

Visitation suspended in Schramm, Smith halls

By Jim Fullerton

Residence Hall Association (RHA) visitation hours once again have been suspended in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Residential Complex.

Complex Program Director Marie Hansen said except for floors 3, 7 and 9 of Smith, which weren't in jeopardy of losing their hours, Schramm and Smith were to have visitation privileges revoked on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

However, Schramm student government officials decided to appeal the suspension to Assistant Director of Housing Kenneth Swerdlow, so visitation suspension dates were moved to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The appeal was received by Swerdlow a little after noon Tuesday, but at press time, no decision had been made regarding the suspension.

The appeal asked that violators be dealt with individually, and not on an "everyone is guilty until proven innocent" basis, as one student put it.

It also asked the administration to designate exactly how many violators on a floor warrant taking away the whole floor's hours. The appeal stated that Hansen had failed to produce any

evidence of visitation violations.

The cause of the suspensions was the failure by the floors to obey the RHA open door policy, Hansen said. The policy states that residents must keep their door open at all times during visitation hours while entertaining members of the opposite sex.

Harper Hall's RHA hours were suspended last week because of its residents' failure to obey the open door policy. Then, Hansen warned Schramm and Smith of similar suspensions if they didn't obey the policy.

Jim Balters, Schramm's government representative from the second floor, said "She took away our hours, and we'd like to know what the crime is." He said no one on the floor noticed anyone checking whether the open door policy was being followed. Hansen had refused to say if she had any evidence of violations at all, he added.

"If she (Hansen) knows it's going on, she must know of individual violators, so why doesn't she just prosecute the guilty individuals?" he asked.

One student involved was overheard to mutter (in reference to Hansen), "I think she's just trying to teach us how to go through the proper channels to get things changed. It's just one great big political science course."

The Schramm student government is trying to have current policies on visitation and alcohol on campus changed. The government voted Monday to buy 250 stamps for the letter-writing campaign; it is

supporting. Schramm residents who are dissatisfied with the current visitation policy will be given stamps for letters written to the regents explaining their dissatisfaction.

A bill allowing the consumption of alcohol on campus, LB783, is scheduled to come before the Legislature in a few weeks. Schramm's student government also is urging students to write or call their Senators to express support for the bill.

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Task force to battle drop/add blues

If drop-and-add leaves you down and out, and the toughest assignment you've had at UNL is fighting class registration process, relief might be on the way.

The Council on Student Life (CSL) Registration Task Force is evaluating the UNL registration process. A report by the ad hoc committee should be ready this semester.

CSL established the task force to suggest changes and alternatives to the current UNL class registration system.

Roy Arnold, task force chairman and a CSL faculty member, said the group's purpose is to help students in "registering for a course... (and then) getting that course." Arnold is an associate professor and chairman of the Food Science and Technology Dept.

Questionnaires prepared by the group will be sent to some students and faculty in the next few weeks asking for evaluations and suggestions for improving the UNL registration process.

Topics covered by the questionnaire include registration materials, course information, advising, drop-and-add and student ID cards.

One part of the questionnaire deals with students' priorities in selecting classes. Students are asked to rank what criteria they use in selecting classes. Some considerations might be classes which meet college requirements, the instructor and the time the class meets.

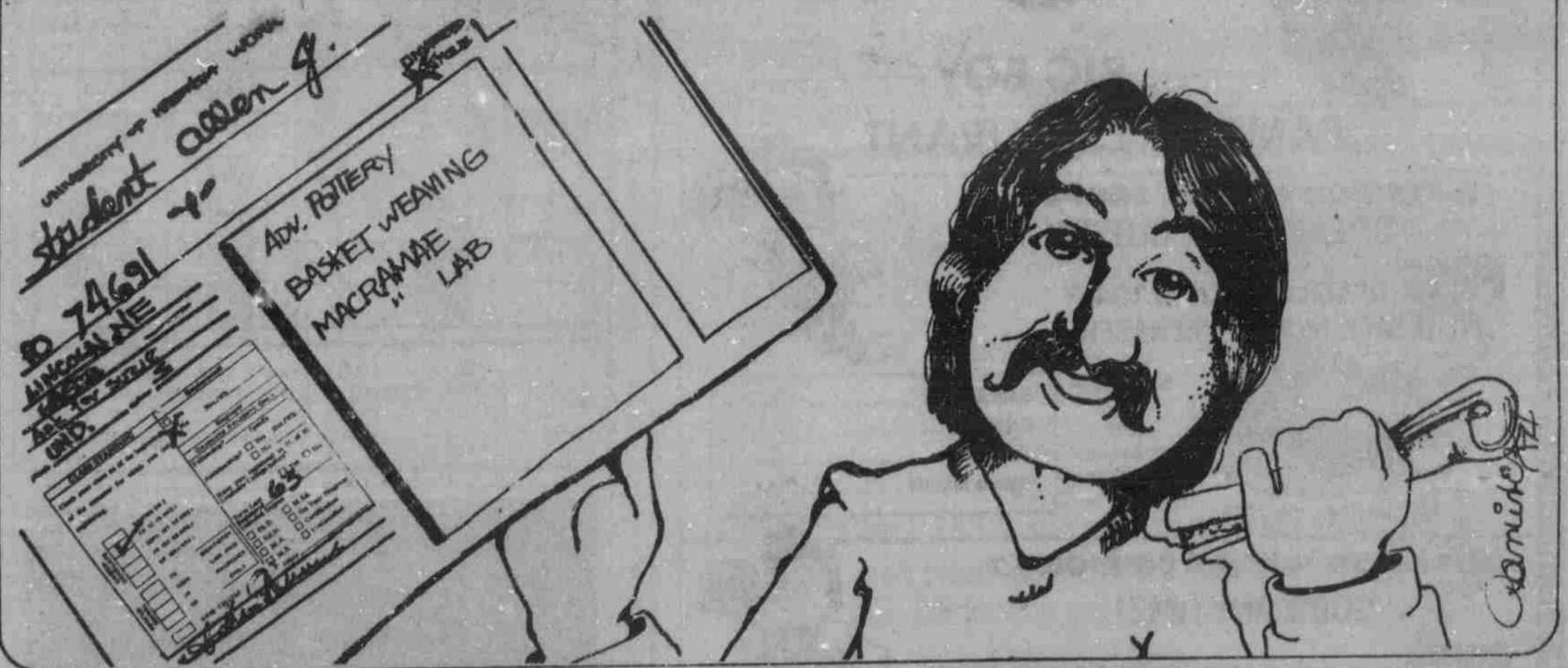
When students register they will be asked to rank their classes in order of preference.

If registration officials know the three classes a student most wants each semester, they can determine which students should have first priority in overfilled classes, Arnold said.

Under the current system for assigning classes to students, "there is no way of knowing which one of those (classes) the student has to have," Arnold said.

Task force members hope to identify the major registration problems and then focus on those problems, Arnold said.

The group will wait until the questionnaires are returned before making specific recommendations. Arnold said he hoped questionnaires would be returned by the end of February.



'No crisis too small' for Outreach service

By David Rees

"Outreach, Cathy speaking."

A caller to 472-2200 will hear a voice ready to listen. It's never a wrong number, no matter who calls.

The telephone number belongs to the Outreach Center, part of the University Health Center (UHC). Outreach is a confidential service for students with personal, emotional and health problems.

Outreach is "designed to help the individual resolve a crisis, and, if possible, function even more effectively than before the crisis," according to Carmen Grant, developer and staff coordinator.

The word crisis has a broad interpretation, from "wanting to commit suicide to feeling down because a favorite high school pin was lost," as Chuck, an Outreach worker, said.

Chuck explained, "No crisis is too small. It may be that the person just doesn't know how to go about solving his problem."

Robin, another Outreach worker, said, "Students call for objectivity" in solving their problems.

Most people call, because "they have no one else to talk to," Chuck added.

Outreachers are careful to explain it is a confidential service, with no attempt made to find out the callers' identity. Last names of Outreach workers are withheld to increase the service's confidentiality.

According to Chuck, the program's major problem is that "people often don't know it is available, or don't view it as an alternative."

In addition to the crisis intervention services they offer, outreachers are trained to answer some medical and general information questions.

Outreach began as the Crisis Health Aide program in 1971 "with many other hot lines, free clinics, and suicide prevention centers emerging in numerous communities and on university campuses," Grant said.

Outreach is "unique because of the closeness between paraprofessionals and professionals" in helping to solve the callers' problems, said Sheila Collins, one of several supervisors from the UHC

mental health staff.

Each of the 17 outreachers works five or six 5-hour shifts a month at \$5 for each shift. Unless the worker is a trainee or "provisional," he works alone answering the phone. The outreach worker also has a second phone he can use to contact one of the nurses, medical doctors or mental health staff members on call.

Paraprofessionals and professionals also hold weekly meetings to discuss problems related to the telephone service.

Special topics, such as suicidology, drugs, sexuality and other problems are discussed at the meetings.

Having students, and not professionals, answer the phone benefits the program.

"Many students who, otherwise, might not have sought help do so, either because of the anonymity of the service or because the person on the other end of the line is another student and not a mental health professional," Grant said.

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