

**EDITORIAL
COMMENT**

Time for a change

The Daily Nebraskan poll results on page one of today's issue put into figures again what everybody around this University has known since at least last spring; the present co-ed visitation policy is overwhelmingly unpopular to dormitory students.

Last May a Daily Nebraskan poll showed that 77 per cent of the student respondents favored a more liberalized visitation policy. This year's poll shows that 93 per cent of the student assistant respondents disagree with the RHA Hours guidelines.

The Regents, of course, aren't particularly interested in the policy's popularity among students. They are more interested in its popularity among conservative Nebraska tax-payers, who foot most of the University's bills.

For example a University survey of parental opinion showed that 56 per cent of the respondents favored the liberalized, CSL-approved student guest rights proposal presented to the Board over the summer. And since the parental survey had an extremely low percentage of return, it could be argued that most parents didn't care one way or another whether the proposal passed.

But the University Administration was cautious enough to recommend disapproval of the liberalized policy anyway, and the Board agreed.

The poll of student assistants shows the University may get a liberalized visitation policy whether the Regents approve one or not. Campus police cannot supervise visitation rules in dormitories. Administrators can't. Residence directors can't. Only student assistants can. And a sizeable 15 per cent of them flatly say they are not supervising the policy. There are floors in dormitories on this campus where RHA Hours are a joke.

The policy is observed only at the discretion of the student assistant right now, and most student assistants disagree with it.

The Board of Regents shouldn't think the present policy will be observed indefinitely in dormitories. Out-state taxpayers or not, the University will have a de facto liberal co-ed visitation policy before too long.

Steve Strasser

Wanted: NPIRG

In the next few weeks an attempt will be made to organize a state-wide "Nader's Raiders" group to work for public interest causes in Nebraska. The group, if organized, will be backed mainly by students, but will try to work for constructive social change benefiting all Nebraska citizens.

Nader Public Interest Research Groups are operating in Oregon and Minnesota and are forming in 17 other states. The groups are being organized because more and more people feel that major changes are needed within the American system to keep up the quality of life.

Such a group in Nebraska could be useful in attacking government and corporate irresponsibility, sex and racial discrimination, environmental degradation and consumer fraud. A successful Nader Public Interest Group might also give students a chance to transform their sense of futility in bringing about change into a sense of accomplishment.

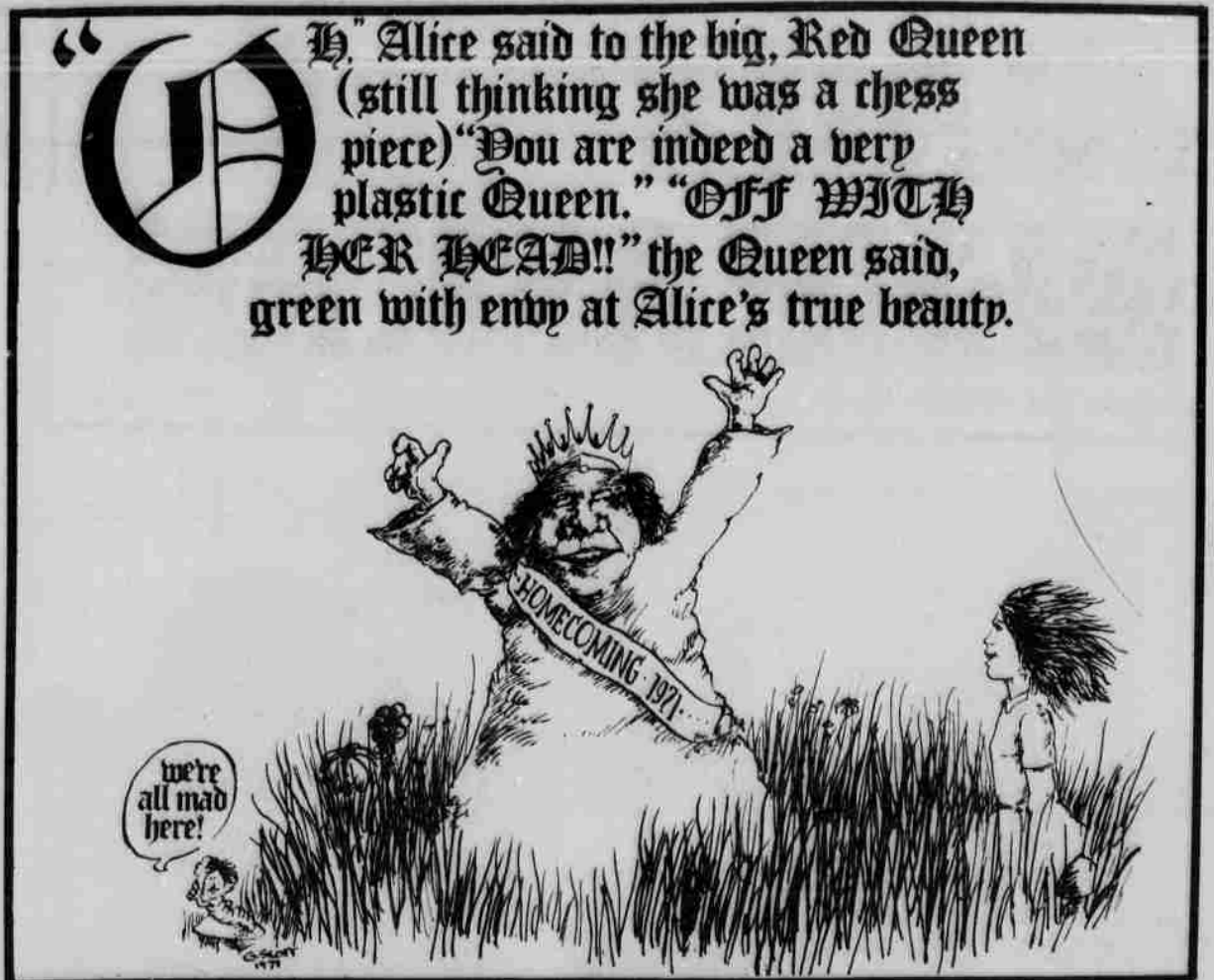
It has been estimated that Nebraska students might organize well enough to finance a staff of 10 to 20 paid workers. The state group would be independent of Nader's Washington-based efforts, but would receive its expertise.

One of the biggest roadblocks to organizing a local "raiders" group would be its source of financial support. It has been recommended that the public interest group be financed by voluntary student fees of \$1.50 per semester.

The voluntary student fee plan is a good means of supporting the group. The plan raises money while at the same time protects the rights of individuals who do not want to contribute.

An organizational meeting for the proposed state group will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union and all members of the University community are invited to attend. The Nader Public Interest Research has great potential, but first Nebraska students must organize to get it started.

Gary Seacrest



LETTERS to the NEBRASKAN

Brevity in letters is requested and the Daily Nebraskan reserves the right to condense letters. All letters must be accompanied by writer's true name but may be submitted for publication under a pen name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials at the editor's discretion.

Dear editor,

The other night we were walking downtown, softly chanting, "Go Big Red," when we came upon a stoplight at an intersection. To our dismay, cars stopped when the light flashed red. This is absurd! Here in "Go Big Redland" cars should "Go" on the "Big Red" instead of waiting for subversive green.

So we propose to change this anti-Cornhusker traffic law and require all vehicles in Lincoln to stop on the green and "Go on the Big Red!" We hope that Lincoln would take the lead in this action and that other right-thinking Nebraska communities would soon follow suit. Stiff fines could be assessed against violators and this money could be given to Bob Devaney to help buy bigger steaks for his football players.

With a lot of student interest and activism this could be accomplished before football season ends. And it would be nice to see students involved in something important for a change. Go Big Red!

... Quinnie & Pratty

Dear editor,

I would like to comment on a mistake some Nebraska fans (especially radio announcers) are making. This mistake is their attitude toward third and fourth team members of the football team.

They talk about Tagge and Kinney and Harper. Nothing is said about the reserves who may be the Tagges and Kinneys of the future.

The Daily Nebraskan had a good article on Tagge, Brownson and Humm, but when number 13 (Steve Runty) enters the game, everyone reaches for the program. Or, everyone knows Bill Kosch and are beginning to know Randy Borg, but who's Pat Fischer who played a good game at Missouri?

Glenn

Dear editor,

I would like to know why the students don't get more credit for the good things they do in our community.

For example they help retarded children in various ways and they get involved in worthwhile campus affairs.

I think we should be proud of them.

Dear editor, William F. Dayton

I have been following the present controversy in regard to student fees, Time-Out and related topics and would like to add my two-penny bit. Your editorial on Monday does indeed come to the nub of the issue, when you talk of the necessity of students handling their own money themselves.

It is regrettable that we seek legislation from the Capitol in matters pertaining to the use of our own "pocket money." Of course it is very becoming to seek guidance from our elders in matters of "moral and political

philosophy", but to consult with them in the use of our own finances reveals the state of mental insolvency we have reached.

Recently some reader pointed out that The Daily Nebraskan is an instance of continued perpetration of injustice. To this I (and others will, too) say if this be injustice, give me more.

In conclusion, if we do not have the courage of our convictions to condemn what we think is wrong, then let us not speak at all. If we don't like homosexuals, lesbians or other forms of the present "immorality" let us say so plainly. Let's not mix issues.

... Sudhir Bijanki

Dear editor,

In your editorial comment entitled "Political Football" (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 11.) the following statement "Criticism from politicians and the public also forced the University to scuttle last year's controversial course on homophile studies." In fact, last year's proseminar on homophile studies was not scuttled because of political or public pressure, although there was considerable political pressure.

In December of last year the faculty steering committee for the Homophile course recommended that the course be broadened to include an overall study of human sexuality. An inter-campus committee appointed by President Varner in the spring of 1971 also recommended a human sexuality course on the Lincoln Campus with possibilities for developing an inter-campus course at Lincoln, the Medical School, and UNO.

It was felt by the faculty that broad issues involving human sexuality and sex in society represented a very real educational need, particularly for a wide variety of pre-professional students planning careers which involve contact with people.

In interdisciplinary course on Human Sexuality and Society has been designed and is currently being reviewed by the departments of psychology, educational psychology, sociology anthropology, and human development and the family. Several of these departments have approved the course for cross-listing in their departments and action is pending in the remainder.

After departmental approval for cross-listing is obtained, the course proposal will go to the appropriate curriculum committees for consideration.

Our current plan is to offer the course in the fall of 1972. A specific section of the course will be on homosexuality. The topic of homosexuality as well as other sex topics has not been "scuttled." Significant human and socially related sex issues are still a matter of inquiry at the University.

James K. Cole
Coordinator,
proposed course
on Human Sexuality
and Society