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Kappa Sigma faces hazing allegations

By Danielle Deaver
Editor in Chief

Kappa Sigma fraternity is currently awaiting the outcome of an ongoing university investigation into allegations of hazing activities.

"Yes, they are (being investigated). I think it's fairly well-known that this has transpired ... There was a judicial hearing last week. It was a hearing that involved allegations of hazing. Obviously it's a seri-

ous matter," Mike Ford, the director of student development, said.

The university cannot release the exact nature of the hazing charges while the investigation is underway.

The investigation into Kappa Sig's pledging process began Oct. 13. Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services, is conducting the investigation. He was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

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Kappa Sigma, said, "We're waiting for the decision right now." Pianca did not want to make any further comment while the uni-

versity is still investigating.

An outcome that reflects badly upon the fraternity could cause further investigation into the initiation practices of other groups on campus, according to Ford.

"I would think that (more) investigations would be quite likely, now that we have awareness of some high-risk pledge activities," he said.

The Kappa Sig's are under no formal sanctions right now, according to Ford. "The fraternity has been asked to suspend

all pledge activity," he said. "They are not to contact their pledges. They are waiting on Dean Holmes's decision."

Kappa Sig had five pledges this semester, Ford said. He does not know if any depledged since the allegations of hazing arose. Unofficial reports suggest that one pledge complained of physical abuse.

"I think this is more a case of, there's been some possible hazing within the Kappa

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Graduate remembered at service

By Theresa Felder
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Approximately 125 people gathered to remember and celebrate the life of Amanda Edwards last Sunday in Wait Chapel. "We gather to worship. We gather to mourn, but not as those without hope," President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. said.

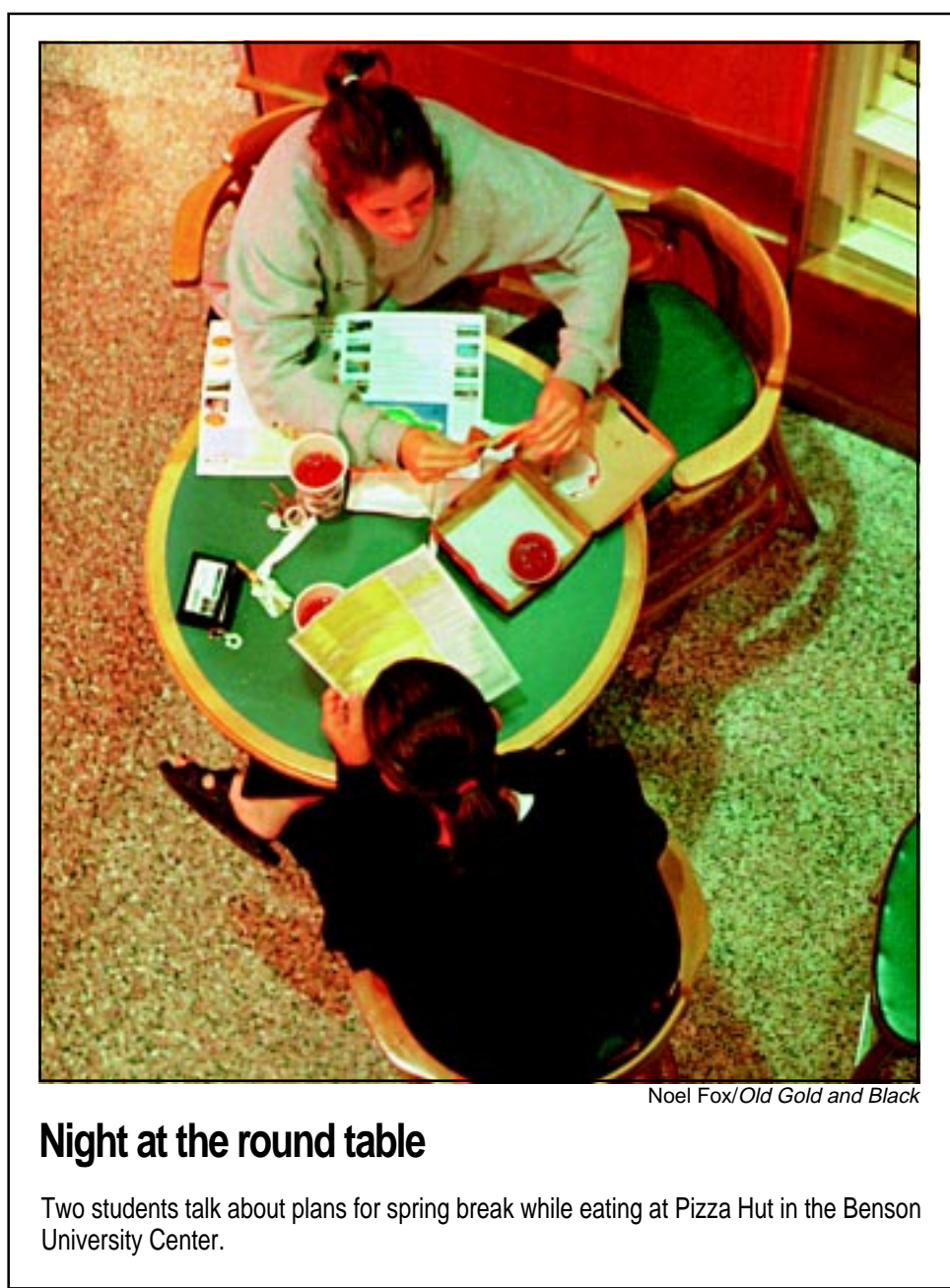
Students, family members and other friends came together for this memorial service in honor of Edwards, who died of leukemia Sept. 29 at the age of 22. Tributes included prayers, poems and reflections on her life.

Junior Stacey Tharp, Edwards' Delta Gamma sorority sister, read from a list of remembrances members of the sorority had written. "She was a little ray of sunshine in an often dreary world," one sister had written.

Another sister wrote, "Thoughts of vitality, kindness and passion come to mind when thinking of Amanda."

Tharp also cited the song which the Indigo Girls had dedicated to Edwards when they performed at the

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Night at the round table

Two students talk about plans for spring break while eating at Pizza Hut in the Benson University Center.

Breaks cause condom recall

SHS warns about faulty brand

By Danielle Deaver
Editor in Chief

A national recall of one of the most popular condom brands on the market may affect some students. Some models of Lifestyles condoms, the brand distributed by the Student Health Service, were voluntarily recalled recently by the company.

The condoms with an expiration date between October 1997 and July 1998 or between August 1999 and April 2000 are suspected of higher than normal breakage rates. They may be either returned unused to the Student Health Services or thrown away.

Lifestyles voluntarily recalled the condoms after receiving a large number of customer complaints. The company's tests did show no unusual weakness in the ones with those expiration dates.

"This is a reassuring thing. The

company responded to this, they listened to consumer complaints and they let us know quickly. The company is very responsible about that," Dr. Cecil Price, the director of Student Health Services, said.

"If the condoms didn't break, there's nothing to worry about. ... If the condom doesn't break, there's nothing wrong with it," he said.

Dr. Price said he does not believe any affected condoms were distributed by Health Services this year. "The particular lots that they recalled had been distributed mostly last year. There were about five boxes left here, and we shipped them back. ... The ones we distributed this year were not from this lot, but students may have some from last year," he said.

Health Services distributes approximately 25,000 to 30,000 a year through residence halls and the

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Student Government reviews curriculum, grading system

By Adam Molson
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The Student Government subcommittees met Oct. 28 to discuss future curriculum and grading systems as well as issues of student life and campus development.

The curriculum review, a 25-30 page document that assesses the current curriculum and suggests improvements, was the main topic for the Academic Committee. For the next few meetings, the committee will

continue to review the report and possibly recommend changes based on it.

"This is the first time a curriculum review has been done in 27 years. It will have an impact on the entire curriculum," said junior John Giokas, the chairman of the Academic Committee.

Another academic issue that concerns students is the change to a plus-minus grading system next year. At the beginning of next year, all students currently attending the university will be able to choose whether or

not they wish to have the new system applied to them.

The Academic Committee will have an open forum in the near future to help students make the decision. Rick Matthews, a professor of physics who has done numerous studies on the effects of a plus-minus system on GPA's, might speak at the forum. The Calloway School of Business has voted not to make the change to the new grading policy, so it will be separate from the rest of the university.

The Campus Life Committee discussed the findings

of the Residence Life and Dining Services Advisory Committee, which met Oct. 23. Among the issues were plans for a new food court behind the law school and the results of a survey quizzing students about dining variety.

There is also an initiative in the works to get subtotals to show on the registers when a meal card is used. The committee has also spoken to Mike Bellefeuille, the

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Cue ball

Junior Eric Palmer plays pool in Shorty's. The tables are open to the students for a quarter per game.

Officer enjoys spontaneity of position

By Travis Langdon
Contributing Reporter

You've seen him around campus. You've seen him in the parking lots. If you are among the unlucky, perhaps you've even sat in the back seat of his car. Those who are the most unfortunate, however, are those who have never taken the time to engage in conversation with him. His name is Tom Slater, a policeman with the University Police.

Widely known for his sharp sense of humor and frequent appearances at weekend parties, Slater grew up in North Carolina, not far from the very campus on which he would now work. Slater began his police career nine years ago as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

Stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he served the Armed Forces as a nuclear

security and patrol officer.

After his service ended, Slater joined the University Police, where he has remained for the last seven years. Greeting, the officer suggests a significant contrast between the work he did in Albuquerque and that of his current department.

"Working here, you have to be more easy-going. The Air Force was really cut and dry. There was no gray area," Slater said.

In addition to this relaxed atmosphere, Slater also values the spontaneity and excitement that comes with his job.



"What's good about police work, is that there is no typical day. Some days you come in, and you're busy from the minute you get here to the minute you go home. Other days I have to wonder if there's just nothing going on, or, even worse, if I'm just not finding it. That's what I like, not knowing what to expect," Slater said.

Most of the crime that Slater and the rest of the University Police deal with is what is characterized as "student against student crime." The most obvious example of this on campus is theft, which Slater confirms as happening most often when one student leaves his or her belongings unattended in a public place.

Occasionally, however, Slater is faced with more dangerous situations such as armed robbery or automobile breaking and

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