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Co-ed visitation in Centennial College. . . scenes like this are becoming more and more common at UNL.

Students misinterpret visitation

The dispute over the UNL dormitory visitation policy has provoked substantial discussion among elements of the campus. It has also produced some misinterpretations concerning the present policy on visitation.

According to the 1971-72 Campus Handbook, the present Board of Regent's policy "does not allow for co-ed visitation in residence hall rooms, fraternity or sorority rooms, or co-operative living unit rooms except as provided for during open houses and Residence Hall Association (RHA) hours. Co-ed visitation carried on outside of RHA hours or open house hours is a violation of University rules."

RHA Hours may be held any day of the week for a maximum of six hours between 12 o'clock noon and one-half-hour before closing hours.

The RHA Hours "shall be open to residents of the participating groups and their guests." Although such activities may be formal or informal, the handbook emphasizes that the events "stress educational, social and cultural activities."

The decision to have RHA Hours is left to the individual floor in accordance with voting procedure determined by that floor. The participating floors must also make arrangements "to insure that the rights of other floors not participating in RHA Hours will not be abused."

Participating residents must keep their doors "fully open" to provide an unobstructed view of the room during the time guests are present in the room and "faculty and/or staff and/or parents shall be present during the event."

"In order to achieve individual and group responsibility," the handbook says, "the planning and implementation of the RHA Hours shall be performed by the students in cooperation with the residence staff."

All RHA Hours events must be planned and registered in advance with the Residence Director.

The Open Houses are an open invitation to the general public to view the student living quarters and some formal activity is required in association with the Open House, for example, "a party with decorations and refreshments, or a dance."

The Open Houses may be held week-ends and other special days, by special arrangements, for a maximum of three hours. The special arrangements permit observance of holidays and special events.

As with RHA Hours, Open Houses require that residents keep their doors fully open during the time guests are present in the room: faculty, staff or parents must be present; and the event must be registered in advance with the Residence Director.

Zumberge talks with UNL students

After listening to the concerns and complaints of University student leaders Thursday, Chancellor-elect James H. Zumberge said it could be a "new ball game" when he takes office in February.

As an outsider who hasn't come up through the University's administrative ranks, Zumberge indicated he probably wouldn't be tied to the status quo, a complaint several of the students leveled at the Administration.

Zumberge, enroute to a conference in Washington, D. C., attended the faculty member orientation at the Nebraska Center Wednesday and talked with the faculty liaison committee Thursday.

Some of the concerns posed at the meeting by the ASUN, Council on Student Life, Greek, dormitory and minority group representatives were student attitudes toward the Administration, discrimination on campus, educational reform and the Time-Out conference.

Zumberge said he thought the Board of Regents' decision on the conference has committed the Regents to a principle—that of upholding the constitutional right of free speech.

However, ASUN 1st Vice Pres. Michele Coyle told Zumberge the real issue is whether the Regents made their decision because they believe in free speech or

because their lawyer said they had no choice.

Zumberge described the conflict between outstate citizens and students as one between "the attitudes of the person who doesn't feel as impatient for social change" and the student who is impatient.

The citizens who don't see the social problems as urgent, who don't see the ghetto or poverty, view actions like the Time-Out Conference "as a way of you rubbing their noses in the generation gap," he said.

One of his tasks, Zumberge said, will be to give the taxpayer a better understanding of events at the University.

Student assistants oppose visitation

A majority of student assistants on the UNL campuses disagrees with the University's present co-ed visitation policy, a Daily Nebraskan poll shows.

Eighty-eight of the 121 SAs on Lincoln's East and City Campuses responded to the mail poll. Eighty-two SAs or 93 per cent of the respondents, said they personally disagreed with the policy.

Self-determination was a significant factor for most of the dissenters. "We don't want 24-hour visitation 7 days a week, but we'd like to be able to decide which of the 24 hours to use," commented one SA. The student assistants were asked not to sign the poll.

Another predominant theme among the dissenters was a disagreement with the provision requiring SAs to sponsor floor visitation events. "I'm not a babysitter," said one SA.

"SAs are in an awkward position, enforcing rules they don't believe in," answered one person. "It gets in the way of

their real job because no student is going to confide his or her problems to the 'local policeman.'"

Student assistants, hired by the University as supervisors on every dormitory floor, are an important cog in enforcing the visitation policy.

Although 90 per cent of the respondents indicated the majority of their floor disapproves with the policy as it now stands, 81.5 per cent of the SAs who answered said they are enforcing the present policy.

Most of the respondents said since they are employees of the University it is their duty to enforce whatever policy is in effect. Many said they enforce the policy mainly because they'd lose their jobs if they didn't.

Fifteen per cent of the respondents said they do not enforce the present policy. (The present policy is defined in another story on this page.) "The hypocrisy of developing

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CSL delays hour decision

by Carol Strasser

In order to get feedback from students, the Council on Student Life Thursday delayed action on a proposed change in the 12-hour rule. Current policy in the Campus Handbook states that students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The proposal, presented to the Council last spring by its Standing Committee on Student Organizations, recommends that the rule be changed to read "any student regularly enrolled can participate in extra-curricular activities."

CSL is asking interested persons to attend next Thursday's meeting in Abel Hall north lounge. In a straw vote several weeks ago, ASUN approved abolishment of the 12-hour rule.

The impetus for the rule change came last spring when it was challenged on two occasions by students.

Several CSL members objected to the proposed change because it might allow "outside agitators" to join campus activities by enrolling in only one course.

Another objection to the proposal was that someone enrolled for only a few credit hours can't be considered a student in the full sense of the word.

The general concept of a student has broadened in the past few years so that it now includes more part-time students, said CSL-member Meg Hall who helped draft the proposal.

The reasoning behind the proposal is that participation in activities shouldn't be denied to those students who for economic or other reasons, aren't enrolled for 12 hours, she said.

The objections to the change center around allowing part-time students to participate in representative groups, such as ASUN rather than participation in special interest groups, she said.

Several Council members held that part-time students should have a voice in campus activities. It was pointed out that students have the responsibility to elect their representatives, and restrictions such as the 12-hour rule are unnecessary.

Also tabled until next week is a report from the CSL ad hoc committee on student disciplinary procedures appointed last spring.

In other action, the Council decided to review the Code of Student Conduct in the Campus Handbook. It was suggested to the Council last spring that many of the rules aren't specific enough and that there is no separation of rules enforced by civil and University authorities.

basis, Zumberge said, "if things go awry, it will be my fault."

Because of a lack of information, Zumberge wasn't in a position to talk specifics, ASUN Pres. Steve Fowler said.

The students simply presented the chancellor-elect with a number of student concerns, he said.

Fowler said he would send Zumberge some of the reports on campus issues, such as racism and sexism, to give him some of the students' ideas and supporting data.

"I hope we can talk frankly and openly with each other," Zumberge told the students, and "can help each other solve problems."