Reaction to housing changes favorable

If barriers have existed between UNL students and the Board of Regents, some of those barriers might now be dissolving.

In a 6-1 vote Saturday, the regents approved a differentiated housing proposal that included more coed visitation hours, eliminating the open door and sponsorship policies and providing floors for students with similar academic interests.

Tim Evensen, the Residence Hall Assoc. (RHA) president, said, it was a "great surprise that it (differentiated housing) went through with so little opposition.

"It shows we are bettering our relationship with regents," he said, and proves that students can accomplish something by working through proper channels instead of through mass violations.

When students' efforts for a more liberal housing policy were frustrated by the regents the past year, a lawsuit by RHA and ASUN was filed. Some students believed a mass violation of visitation rules could be the only answer.

The new changes will put more responsibility on students for enforcing policies, Evensen said.

"it is up to the students now to show regents we are adults . . , we have argued this all along," he noted.

He said he was not disappointed that alcohol or 24-hour visitation were not allowed, even though he would like to see them, he added.

ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the vote.

He said it was a big step and students might come back to ask for additional changes "when it would be more acceptable to the Board of Regents."

Regent Ed Schwartzkopf of Lincoln said he "was pleased with the way we (students and regents) worked with the system."

Of possible additional housing changes, he said, "We don't carve this (the accepted proposal) into stone.

"I'm not one to say 'don't come back in the next five years" for additional changes, he added.

Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha said, "I don't see this (the accepted proprosal) as the final (change) for the next 50 years."



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10:30 a.m. - Mini University No. 2 "Alcoholiam"-Nebraska Union 3 p.m. - Mini University No. 3 "Fees Allocation Board"-Union 5:45 p.m. - Delta Sigme Pl-Union 6 p.m. - Towne Club dinner-Union 6:45 p.m. - Towne Club-Union 7 p.m. - Lambda Chi Alpha-Union 7:30 p.m. - Math counselors-Union 8 p.m. - "Once Upon A Mattress"-Union 9 p.m. - Kappa Psi-Union

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