

# Drugs—no problem at UNL?

by A.J. McClanahan

Drug abuse isn't a "monstrous problem" at UNL, according to Lt. Robert Edmunds of UNL Campus Security.

Only 12 drug-related arrests were made in 1972, he said.

Edmunds said most arrests were for marijuana or hashish. The arrests are made after investigations by his department or after responding to anonymous phone calls. He said individuals sometimes call and complain about drugs on a dormitory floor, but usually they don't want to identify themselves.

According to Lt. Paul Jacobson of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD), there were 468 drug-related arrests in Lincoln in 1972. Jacobson said the most arrests also were for marijuana.

A student arrested for drug abuse may not only face court and a jail sentence, but suspension from school, according to a 1967 statement by the NU Board of Regents.

The University drug policy states that "illegal use of drugs (including the

The University is concerned with damage done to its reputation by student's actions and it's difficult to prove damage to the University in some marijuana cases, Giethan said. He said repeated offenses or selling of drugs is a threat to the UNL community. The University is not interested in double jeopardy but in protecting the community, he said.

**Gierhan said someone who repeatedly breaks University rules concerning drinking on campus might be considered for suspension, but added it's even more likely with drugs. He said maybe it shouldn't be that way, "but society looks at alcohol differently than marijuana."**

According to Gierhan, the Council on Student Life (CSL) has suggested a new drug policy. He said it was drawn up by a faculty and student committee, which suggested a warning letter for a student convicted of a misdemeanor. He said the new policy also defines alcohol as a drug.

Donald Shaneyfelt, CSL chairman, said he thinks the chances are relatively good for the proposal's passage. He said it is under consideration at ASUN and the UNL Faculty Senate.

If suspension were a consideration, a student dorm patrolman might have to testify at the Student Tribunal, Gierhan said, if the patrolman had been a witness. He said so far only Campus Security officers have been asked to testify.

Edmunds said student patrolmen work under direct supervision of Campus Security officers. He said if an officer requests the student's help in a drug arrest then he is required to help.

Student Affairs are informed of student arrests for drug abuse from Campus Security, according to Gierhan. He said if an arrest is made off-campus by LPD then, Campus Security is notified by LPD of the arrest.

A random survey of residence directors (RDs) revealed that they have had a few complaints about drug abuse in their dormitories.

"To say we're absolutely clean would be wishful thinking," Harper Hall RD William Schnackel said. He added, however, he didn't think most persons smoked marijuana in the residence halls but went elsewhere.

"People here have a pretty high sense of community and they find it unacceptable here," he said.

Many sorority and fraternity houses are not owned by UNL, and therefore do not come under Campus Security jurisdiction, according to Edmunds. Jacobson said that sororities and fraternities "police themselves," but if the need arose, officers would be sent.

"We got so damn many cases, it's hard to get them all," Jacobson said. He said, however, that no case is overlooked and added that arrests are made through undercover officers.



hallucinogens, barbituates and marijuana) or contributing to such use by others shall be considered unacceptable conduct and in violation of University rules, as well as state and federal laws."

Only one student was suspended for drug abuse last year and none so far this year, according to Ronald Gierhan of UNL Student Affairs. He said, however, suspension must be considered in each case.

"Anyone found selling drugs on campus stands a good chance of being suspended," Gierhan said. "but if we're talking about someone who is discovered smoking marijuana, we're influenced a lot by state law."

Gierhan said since the state considers possession of a small amount of marijuana a misdemeanor, "should we suspend a student for this?"

# Proposed coed visitation policy would abolish open door rule

by Jane Owens

The Council on Student Life (CSL) Thursday discussed a proposed change in campus living unit coed visitation policy which would permit an eight-hour visitation period on weekdays and 12 hour periods on weekends.

The current visitation policy permits a six-hour visitation period daily.

Present visitation hours can be scheduled between 12 noon and 12:30 a.m. Under the proposed policy, hours could be scheduled between 12 noon and 1:00 a.m.

The proposal was prepared by a Residence Hall Association (RHA) Study Committee on Visitation, and was approved unanimously this week by RHA and the Housing Policy Committee.

Al Thorson, chairman of the RHA study committee, presented the proposal to CSL and explained changes recommended by the committee in the current policy.

In addition to extended guest hours, the proposal would abolish the open door policy, which requires residents to have doors open when guests of the opposite sex are visiting in dormitory rooms.

According to Thorson, the open door policy has become "a meaningless provision because it is basically unenforceable."

However, the committee's proposal does not include reasons for abolishing the open door policy.

Reasons for abolition of the policy were omitted because "we didn't want to draw attention to this point," Thorson replied.

CSL members Jack Goebel and Ely Meyerson said that the proposed changes were

major ones and needed to be justified.

Upon request of CSL chairman Don Shaneyfelt, Thorson agreed to provide council members with a statement explaining the study committee's open door recommendation.

According to Thorson, the study committee consisted of RHA members from six dormitories. He estimated that committee members talked with about 200-300 dormitory residents about visitation policies before preparing the proposal. In addition, committee members interviewed dormitory residence directors, he said.

The council is scheduled to vote on the visitation proposal next week.

In other CSL business, council member Chris Harper introduced a resolution requesting that news reporters be allowed to attend and report on meetings of the four student fee task forces established by Chancellor James Zumberge to study the use and distribution fee money.

"I'm concerned that the press is being denied access to committee meetings of great importance," Harper said. Reporters should be permitted to attend such meetings because the task forces "will directly affect students and student fees," he explained.

According to Meyerson, task force committees have "agreed to release reports to the press as soon as they are turned over to Ken Bader (vice-chancellor of student affairs) next Friday."

Harper said he plans to present a more general proposal at next week's meeting to deal with press access to meetings which involve student concerns.

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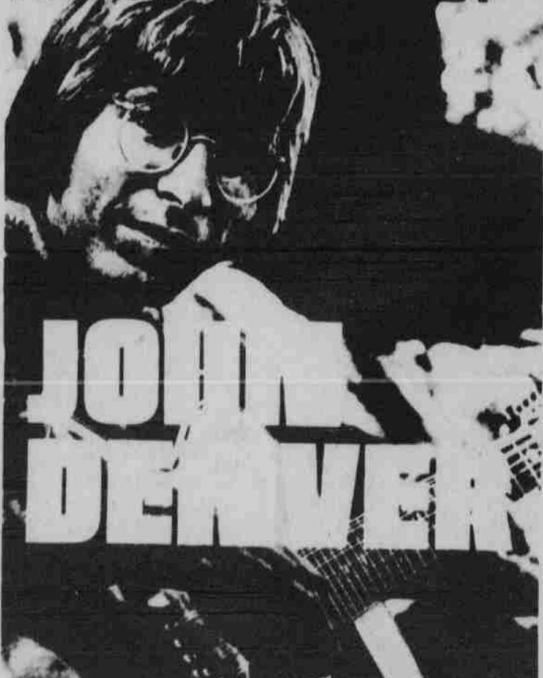
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