

Coed visitation hinges on parental response

Students at UNL and their parents are being polled on their opinions of a coed visitation proposal developed from guidelines suggested by NU President D. B. Varner.

The University is asking parents to express their approval or disapproval of the proposal, put in final form by a five-member student-Regent-administrator committee, and to indicate whether they would grant permission for their son or daughter to live in a residence hall where coed visitation is authorized.

The opinion survey and an explanatory letter from Interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath was mailed to parents and students Jan. 1.

At the November meeting of the Board of Regents, Varner suggested a coed visitation policy be developed by a committee and the proposals be set before students' parents for their opinion.

If 50 per cent or more approved the modification, "it would be my hope that the regents would adopt a new plan," Varner said.

Current housing regulations allow limited coeducational visitation for special group activities, such as open houses after football games.

The proposed guest rights policy for dormitories, fraternities, sororities and cooperatives at UNL suggests these policies:

1. Guests of the opposite sex would be allowed in either house lounges or student's rooms for not more than six hours each day between noon and midnight Monday through Thursday; between noon and 1 a.m. on Saturday and between 1 p.m. and midnight on Sunday. Residents would vote to determine the six-hour block for their unit. Supervisory responsibilities would rest with student leaders and the University staff.
2. Any student not wishing to live in a housing unit permitting coeducational visitation or who cannot obtain parental consent, will have the opportunity to live in a unit that does not permit visitation.
3. Any student not of legal age must have parental consent to live in a housing unit where visitation is authorized. Consent may be revoked by a parent at any time.
4. Rules and regulations within the limits permitted by law will be developed and published.
5. Violations will be handled in conjunction with established University disciplinary procedures.

Magrath noted in his letter to parents and students that if the proposal received favorable parental response, it could be operational by this fall.

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- 4 p.m. Nebraska Union—ASUN Senate Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Nebraska Union—Union Planning Committee

- 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—Student Activities Volunteer Bureau
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- 7 p.m. Nebraska Union—Interim Program Arbitration Board
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Meyerson praises PACE

NU's interim executive dean of student affairs Monday praised student support of PACE, calling the program one of the most unique in the country. Dean Ely Meyerson said the Program of Active Commitment to Education has characteristics highly praiseworthy and desirable.

Last semester 40 per cent of the students contributed \$32,000 to PACE by not subtracting the \$3.50 from their tuition statements. How much students give this semester won't be known until after tuition statements are sent out Feb. 1. About \$13,000 remains in the PACE fund which will be used to help students this fall, according to Director of Scholarships and Financial Aids Edward Lundak.

"I find this program extremely gratifying and a true credit to UNL students," Meyerson said, "our entire University administration supports it."

Lundak said all students expressing a need of financial service have been served through his office. A total of 60 students were helped by PACE last semester, he stated. The director said that through the PACE fund the University is better able to help students than before.

Previously the University managed to arrange payment of tuition, room and board, he said, but a small group of students were found unable to buy even inexpensive toilet articles. "With the additional help of PACE fund," he said, "we can solve those kind of

problems. We even bought some glasses for one person," Lundak said.

The program allows the state and University at large to aid needy students, Meyerson said. Students have been contacting businessmen and community leaders throughout the state explaining the program, according to Lundak.

So far, \$2,400 has been given or pledged by state businessmen and institutions. A program to raise money from the faculty is being investigated, the director said.

Meyerson said PACE funds are very helpful in supplementing state funds, but doubly valuable when they are used to match federal funds.

"We need all the fiscal resources we can build to help low income students meet the economic pinch," the dean said.

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