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Fraternity incidents elude University sanctions

Director of Student Judicial Affairs Chris Loschiavo says his office only investigates reports of serious incidents

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University fraternity members violate the law and the student conduct code perhaps as often as every weekend, but they often escape University sanctions, Student Judicial Affairs Director Chris

Loschiavo recently told the Emerald. Loschiavo said violations frequently occur at fraternity live-out parties, or fraternity-sponsored parties off the organization's premises, but his department only receives about 10 reports of fraternity-related incidents per year. He also said his office will not investigate an incident unless it is officially reported and a large amount of evidence of wrongdoing already exists, and of those only the serious incidents are pursued. "If the police aren't called to your location, we really don't care,"

Loschiavo said. "It's very difficult to impose sanctions based on rumor. If I have a suspicion, I will probably call a chapter president and say, 'You know, you might want to be really careful. You came close to violating the conduct code here.'" One incident that did result in University sanctions occurred when Sigma Alpha Epsilon members admitted to damaging a house in Bend in fall 2003, causing what the homeowner says was \$30,000 worth of damage. The homeowner reported the incident to the

University and the fraternity was put on probation, forced to do community service and told to write letters of apology to neighbors of the house. Incidents such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon's have called into question whether the University's greek endorsement standards — which took effect in September 2002 and forced the greek system to go dry and maintain GPA standards — have reduced rule-breaking at fraternity live-out parties. These incidents also bring into question whether the current ju-

dicial processes are doing enough to punish and prevent such incidents. Interfraternity Council President Faryl Kagan said he would not comment on Loschiavo's assertion that fraternity members probably break rules on most weekends, saying, "I don't know how he could say that without any proof, necessarily." Loschiavo said incidents where a person's health or safety are endangered take precedence over all other reports. Turn to **INCIDENTS**, page 12

MAKING MUSIC

Divisi, a women's a cappella group on campus, is: back, from left to right: Suzie Day, Katie Hopkins, Josi Henderson, Eynne Smith, Erica Barkett, Anna Corbett, Rachel Wierichs, Diana Erskine, Megan McCormack, Sarah Klein; front: Lisa Forkish. They will be making a trip with On the Rocks, their male counterparts, to Stanford this weekend for the ICCA West Region Semifinals. Danielle Hickey Photo Editor



Singing sensations

On the Rocks and Divisi, two University a cappella groups, will compete this weekend in the ICCA Semifinals

By Breanna Scott
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On the Rocks, the University's men's a cappella group, is making its third straight trip to the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Semifinals this weekend. This year, they're bringing along some stiff competition, however.

Divisi, the University's women's a cappella group, finished ahead of On the Rocks at the ICCA Quarterfinals, and the two groups will make the trip together to the semifinals. "We were proud to make it to the next round, but we were really happy for Divisi," On the Rocks member Brian Jacobson said. "They put on a fantastic show." Divisi took first place at quarterfinals with a set

featuring its versions of "Happy Together," "No Need to Argue" and an original medley. The group also earned the awards of Outstanding Choreography and Outstanding Arrangement for the "Divisi Medley." On the Rocks took second place for its set, including renditions of "Wild, Wild Life," "Hallelujah" and "Stacey's Mom." Turn to **DIVISI**, page 6

UO alum, 9th Circuit judge visits law school

Alfred (Ted) Goodwin, a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said law students can help defend civil liberties

By Chuck Slothower
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A prominent federal judge elicited laughter and appreciation from a large crowd at the Knight Law Center Wednesday night. Senior Circuit Judge Alfred (Ted) Goodwin of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals spoke on "The Role of Federal Courts in Protecting Civil Liberties" and other issues in a speech to an audience dominated by law students and faculty. Goodwin, a University alumnus, said law students can help defend civil liberties by fighting for them in court. "You'll never get anywhere waiting for Congress or the Justice Department to enforce the law," he said. Goodwin urged law students to "prepare, prepare, prepare" if they ever face an appellate court in a case against a powerful defendant. "Be like David when you attack Goliath," Turn to **LAW**, page 5

New vice provost discusses University's need for diversity

The second forum, attended by about 20 people, featured discussion regarding retention of students and faculty of color

By Chelsea Duncan
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Gregory Vincent, University vice provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, discussed retention of students and faculty of color along with other recruitment issues at two

open forums this week. Few people attended the general meeting held Wednesday, but about 20 people showed up for the Thursday meeting, which focused on issues concerning students of color. The goal of the meetings was to encourage open discussion about campus diversity and the necessity of examining how current diversity programs are functioning. Vincent, who just recently stepped into the new post, said he wanted to gather as much information as possible to determine the best course of action for a diversity plan.

"I think it's appropriate to consider how different entities around diversity are aligned," he said. Some audience members expressed concerns about ensuring that faculty members are sensitive to the needs of students of color. Vincent suggested the need for faculty diversity training so faculty can better connect with students. Questions were also raised about student union funding and the lack of support from the University for cultural events and programs. Sophomore Khanh Le explained the difficulties of funding important student union events

without adequate University support. "It's just difficult especially for students of color to do a lot of programs," he said. Vincent agreed that it is vital for the University to support cultural events even at a time when it lacks funding overall. "If the University is going to continue with the language of supporting diversity, they've got to find a way to support these events," he said. Other issues focused on increasing the student of color population, which was about Turn to **DIVERSITY**, page 5

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