



Housing policy decision rests with Ross



Student members of the University Housing Policy Committee, from left, Jim Ludwig, Cheryl Tritt and Bill Gilpin discuss their recommendation with M. Edward Bryan, director of University housing.

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Second semester implementation of a liberalized on-campus housing policy was recommended Wednesday by the University Housing Policy Committee.

The committee's action must be approved by Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross before the policy, which requires only freshmen to live on campus, will go into effect.

If Ross does approve the committee's recommendation, junior women and sophomore men and women now required to live on campus will be able to move into off-campus housing. Sophomores could move into specially approved housing, juniors into generally approved housing.

THE COMMITTEE passed the recommendation 7-0 with M. Edward Bryan, director of University Housing, not voting.

The recommendation will be formally written and presented to Ross next week, according to Bill Gilpin the committee chairman.

The committee motion includes a statement that the group will work to solve problems in University approval of off-campus housing for all students.

If Ross approves implementation

of the policy, students who want to move out of the dorms second semester must clear their new living arrangements with the housing office to assure that they've found a d e q u a t e, University-approved housing.

SOPHOMORES WHO want to move out of the dorms may have a special problem, Bryan indicated, because of the general lack of specially-approved housing which must, by University regulations:

—have a qualified householder living on the premises.

—living units must be easily accessible to the householder (garage and isolated buildings would not be approved).

—supervision, contracting with students and the day-to-day contact and the discipline of the students must be the responsibility of the person living on the premises.

—the householder must accept the responsibility for being a communication link to the student from the University.

—multiple dwellings accommodating over 25 students are not approvable.

—single dwelling units are acceptable if they offer an academic atmosphere and the provision of

constant availability of senior adult consultation.

Bryan said he didn't know how many vacant University specially-approved off-campus rooms there are in the city.

The recommendation that the liberalized policy be implemented second semester originated with the student members of the committee, Gilpin, Cheryl Tritt and Jim Ludwig. The students' action had the support of ASUN.

If Ross approves implementation of the policy, it is assumed that the policy will continue in effect next fall. But the Board of Regents' guidelines attached to their approval of the policy 18 months ago make the continuing force of the policy the decision of the office of student affairs.

The Regents' approval of the policy included the stipulation that the dorms be full enough to allow payment of the construction bond debts on the buildings. The policy could be retracted at the discretion of Ross if it appeared that the dorms wouldn't be full enough, according to the Regents' statement of approval of the policy.

BRYAN TOLD the Housing Policy Committee Wednesday that a housing office survey of dorm residents over the weekend showed that only 134 residents would move out second semester if the policy is implemented.

But Bryan said he "would assume that the number would be larger than that" because students would be reluctant to sign the list showing their intention to move "because it would indicate to the people they are living with that they were unhappy." The lists were posted on dorm floors.

A student report on probable drop in dorm occupancy if the policy is implemented was 200.

Bryan said Wednesday that dorm occupancy was at about the 96 percent level as of Nov. 1. He said there are 106 vacancies in the men's dorms and 23 in the women's dorms.

New party drop-outs no exception . . .

Stray donkeys welcomed back to flock

by Larry Eckholt
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The shepherds of the Nebraska Democratic Party are in the fields, searching for strayed members of the flock.

The newly-organized Nebraska Democratic Coalition (NDC) will welcome back members of the party who turned to the Nebraska New Party during the 1968 election campaign, according to three coalition spokesmen.

"MANY NEW party members left the Democratic Party for

strong, emotional reasons," Bill Campbell said. Campbell is a University physics professor and was a supporter of Eugene McCarthy for President in the Nebraska May primary.

"I sympathized with many of the people who left the party," Campbell continued. "But I thought I could work within the Democratic Party to change it."

The Nebraska Democratic Coalition hopes that it will become an instrument of change within the party, he said.

"WE WILL try to influence the party in terms of issues, national and local, by setting up an organization which can communicate with the various groups within it," Campbell said.

He added that the coalition is not to be mistaken as a splinter group, but as a group of people who want to "see what we can do for the Democratic Party."

The coalition is sponsoring a meeting in Omaha on Dec. 7 in order to organize on a statewide

basis. The Nebraska group was formed after a regional meeting in Minneapolis earlier in the fall.

CAMPBELL STATED that there has been little or no reaction from the party "regulars" concerning the organization of the coalition.

"But I think all were aware of what was going on," he said, adding that all party officials received copies of the group's initial newsletter.

One of the first jobs of the NDC will be to discover how many peo-

ple share its views, according to Tom Dean, a University law student and a McCarthy delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

"THERE ARE large numbers of people in Nebraska who have similar viewpoints," he said. "But many groups do not listen to each other. We need to communicate with all groups."

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Student Senate passes resolution, 18-15, condemning campus undercover agents

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Student Senate Wednesday passed by a roll call vote of 18-15 a resolution condemning student undercover agents and requesting the University to establish a disciplinary policy for such agents.

Sen. Bob Zucker, who originally proposed the resolution, accepted a friendly amendment from Sen. Larry Donat which provided that if the agent is a "bonafide, full-time student" he would be subject to "disciplinary procedure in the University community" rather than mandatory suspension.

"I DON'T feel that ASUN can ask the University to make a mandatory disciplinary decision," Donat said. "The change in wording gives the administration more leeway in administering punishment."

The resolution states that the University does not condone undercover agents because it inhibits

free inquiry, he added. At the same time it does not provide a sanctuary for illegal student action.

"If the authorities are going to send undercover agents to the University," he continued, "they will have to send trained men rather than hire students."

Sen. Suone Cotner then proposed an amendment to the resolution which read: "The ASUN Senate condemns the hiring of undercover agents except that said agent be reporting illegal acts actually observed."

BY THIS amendment, the University could not punish a student for reporting an illegal act, Miss Cotner said.

Sen. Bruce Cochran added that the amendment would protect free speech as well as provide for punishment for illegal acts.

"There is an undue amount of concern that the resolution will protect illegal acts," Sen. Bill Gilpin said. "By condemning spies,

Senate is not condoning illegal action."

THOSE responsible for disciplining the undercover agents have enough flexibility to use discretion if a student has reported an illegal act, Sen. Jerry Olson added.

"The proponents of the resolution will not admit that a student reporting illegal action is an undercover agent," Sen. Dave Landis said. "This amendment entails exactly what Sen. Zucker says will happen if the resolution is put into effect."

He added, that the resolution incriminates a student doing his moral duty.

ZUCKER REPLIED that the federal government prohibits wiretapping because of the means of detecting crime, not to protect the offenders.

"This is analagous to the student spy situation," he continued. "They

cannot be justified. You do not have to be a student spy to turn in an illegal act."

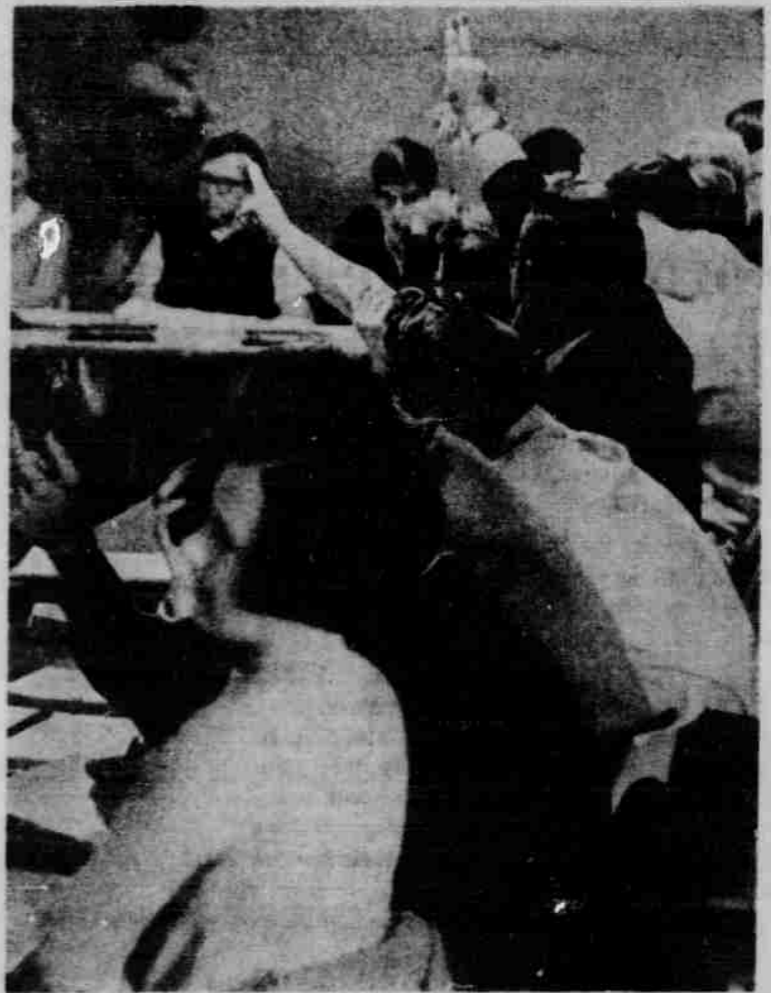
MISS COTNER'S amendment was then defeated by a roll call vote of 16-15 with Sen. Fred Boesiger sustaining.

Zucker reported that he had collected 1,600 student signatures in support of the resolution in two days.

"Any senator voting against the resolution is failing to deal with a relevant problem and ignoring the will of the students of the University," he added.

The Resolution was passed with Senators Chris Seeman, Dave Bingham, and Kent Boyer absent. Eingham voted affirmatively by proxy.

Zucker quickly introduced a second resolution calling for the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs to implement the undercover agent resolution. It passed unanimously.



Yes, Senators, you may leave the room.

57-year old student shows education timeless

by John Dvorak
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Like many typical students, Bernard R. Gyger lives in a dormitory and has a student football ticket, but at 57 years, he may be the oldest full time student attending the University.

Known as Barney throughout the Omaha Public School System where he has worked for the last 30 years, Gyger is attending NU for the first time—to complete work on his Ph.D. in adult and continuing education.

He lives in the experimental graduate house in Selleck Quadrangle and commutes weekly to his home in Omaha where his wife, also a teacher, lives.

"THE OLDER I get, the more I don't know," Gyger said. Times are changing so rapidly that a person should actually go to school periodically to keep abreast of new developments.

"I find the University stimulating. I am able to do some thinking and planning. I am able to take a detached look at what I am doing," he continued.

Gyger is happy to have the privilege to be associated with

young people and to live in a graduate dormitory. He likes to meet new people, especially refreshing young people.

"Students are generally a little surprised to find out that I am a University student," Gyger explained. "But they soon find that I am interested in them and that I am a willing listener."

AN INTREGAL part of a college is conversation and discussion with fellow students and faculty, Gyger feels.

Often, he can be seen chatting with students in the Selleck cafeteria. He has many conversations with foreign students, since Benton Hall, the experiment part of Selleck, houses many foreign students.

Students are really not much different than when he was an undergraduate. There are just more of them, he said.

THE MAJOR problem for the older-than-average returnee is wondering if you can compete with the younger students, most of whom are very sharp, he continued.

"Things have changed since I was an undergraduate," Gyger said. "I took some sociology courses years ago, but the terminology is now different."

This problem is countered partly by the older students' experience and maturity, he said.

Gyger, a lifelong Nebraska resident, was raised on a ranch near Chappell and began teaching in a

rural school at 17.

He has attended Nebraska Wesleyan, Pennsylvania State, Omaha, Creighton, Colorado State and Wisconsin Universities besides NU. He has taught part time at Omaha University.

He went to work for the Omaha School System in 1938 as a supervisor of trade and industrial education. He became administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools four years ago. He is on sabbatical leave from the Omaha System for two semesters.

"I HAVE FOUND this year that students' ideas are really not so radical as I thought. They ask good questions and they have a lot of courage," he noted.

Gyger is a past president of the Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce and is active in other civic and professional functions. He is a delegate to this year's National Education Association convention.

People must participate in their society, he thinks. Too often older people become inflexible and unwilling to try new things, he said. "But I try to be active," he said. "You are only as old as you feel."



Fellow students share campus atmosphere with Barney Gyger, one of NU's oldest full time students.