Nine illicit residence hall keys recovered by administration

By Peter Anderson

The number of illicit master keys found to the Burr Residence Hall Complex has risen to nine, according to Ron Gierhan, assistant to the vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

The first key was found about Sept. 18 when a student was caught using it, he said. The other eight have turned up anonymously since then, he said.

Gierhan said the master keys give access to most of the complex, including storage areas and residents' doors. Some of the keys were poor reproductions which limited their use, he

The student caught using the key told Gierhan that the key was only used for pranks on other students, but he did not explain the pranks further.

In lieu of appearing before the University Judiciary which will take the place of the Student Tribunal, the unidentified student has chosen to accept disciplinary measures from the university administration, he said.

Gierhan said at no time was suspension considered since there was no evidence that he had stolen the key or had any other keys made. The alternative measures are oral and written warnings and conduct probation, he explained.

The conduct probation, the most extreme of the three measures, would not restrict the students's activities, but his misconduct would be kept on record for consideration if the student got into any more trouble, Gierhan

Joe Zannini, assistant coordinator of residence hall programs, said the housing office is still looking into changing the lock systems in the dormitory.

One remedy to the situation would be to change the lock cylinders and the other would only concern changing the master key pattern, he said.

Gierhan said it appears the first illicit key was made as long ago as 1960 because the key form used on the key found was changed about that time.

Chess tournament set

The annual Midwest Open Chess tournament, cosponsored by the UNL Chess Club and the Lincoln Chess Foundation, will open Oct. 5 at the Nebraska Union.

State championship titles will be awarded and both cash and trophy prizes will be given. Advance entries may be sent to Anton Sildmets of the Lincoln Chess Foundation.

KU, KSU may quit

By Steve Arvanette

There appears to be a difference of opinion over a statement made by a Kansas regent who has warned that the University of Kansas (KU) and Kansas State University (K-State) might be forced to quit the Big 8 Conference.

At a meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents Friday in Topeka, Regent Henry Bubb said quitting would be the last result if more funds could not be found for athletic programs at the state's three universities.

"That's the furthest thing from our minds," KU Athletic Director Clyde Walker said Tuesday in response to Bubb's statement.

"But we are having some financial troubles."

Walker said he hoped the Kansas Legislature would approve the regents' request of \$190,000 in special funds for both the state's Big 8 schools.

If appropriated, 75 per cent of each school's allocation would be used to help athletic departments pay scholarships.

The other 25 per cent of the special appropriation would be used for the payment of nonathletic scholarships.

Walker speculated Bubb might have made his comments to "get a point across."

"Something has to be done to survive," the athletic director said. He said other means of financing athletics are being investigated.

Bubb reaffirmed his prior statement Tuesday that KU and K-State might "possibly" have to withdraw from the Big 8. He said it would be the "last thing we would do" after attempting to get more funds.

Bubb added it appears most athletic departments cannot be self-supporting.

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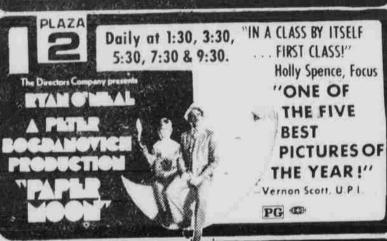


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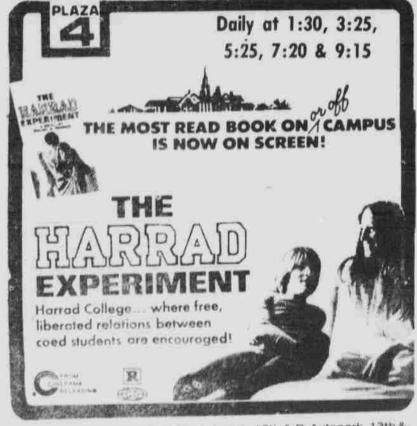
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