

Amidst national protest, MNSU Greek life advocates safety

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As protests erupt at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and University of Kansas regarding sexual assault cases and accusations surrounding the fraternities Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi, Greek life is once again in the spotlight, and not in a good way.

Protesters from both universities are calling for a change in the Greek system, and some are even

pleading for total abolishment as more and more victims of sexual assault done by fraternity members are coming forward.

The cases and accusations sound like a broken record, waiting for their sorrowful sound to be heard, acknowledged, and fixed. The real question is: Are the cries being ignored? Or is there something being done about the issues that continue to give Greek life a bad rep?

The short answer is: Yes, there

are things being done.

The complicated answer is: Not enough.

Adam Koltz, a senior member of Minnesota State University, Mankato's Phi Kappa Psi chapter, explains the short answer in greater detail.

As a vice president of risk management for the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, Koltz says the council alone does a lot to help make and keep Greek life and
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FSL members Adam Koltz, left, and Morgan Rusler advocate for a safe campus for everyone.

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Got complaints? There's a way to send them in

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Picture this: you have a professor who doesn't meet the expectations set for themselves. They continuously forget to grade homework, show up to class late, or don't show up at all.

Students hold the power to ensure professors do the best job they can, but most don't know it.

Minnesota State University, Mankato senior Gannon Jordahl has never sent in a complaint about a professor before, mostly because he never felt like he needed to.

"I haven't sent in a complaint, besides the end of year thing they put out," Jordahl commented.

Around the time of mind-terms and final exams, professors release a course evaluation form where students rank the professor on a variety of topics concerning the class and bring up any problems they may have experienced.

Similarly, senior Jakob Rusten hasn't had an issue with a professor to the point of reporting them, as he also doesn't know how to do so. Rusten does, however, keep a track record throughout the semester in order to accurately fill out the course evaluations.

"Normally I save up a bunch of choice words for those course evaluations at the end of the semester," Rusten stated. "If it [the
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The Minnesota State Mavericks volleyball team put up a fight against the No. 11-ranked Winona State Warriors Tuesday night at the Taylor Center but fell short in three sets.

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Greek life event a smashing success

By CLAIRE BRUNEAU • Staff Writer

When you're angry, stressed out or frustrated, many people will tell you to take a deep breath and relax.

Phi Delta Theta has a better idea: Grab a sledge hammer and start whaling

on a beat up, old junkie car.

For just a dollar a hit, it's an easy way for students to let off some steam. This car smack down has been taking place for over a decade and has only grown in popularity since.

"It was honestly so nice to have that as a stress reliever," said MNSU freshman Dayton Frost. "Sometimes you don't want to talk things out. Sometimes you just want to hit something!"

This memorable event started when

some alumni from the Phi Delta Theta fraternity reached out and gave their advice and opinions on how to make the fraternity even better. What started out as an idea quickly became reality as Phi Delta Theta stitched all the pieces together to make this fundraiser happen.

Since then it has turned into a flourishing fundraiser, helping raise money for charity and giving stressed students an outlet to release tension and frustra-
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