



Murray: dorm increase justified

by Robin Pilus

Glen Murray, president of RHA, said he agrees with the action taken by Regents Saturday when they passed a proposal raising yearly dormitory rates \$80 per person.

Murray said there is a definite need for the increase, primarily because of inflation.

He also said he hopes the Board of Regents will change the dormitory coed visitation and alcohol policies.

According to a rate study of the University Housing program carried out by Fawzi Hermes, assistant director of housing, next year's dormitory costs will be up \$535,000 if operation continues as this year. The study showed the increased cost will be about \$110 per student. That estimate was \$30 per year higher than that finally requested by the housing office.

The need for the increase stems from seven factors, he said. They include:

- a one to two per cent decrease in dormitory occupancy.
- an increase in salaries and wages for full-time non professional dormitory employes.
- an increase in salaries and wages for student and part-time employes.
- additional dormitory security officers.
- decrease in the revenue gained by

summer occupancy of the dormitories.

-increased food costs.

-an increase in cost of utilities and other expenses.

UNL Students requiring additional financial aid to meet these rising costs will have to wait until late on in the semester to find out what will be available.

Jack Ritchie, assistant director of Scholarships and Financial Aids, said, "Each year we take dormitory and tuition increases into consideration and will consequently be raising out funding for next year. We are currently waiting to find out what will happen to Nebraska's federal funds and we won't know any exact appropriations until later in the year."

Meetings have been scheduled this week by the housing office to discuss the budget and rate study with students. The meeting will be held 8 p.m., Monday at the Food Service Building; 7 p.m., Tuesday in Abel lounges; and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday in the Raymond television room. A meeting has yet to be scheduled for East Campus students.

"We are hoping the students will understand we didn't take the easy way out," Richard Armstrong, UNL housing director, said. The study will be explained in depth to dormitory residents and any questions will be answered.

A and S faculty modifies language, hours requirement

The College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Friday approved a proposal streamlining the language requirement.

The proposal, submitted by the Curriculum Committee, will exempt high school students with the equivalent of four years of one language from the college's requirement. The college formerly required three college hours of language regardless of the number taken in high school.

The college also will permit University students who had completed the equivalent of two years in one language in high school to drop back to a first year course without incurring a five-hour penalty. Previously, if a student dropped back, he was required to present 130 hours for

graduation instead of the present 125.

"The intent of this measure is to recognize advanced study in high school..." according to the Curriculum Committee Chairman Harry Shelley.

Foreign students and students that are proficient in a language because of residence in foreign countries or other reasons will also be exempted if they pass an examination given by the language department.

The Arts and Science faculty also approved a proposal for an interdisciplinary minor in Asian Studies.

"The proposed minor in Asian studies proposes no new courses, no new staff, just allows special preparation for students interested in Asian culture," Shelley said.

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