

## Allegheny students protest with dial tone

(CPS) - Disgruntled Allegheny College students, claiming administrators were making key decisions without their opinion, took their revenge by stopping their efforts to call alums for the Pennsylvania school's annual fund drive in mid-February.

As a result, the fund drive failed to reach its goal.

"This was something we could hit (the administration) with and be sure they'd take notice," student government president Todd Milenius said.

Student government members voted to stop helping the college after the officials, hoping to save money, abruptly disbanded the school's wrestling team without warning February 12.

Over the past two years, the administration announced it would require students to live in dorms, changed students' physical education requirements, switched from quarters to the semester system and banned a fraternity from campus.

Student leaders maintain they were never consulted about the

moves, which made fundamental changes in the services they buy with their tuition.

In response, students put down their phones midway through the first week of Allegheny's annual fund drive, in which volunteers call alums asking for the donations.

As a result, the school got only about 70 percent - or \$42,000 - of its original goal of \$60,000 during the first week, and canceled the second six days of the effort.

"Students do have an important say in policy matters at this institution," responded college President Daniel Sullivan.

But students disagree. Among other things, they want the wrestling team reinstated and changes in the way decisions are made.

"We want a more equal decision making process between faculty, students and administrators," Milenius said.

## National fraternities and sororities ban pledging

(CPS) - In one of the biggest boosts to the national effort to end hazing, eight more greek organizations said they would ban their pledging rituals starting next fall.

Two other national fraternities, Zeta Beta Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon, banned pledging last fall, and a host of national organizations, including the National Interfraternity Conference and the American Council on Education, have urged changes in the pledging process.

Now eight more sororities and fraternities have announced they would stop making their pledges go through all "activities" except their initiation ceremonies.

"There shall be no 'pledging' or 'pre-pledging' process in any of the constituent organizations," said a statement released Feb. 17 by the Council of Presidents, made up of Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities, and Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa sororities.

"Hazing is a problem everywhere," admitted Roy Watson, an Alpha Phi Alpha at the University of Alabama in

Tuscaloosa, "but in our fraternity we don't condone it."

Filmmaker Spike Lee, whose "School Daze" featured numerous scenes of fraternity hazing, wanted it taken a step further. During a speech at Morehouse College in Atlanta, he called on his alma mater to ban fraternities. Last term, freshman Joe Harris died of a heart ailment aggravated by hazing rituals at the school.

Thirty-one states have passed laws banning hazing - different kinds of mental and physical abuse inflicted on people as a condition of joining some kind of group - but deaths and injuries from hazing have continued. In the greek setting, it's generally limited to men's fraternities.

Most recently, three Florida A&M University students who were arrested Feb. 19 for shoplifting told authorities the thefts were part of a fraternity hazing ritual. University officials are conducting their own investigation. If found guilty of hazing, the students could be expelled and their fraternities could lose their campus charters.

A month earlier, at the University of Florida in Gainesville, a student trying to

join a fraternity was arrested for shoplifting, and 13 other students from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity were charged with hazing.

It can also be more serious. More than 40 students have died in the past due to hazing.

## Douglas Carlson to read works

Douglas Carlson, noted poet and essayist, will give a reading of his works April 3rd at the Behrend Studio Theater. Carlson's works have appeared in the Georgia Review, Devil's Millhopper, Southern Poetry Review, Poet Lore and Uruboros. The event is sponsored by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund and the Roundtable Society. The reading starts at 8 pm and a reception will follow.

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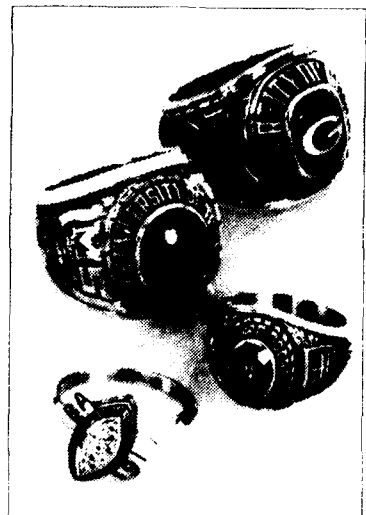
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