

NU women help assault NWU rule

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A group of women at NU have come to the aid of an 18-year-old Nebraska Wesleyan University coed who is fighting what she calls "discriminatory" housing regulations.

Linda Ishikawa, a freshman sociology major from New

Haven, Conn., goes before the Wesleyan Student Court Monday night at 8:45 on charges that she was late in returning to her dormitory on several nights and that she failed to sign out of her living unit as required.

"We're against selective discrimination," said Betty Munson, an NU graduate student and a member of the Women's Action Group. "And women's hours are selective discrimination."

Munson and Nancy Rozman, another member of Women's Action Group, will speak in defense of Ishikawa at the Monday night hearing.

"We're just interested in speaking out against discrimination against women wherever it occurs," said Munson.

Freshmen women at Wesleyan must be in their dormitories by 11 p.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights and midnight Sundays. Sophomore women have an extra hour's freedom during the week. Upperclass women and men students have no hours.

"We are not arguing that a private university has no power to make reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of its students," Munson

said. "What we are arguing is that these rules and regulations governing hours are not reasonable and are in fact discriminatory."

"I've never experienced anything like this before," said Ishikawa, who has been in Lincoln less than three months. "Hours serve no purpose for me."

She argues that if men students at Wesleyan have unlimited hours, women must be allowed the same privilege.

"We hold that there is no legitimate rationale for the application of differing rules concerning hours for men and women," Munson said. "Eigh-

teen year old women are every bit as mature and responsible as 18 year old men."

NU had a slightly more liberal hours policy for women until February of this year. Through action by the Council on Student Life, that policy was abolished.

Ishikawa, who admits she stayed out later than rules permit, is not alone in assaulting the Wesleyan women's hours policy.

The Student Senate at that private liberal arts school recently approved a resolution against "all policies regulating

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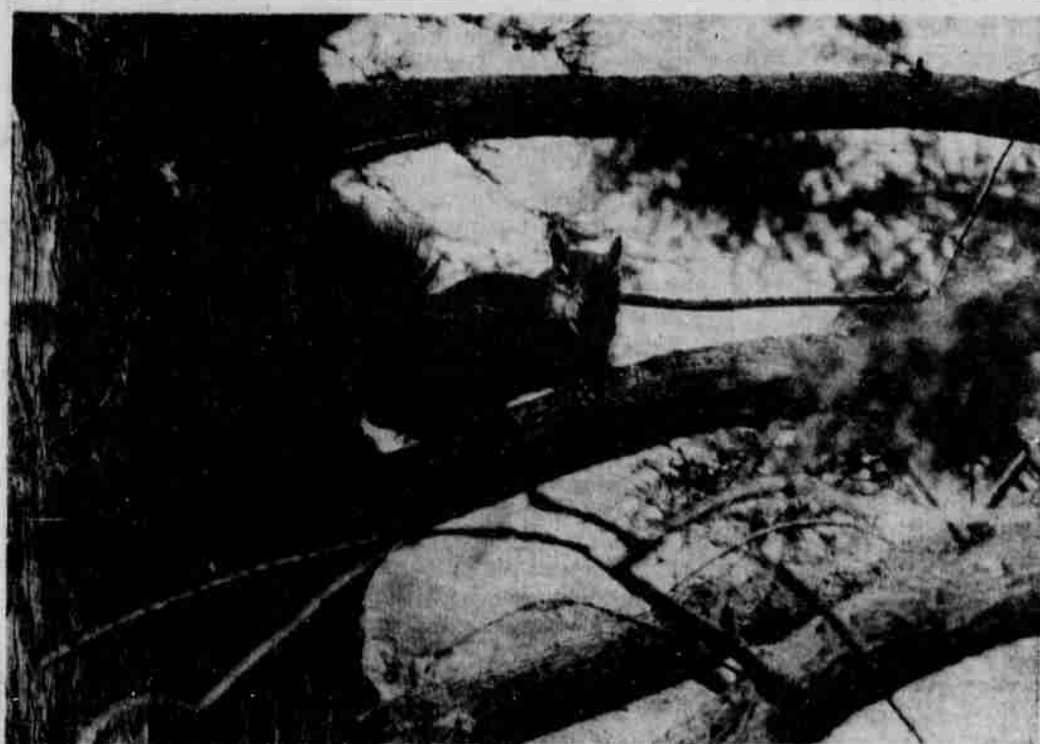


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Cuts red tape

NEPCO vs. polluters

Students finding it difficult to express their environmental concerns might find a constructive outlet in the Nebraska Environmental Policy Committee (NEPCO).

This University of Nebraska student and faculty group has been working since last spring primarily to insure that some University budget items deal effectively with problems related to the environment.

Committee member John Rosenow said NEPCO, composed of less than ten members, has been effective in cutting red tape and being able to express ideas to University officials. Rosenow added that NEPCO is willing to help anybody who is finding it difficult to air his ideas about environmental protection.

NEPCO was formed last spring when a group of agriculture students decided that they could help clean up pollution and potential pollution in the state by making constructive proposals to the

University and to the legislature.

Rosenow said the group plans to lobby in the state legislature for environmental reforms. He hopes that the organization can meet with other lobby groups and get them interested in the environment.

Future NEPCO plans are to ensure that environmental recommendations made by the Regents in their budget are carried out. One of the Regents recommendations calls for beginning a University environmental institute which would be an administrative focal point for environmental concern.

Rosenow said NEPCO is particularly interested in that recommendation because such an institute would facilitate efforts in acquiring federal grants for research and related projects.

NEPCO is also working to inform people about environmental problems. Immediate plans for the group are

to sponsor a field trip for junior high students and to introduce constructive education programs to 4-H clubs.

Rosenow explained, "Our first goal in the area of education is just to make people aware of the problems in Nebraska. People see pollution in the East and ignore it. We want people in our state to wake up to the potential hazards of pollution."

"And in 4-H we want to stimulate environmental awareness and get youth actively involved," he said.

Rosenow emphasized that NEPCO welcomes speaking invitations and offers assistance to anyone interested in doing something about the environment.

Members of NEPCO who can be contacted for assistance are: James G. Kendrick, professor of agricultural economics; Ed Eggleston, Mike Adams, Charles Havlicek, Lynn Webster or John Rosenow, all affiliated with the University.

YR's protest ASUN

University Young Republicans have expressed "feelings of great disappointment and frustration" towards ASUN and its president, Steve Tiwald.

In a resolution passed Thursday, the Young Republicans stated "ASUN President Steve Tiwald has persisted in making public statements in his official capacity which we do not deem to accurately represent the

opinions of the students of the University of Nebraska."

The resolution claims "the political convictions and actions of the members of the ASUN Senate are not in accordance with those of the students as a whole."

ASUN has "followed a policy of perpetuating" these convictions, according to the Young Republicans, and as a result "the University community has lost confidence in Mr. Tiwald and in ASUN."

CSL comes together

The Council on Student Life will have its first public meeting of the semester Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Student appointments for CSL were announced on Oct. 7, but the Council has had trouble scheduling a convenient meeting time for all its members.

The first half hour of each meeting will be kept free for any student or other University member who wishes to address the Council.

John W. Robinson, CSL chairman, said this Tuesday's meeting will discuss agendas for future meetings. A proposed standing committee to work with the Student Activities Office and campus beautification will also be discussed according to Robinson.

All the regularly scheduled CSL meetings this semester will be held on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

CSL has general policy-making power over student social and out-of-classroom activities, subject to approval by the Board of Regents. The 15 member Council has eight student members.

Davis case meeting Friday

The ASUN ad hoc committee to investigate the case of Michael Davis formally invited all people involved in decisions surrounding the case to an "open discussion."

In a letter dated Oct. 29 the committee requested the presence of University administrators, faculty, Regents and Michael Davis at a public hearing Friday, 1-4 p.m., according to Bill Arfmann, the committee's chairman.

"The format of this hearing will be structured in accordance with your suggestions," the letter said.

Letters have been sent to Chancellor D. B. Varner; G. Robert Ross, dean of student

affairs; President Joseph Soshnik; all six Regents; Robert E. Dewey, chairman of the Dept. of Philosophy; the Faculty Senate Liaison Committee.

Peter McGrath, dean of faculties; Melvin George, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Michael Davis, the Michigan State graduate student whose appointment to the NU faculty was refused by the Regents, were also invited.

The letter complies with an ASUN resolution passed at last week's meeting calling for "an open hearing with all people involved in the Davis decision."