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Ombudsman Suter . . . on football and parking.

Football ticket policy needed, Suter tells CSL

by Adella Wacker

Ombudsman James Suter discussed the football ticket and parking issues with the Council on Student Life (CSL) Thursday night.

He picked these two issues because they seem to be of the most interest right now, not because he considered them the most important, he said.

The football ticket issue may be in better shape than "public indicators" show, said Suter.

The ASUN Senate had passed a resolution last week requesting that the Athletic Department be requested to stop confiscating football tickets.

CSL was also requested to study University ticket policies.

Talks with the Student Affairs and Ticket offices indicated a need for a structure governing the priority and appeal policies concerning tickets, he said.

There is a "reasonable understanding," he said, that a Student Affairs committee will be established and will be responsible for all policy and for hearing complaints.

The present source of ticket policy wasn't pinpointed during the meeting.

Suter said that Ticket office rationale for present policy is that students are obliged to comply in exchange for the privilege of buying tickets at reduced prices.

He also said that a future change in policy so that lost tickets could be replaced would be counterproductive if no concurrent efforts were made to curb ticket scalping.

Council members said they felt CSL should assert their power in the policy changes so far as they will concern students.

As the council moved on to discuss the parking situation, Suter questioned whether

it's legal and ethical to cancel a student's registration as a penalty for non-payment of fines.

He called it an academic penalty for a non-academic offense.

In reality, he said, non-enrollment is not that much different from suspension.

Furthermore, he said, although legal precedents seem to be well established for these types of penalties, legality may not continue to be a viable reason with students.

There is a difference, he stressed, between not paying tuition and not paying a parking or library fine.

Some council members agreed that penalties should be changed to fit the offense.

What concerns him the most as ombudsman, Suter said, is present student apathy—the apparent contentment of students to sit by and be "ripped off."

He referred to his recent efforts to gather students and file a class action suit against a Lincoln landlord, and his difficulties in getting students to come and talk to an attorney.

"It's frightening," he said. "How can we get students together?"

In regards to many of his delvings into the source of policy governing University procedures, Suter said, the more one looks the harder they are to find; things are done by precedent.

In other business student CSL member Terry Braye presented a preliminary report on possible areas for council study into the parking problem. Two of these were multi-level parking costs and no-car campuses.

No students were present for the open thirty minutes.

Workshops help students realize goals

by A.J. McClanahan

A college student recently decided to quit school. Why? Because she took part in a Life Planning Workshop and admitted to herself that what she wanted to do was live on a farm.

She decided she would work toward that goal by getting married to her boyfriend and together they could attempt to make enough money to have a farm someday.

Life Planning Workshops have been offered in the past year by the University Counseling Center, according to Phil Blakely, a counselor for the center.

The workshops are not set up to help a student get through school, unless he or she feels school is an important part of realizing a particular goal. A student is encouraged to come to terms with himself or herself as far as future goals are concerned, he said.

Blakely, who implemented the program, said Colorado State served as a model for planning the workshops. The Counseling Center originally offered short weekly sessions, but said they were not as successful as the workshops this year because of absences.

The workshop is a five-hour session that is not an encounter group, but a growth exercise which stresses personal gains.

Blakely added the program is definitely not for a disturbed student with severe personal problems.

"We hope the student is made aware that he has control of his or her future. We're trying to do away with the idea of fate."

Life Planning Workshops are an example of the Center's "new thrust: trying to reach students through groups instead of individually," according to Blakely.

Each workshop has a facilitator who observes the group and tries to equalize group participation, he said. Eventually, students themselves could act as facilitators.

"We'd like to have a residence hall or Greek house call us. We could help them run their own workshops. These would be like satellites from the Counseling Center."

Sue Warren, an intern at the center, said the workshop basically consists of several exercises in which a person writes down his or her self image. The group is then encouraged to interact with the person.

"It helped me a lot in getting my direct feelings on paper. You have to sit down and face what you want to do in the future," she said.

Blakely added that radical personality changes don't occur, but a person is simply aided in facing his or her inside feelings.

Anyone is welcome to apply at the center for future workshops, which will be offered Dec. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 15 and Apr. 17.

RHA plans proposal for liquor on campus

By the middle of second semester this year, a committee set up by the Residence Hall Association Council (RHA) hopes to have formulated a proposal on consumption of liquor on campus.

"We're going for consumption only because the regents can approve it. Sale of liquor would have to go through the Legislature," RHA president Glen Murray said.

Murray said RHA is working in conjunction with ASUN Senate on the proposal and that any change in rules would have to be campus wide, including all dorms and greek houses.

Regents Kermit Hansen and Edward Schwartzkopf seemed to be open to a campus liquor proposal, according to Murray. He added, however, that the regents are concerned about problems which might be created for 18-year-old students living on campus.

There would be no way to keep liquor away from 18-year-olds, Murray said, but added he wasn't sure it's the University's place to see whether or not people respect liquor laws.

Murray said the RHA committee working on the proposal is going to design a survey for students. The results will be included in the proposal.

The proposal would probably have to get approval from the Council on Student Life before it went to the regents. Even if everything went smoothly consumption of liquor on campus wouldn't come about until at least next year, he said.

Another RHA committee is working toward an increase of a few more hours a day of co-ed visitation, in addition to the six hours already approved.

"Most students want the increase, but not as much as they wanted visitation last year," Murray said.

Most men's floors are using the full six hours a day, he said, while women's floors have less.