

What is it like to be without a sense of community, missing someone or something to relate with, to be just wandering?

Vernon Williams, director of the Counseling Center has met and talked with students who were wandering in dormitory halls, not finding anything to do.

"The room doesn't do it for them," he said. "I don't find my main identity here, nothing to hold me here," they say."

"Students need the type of activity in which they become involved, like the *Daily Nebraskan*, but not enough of this is going on," he said.

Williams said he feels students want small learning centers about the size of Centennial College devoted to department areas within the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The students could be more involved with other students of the same interests," he said.

"Students could form these themselves, but it would be nice if the University would help," he said.

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Sometimes they get side-tracked too long on issues like alcohol and visitation and forget to demonstrate concern about the quality of education being offered by the University, he said.

Hoeger reportedly told the Board of Regents at an advisory meeting that if it weren't for his involvement in the non-academic sector of the community, he couldn't get out of bed for classes in the morning.

Hoeger said that what he meant was that the classroom experience, with few exceptions, was mediocre, uninspiring and conducted in an atmosphere which did not generate excitement or the desire to learn.

The predominant educational philosophy seems to be that the primary function of a state university should be research, and that teaching is necessarily a secondary objective. It is assumed that students who desire a better education can find it in a private institution, he said.

**"We need to get together and set some priority on how to develop a kind of**

school that it isn't possible to float through," he said.

"We should emphasize teaching more, possible by basing tenure more on teaching," he added.

"What we're trying to do now is let more students know what's going on and how to get in on it," he said.

Hoeger was referring to an ASUN program which began last week with a meeting of new ASUN liaison representatives from the Greek houses. The Greek meeting will be followed by one for the dorms as soon as each floor has had time to select its representative.

Hoeger said RHA favored the liaison plan which encourages representation (non-voting) from the living areas. He said such representation, besides improving communication between ASUN and the living areas, would open the way for students looking for a sense of community.

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