



Federal job counselor James D. Witkop (center) . . . told John K. Hansen (left) and David McIntosh a homosexual's private life does not interest the government if he can do the job.

Witkop explains homosexual policies

by H. J. Cummins

The federal government's employment policy discriminates against homosexuals, UNL student David McIntosh said Thursday, and as a result of the policy, "a sizable minority of citizens in this country live in daily fear for their economic survival because of their sexual preferences."

The spokesman for the Lincoln Gay Action Group joined other students in the Nebraska Union who questioned U.S. Civil Service Commission Area Manager James D. Witkop about the federal government's employment policies.

WITKOP WAS one of several job counselors on campus discussing federal government employment opportunities with students.

McIntosh said to his knowledge the Civil Service Commission's latest policy statement was contained in a letter written by John Macy in 1966, then chairman of the commission.

Macy said in his letter, "Persons about whom there is evidence that they have engaged in or solicited others to engage in homosexual or sexually perverted acts with them, without evidence of rehabilitation, are not suitable for Federal employment."

MORE RECENT statements have been made by the commission, Witkop said, which detail that a person's private life is of no concern to the government, "as long as it does not affect his or her ability to perform the job."

Another University student, John K. Hansen, said if "there has been a policy change, and thank God there has been, then why don't I, or anyone else know about it?"

McIntosh then asked if the commission feels no obligation to inform federal employees of the policy change, saying, "in my work in the gay world I know most people feel exposure of their sexual preferences will endanger their job."

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CSL reviews campus drug rule

by Carol Strasser

The Council on Student Life voted Thursday to formulate a policy on drugs which, if approved by the Board of Regents, would replace the current University policy stated in the Campus Handbook.

The Council also requested that a Select Committee on Drug Education, Rehabilitation and Treatment be appointed to establish drug education programs on campus and identify "resources for both acute and long-term treatment of students with drug problems."

CSL requested that the Chancellor ask the Executive Dean for Student Affairs to appoint to the committee five students recommended by ASUN, plus representatives from Student Health, Housing Office, Counseling Center, campus ministries and the College of Pharmacy.

Both Council actions were the result of CSL's ad hoc Committee on Drugs report which states that University drug policy should be clarified and that there is a lack of communication between campus agencies which deal with the problem of drugs.

The report recommends that University policy be based on the new federal and proposed state laws. The drug report doesn't recommend that the University follow the same penalties, but that its policy distinguish between types and amounts of drugs in possession and between possession for sale and simple possession of drugs.

Current University policy as established in 1967 by the Regents states that "the illegal use of any drugs . . . or contributing to such use by others, is in strict violation of University rules and state and federal laws."

According to the Regents policy statement, "students

violating the policy will be subject to suspension from school. The University recognizes no rationale for even a single instance of drug misuse."

In other business the Council will continue discussion next week on a request by the staff of Courier II, an independent newspaper, to be allowed to set up distribution boxes in campus buildings.

CSL's Publications Board submitted a report to the Council stating that the Board has control over all official student publications on questions of staff, budget and salaries. Therefore, Courier II, as an independent paper, doesn't fall under the Board's

jurisdiction. So the Pub Board said the decision of distribution boxes for Courier II isn't in its jurisdiction either.

But CSL said it's unclear whether Courier II is under the Pub Board's jurisdiction since the paper is published by students and distributed on campus, even though it isn't financed by student fees.

On the Council's proposal to negotiate with the Regents on coed visitation, chairman Franklin E. Eldridge told the committee that CSL's request for a meeting with the Board has been approved by interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath. He said Magrath has forwarded the request and recommended that the Regents meet with CSL.

Parking permits prove perplexing

by Bill Smitherman

The addition of 800 students on the UNL campuses and the reduction of student parking spaces by about 1,000 add up to an even tighter parking situation than has existed in past years.

Chief cause for the problem is the conversion of about half of the old area 2 lot across 17th St. from Cather Hall into a recreational area.

The campus security force was not informed these parking spaces were going to be lost until a few days before the beginning of fall classes, according to Capt. Kenneth Markle of the Traffic and Security force.

PEOPLE WHO had originally been scheduled for area 2 parking are temporarily using area 21 and 23 lots, he said. There are also new lots planned at 19th and Vine and 19th and "R" Streets, he said.

Markle added that work on

these lots can begin as soon as funds are approved. Construction will take only a few days because the lots don't have to be graded, he said.

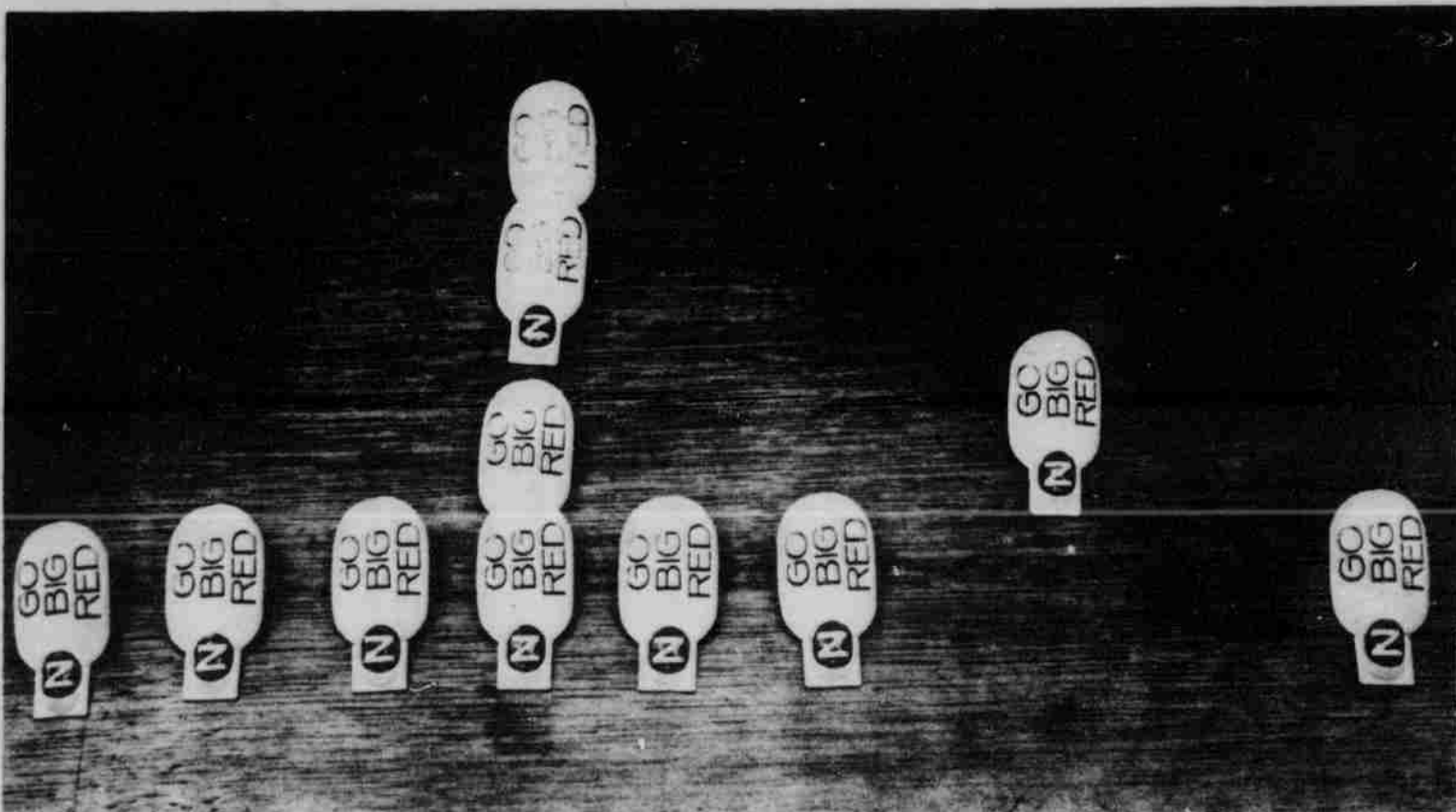
THERE ARE ABOUT 1,500 parking stalls available for commuter students, with 950 more stalls available in the fairgrounds lot, he said.

About 1,300 "storage" spaces are provided for dormitory parking, Markle said. These are called storage lots because cars may remain in them for long periods of time.

A total of about 675 student spaces on east campus brings the total student parking available on both campuses to around 4,500, he said.

FACULTY AND staff parking available is about 1,300 stalls on the city campus and 400 stalls on east campus. There are also 231 metered spaces on the city campus, Markle said.

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By "click-off" time Saturday Corn Cobs hope to have 67,000 fans in Memorial Stadium clicking out G-o B-i-g R-e-d in morse code.

Anyway, that's one thing fans could do with their Big Red Clickers, devices being sold by the spirit organization this year.

The idea came as UNL student Chris McElroy saw fans at a Southern Cal-UCLA game in Los Angeles clicking away last year on television.

He mentioned the idea to Nebraska Union Program Director Art Thompson. Thompson mentioned it to the Corn Cobs.

The idea clicked, according to Corn Cob President Gary Kuklin. So now the group has 50,000 of the simple metal noisemakers. Corn Cobs workers are selling them for 25 cents each.

Kuklin said Clicker profits will be used to finance the homecoming concert and other musical concerts during the year.