

Extended visitation hours called 'half-victory'

By Rebecca Ross

Calling the extension of dormitory visitation from six to 12 hours on Saturdays a "half-victory," Residence Hall Association (RHA) Vice President Gail Watson said Tuesday that the group will meet this week to discuss coed visitation at UNL.

"Originally," she said, "we asked for visitation hours to be increased on both Saturday and Sunday."

The Board of Regents Friday approved the increase of hours for Saturdays only.

Watson said RHA hasn't made an official decision on what to do, but she said it is unhappy with the present hours increase.

She said RHA asked for the extension on both days because of the number of parents visiting dormitories on weekends.

Last year, she said, the dormitories had open house in addition to regular visitation hours. Open house was approved so long as an all-dorm function was planned and a university staff member was present.

"These functions usually consisted of serving coffee in the lounge," she said. "This year we decided we were tired of trying to get around the rules and asked the regents to change them."

The regents, she said, agreed to the Saturday extension because of the number of parents visiting dormitories before and after home football games.

But, she said, they refused to extend Sunday hours. Watson said RHA hasn't received any definite reasons for this and there was no

discussion of the proposal at the Friday meeting.

One of RHA's tentative proposals, she said, is not to have open house or visitation hours on weekends and deny parents the opportunity to visit their son's or daughter's room.

"We are hoping to show them that we are forced to obey these rules and they are, too," Watson said.

RHA, she said, also is concerned about the open door policy. This policy says that doors must be open

during visitation hours.

Watson said RHA is thinking of enforcing this policy "to the letter" in hopes that students will complain and work to change it.

She said administration officials have told RHA there now is "no hope" of getting that policy changed.

She said RHA will have a closed meeting for representatives Wednesday night and an open meeting with dormitory officers Thursday.

Regents endorse Legal Aid, approve \$9,370 for program

By Steve Arvanette

Applications for the position of attorney in the newly created Legal Aid to Students Office are being accepted in the ASUN office. The Board of Regents unanimously approved creation of the new program at their Friday meeting.

The purpose of the Legal Aid program as outlined by ASUN is to "counsel and advise students regarding any legal problems." At least for the first year the lawyer will be prevented from appearing in court for student clients.

In other action Friday the regents approved the use of \$9,370 in ASUN student fee money for the legal service program. The attorney hired by ASUN would receive a salary of \$7,500, with the remaining money spent on secretary and office expenses.

Final approval of the attorney hired by ASUN will have to come from the regents.

The regents also unanimously approved a resolution from Regent Kermit Hansen to extend the maximum time allowed for visitation on Saturdays.

The previous limit had been six hours, but board members agreed to extend it to a maximum of 12 hours. Left untouched by

the vote was the existing stipulation that visitation hours be confined between noon and 12:30 a.m.

Final approval of the University's 1973-74 budget and capital construction requests had been expected at Friday's meeting. A \$20.2 million request in construction funds was approved and sent to the governor, but a final decision on the operating budget request was postponed until Sept. 13.

The board directed NU administrators to return by that date a proposed budget not exceeding by more than \$13 million this year's budget.

NU President D.B. Varner spoke in favor of cutting the initial \$15.5 million increase request by at least \$2.5 million.

Although Varner said he felt all increases could be justified, he said he felt there was "some kind of practical limit of what we can defend."

Listed first on the University's construction requests was \$7 million for an animal disease research center on the UNL campus.

Also requested were funds to remodel Lyman and Bessey Halls and the Foods and Nutrition Bldg. on the East Campus.

Women's Resource Center marks 2nd anniversary

by Peter Anderson

A change in emphasis makes the second anniversary of the Women's Resource Center Thursday, according to center coordinator Sue Aitcheson.

After working to raise teacher salaries and fight sex discrimination, the stress has shifted to the need for day care centers,

legislative action and public speaking, Aitcheson said.

The Women's Resource Center originally was set up as an educational and communication complex for women. In

1971, there apparently was a need for dialogue on women's changing role in society. This was met with a library of books

and pamphlets and the opportunity for informal talk groups.

Although new projects have not been

formulated, continuing projects include maintenance of the information center, self defense sessions and speakers, she said.

In spite of misconceptions about what the Women's Resource Center is doing and the types of people involved, the center has grown, Aitcheson said.

The center does not have a formal membership, but Aitcheson said it has a mailing list of about 200 names.

Technically, the Women's Resource Center is an arm of University Women's Action Group but it has separate facilities and programs, according to Aitcheson.

ASUN budgeted \$900 for the center Aitcheson said. These funds are used to pay for books and magazines, office supplies and telephone bills. The center is completely staffed by volunteers, she said.

Super rally

As the Cornhuskers prepare for Saturday's game with UCLA, Cornhusker fans are preparing the "World's Largest Pep Rally". It is scheduled Friday at 5 p.m. in the stadium.

The rally is sponsored by the Corncocks and Tassels, UNL's pep organizations, and will be taped by ABC-TV and shown before the game Saturday.



Photo by Gail Folda

Rita Kumm is part of the "informal membership" of the Women's Resource Center, which celebrates its second anniversary this week.