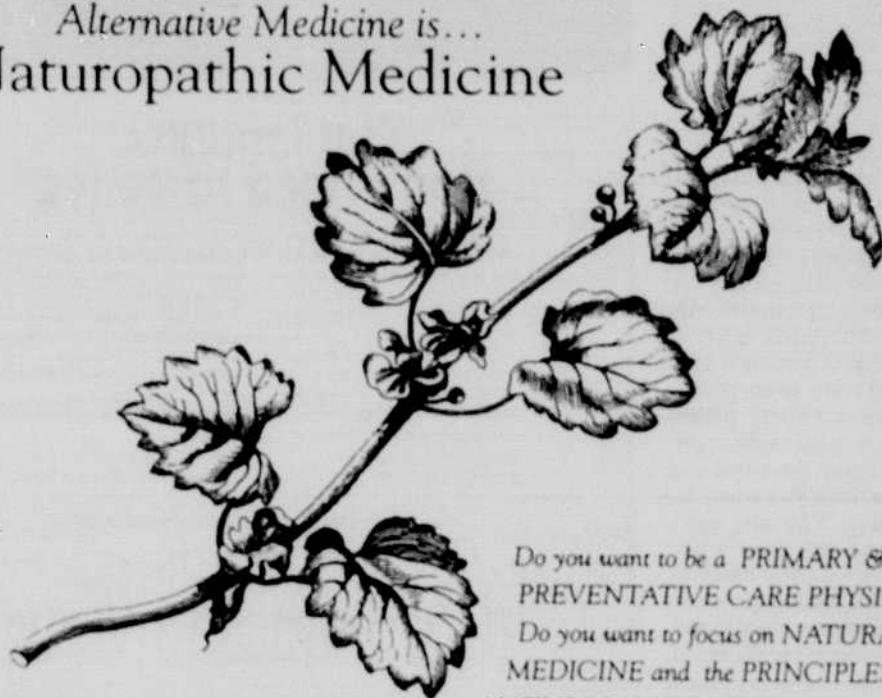
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an organization like Delta Lambda Phi, a national organization, because there are few social or support groups for gay men on campus.

"We're not doing this to be a novelty frat," Knecht said. "I think there is a strong need for an organization/retention effort for bisexual/gay men."

There is already a strong lesbian community on campus, Knecht said.

Susan Anderson, codirector of the LGBA, agrees with Knecht about the lack of community support for gay men, as compared to lesbian women. "It's just the nature of Eugene; there's so many more lesbians than gay men."

The fraternity's goals are "to make contacts within the community, provide philanthropy, have fun, socialize, and be out and proud," according to an invitation to the group's general interest meeting.

According to Chris Hunt, who is the former president of the founding chapter of Delta Lambda Phi and now on its board of directors, the purpose of the fraternity is to make gay men feel comfortable participating in the greek system, and to fill a niche in the gay community. There usually aren't groups available to gay men which allow them to make lifelong friends with other gay men, he said.

"I know countless men who have been blacked out of their fraternities when its found out they're gay," Hunt said. "Gays are excluded very often and the nice thing about the gay community is that it's so accepting and inclusive," said Hunt.

The fraternity would not be political, said Knecht, and not for people who are "coming out." It is designed for people who are comfortable with their sexual orientation, he said.

The fraternity does not discriminate on sexual orientation and occasionally straight men become members, Hunt said.

Knecht said that he has heard some opposition to the formation of a Delta Lambda Phi chapter at the University.

"I think opposition hasn't come from students but from the gay community," he said, of people who question why gay men would want to be part of the greek system. "I think there's a

stigma attached to the fraternity system." He said that he knew of many gay men who had joined the greek system, felt uncomfortable and left.

"There may be people who object to the group based on stereotypes but hopefully nothing turns into anything but talk," said Elaine Green, associate dean of students and student conduct coordinator, who works with the greek system.

According to Knecht, there are now 17 men interested in starting a chapter. Next term they will start to have weekly meetings, said Ditton. First the group must get organized and become a "colony," go through a six week pledge process, and then petition the national organization to become a chapter. Knecht said he hopes that the group will become a nationally recognized chapter by next term.

Knecht said that once the group becomes a part of the national organization it may decide to petition to be part of the Interfraternity Council.

Shelley Sutherland, a greek adviser in the Dean of Students office who has been working with Knecht, said it is possible the fraternity could operate like some of the African-American groups on campus and in Eugene, which are affiliated with the Black Student Union. Delta Lambda Phi could be a part of the LGBA, if its members chose to be. Or it could operate like some of the service fraternities on campus, which are not a part of the IFC.

Donavan Dichter, president of the IFC, said he is in favor of a Delta Lambda Phi chapter on campus.

"Personally I'm in favor of expanding the council to meet the needs of everyone," said Dichter. "If Delta Lambda Phi provides an environment we don't provide, it would benefit the system."

"I think that Delta Lambda Phi will create a situation where gay people will feel more comfortable with the IFC."

Delta Lambda Phi is a national fraternity. It started in 1986 and is based in Washington, D.C. There are about 20 chapters across the country and 10 other groups in various stages of formation, according to Hunt.

"[Delta Lambda Phi] is a traditional fraternity in every sense of the word," he said.

■ POLICE BEAT

The following incidents were reported to the University Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department Feb. 27 - March 8.

- A 20-year-old male LCC student was cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol Feb. 27 on the 1200 block of East 13th Avenue.

- A sorority was cited for noise disturbance Feb. 28 on the 1000 block of Hilyard Street.

- A 37-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct March 1 on the 1300 block of Kincaid Street. According to police reports, the suspect was aggressively panhandling and blocking the sidewalk.

- A 19-year-old man was arrested for petty larceny March 1 at the Bookstore.

- An 18-year-old male student was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants March 1 on the 1700 block of Alder Street. Two underage females inside the vehicle were cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

- A 21-year-old transient was cited March 2 for open container on the 1300 block of Alder Street.

- A 19-year-old adult and two juveniles were arrested March 2 for damaging six vehicles parked on the east side of the Erb Memorial Union.

- The University Inn reported the theft of furniture and a vacuum valued at \$500 March 3.

- A 37-year-old transient was arrested for disorderly conduct and harassment March 3 on the 1200 block of Alder Street. According to police reports, the suspect tried to headbutt a police officer as he was being escorted out of a business. When the suspect kicked the officer, he was escorted to the ground. After receiving stitches at Sacred Heart General Hospital, the suspect was lodged in jail.

- The same 37-year-old transient was arrested for criminal trespass and harassment March 4 on the 700 block of East 13th Avenue.

—Compiled by Joe Harwood