

Students plan coed-visitation strategy

Student leaders will meet tonight to decide the future of a coed visitation proposal that was recently squashed by the University Board of Regents.

At a July 12 meeting, the Regents unanimously rejected all Student Guest Rights proposal which would have provided for coed visitation in on-campus living units.

Since the Regents decision, students have been discussing alternate proposals while waiting until the Associated

Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) senators returned to campus, said John Humlicek, chairman of the ad hoc committee that authored the visitation proposal.

Some student assistants in the dorms have suggested liberalization of the current Residence Hall Association (RHA) program which allows coed visitation for a maximum of six hours on certain days, Humlicek said. Other action being discussed is civil disobedience, in other words simply ignoring the Regents negative vote, he added.

RHA is "looking into the possibility of legal action," said Roger Story, its president. The basis of the Association's case would be that the University can't act as the students' parents and that the Regents are assuming an authority they shouldn't have, he explained.

"There's a chance RHA will initiate the legal action," Story said, "but it will be in cooperation with other groups on campus."

The Guest Rights proposal was written by an ad hoc committee of the Housing Policy Committee formed in November, 1970. The proposal was approved by the Housing Policy Committee and the Council on Student Life in April, 1971.

Claiming that the student

NOVA APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY BY 4 P.M.

The Nebraska Opportunity for Volunteer Action (NOVA) program is taking applications until 4 p.m. today, according to its director, Gene Harding.

Applicants should contact NOVA headquarters in the Hall of Youth, Nebraska Center, east campus.

"has the right to entertain his guests in the On-Campus Housing Community," the proposal provides for coed visitation in living units between 1 p. m. and 11 p. m. Monday through Thursday, 1 p. m. and 1 a. m. on Friday, 1 a. m. and 1 a. m. on Saturday and between 11 a. m. and 12 p. m. on Sunday.

The decision to have guest hours would be made by each living unit by a vote of at least

¾ of the residents. Optional housing would be made available to those students unwilling or unable to participate in the visitation program.

The proposal stipulated that students under 20 years of age needed parental permission before participating in the program.

UN past Pres. Joseph Soshnik suggested that the committee take a survey of

parental opinion of this coed visitation proposal. Of the 7,000 surveys sent, 2,200 were returned and showed 56 per cent of the parents in favor of the proposal.

However, Soshnik said "The response indicated to me that parental reaction falls far short of overwhelming support for the Student Guest Rights proposal." He recommended to the Regents that they not approve the program.

Calendar

Calendar items of general interest will be published on the date desired if submitted to the Daily Nebraskan office no later than 4 p.m. two working days before date of desired publication.

- 8 a.m. Nebraska Union - President's Office.
- 8:30 a.m. Nebraska Union-ETV.
- 10 a.m. State Fair Midway Open, West Coast Shows.
- 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. National Panorama of Conservation Action, Cengas Office, 144 South 12th St.
- 11 a.m. State Fair - bands parade throughout grounds.
- 12 p.m. State Fair-KOLN-TV presents the Parade of Champions, Coliseum.
- 3:30 p.m. Nebraska Union-Food Service Training.
- 5 p.m. Coliseum basement Gold meeting for those interested in trying out for team.
- 5 p.m. State Fair-Bands parade throughout grounds.
- 7:45 p.m. State Fair-Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, in front of grandstand.

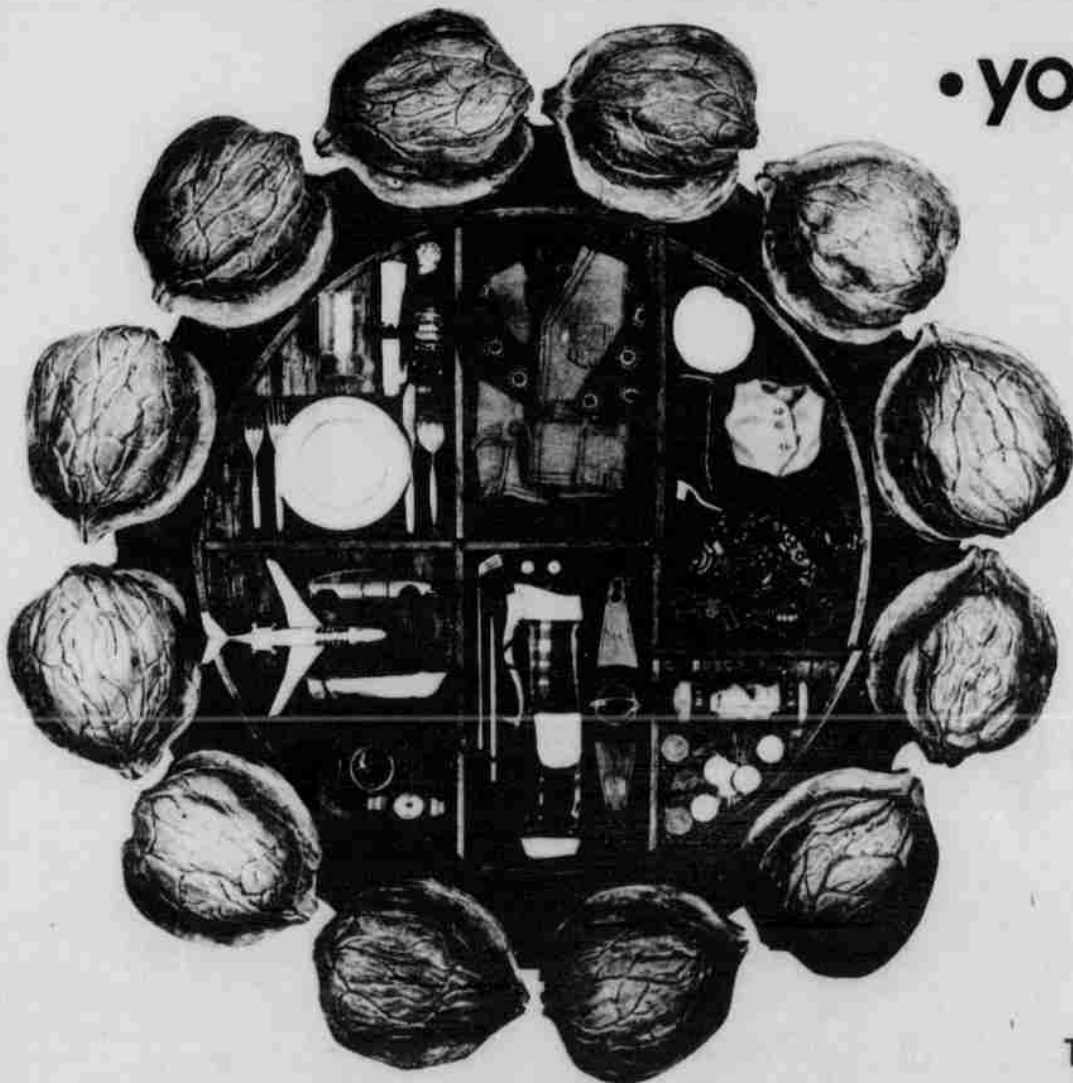
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