

Fraternity put on probation for damaging house

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon must perform 150 hours of community service and write apologies

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The University has put Sigma Alpha Epsilon on probation after members of the fraternity admitted to damaging a house near Bend in mid-November, Student Judicial Affairs Director Chris Loschiavo said.

A fraternity member rented the house from Nov. 14 through Nov. 16, 2003, for a weekend party with other members.

Because members of the fraternity violated their own "social code" and the University's student conduct code, the fraternity must complete 150 hours of community service, write letters of apology to neighbors of the house and examine their own chapter and national bylaws to ensure that no similar incidents occur in the future, Loschiavo said.

The probation period will last through the end of the school year. If



Adam Amato Senior Photographer

After members admitted to damaging a house in Bend, University fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon was put on probation until the end of the year.

another incident occurs during that time, the University would consider not recognizing the fraternity, Loschiavo said.

The owner of the house, Les Brock, told The Register-Guard that damage included two cut-down trees, a destroyed footbridge, ruined carpeting,

extensive smoke damage from an outside bonfire and water damage from a broken water pipe. In the article, he said damage totaled about \$20,000.

Emerald efforts to contact Brock were unsuccessful.

Robert DeMarco, assistant executive director for SAE Region IV, said

fraternity members elected to undergo the community service for the damage they caused. However, he said much of the damage Brock complained of — such as damage to a footbridge, the cutting down of two trees and the bursting of a water pipe — were not caused by fraternity members.

DeMarco added that, despite requests, Brock has not provided a complete list of damage.

"It doesn't appear that all of Mr. Brock's claims are well-founded," he said.

DeMarco said Brock's contract was not with the international fraternity organization, and the fraternity would not be responsible or pay any amount to him.

DeMarco said the fraternity's investigation of the incident is "relatively complete," but he would not comment on whether the University chapter of SAE will be punished.

"I'm not going to comment to the newspaper about what sanctions, if any, will be imposed," DeMarco said. "Whatever action the (international organization) is going to take

will be kept confidential. We have an ongoing investigation until we have our final conversation with the University."

Greek Life Coordinator Shelley Sutherland said fraternities or members of fraternities occasionally make mistakes when they're participating in events.

"It's appropriate that they be held reasonably accountable for their mistakes," she said. "And in this case, the chapter is cooperating with concerned parties and doing just that."

Loschiavo said there were problems with SAE in the past, but after some reorganizing it has been a "pretty good chapter."

"The University doesn't condone any kind of damage to someone's property, and we believe that student organizations should take care of that property as if it were their own," Loschiavo said. "I think all of those things hopefully will teach the chapter that when we go away that's not permission to go wild."

Contact the people/culture/faith reporter at jaredpaben@dailymerald.com.

CRIME WATCH

Thefts and recoveries

The Department of Public Safety received one report of burglary from Hamilton Complex, three found property reports, one report of a bike impound at Hamilton Complex and three reports of larceny: one at the EMU, one at Klamath Hall and one at Bean Complex.

Disorderly conduct

DPS received four reports of disorderly conduct, three reports of skateboard stunting, three reports of arrests, nine reports of a suspicious condition, four reports of a

suspicious subject and six reports of vandalism.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:17 a.m.: DPS received a report from a female staff member of a vehicle parked in the breezeway area of the EMU.

Alcohol and drugs

DPS received five reports of drug law violations, three reports of liquor law violations, one report of public drinking and one report of a minor in possession of alcohol.

Miscellaneous

DPS received one emergency call

report, one report of a vehicle running into a bike rack, one report of public indecency, four alarm reports and nine tow requests: one from the University Annex parking lot, two from Straub Hall, one from the Quonset parking lot next to the Riverfront Research Park, two from H.P. Barnhart Hall, one from the Knight Law Center and two from the Prince Lucien Campbell Hall parking lot.

Friday, Feb. 6, 10:01 p.m.: DPS received a report of a male in McKenzie Hall sitting at a computer masturbating.

CAMPUS BUZZ

Wednesday

University Senate meeting, Room 100, Willamette Hall, 3-5 p.m.

Presidential lecture featuring Seoul National University history Professor Emerita In-ho Lee, entitled "Korea in Search of a New Identity," Room 282, Lillis Hall, 6 p.m.

Law lecture featuring Human Rights Watch Executive Director and former federal prosecutor Kenneth Roth, entitled "Human Rights as a Response to Terrorism," Room 175, Knight Law Center, 7:30 p.m. Community conversations, entitled "Frankenfood, or One Seed Feeds the World?," Dymment Hall lounge, Walton Complex, 7:30 p.m.

Kritikos Lecture featuring classics Professor Victor Davis Hanson, entitled "War and the West, Then and Now," Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall, 8 p.m.

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