

Students present summer host plan

An ad hoc student group presented three suggestions for altering the 1972 Summer Orientation Program for freshmen and their parents to Interim Dean of Student Affairs Ely Meyerson early Thursday.

The group asked that either:

- 1) the present program be redeveloped and student hosts be reselected;
- 2) or, if the program remains the same, student fee support for it be dropped;
- 3) or the program be canceled.

Summer Orientation is an annual program under the auspices of the Office of Student Affairs.

Thirteen students are hired as hosts for incoming UNL freshmen and their parents, who spend three days on campus sometime during June or the first half of July learning about the University.

The program is funded by \$25,000 in student fees, and a \$6 registration fee for each family participating. Student hosts receive \$500 plus free room and board for their role in the program.

According to Chris Harper, the ad hoc group is pressing for more student input into both the selection of hosts and the way the program operates.

He said the group is comprised of both present and former student hosts and students who applied for host positions this summer but were turned down.

Hosts are portioned out by colleges, with Arts and Sciences getting three, Teachers two and each of the four others one each.

Four other students are chosen to host parents, making the total number 13.

Hosts representing the colleges are chosen by an interviewing board which includes the dean or his representative, a faculty member and student from that college's Advisory Board. All members of the board are chosen by the dean.

The four parent hosts are selected by the Summer Orientation Planning Committee, composed of the coordinator of Student Activities (Peter Wirtz), a faculty member and two former student hosts. That committee is appointed by Wirtz.

The ad hoc group suggested to Meyerson that student representation on the college interviewing committees be doubled, and that they be appointed by ASUN.

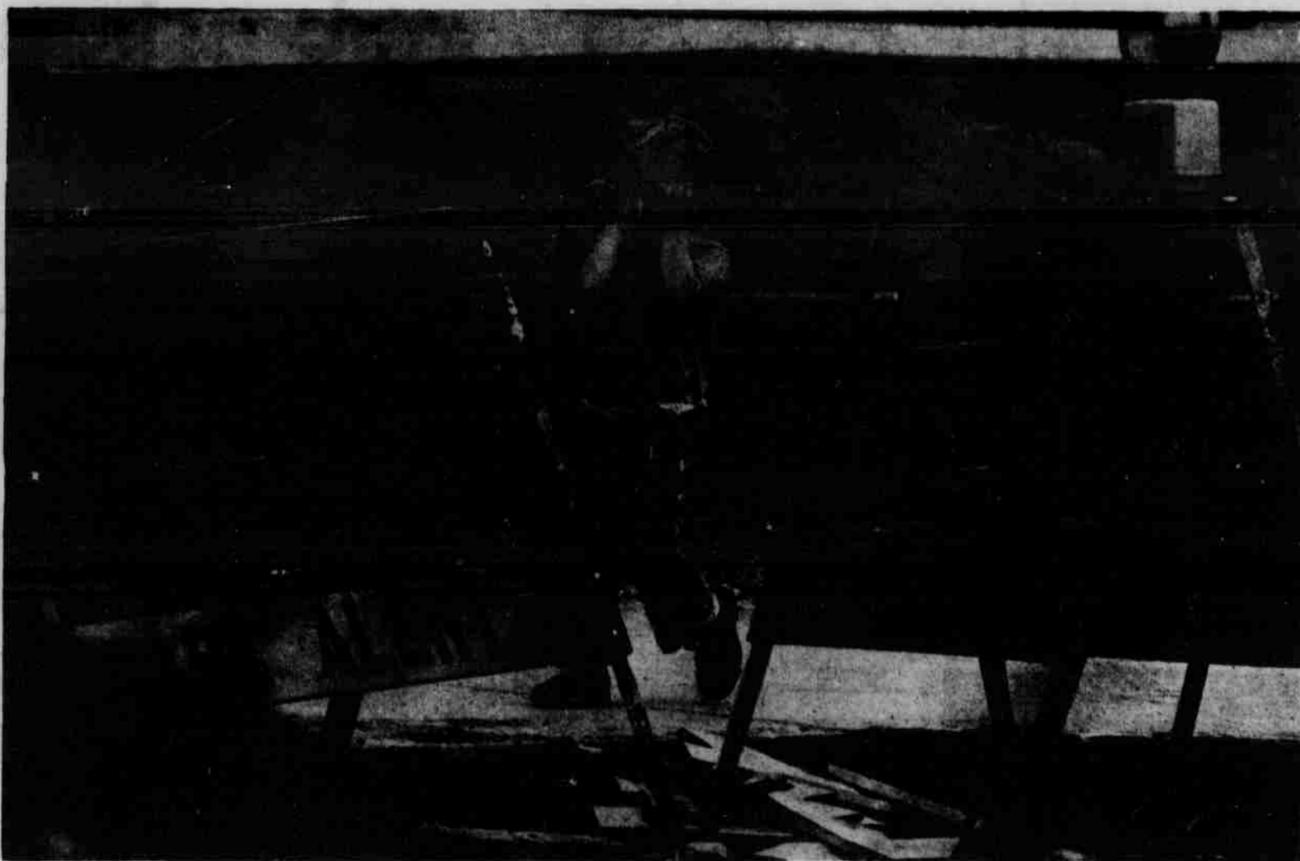
Harper said this seems fair, since student fee money supports the program.

In the past, Harper said, the program has been little more than good public relations for parents.

The problem with this is two-fold, he said.

First, it provides an inadequate picture of the University. "It could be a good place for disseminating information to

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Campus construction befuddles many a passerby. See story on page 2.

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Student Vets seek G. I. bill extension, more benefits

Inflation has severely pinched the educational pennies of veterans going to school on the G.I. Bill, according to the head of the UNL Student Veterans Organization (SVO), but there may be relief in sight.

Just how much relief depends on the final disposition of legislation now in the Senate, according to SVO President Ken Brauer.

Brauer said the House of Representatives has voted to increase monthly checks to single veterans from \$175 to \$200.

The Senate is looking at a more liberal increase, from \$175 to \$240 or \$250, he noted.

Brauer said he hopes that by the time the legislation works its way off Capitol Hill, the base allotment for veterans will be about \$220 a month.

The money squeeze appears to be uppermost in the minds of UNL's 1,400

student veterans, according to results of a recent poll answered by 184 of them.

The poll showed that:

- 1) 100 per cent thought an increase in G.I. Bill benefits was essential at this time;
- 2) 32 per cent had missed school for at least one semester due to economic reasons;
- 3) 94 per cent believed substantial increases in the G.I. Bill would effectively reduce the veteran unemployment problem;
- 4) 90 per cent of the disabled veterans thought they were not taken care of;
- 5) 60 per cent would not be able to receive an undergraduate degree in the 36 months they are now eligible to receive G.I. Bill money;
- 6) 99 per cent favored an increase in the life of the G.I. Bill from 36 to 48 months (four school years to five school years).

At this time, Brauer said the primary thrust of UNL's SVO is the same as that

of the National Association of Collegiate Veterans—more money.

But he said the SVO is also working on several other projects.

A campaign to build a veterans' emergency loan fund is just getting underway. Brauer said the goal is to collect \$3,000, which can be parcelled out to veterans in allotments of up to \$300 which are to be repaid within a year.

The fund is being handled through the University Foundation. Recipients of veteran loans will be designated by the Office of Financial Aids, he said.

Setting up a Veteran's Opportunity Fair is also being looked into, Brauer said. Hopefully federally funded, it would provide the returning veteran with information on all the educational or employment opportunities available to him. Brauer said the application for federal funds would be made within the next few months.