

## CSL polls students on differentiated housing

By Jane Owens

About 1,200 UNL students have the chance to answer survey questions on visitation and alcohol policies in dormitories this week, according to the chairman of the differentiated housing subcommittee.

The subcommittee is part of the Council on Student Life's (CSL) Housing Policy Committee.

Distributed Friday to dormitory student assistants, the survey asks students whether they would like to live in unisex or various types of coed dorms, student Tim Evensen said. It also asks their opinions on alcohol and visitation policies and on establishing academic floors in dorms, he said.

Such floors would house students who want to live in a quiet, studious atmosphere or who share certain majors or interests, Evensen explained.

Results of the survey will be used to prepare a differentiated housing proposal. The proposal will set up dorm floors having varying rules on visitation and alcohol, he said. Students will be able to choose to live on floors having from none to 6 hours of visitation a day to those having none to 24 hours, Evensen said.

They also will be able to choose to live in dorms that are unisex or coed by alternating floors or wings, he added.

The proposal would abolish both the open door policy, which states that residents must keep room doors open when entertaining guests of the opposite sex, and the need for sponsors during visitation hours, he said.

"We decided to do away with both policies because they're a farce," he said.

Evensen said he thinks the proposal will ask that half the dorms allow alcohol, but it depends on results of the survey.

"That's what they're (the surveys) for—to find out where students want the emphasis put and what policies they'd like to live under."

Evensen said he also hopes to include in the proposal plans for some dormitory floors which would attract students having the same major or a common interest. One floor might be for architecture majors, another for "stereo freaks," he said.

Asked this fall by Chancellor James Zumberge and the Housing Office to prepare a proposal for differentiated housing, the subcommittee plans to complete its work by January 29, Evensen said.

The proposal then will go to the Housing Policy Committee, CSL, Ken Bader, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and then to Zumberge, he explained.

The Board of Regents will have to approve any changes in visitation and alcohol policies, but the Housing Office could set up academic dorm floors itself, he said.

The regents probably will not act on the proposal until a pending lawsuit dealing with current UNL alcohol and visitation policies is settled, he said. The suit was brought by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and ASUN against the university.

"Our proposal will give the lawsuit a backing," he said. "Hopefully, the judge will look at it and realize

that people who don't want liberalized visitation and alcohol (policies) are protected, because there will be dorms open to them without those policies."

According to Evensen, Bader believes the proposal should be a positive factor in deciding the case in favor of the students.

Consisting of 12 members, including four housing officials, three RHA members, two Housing Policy Committee members, two faculty members and one ASUN representative, the subcommittee also has conducted a telephone survey among UNL students who have moved out of dorms and has gathered information on housing policies at other Big 8 schools, Evensen said.

Results of that survey, not yet compiled, also will be used in drawing up the proposal.

Why is such a proposal even needed?

"It's very apparent that the atmosphere in dorms is not satisfying to students," Evensen said. "You can see that in the great migration to apartments." The yearly return rate of upperclassmen to dormitories is only 30 to 40 per cent, he noted.

Last spring, the Housing Office and Zumberge's office received "an in-flood of proposals for changing dormitory policies," Evensen said. "Both offices thought it would be better to present a housing proposal (to the regents) as a package, so they asked our committee to draw one up."

However, the proposal is designed so it could be split, with the regents only approving a part of it, he said.



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## Student-Y director Schafer resigning, cites loneliness

Jean Schafer, director of the UNL Student YWCA since early September, is resigning.

Calling her job "sort of lonely at times," Schafer said she is leaving the position for reasons which are both personal and job-oriented.

She said she found her job "rather isolated." She explained that because there are very few volunteers working with the Student-Y program, she has had to handle many aspects of the program which normally would be taken care of by a staff.

She said she has held other positions while working with a staff, and "I didn't know how important having a staff was to me (until she had to do without one)."

Schafer said the Student-Y program now is oriented toward recruitment of members, and her area of interest is programming.

She said the position of director is

too extensive for one person.

"A branch association needs volunteers. They have to play an important part (in the program)," she said.

She said there is a small group of volunteers that are doing "the nitty-gritty work," but those volunteers "can't do it all."

Schafer said since she became director, the Student-Y has made some headway. She explained that the Student-Y advisory board has become more active than last year. She said the program also has been pulled out of debt. When she took office, the program was several hundred dollars in debt, she said.

Schafer said applications now are being accepted to fill her vacancy which will take effect "by the end of this month." She said her successor probably will be named by Friday.

## UNL staff trained in efficiency

UNL officials are trying to solve problems of employe efficiency "from the bottom up," according to Miles Tommeraasen, director of business and finance.

Since August, SynCronamics, a management training firm in New York, has been training first-level supervisors in several UNL work forces, Tommeraasen said.

Currently, the firm is helping supervisors in Campus Security, the Nebraska Center and the Office of Housing's Food Service increase work output of their staffs, he said.

They already have worked with first-level supervisors of custodians in both the Housing Office and Physical Plant.

The efficiency of these lowest-level supervisors needs to be improved, Tommeraasen said. They usually are promoted to managerial positions because of their outstanding job skills, not because of their skill in management, he said.

After making a preliminary study to determine whether work efficiency could be improved, SynCronamics asks both supervisors and workers what their job duties are and how they suggest the job might be done faster and better.

The management training firm then might change employes' work schedules, shift employes to different job positions or ask that work-saving equipment be purchased, Tommeraasen said.

However, no employe has been fired as a result of the efficiency studies, he said.

"They (employes) sometimes have been shifted to new positions, but the natural turnover in staffs, such as the custodians, is enough, that it takes care of having to fire anyone," he said.

The training firm agrees to train first-level supervisors in various work forces only if their preliminary studies show that dollar savings to the force probably will exceed training costs within the first year.

For example, SynCronamics estimated the cost of training UNL's first-level custodial supervisors would be \$50,000, Tommeraasen said. However, they projected that savings to UNL would exceed \$140,000 the first year and each following year.

Because they have no long-term contract with the New York firm, Tommeraasen said his office can decide to release them at any time if their work is not satisfactory.



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