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Recurrent denials of student proposals by the Board of Regents have led student leaders to seek lawsuits, stage boycotts and introduce bills in the Nebraska Legislature instead.

leaders who head the unending battle to achieve.

The Daily Nebraskan talked with Carolyn-Gence. Reordence Hali Association (RHA) campus is playing the backfield for awhile. president, Ann Henry, ASUN president, and UNL Young Democrat Blane Osterman, about student rights, what they're doing to achieve them and the obstacles they face in their pob-

RHA is seeking the right for students to determine their own residence hall policies. Grice

"We're just as capable as anyone to decide the type of rules to live under," she said. "After all, it's our money, and dorms are not supported by back over and over isn't going to help." she said. tax dollars."

in living units were deteated by the regents in dane.

The dereated visitation imposal would have extended hours from a mixthourt of six hours. daily to a maximum of publichours on weekdays. Democrats (YD) carry out their plans,

In response to what was called a "half victory", several dormitories boycotted weekend visitation, and Smith Hall contacted a lawyer about a possible lawsuit.

Currently an RHA visitation committee is trying to define legally the relationship between

ine mough loopholes in Nebuski's laws that alc-holl and visitation would have to be allowed.

In the meantime, RHA is avorking to get 12 hours on Sunday and eight on weekdays. Grice Different too are the names and faces of the said there are a number of students who want 24-hour visitation, but still more students that n t-

Like coed visitation: the question of alcohol on

Ann Henry said an ASUN Differental Housing Committee just organized will prepare a proposal to submit to the regents next spring. It will cover a broad spectrum of campus living, including coed halls, visitation and probably alcohol, she said.

She said she thought waiting was the wisest step.

"The regents were so overly against the idea (alcohol and visitation) to start with, bringing it

The regents in June voted down 4-2 a proposal Proposals for both coeil visitation and alcohol to allow alcohol in campus living units and the Nebraska Union, Nebraska Center, Sheldon Att Gallery and the Faculty Chap on special occasions.

The 1974 Legislature may find uself faced with a sunflar bill next Japatary if the UNE Young

According to senior Blane Osterman, YD. administrative assistant. Sen Steve Fowler lias. offered to sponsor such a bill

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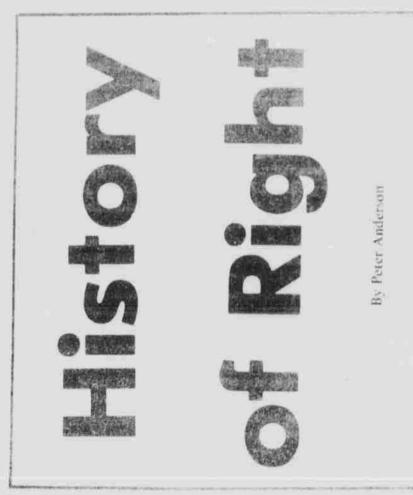
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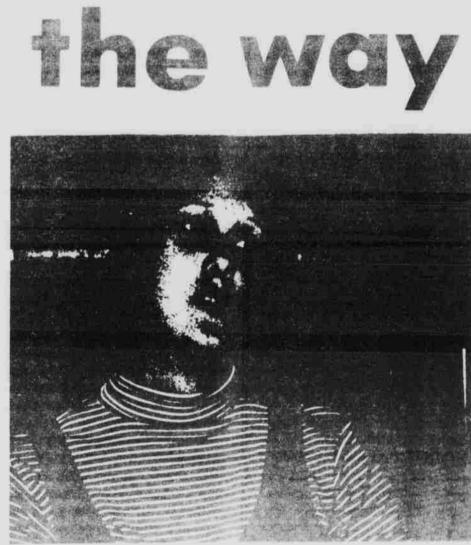
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Osterman said YD's haven't drafted the bill yet because they are looking for co-sponsors.

However, he said the chances of its passing are shaky." one problem being that there are still ULBOISCON COMPLE

Speaking for residence hall students, Grace and, We all lech we're capable coough to handle ourselves. Alcohol is one of the rights granted to its by the Leastature, and we should have a. We

As Osterman said, it's not acpretation of gaming

## Getting the regents to realize this is another story, the student leaders agree.

The adea of in loco parentis has been around too long to just brush it aside." Henry said.

One YD goal. Osterman said, was to get enough students involved in the legal and political processes of the state to make regents and the public realize students are adults.

depressing than that they (regents) turned us down students (UNL and UNO) three seats and one vote, was the reasons they gave.

"We approached them as legal adults and were turned down by more regents on the grounds that alcohol is not good, so we shouldn't have it. But they can go home and have a drink. It's just not equitable."

Grace said the biggest obstacle facing RHA's student rights will ever end? efforts now is lack of communication and distrust on hoth sides.

"We haven i had anyour come out and say. We

Another problem is all the red tape connecting RHA with the regents. An RHA proposal now must go through the housing staff, the Housing Policy Committee, ASUN and CSI, before reaching

Hiring a student lawyer for legal advice may open some new channels to cross the student rights deadlock.

Hierary and ASUN will finish interstewing attorneys and lawfirms this week and hire one anon. The Lawyer could only offer advice, Henry asid. He could not bring a lawsuit against the

She said ASUN also is discussing setting up a consumer advice office for students in the Nebraska Union and updating a handbook of legal rights.

It a student was placed on the Board of Regents this could be another boost to achieving student rights.

According to Osterman, two student regent "It's very discouraging," said Henry, "More bills are on Legislative file now. One gives NU and the other only one seat and one vote.

Osterman said he would rather see a student replace one of the eight regents than add an extraseat, or see students become more active in campaigning for regents.

After alcohol and visitation, what next? Do the current student leaders think the struggle for

 Henry said she expects the legal age in Nebraska to be lowered to 18 soon, and this will smooth the

"I think there will always be a problem," she viid. "There will afways be the assumption that allie georything. Things will user he perfect

Throughout the debate which The second consistency concerns the Harly in the twentieth country, followed the arbitrarium kept quiet consumption of alcohol. In the drinking in bars and saloons. Now more

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