

Housing office expecting deficit

UNL housing officials expect a \$62,000 budget deficit in the current academic year. UNL residence hall occupancy rate is the lowest in five years, according to an article Tuesday in the Lincoln Star.

The loss also would have included nearly \$250,000 in operating expenses had it not been for recent economy moves initiated by the Housing Office.

In a recent report to UNL Chancellor James Zumberge, the Housing Office said at the beginning of the 1973-74 spring semester, 90 per cent of the space was assigned. Yet the double occupancy equivalent rate was only 85.6 per cent.

The equivalent rate indicates the amount of space which would be occupied if each room housed two students.

A significant increase in the number of students who are paying single room rates to live alone has increased the percentage of space assigned, officials noted.

Both occupancy figures were lower in 1969-70, but since then more space has been used in the residence halls. Some

floors have been closed this year.

A comparison of residence hall contracts shows the number is lower this year than in any of the previous five years—a factor which has significant impact on housing revenues.

In anticipation of increasing costs, coupled with lower revenues, housing officials last year began an economy drive which included steps ranging from the discontinuation of free meals for residence hall employees to reducing the quality of some food served.

Housing officials have not yet stated that an increase in dormitory rates would be requested this fall, despite the loss in revenue.

The Housing Office report was presented to the regents at their last meeting. It includes a detailed comparison of UNL with other Big 8 schools, in terms of occupancy rates, campus enrollments, changes in payment rates and policies on alcohol and visitation. UNL housing regulations are among the strictest in the Big 8, according to the report.

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Awareness week to focus on women

"We're not getting older. We're getting better!"

Not an ad for hair color, this is one of the topics to be discussed during Women's Awareness Week, Feb. 25 to March 2.

Theme of the week-long program to be held at Nebraska Union is "We're Opening Doors for People." Meetings, speeches, panels and discussions for both women and men will be featured.

A major program attraction will be Frances "Sissy" Farenthold, chairperson of the National Women's Political Caucus and first woman ever to be nominated for United States vice president.

A schedule for Women's Awareness Week:

Feb. 23—Information booth at Gateway chapter.

Feb. 25—Alumnae Day: Film, "Laws—Who needs them?" luncheon and panel discussion, sponsored by the YWCA.

Feb. 26—Sissy Farenthold presentation; fund-raising cocktail party, proceeds to go to Nebraska women political candidates.

Feb. 27—Open hearing with the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women; feminist films, sponsored by University Women's Action Group and the National Organization for Women, Omaha

Feb. 28—Panel discussion, "Laws—Who needs them?" sponsored by the YWCA.

March 1—Attitude adjustment activities.

March 2—"How people create relationships and how relationships create people." The day-long workshop will include small group discussions, presentations by the UNL dance studio and a luncheon discussion on "Women's Liberation—Some Male Responses."

Registration for group discussions must be in by Feb. 20.

Cost is \$5 for four discussions.

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