Castle charter revoked

By CHRISTINE LUTTON

After nearly a century on campus, the Psi Upsilon fraternity — one of the oldest and most prominent fraternities at the University — will be forced to vacate its Locust Walk house by Monday after the administration revoked its recognition this week.

Vice Provost for University Life Kim Morrison indefinitely suspended the chapter after finding that the fraternity — better known as the Castle — was collectively responsible in the January kidnapping of a Delta Psi fraternity brother.

While the fraternity could apply for re-recognition in the fall of 1993, Morrison's statement says that there is "no automatic right of return" and that no current members of the chapter could be involved.

Under University guidelines, the chapter cannot appeal the decision, and Castle brothers said they and their alumni chapter have not decided on further action.

The four-story house, whose stone towers and central location make it one of campus' most recognizable landmarks, will be used as a residence for either another Greek organization or as part of the University dormitory system, according to the VPU's statement. The 90-year-old house has 16 rooms and a 26-occupant capacity.

The decision comes more than two weeks after the judicial hearing board heard charges that pledges and brothers kidnapped College junior William O'Flanagan, a member of Delta Psi, also known as St. A's.

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Brothers upset over move-out

By CHRISTINE LUTTON

College senior Dave Hunt will not turn up the volume on his stereo this weekend after his last examination as a University undergraduate.

Hunt, president of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, expressed frustration last night that while other seniors will celebrate the approach of commencement in their residences, he and his brothers will have to pack his belongings as they move out of the house this weekend.

Hunt and other members of the fraternity, also known as the Castle, said they have spent the past two days making last minute arrangements after the indefinite revocation of the chapter's recognition. The University found this week that the Castle was collectively responsible in the January kidnapping of a Delta Psi brother.

The decision, announced Tuesday by Vice Provost for University Life Kim Morrison, stipulates that the house be used as a dormitory for an approved undergraduate Greek organization or as part of the University's residential system.

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U. to decide fate of frat house

By HELEN JUNG

As part of the University's decision to revoke recognition from the Psi Upsilon fraternity, the University will assume control and decide the fate of the house which stands at 36th Street and Locust Walk.

Vice Provost for University Life Kim Morrison's ruling stipulates that the house be used as a dormitory for an approved undergraduate Greek organization or as part of the University's residential system.

Morrison said last night that although there are a "number of options," no decision on the future of the house has been made. She said the eventual decision will be "consistent with University residential objectives."

Morrison will co-chair a committee this summer which will examine ways in which the University can diversify the residences along Locust Walk.

Currently, a list compiled in 1987 by the Trustees Council on Penn Women names the Chi Omega sorority as the next Greek organization to receive housing on Locust Walk.

Chi Omega President Kelly Christie said last night that she and her committee were not consulted about the University's decision to revoke recognition from the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

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Groups applaud decision

By JEREMY SELWYN

Members of several groups yesterday applauded the University's decision to revoke the Psi Upsilon fraternity's recognition and encouraged the University to use the occasion to diversify Locust Walk.

Panhelhelic Council President Anne Hseuh voiced support yesterday for the decision, saying that it demonstrated a strengthened University stance against racial incidents.

"It's a rare measure by the University," Hseuh said. "They committed a folly, and the decision on the length of time is a sign that the University is cracking down, and that racial incidents are not to be condoned."

The Engineering junior said that she hopes the Castle house will be used either for a sorority or a Black Inter-Greek Council fraternity, which she said would diversify the Walk.

She added that she was using the building for non-Greek housing should also be considered.

College junior Scott Kurashige, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance, said yesterday that the decision indicates that the University means business against incidents of racial and sexual harassment equally.

"There is a case of white fraternity members dominating Locust Walk right now," Kurashige said. "I don't think it would make it any more diverse to add to a fraternity, and adding a sorority would also be a sign that we are being green."

College junior Anna Single, a member of Students Together Against Acquiescence Rape, said yesterday that the decision indicates that the University means business against incidents of racial and sexual harassment equally.

"We are very angry that some incidents take more precedence over others," Single said. "Many Greeks control the Walk."

"One is a sign that the University should have a more standardized way of looking at all incidents."

Anthropology Professor Peggy Sabin, who has written a forthcoming book about fraternity nation, said yesterday that the incident which led officials to revoke the Castle's recognition is just one of many crimes perpetrated by fraternities across the country.

According to Sabin, the incident was "a logical extension of a very common world view about being male."

"Fraternity brothers are always looking for some new kick or some new way to make their masculinity and dominance and their power," Sabin said.

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Reaction to the decision in the undergraduate community yesterday was mixed, with some fraternity members criticizing the judicial system and other students supporting the VPUL.

Students have proposed several possible uses for the house, including a security house or a women's living and learning center.

Two Castle members, College sophomores Aaron Castellano and College junior Carlton Jackson, still face criminal charges as a result of the kidnapping.

Their trial is scheduled for August.

Morrison upheld the recommendation of collective responsibility made by both the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Board and Judicial Inquiry Office.

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Morrison's statement says that the house violated its recognition policy by breaking its University's policy against racial harassment and breaking state criminal statutes.

Castle members yesterday responded angrily to the decision, and said that they were treated unfairly by what they called a flawed judicial system.

The University has not dealt with the racial tension that they said that they caused for the catalyst for this incident.

According to Castle President David Hunt, Castle members understood the kidnapping was wrong and cooperated with Goodman's investigation in order to show good faith to the University.

But he said he felt the house was punished for cooperating because the JIO misconstrued what they said.

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Brothers

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noon. However, several brothers said that the deadline has been extended until 3 p.m. today.

Another graduating Castle brother yesterday expressed frustration and sadness that his grandparents will not have the chance to see the inside of his residence when they attend his graduation.

Members called the University's decision unnecessarily harsh for not allowing them some flexibility in the timing of their case.

"Closing the house before graduation is very spiteful and pointless," Castle brother Robert Fogelson, a College senior, said yesterday. "It's frustrating that the University's lack of thought regarding the consequences of their actions."

Seniors who face individual judicial charges have had their records frozen until a settlement is reached, Hunt said.

Additionally, freshmen who say they have spent their entire year devoted to the house expressed disappointment that they will never reap one primary benefit — living in what is considered to be one of the most luxurious residences on campus.

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Minority leaders condemn incident, support diversity

By EMILY CULBERTSON

Minority leaders condemned the January 25 kidnapping of Delta Psi brother William Samuel at the University last night that he is unsure whether the chapter is acting as a partner. They said that the administration has not read all the findings of the incident. "I don't necessarily think the administration was acting as a partner."

Additionally, in a letter to Vice Provost for University Life Kim Morrison last month, the UMC and the Black Student League formed the University judicial system for what the group termed harassment and unfair policies towards black Castillo members.

The two groups stated in its letter that they supported keeping the Castillo on campus because of its diverse membership and that the chapter should not be held collectively responsible because only a few members were involved.

Harold Ford, managing editor of the black student newspaper The Vision, stated that though he did not condone the Castillo's actions, he still considers the incident as a fraternity prank.

"What makes this case different? There are two black brothers involved. It's racism," Ford added.

Frats call ruling 'harsh'

By HELEN JUNGE

The advisory representatives said last night that the University's decision to revoke recognition of Delta Psi was undeniably harsh because the punishment may have been merited because of the fraternity's actions.

Interfraternity Council President Bret Kinsella said last night that dealing does not surprise him, but added that he is unsure whether the University could have allowed a "small core" of members to remain in the chapter in a new direction.

Kinsella added the judicial process, which the decision was reached is flawed, saying, "It always biases the University against fraternities."

The IPC president added that he believes the current relationship between the administration and fraternities is not effective. "The fraternity system has tried to establish a partnership with the University," Kinsella said. "At this point I don't think that the University is acting as a partner."

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has not been approached about her sorority occupying the house. The College junior added that her sorority's alumnus would decide whether to relocate if they are offered the opportunity.

Interfraternity Council President Bret Kinsella said last night that he hopes another Greek organization would move into the house, because that may be "most likely to be able to inhabit the house quickly and may do the best job of keeping it up."

He added that he had no preference whether the organization was a fraternity or sorority. The Delta Xi Delta President Ed Pedicone said last night that the decision to move the Castillo out of the house comes at a pivotal time.

"I don't necessarily think the decision itself is indicative of University policy," Kinsella added. "I think in the way the University went about the investigation may be more indicative of the University's judicial system."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon President Mike Feinberg said last night that he is unsure whether the University has handled the incident properly because only a few members were involved.

Feinberg, who is also the vice-chairperson of the Undergraduate Assembly, said that he believes the suspension is "a sign that the administration is really cracking down."

Vice Provost's statement on Castle punishment

To the University Community:

In accordance with my responsibilities under the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board Judicial Charter, I have received and reviewed the findings of the Advisory Board, the chapter status report and the charges filed against the chapter in the complaint brought against Psi Upsilon.

The Advisory Board had identified forty-four findings of fact upon which it has based its recommendations to me. These Findings are attached to this letter.

The Board has found by a preponderance of the evidence that Psi U is collectively responsible for the activities described in the Findings of Fact.

With reference to violations of specific sections of the Recognition Policy, the Board has ruled:

1. Psi U has an obligation under the Recognition Policy to accept collective responsibility for the activities of the undergraduate chapter as they relate to conduct of members and conduct of guests of members who are members of the fraternity and is in violation of the University's code of Conduct. Specifically, the activities described in the Findings of Fact show failure of Psi U members to act in a mature and responsible manner respecting the rights of all persons as required by the Code of Conduct.

2. The activities described in the Findings of Fact violate Psi U's obligations under the Recognition Policy because those activities constitute a violation of the University's Antihazing Regulations which are applicable to all University students and student groups.

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Based on these Findings, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board, I have made the following determinations:

1. Psi U's recognition under the Recognition Policy shall be withdrawn immediately.

2. The Psi U chapter house will be closed immediately. All occupants must vacate the house no later than five days after their last scheduled examination. The chapter and the House Corporation will be held responsible for the unlawful conduct and failure to comply with the legal requirements under the Recognition Policy.

3. The property located at 300 South 36th Street will be retained and used for dormitory purposes by the University for an approved underground Greek organization pursuant to the University's Recognition Policy, or as part of the University's residential system.

4. The withdrawal of recognition is for an indefinite period of time and presumes no automatic right of return. No application from Psi U for recognition under the Recognition Policy will be considered for a period of five years from the date of this determination.

In accordance with Section II.B. of the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board Judicial Charter, I will refer the recommendations of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to ensure that these sanctions are enforced.

In reviewing the materials submitted by the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board, including the Chapter Status Report, I have taken note of the fact that Psi U has been on the Penn campus for 99 years and that the chapter's membership is comprised of students from diverse racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Such diversity is to be applauded; it is consistent with the University's goals and it should be the model of all chapters operated on campus. Psi U's conduct, however, exemplary, cannot be the cloak behind which to hide the egregious misconduct of this case nor should it be used as the justification for failure to take appropriate action. Moreover, Psi U's longevity is no excuse, a chapter with such a longstanding history at Penn should have had equally longstanding positive traditions by which to introduce its pledge into its relationship with the fraternity and through which to support the fraternity's presence and its contributions to the University community.

It is important to note that the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board, which is composed predominantly of members of the Greek system, believes that the actions of Psi U are neither indicative nor representative of the actions of other fraternities and sororities on the University's campuses. I endorse fully the Board's belief that such actions cannot be condoned by a Greek system or by a University which affirms and supports the concept of diversity and of equal dignity and worth of each member of the University community.

I join with the Board in hoping that actions similar to those of Psi U will not be repeated, and that those who participated recognize how detrimental their conduct was to the fraternity and to the University as a whole.

I want to offer public thanks to the members of the Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board who met for two lengthy evenings to hear testimony and to make recommendations on this matter. This was a difficult and painful case for those involved, and the University appreciates their efforts.

Finally, it is important to remember that in this painful, tragic and potentially divisive case there is one certainty that is not in disputethe University of O'Flanagan, who experienced the impact of the actions described in Findings of Fact. On behalf of the University and on behalf of all members of Psi U and those who attended the incident, I offer our deepest condolences and our heartfelt sympathy to Fraternity/Sorority Advisory Board, including the Chapter Status Report, that I have taken note of the fact that Psi U has been on the Penn campus for 99 years and that the chapter's membership is comprised of students from diverse racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Such diversity is to be applauded; it is consistent with the University's goals and it should be the model of all chapters operated on campus. Psi U's conduct, however, exemplary, cannot be the cloak behind which to hide the egregious misconduct of this case nor should it be used as the justification for failure to take appropriate action. Moreover, Psi U's longevity is no excuse, a chapter with such a longstanding history at Penn should have had equally longstanding positive traditions by which to introduce its pledge into its relationship with the fraternity and through which to support the fraternity's presence and its contributions to the University community.

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University puts PiKA on two-year probation

By LAUREN SHAHAM

Although the Peak Week schedule for the UA, by Benja-
min Franklin's daily calendar, was released last week, the
planners ignored his favorite activities. As our university's
founder was famous for his strictly organized day, planning
each activity so as not to lose a precious minute, Franklin
would probably cringe at how planners ignored his favorite
calendar events.

Franklin was fond of his peak week activities. He
called his own personal schedule "Priority Groups," and the peak
week events were his main priority. He had planned Peak Week to
be packed with many educational, cultural, and social activities.

As Franklin would have liked, each Peak Week day starts early
with the headline plenary sessions opening at 8:45 a.m. For
example, on May 14, the peak week events included a peak
week plenary session at 11 a.m. and a peak week cultural event
at 6 p.m.

As of the peak week national elections, the peak
week elects the peak week executive board, which
oversees the peak week activities. The peak week elections are
held on May 15, and the peak week executive board is
announced on May 16.

As our university's founder and Nobel Peace Prize
winner, Franklin was known for his dedication to education and
service to students.

The Peak Week plans would make Franklin proud.

Harris proposes gov't. task force

By HELENE JUNG

Undergraduate Assembly Chairperson Duchess Harris
presented a proposal for a Student
Government Task Force to examine student government restructure,
in an open conference attended by over 55
students last month.

Although the student government conference was designed
mainly for students to voice their concerns about the current
structure, many who attended said they believed the most pro-
ductive discussion of the hour meeting centered on the
current proposal.

The proposal calls for a committee of 25 delegates from
various student groups to participate in a series of conferences and
discuss restructure. Harris stressed that the task force proposal,
which was developed by the UA Steering Committee, is
only tentative.

The proposal suggests that the task force include representa-
tives from the five branches of student government, the three
Greek system umbrella organizations, Kite and Key, Interna-
tional Students Alliance, Penn Volunteer Network, Performing
Arts Council, United Minorities Council, Women's Alliance, and
the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance.

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