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However, after this announcement was made, Correll began his review, which was completed Nov. 13. Upon the completion of his review, Correll allowed the group until Dec. 1 to reach a decision on what specific course of action it would take.

The entire brotherhood of the coed service fraternity was involved in the decision making process, and, after deliberation, the group decided that one of the recommendations that was made after the review was conducted should be reconsidered. With this exception, the organization was willing to comply with Correll's suggestions.

"After the national chapter had completed its investigation, they pretty much outlined their recommendations to us as to what our options were from there. We met as a brotherhood to discuss whether or not we thought we would be able to follow through with these recommendations. We decided, for the most part, that these are things that we can and will do," said senior Mike Beabout, the president of APO.

Beabout was unable to discuss the problem that arose in the fraternity's consideration Correll's recommendations until he hears back from him.

Correll is currently discussing the matter with a committee in the national organization, and the university's chapter is awaiting his reply. The committee's receptiveness to their objection is a considerable factor in the final outcome of the situation.

"What ultimately happens depends heavily on what (Correll) gets back to us with. Basically, he has to get

approval from one of the committees to change one of the recommendations that was given to us. He's looking into that right now," Beabout said.

Although APO was not able to discuss the issue that is currently being debated with the national committee, it was willing to disclose the recommendations made by Correll that they intend to implement. There are three main points on which the group plans to focus.

The first of these is that the group will be placed under administrative review by the national chapter for a period of one year. At the end of this time, the organization's status will be reevaluated.

"Our national chapter will basically just monitor us for the next year and ensure that all goes well with our progress," Beabout said.

The next two points with regard to the organization's course of action fall under the first. While under review, the group will design a risk management policy

for its chapter to ensure that future problems do not arise.

Also, the organization will be required to re-design its current pledging program. Exactly how the chapter will choose to meet these requirements is something that the brotherhood must still discuss, but Beabout said that he is certain that doing so will not be a problem.

After receiving Correll's report last month, the university's administration also began a formal investigation of the fraternity. The results of this review have not yet been released, but Beabout will be presented with some indication of any sanctions that the organization might receive from the university in a meeting that will take place today.

"I'm meeting with the Group Advisory Panel (today), so that's the level of the university's involvement at this point," he said.



Finding a stable home



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Director of Chalen
Riding Academy

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TOP LEFT: Kelly Loudenslager pets Marty and brushes him before preparing him to be ridden. **LEFT:** Loudenslager rides Marty in the ring before class. Loudenslager said Marty is a very dependable horse with a good personality. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Loudenslager greets Marty in his stable at John and Kim William's farm. She said it is important to talk to the horses and establish a relationship with them.

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Home

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and being more in the country away from the development," Burke said. "It creates a more peaceful and serene atmosphere. People go riding usually because they want to relax."

Hartley, who has been riding since he was young, said riding always helped him relax.

He even took his horse to every school he attended during college although it was difficult to persuade his parents to let him.

"It was so good to clear my head so I could come back and work again. I think it is a healthy sport," he said.

Loudenslager also said she enjoys riding because it is relaxing but also demands focus.

"Usually I have things on my mind.

When I'm in class, I always am thinking of something else. When I am in my room, I am always thinking of my classes and what I have to do. When I am in the ring, I am not thinking of anything but the horses," Loudenslager said.

Hartley attended the university for graduate school and came back to teach after graduating with a doctorate from Vanderbilt University. "Then my love of horses took me away," Hartley said. He noticed that the university did not have a

riding program so he started one at Brookberry Farms.

A love of horses is common among those involved with the school. Burke also started very young because her father was involved with breeding and racing racehorses. "My parents had horses when we were growing up so I have been around horses my entire life. I have taken breaks from them every once in a while, but I can never seem to get away from them," she said.

Loudenslager said she started riding when she was seven because her older sister was taking lessons. "I followed whatever my sister did," she said.

But her sister Carolyn had to stop taking lessons because she had asthma. "I was too embarrassed to tell them why I started, and I hated it for a couple years. Then I fell in love," Loudenslager said.

Loudenslager said she had seen the course offering before and always wanted to take the class. "I realized most of my classes were pretty stressful so I made it a goal to have a class that I would look forward to and would help me de-stress," she said.

Burke teaches Balance Seat riding, which Hartley said can lead to different styles of riding such as Hunt Seat.

Loudenslager had done more Western-style riding in the past and said that she thought she had taken her riding to its highest level. "I got to the point where I thought I had taken it as far as I could. This is a whole new world for me. This is

a struggle. You have to work hard to get it done," she said.

Usually 20-30 university students take the course each semester, although the numbers are higher in the spring, Hartley said. Students can take riding two semesters for credit but can take lessons longer at a special university student rate.

To take lessons, students need helmets, which they can purchase via Burke. Shoes with heels are also important to keep your feet in the stirrups.

In an average class, Loudenslager said students pick a horse, brush it, tack it up (which involves putting on the saddle and bridle) and head to the ring. In the ring, both horse and student stretch and warm up and then the class works on certain exercises each week.

Loudenslager's class, which has four riders and is a bit more advanced, has worked on walking, trotting, cantering and some jumping. She said her favorite class was the day they went on a trail ride through the corn and tobacco fields because it was so beautiful and the horses enjoyed it.

Burke said she enjoys seeing the students' progress during the semester and finding people who really love the horses. "I really like to watch the communication between people and the animal, the horse and what changes in them as a result of their learning in riding. I couldn't exactly tell you what I notice in them because it is very subtle," Burke said.



The class is offered on a pass/fail basis and is mainly based on attendance and attitude. The class works out a meeting time that is best for everyone, Loudenslager said.

Hartley said most students are beginners or have only ridden a little and have had no formal lessons, but the school does have some very advanced riders as well.

Burke currently has nine horses and said there are usually five or six university students in each class.

Hartley said all of the horses have professor in front of their names on their stalls. "We tell the students that these horses are their professors," Hartley said.

Loudenslager said she has learned from her "professors."

"It's fun, but it is a challenge too. I never thought it would be, but I have really learned things," she said.

Loudenslager said she would like to take the class again next year. Maybe she will be able to ride with her favorite man, Marty.

Sunny

Three girls study in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library in the late afternoon sun.

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Vigil highlights Student Government's semester

By Dave Beran
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As the first semester comes to its conclusion, Student Government ends its fall session.

"I think we got off to a great start," said junior Susie Eggers, the president of SG. "There have been a lot of ideas generated this fall, and I think next semester will see many

of these ideas being implemented."

Among the accomplishments of SG this fall are the "Unite for Peace" vigil organized and held in October and a new bus service, which was made available to take students to Groves Stadium for the football games and now to the basketball games.

Other items that have been discussed and will be examined further

next semester include the relations between off-campus students and other area residents, a new recreation center and the idea of a residential-study project in Washington D.C.

All of these items for the most part, however, are being planned for the future.

The residential-study program will take a big step next month at the D.C. networking forum, where

many alumni and students will meet to discuss this topic and others. Many of these items however, depend on what happens at the Capital Campaign Meeting during the spring semester.

"The fall semester is generally slower because of elections," Eggers said. "During the spring semester though, things should go much more quickly."