

Integrated cathouse; segregated church

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More integration exists in a house of ill repute than in a house of the Lord, Charlie Washington told University students this weekend in an Omaha near north side live-in.

Washington, editor of the Omaha Star (a black newspaper), called the church the "most guilty institution." Sunday schools are "perhaps the most segregated school system, and 11 a.m. on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week," he said.

"White people only want to give lip service to the opportunities of blacks,"

he said. Christian churches have given more money to Biafra than to black causes in the United States," Washington continued.

Now even the most affluent blacks are angry, Washington said. Pointing out the urgency of the situation, Washington asked one live-in participant when she wanted the war in Vietnam to end.

"Now," the coed meekly replied. "That's exactly the way blacks feel about gaining the rights of a first-class citizen," Washington said. "We're not going to take it any longer. I want something concrete and tangible in my lifetime, and I don't care what I have

to do to get it. If it scares you, so be it."

Washington was one of six speakers who formally addressed a group of eight students and Rev. Mel Luetchens, associate minister-director of the campus Methodist chapel.

Over 3,000 people have attended live-ins at the Urban Studies Center at 25th and Evans in the past two years, according to Pat Bracken, a Dana College junior and weekend coordinator of the center.

The center, financed by the United Methodist Metropolitan Ministries, "is a place for black and white confrontation," Bracken explained.

The urban center is located in the heart of Omaha's ghetto. If the black community didn't think something worthwhile was being done, they wouldn't allow the urban center to continue, Bracken explained.

"The reason we don't spend time in the homes and among the people is that we would be only looking at the symptoms. We're trying to get you to look at the cause — the white community," Bracken said.

Larry Miller, a staff sergeant at Offutt Air Force Base who married interracially, and his son, Erick, three, conversed with the group.

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No hours 'feels good'

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All women's dorms plan to officially implement the no-hours policy Monday, Feb. 9. All except Pound and Women's Residence have found night watchmen.

East Campus women's halls and sororities will use an expanded key system because the reduced size of housing units would make the night watchman system a financial burden to the residents who must pay the watchmen's salaries.

Formation of the no hours policy began earlier this fall when AWS asked the Council on Student Life (CSL) to approve their proposal to expand the Sandoz Hall no hours experiment to second semester freshmen and to other women's dorms. This first proposal would have excluded first semester freshmen and retained parental permission for all participants.

CSL passed the AWS resolution, but some members objected to the exclusion of first semester freshmen and parental

permission. AWS was asked to reconsider their proposal.

Dec. 9 AWS presented CSL with a revised resolution calling for no hours for all women and no permission. CSL passed it unanimously Jan. 6.

Chairman John Robinson wrote President Joseph Soshnik explaining the system and "drew his attention to the fact that the Regents have the right to review it."

Soshnik read Robinson's letter to the Regents and according to Robinson, the Regents responded "that they were pleased to be informed."

Ely Meyerson, director of housing, whose office is in charge of implementing the policy said "this kind of program gives students the opportunity to behave in an adult way."

Women's hours have been liberalizing for two or three years before the Sandoz no-hours experiment last year.

"This was a sound way to evolve student responsibility," Meyerson said. "It is one reason

the administration is so comfortable with it. It hasn't been reckless."

Watchmen will be on duty Mon.-Thurs. with their salaries paid by hall residents. The charge per girl depends on the size of her living unit. The cost varies from \$2.50 for each Sandoz girl to \$4 at Selleck and Smith.

Pound and WRH will use one entrance and share a night watchman which will cost their girls \$3 each. Pound Hall residence director Susan Crockett said a proposal to open the lounges in the Pound-Cather-WRH common's building 24 hours a day is in early planning stages.

Smith Hall implemented the system a week ago. One Smith freshman commented, "I like it. I haven't used it yet and I don't know of anyone who has, but it just feels better."

Open hours for women is touchy business at colleges throughout the country. From progress to stagnation to extreme conservatism each campus presents a diversity of programs.

In the East the University of Maryland is a prime example of what has happened on many campuses.

There are no longer hours for women because of the pressure applied by AWS and women students on the campus.

On the other hand at the University of Wisconsin the Board of Regents abolished hours for all women in 1968 but recently reversed their decision and reinstated women's hours for freshmen.

One member of the Board of Regents said the change was due to the "immaturity" and the "need for guidance" of women.

The University of Southern Florida at Tampa uses "courtesy cards" which after being placed in a lobby rack allow women students to come and go as they please. The cards contain the name of a

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Schramm Hall votes 'yes' for coed living

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Over 85% of the residents of Schramm Hall voted in favor of a proposal to make their dormitory a coeducational residence hall Thursday.

The proposal provides for conversion of Schramm Hall into a bi-sexual dormitory, much like Centennial College or Burr Hall. If approved by the Housing Policy Committee and Council on Student Life, the plan would go into effect next September.

Mike Eyster, chairman of the Schramm Hall government committee which devised the proposal, explained to the Daily Nebraskan why it is necessary.

Eyster said that he noted a great difference in the atmosphere surrounding male-female relationships after moving to Schramm from Selleck Quadrangle. It seemed to him that much of this difference was caused because men and women had no opportunity to socialize informally, he said.

"Each dorm in this complex (Harper-Schramm-Smith) has a beautiful lounge of its own," Eyster added. "Because of this there is no reason for men to use the women's dorm lounge or vice-versa."

He explained that as a consequence male-female relationships are harder to form where dorms are strictly sexually segregated.

In a year-long program of research Eyster interviewed administrators and students of socially integrated dormitories at Kansas University and Wayne State College.

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