



to the editor

Hope for liberation

Dear editor:

Last week's "Black Culture Week", was without a doubt the best organized, well-rounded and finest presentation of educational and social issues that I have ever seen anytime, anywhere.

The black man, who has tried to liberate himself in the midst of this racist society, has given "white America" the ultimatum that we had better change. Last week's events gave this white man hope.

Greg Hickman

Parental protectiveness

Dear editor:

Why are the parents given the right to decide how the students living in dorms are to be governed? The UNL campus is a community within itself.

The results of the survey concerning the Magrath

policy is a reflection on parents. Either they haven't done a good job of bringing up their children and don't trust them, or the parents were given similar rights when they were in college and abused them. They may now be afraid their children might do the same things.

The fear of parents for their children's security was a determining factor in the survey. A parent determined to protect his child would have been more apt to answer the survey than a parent who had complete faith in his child that he would not disobey the new policy. If the parent is so uptight about his child's security, why doesn't the parent bring the child back home and firmly tie him back to the old apron string.

Margaret Mead said that the disturbance concerning the visitation question was trivia to her. It isn't to us. We are trying to prove we are mature adults capable of handling a more liberal visitation policy. Contrary to Margaret Mead's belief, this is progress. Before we can tackle the problems of the world, we must first solve the problems concerning ourselves and our own community.

Mark Tate

Obligation to dissent

Dear editor:

The following excerpts are from the "Campus Handbook".

Concerning rules, regulations and student government:

"Rules and regulations should be formulated with equitable participation by students in areas affecting student life." "Students should be free to express their views on issues of institutional policy and on matters of general interest to the student population."

These statements were approved by the Board of Regents on June 19, 1968.

As of April 19, 1969, the Regents have said this of working for a better community:

"Students have the right and the obligation to work to change rules and procedures they feel are unfair."

The statement attributed to Regent Robert Koefoot last week proves interesting. He said, "If the students want to disrupt things, they'll disrupt things. Rules that are set down must be abided by."

According to Koefoot, only effective and fair rules should be abided by. The present Residence Hall Association (RHA) visitation policy fits in neither of these categories. Accordingly, it is our "obligation" to work for change. Since discussion has been exhausted over the past five years, and the present RHA policy can no longer be upheld, the only apparent alternative is to employ the third moral fiber of America's greatness—dissent. The alternative to continued dissent is the initiation of the visitation policy as described by the RHA in their meeting Tuesday.

Paul Wade

Steve Dunbar

Cather Hall Executive Committee

Ellen Mintzmeyer is a Centennial College student assistant in the Womens Residence Halls.

"The receptionist said pills were only issued to women planning to be married."

"I've been to Student Health for the third time and my knee still is swelling."

And on and on, complaints like these—and others more serious or trivial—have been uttered by students all over campus.

Having been one of the biggest critics of the University Health Center, and as a residence hall student assistant concerned with health and women's problems, I want to tell students some places to take these complaints and get some satisfaction.

The Health Center desires and needs to know any complaint against them so the services they offer can be bettered. Often times complaints come through nurses or health aides.

A survey is sent out each spring to gather student ideas about how the center can serve its student clients better.

But now to get back to when you have a complaint. First of all, don't just gripe, do something about it. What happened to you doesn't necessarily have to happen. If the problem is with a nurse, see Lucinda Schievelbein, director of nurses.

If the complaint is about a doctor, contact Dr. Paul Bancroft, or if about a receptionist, contact Gary Martin.

If it's a serious complaint, or you can't reach any of these people, see Dr. Fuenning, director of the center.

When you contact them tell them if your problem is a

result of specific incident or if it deals with a policy. If it's a specific case, tell them what happened, who rendered the service (or disservice), what time and what day it happened. They will refer you to someone who can help you and then can look into their record. If indeed something seems amiss, the case will be reviewed by the medical staff.

Little points to think about that may make your visit easier:

1) If you don't like waiting, make an appointment. Only emergency cases will take priority.

2) You have the right to see a physician if you wish. You needn't tell the receptionist the reason for your visit. She shouldn't make any clinical determinations as to who you should see for a particular problem. Remember, though, that during peak periods, receptionists really get as much guff as they need.

3) Nurses can be competent and are more knowledgeable than scrub women. You can ask them questions.

4) Last but not least, we all know that the building isn't exactly efficient and some office rooms now are used for storage. If anyone has any ideas about how to solve this space problem, the center should be receptive.

One other step is essential for students to have a voice in the Health Center and that's a governing board comprised of consumer-students and employes to review all services, make decisions concerning priority needs and new services needed. Only with more students telling the health center their expectations of services and then following through can we be assured of good medical health.

I send people who have complaints to the health center often and not one has returned still disgruntled about personal service.

Dr. Fuenning, Cindy Schievelbein and Gary Martin do their utmost to help students—when students go to them. Policy changing takes a little longer than one visit, but if students demonstrate the need for policy change, the Health Center has been sympathetic.

With students on a governing board, the changes for changing policy should be even better.

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