



## Administrators reject proposal:

# Cather, Pound fight on

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Cather and Pound Halls are not dropping a proposal for expanded IDA visitation hours despite rejection by University administrators.

Pound Hall President Bicky Adams explained that current IDA hours are not adequate to meet student needs in the two dorms. Cather and Pound are also not eligible to participate in the Open Lounge program approved by the Regents last fall, she said.

**THE DORMITORY** proposal provides for expansion of IDA hours to allow activities on any day of the week, rather than just Saturday and Sunday. Under the proposal, hours could run for six hours as opposed to three under the current system.

Miss Adams said the main point of controversy over the proposal was in the area of sponsorship. In the proposal floor officers may sponsor IDA hours as well as the faculty, parents and graduate staff provided for in the current rules.

During a conference last week with Miss Adams and

Cather Hall president Allen Bestmann, Lincoln Campus President Joseph Soshnik said the proposal could be approved if the sponsorship clause were dropped, she said.

**HOWEVER**, the dormitory students refused to accept the compromise.

"Sponsorship was one of the main problems we hoped to correct through the proposal," Miss Adams said. "It's ridiculous to expect two people, the residence director and the graduate assistant, to sponsor events on 13 different floors."

Soshnik said he felt the times of IDA hours could be expanded by administration action. But, Regents guidelines prohibit the sponsorship of IDA hours by anyone other than faculty, parents and graduate staff, he added.

**HE NOTED** that the Cather-Pound proposal allows floor officers to sponsor the hours. This kind of a change would require Regents approval.

"Think of the pressure on a sophomore floor officer who must decide who may be cheating on the rules," Soshnik said. "There would also be terrific peer group pressure not

to report violations if they occurred."

Soshnik added that the University administration has great faith in student assistants. "We wouldn't spend the money to hire so many if we didn't," he said.

**G. ROBERT ROSS**, Dean of Student Affairs, noted that Regents' guidelines also prohibit Student Assistants from sponsoring IDA hours. "Most SA's don't want the job of a policeman anyway," he said.

The proposal is, for all practical purposes, another coed visitation proposal such as the one turned down by the Regents last spring when proposed by two graduate dorms, Ross added.

"I think it would be more wise for students to work in other directions than taking this to the Regents," Soshnik said. "In my opinion it would be turned down in its current form anyway."

**HE CONTINUED** that IDA hours were established with the idea in mind that they would be coordinated with some floor function such as a guest speaker of a party.

"Many faculty members would be happy to get together with students and sponsor their functions," Soshnik added. "But the dormitories will have to make the move of asking them."

Soshnik said students do have self-determination in their environment to the extent that they may choose where they want to live as upperclassmen.

**"WE TRY** to make the residence halls as pleasant a place to live in as possible," he said. "But, upperclass students who do not like them are free to move to off-campus housing."

He added that there are advantages to both situations and

that students must choose for themselves.



Molas, embroidered cotton panels, are now on display in the Sheldon Gallery Art Shop. A seamstress can turn the molas into a blouse by adding shoulder pieces and sleeves to the applied and perforated panels. The needlework is done by the Cuna Indians of the San Blas Islands, off the coasts of Panama and Columbia.

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# Ribicoff to keynote convocation

U.S. Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) will be the keynote speaker for the University of Nebraska's second World in Revolution conference.

Ribicoff is scheduled to address an all-University convocation at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 16 in the Coliseum.

The World in Revolution conference, which runs from March 16 to 19, will focus on the urban crisis in the United States. The conference is sponsored by ASUN and the Nebraska Union Program Council.

All University classes and laboratories will be dismissed for the Ribicoff convocation, according to Lincoln Campus President Joseph Soshnik. Classes will be dismissed on March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the East Campus, and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the City Campus.

Ribicoff was secretary of the Health, Education, and Welfare Department in President John F. Kennedy's cabinet. He is the only active U.S. public official who has held office as a member of a state legislature, a municipal judge, a member of the U.S. House of



Sen. Abraham Ribicoff

Representatives, governor, cabinet officer and U.S. senator.

An architect of Medicare, Ribicoff has played major roles in other federal social legislation concerning welfare, education and environmental pollution controls.

Ribicoff was scheduled to keynote the World in Revolution Conference two years ago, but his visit was canceled the day before his speech.

In 1962 Ribicoff was elected to the Senate from Connecticut and was re-elected in 1968. He is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Joint Economic Committee and the Government Operations Committee.

His investigations into automobile safety sparked the drive to enact new traffic safety legislation in 1967. His efforts in behalf of traffic safety stem from his six years as governor of Connecticut from 1954-60, where his strict enforcement of traffic safety laws resulted in Connecticut's ranking first with the least amount of traffic deaths in the nation.