

Injunction request planned by RHA

Representatives from the Residence Hall Assn. (RHA) and the ASUN Senate have confirmed their intent to seek a court injunction against further enforcement of University regulations governing visitation and alcohol in University housing.

The reason for the lawsuit is to contest the provisions of visitation, open door and alcoholic beverage policies to which all students must comply, according to a statement released by the two organizations.

John Stevens Berry, the attorney representing ASUN and RHA, said a petition requesting an injunction against the regulations would be filed in Lincoln's Federal District Court early next week.

"We are seeking an injunction to prevent the Board of Regents or other parties from enforcing these rules," he said.

The statement released Thursday by ASUN and RHA said the students involved were being denied certain rights and

privileges and certain protections of the law which are available to any other class of citizens of equal age.

"No tax monies support the residence halls. They are supported solely by payments received from residents. Therefore those residents should be able to make their own decisions regarding visitation, open door and alcoholic beverage policies, providing they are of the proper age," the statement said.

Regent Ed Schwartzkopf said he was not surprised by the announcement to file suit against the University.

"If the court rules in their favor, then I'll go along with it," he said.

Schwartzkopf said student leaders still had not presented him with any positive procedures for changing the existing regulations on visitation and alcohol.

UNL fire hazards remain as Dec. 1 deadline nears

By Charles Wieser

More than one year after a story was printed in the Daily Nebraskan which disclosed uncorrected fire hazards on UNL's campus, State Fire Marshal's files show that 48 UNL violations still have not been corrected with fire safety regulations. The deadline is Dec. 1, 1973.

State Fire Marshal Joe Pluta said an extension of the Dec. 1 deadline is possible.

"I'm not in favor of prolonging extensions, but I'll grant them as long as gradual progress is made towards compliance with safety regulations," he said.

He said he felt UNL was attempting a "50 per cent compliance" to safety regulations. This shows a gradual progress toward solving their fire safety problems, Pluta said.

Pluta warned however, that extensions are granted only for logical reasons such as budgeting factors, construction supply problems and legal factors resulting from construction bids.

Improvements still needed include installing additional fire escapes in Teachers College and Keim Hall, correcting electrical wiring in Richards Hall, removing flammable material from corridors and basements in the Temple Bldg., installing fire alarm system in Nebraska Hall and improving enclosed stairwells and elevators in the Administration Bldg., according to the marshal's files.

Pluta said a state statute gives him the authority to contact the county attorney and close buildings until fire hazards are removed. Fines related to violations of fire safety regulations range from \$5-\$100 daily.

James Money, construction manager at UNL's Physical Plant, said it would cost nearly \$1 million to correct all the violations.

"Major construction items such as fire alarm systems and fire escapes are expensive to build, and we haven't been appropriated money to start these projects," he said.

"We have nearly 70 per cent of the violations corrected, but this doesn't indicate the dollar volume. The real costs involve construction projects," Money said.

Pluta agreed with Money's statement that the items corrected were the least expensive ones. The construction problems will take a significant amount of money to overcome, he said.

Miles Tommeraaen, director of business and finance, said UNL could correct its fire hazards if the Legislature would appropriate \$200,000-\$300,00 each of the next three years to be used to improve UNL's fire safety.

He said, last Friday the Board of Regents set aside \$216,500 from UNL's replacement funds to help solve fire problems existing on bonded properties such as dormitories, health service centers and Unions. Tommeraaen explained that the money could only be used in alleviating fire problems in those buildings.

He said the recent capital expenditure budget recommended to the Legislature by the regents included about \$250,000 in renovation funds to be used for improving fire and light safety. These funds, Tommeraaen said, would be used to improve buildings like Temple, Teachers College and Burnett Hall.

Pluta said an extension of 18 months could be given UNL following the Dec. 1 deadline, but if fire safety violations continue "they'll (UNL) be dealt with as the law sees fit," he said.



The Temple Bldg. contains some of 48 remaining UNL fire hazards.

Freudenburg goals: personal growth, educational reform

Editor's note: Today the Daily Nebraskan begins publishing a series on personality profiles on campus leaders, from the student leaders to the University administration.

These will be published one per day over the next few weeks.

By Lori Demo

What happens to an ASUN presidential hopeful after the votes are in and he has lost?

He can drop out of student affairs.

He can use his momentum from the campaign to continue pursuing his goals.

Or he can do what last spring's Unity and Progress candidate Bill Freudenburg did: try to gain more of a sense of himself and others as people while still working to help students.

"Losing the election was a tangible, definite, black and white message that my involvements this year would not be a continuation of last year," the UNL senior said. "Though I was disappointed, in a sense I was relieved for a chance to gain more feeling of myself as a whole person."

He said he believes there would have been certain pressures of the office calling for him to act in a prescribed way that would have dampened his individual growth.

"I like to tell myself if I were in office I could be able to keep things in their proper place and not get caught up in the seriousness of it, that if a major piece of legislation didn't pass, children would still be laughing and people would be breathing the same air they did yesterday," he said. "But it is very easy to lose track of people and not realize there will be working with and fighting with are human beings. I wonder sometimes if I could do that."

Since his defeat, Freudenburg has been working for educational reform within the university. He is presently a member of the Council on Student Life (CSL), the Arts and Science Advisory Board and the Arts and Science Curriculum Committee.

He said he sees his work on the Advisory Board as more valuable than his work on the Curriculum Committee because of the spontaneity of the others involved and because the Curriculum Committee's busy work that has to be done by someone, period doesn't excite me."

The committee approves all curriculum changes made within the College of Arts and Sciences.

"On the Curriculum Committee we can say yes, that is a good idea for a new course, or we can say how many credit hours a course gets, but generally it is removed from the essence of what the university is."

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Bill Freudenburg