



UNL Chancellor James Zumberge

Students grill Zumberge on visitation, energy

By Susanne Schaefer

Chancellor James Zumberge warned ASUN Wednesday evening that if the ASUN-Residence Hall Assoc. (RHA) suit regarding visitation and alcohol policies in the dormitories is decided in favor of the regents, "you probably have closed the door on the matter."

Any chance of reopening the matter would be "lost for some period of time," he said.

The senate and RHA jointly have filed a suit against the Board of Regents over housing policies on alcohol and visitation rights in dormitories.

Zumberge, who said he supports a "more liberal policy" regarding dormitories, said he alerted the regents to the possibility of such a suit. He said he does not know what the regents' reaction to the suit is, or what action they will take on the matter.

When asked by a student why he thought the regents would be closed to a further discussion of the policies, Zumberge said that, in the regents' eyes, if students have left the decision up to the courts, students should abide by the decision of the courts if the decision is in favor of the Regents.

When questioned on the matter later, Zumberge said that if the court decided in favor of the students, the board still has the right to "deny students the relief" they ask.

Attired in a gray sweater, which he said he purchased for the occasion, Zumberge addressed the senate on the energy and fuel crisis facing the university.

He made mention of his Sept. 11 speech before the Faculty Senate, which has been dubbed the "Sweater Speech." In that speech he indicated that faculty members might have to don sweaters in

classes this winter if heating in the university is cut.

He said the university is faced with a serious situation, because of a shortage in No. 6 fuel, which the university uses to heat its buildings.

"We have no guaranteed delivery at any price, and even if we could get it, we couldn't pay for it," he said. "We may not get through the winter on the supply we have."

He has instructed that an emergency plan be drawn up, to be complete by the first of December, to indicate in which buildings heating might be cut.

Heat already has been reduced in some buildings, and others are not heated over the weekends, he said.

Dormitories may expect to have the heat lowered "from the present 72-75 degrees to perhaps 68-69 degrees." But, "We won't expect the 4,500 dorm residents to be inconvenienced unreasonably," he said. A number of buildings, such as Sheldon Art Gallery, Kimball Recital Hall, and laboratories containing experimental animals cannot reduce temperatures, he said.

Zumberge reported to the senate on the latest legislative hearing dealing with LB362 he had attended. The bill, now before the Legislature, proposes to cut student fees in Nebraska state universities.

He urged the senate to form a "power base from which to operate."

"One reason ASUN has not been more powerful is because you leave yourselves open to the charge that you are not a representative body," Zumberge admonished the senators.

"Set up a system, make ASUN a mandate, so that the regents cannot brush you off as a Mickey Mouse operation," he said.

Schwartzkopf defends regents' alcohol stance

Regent Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said he thinks the most positive approach to the question of having the right to have alcohol in dormitories is for students to abstain, making abstinence an educational experience.

Schwartzkopf said this after making reference to a statement made by Dr. Dana Farnsworth, vice chairman of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, which said that alcohol was the worst drug.

Schwartzkopf answered questions at an open meeting Wednesday evening at the Abel-Sandoz complex.

Questions asked primarily dealt with dissatisfaction with present alcohol and visitation policies and with an apparent breakdown in communication between regents and student ideas and proposals.

Throughout the evening, about 35 students present gave arguments for changes in existing policies. But Schwartzkopf repeatedly said that the arguments were not sufficient to convince him that changes were needed.

Schwartzkopf said he studied at the University of Missouri, which

allows coed dormitories. In the two years he was at Missouri, he could not see how having coed dormitories helped students get a better education, he said.

Students asked if he knew whether living in dormitories had been made more enjoyable or if students' education had been hurt in any way—but at that point he fielded another question.

Student arguments for changes included discrimination and human rights. It is legal in Nebraska for anyone at least 19 years of age to drink alcohol, but it is prohibited in dormitories.

Another point was that dormitory rooms, whether or not they have beds in them, are considered "home" by dorm residents. Students should be able to have a member of the opposite sex in them to watch television, study or even drink, they said.

Schwartzkopf has supported many student proposals in the past, but he has remained against any easing up of the alcohol policy.

The meeting was seen as an aid to open channels of communication between students and Schwartzkopf,

but the communication problem also was discussed with reference to the long road student proposals must take before reaching the regents.

At a meeting before the first football game, the regents passed a proposal allowing 12 hours of visitation on Saturdays, thinking they were doing just what students wanted. The original proposal actually had been written to include Sunday. Schwartzkopf said the regents had never heard about the Sunday part of the proposal.

Schwartzkopf said he had never seen any petition asking for changes in present policies and that he still believed the majority of students did not approve of changes.



NU Regent Ed Schwartzkopf

Regents plan to discuss NU abortion controversy

By Steve Arvanette

Two doctors from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha currently involved in a controversy over their private medical abortion practice were in Lincoln Wednesday for a meeting with NU President D.B. Varner and Medical Center Chancellor Robert Sparks.

Sparks is scheduled to request that the two, Drs. Marvin Dietrich and George Orr, be placed on less than full-time status in effect so that they could continue private practice at a clinic specializing in abortions.

That request is part of the agenda NU's Board of Regents will act on at their meeting Friday at 9 a.m. in the University Systems Bldg., 3835 Holdrege St.

The two doctors were returned to full time status at last month's regents meeting after working on a trial part-time basis. University regulations prohibit full time members on the medical center staff from performing abortions under private practice.

At their Friday meeting, the regents are scheduled to take action on Gov. J.J. Exon's special committee report on the Hiram Scott campus. That committee has recommended against University acquisition of the Scottsbluff site.

Also on the agenda is formal action to approve the law firm of Hamilton and German as attorneys for the Legal Aid for Students Office. The firm has been recommended by the ASUN Senate and Ken Bader, UNL vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

2 doctors file suit against regents

Two University of Nebraska Medical Center doctors have filed suit against the Board of Regents policy on abortions, according to news reports.

The suit, filed by Drs. G. William Orr and Marvin Dietrich in U.S. District Court in Lincoln, claims the abortion policy is unconstitutional.

The plaintiffs contend the purpose of the policy, which limits the number of abortions performed at the medical center to 15 a week, is to prohibit them from using their medical judgment in pregnancy termination consultations with patients.