

Off Campus Costs High And Leadership Suffers

"It's cheaper!" That's the cry of University women students who prefer off-campus housing to dormitories. But is it?

An answer to this often-debated question is found in a master's thesis completed this summer by Miss Mary Whan, graduate student in the Department of Family Economics and Management.

The answer is "no," if housing costs are considered. In her sample of 1966 Nebraska coeds living on and off campus, Miss Whan found that off-campus students spent an average of \$45 a month for housing and utilities, while dorm students spent only \$28.

Daily Costs
Average daily costs for every other item except food were higher for off-campus students, the study showed. However, the lesser amount spent on food was offset by other expenses, and off-campus students tended to eat less adequate meals.

The University, in accord with its attempts to stabilize student room and board fees for three-year periods, has kept the cost at \$725 per year since 1964. The fee is expected to increase.

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Leadership Opportunities

"They should also consider that girls in apartments ate less balanced meals, and that they had fewer chances for leadership which is a part of a college education," she said.

Objectives of Miss Whan's study, other than to compare costs, were to determine if use of time varies with living location if participation in campus organizations is affected, and the extent of satisfaction each group of women receives from the use they make of their time, interests, and money.

Apartment dwellers often believe they are saving money, but Miss Whan's research shows they spend more for household items such as light bulbs and newspapers, telephone service, and have larger outstanding charge accounts for gasoline, clothing and leisure-time activities. However, these differences are not statistically significant.

The food bill is less for off-campus coeds, but Miss Whan questioned whether as a result of economizing,

women in apartments were eating less adequate meals than those living in dorms. The women in her survey kept a record of all food eaten for four days.

Eating Habits
Although neither group had a completely adequate diet based on the "Basic Four" food groups, girls in apartments ate less well than dorm students, and also ate fewer fruits and vegetables.

Do women in apartments sacrifice free time for other activities? Both groups got approximately the same amount of rest and studied the same number of hours. However, off-campus students spent more time on household activities such as cleaning, preparing food, and shopping, and less time on personal activities such as dressing and letter writing.

No great difference was found between the two groups in the amount of time spent working or on pleasure activities, although dorm students spent more time with church or community events, or dating.

Since students living in apartments often spend less time on campus, Miss Whan wondered if they participate less in University activities and hold fewer leadership positions.

Participation
She found this supposition to be true as just over half of the off-campus students said they did not participate in campus sponsored organizations, compared to 28 per cent of the dorm students. Only two off-campus students held offices in any organization while 16 (45 per cent) of the dorm students held offices.

The extra costs, less free time, and less contact with the University are apparently compensated for in the independence apartment dwellers feel. This group expressed a greater amount of satisfaction from their use of time, money, and interests than the dorm students.

Only one of the 30 off-campus students said she would prefer other living arrangements, while 12 of the dorm coeds said they would like to try apartment life. However, almost 60 per cent of the dorm residents said they preferred their way of living.

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'Objector' Tatum Speaks On US Peace Movement

The new conscientious objector is a man of the world seeking to apply his principles to the world, said Arlo Tatum, executive director for the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection (COCO).

Tatum spoke on conscientious objection at the University Tuesday night, sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

In his presentation, Tatum noted the changing character of the average conscientious objector by citing the "swell among the unchurched who are applying for CO classification."

Presently, aside from the normal pacifist religious groups, there has been a large percentage of Roman Catholics applying as conscientious objectors, according to Tatum.

This change in character, plus the growing peace movement within U.S. armed forces, makes the conscientious objector today a real political factor for the first time in history, according to Tatum.

He continued to say that because conscientious objection is now a political factor, it "increases the danger somewhat." Tatum said that on the whole the length of jail sentences for non-cooperation is going up.

In 1962 a jail sentence for non-cooperation was under two years. Presently a sentence runs approximately two and a half years. Tatum predicted that soon it will be three years, as existed during World War II.

Sentence to a federal prison is made for men whose claims to a CO status are not recognized as valid by the Selective Service System or for those men who are opposed to all cooperation with a military conscription system and become civil disobedients.

There are three alternatives to the regular draft stated Tatum. A non-combatant service in the armed forces is one alternative. Alternative service, which means assigned work under civilian auspices that contributes to the maintenance of the national health, safety or

'Gunnery' Score In Fall Trapshoot

Winners of the University of Nebraska Wildlife Club's annual fall trapshoot were Ron Miller and Craig Dreesen in Division A and Mike Odbert and Randy Darling in Division B.

The trapshoot was held Oct. 15 at the Lincoln Gun Club. There were 30 participants in the two divisions.

Absentee Ballot Request Requires 14-Day Notice

Absentee voting ballots should be applied for by mail approximately two weeks in advance of the Nov. 8 election date, according to a Nebraska Department of State bulletin.

Applications should be made to the county clerk or election commissioner in the county of residence at least two weeks early to allow for processing through the mails.

Residence for voting purposes is defined as "that place at which a person has established his home,

where he is habitually present, and to which when he departs he intends to return." In most cases a student has not established residence in the county or city where he attends college.

Certain counties require a registration either in person or by mail before Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. These counties are: Adams, Buffalo, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Madison, Lincoln, Platte and Scottsbluff.

Certain cities also require voter registration. They are Alliance, McCook, Nebraska City, Sidney and South Sioux City.

When registering by mail, an absentee voter will receive two forms with his ballot and directions for completing the registration forms and ballot, how to attest under oath to his actions, and when to return the ballot.

The requirements for voting in the State of Nebraska for all public officials and propositions are five-fold. A voter must be 21 years of age and be a citizen of the United States. He must have resided in the state six months, in the county forty days, and in the precinct for ten days.

Also a voter must have satisfied residence requirements regarding "intent". He must have completed certain state registration requirements.

IDCC Schedules Final Discussion

The Interdormitory Coordinating Committee (IDCC) will hold final discussion on an inter-dorm council constitution Wednesday, Jim Ludwig, IDCC chairman, said.

If the constitution is approved by the committee, a date for dormitory residents to vote on the constitution will be announced, Ludwig said.

The election will be held within a week and a half, according to Ludwig, to allow time for the constitution to be distributed among the dorms and for residents to look it over.

The IDCC will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Burr Hall study room.

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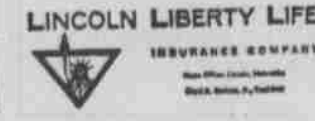


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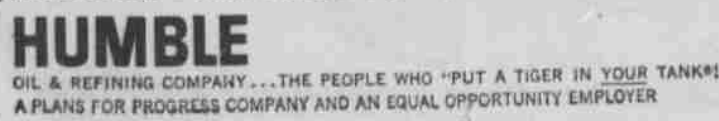
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