

Swerdlow: new housing policy working well in residence halls

By Mark Hoffman

Differentiated housing in UNL residence halls is working excellently, the Council on Student Life (CSL) was told Thursday night at its meeting.

Kenneth Swerdlow, assistant director of housing, said floors are making use of their maximum number of hours and the associated living plan with males and females living on separate wings of the same floor in two floors of Abel Hall was successful.

The question of how liberalizing dormitory rules has attracted students to dormitories, however, was not answerable, he and Richard Armstrong, CSL member and UNL housing director, said.

But, Armstrong said, 114 more students requested single rooms this year than last. Because students must pay \$1,395 for a single room compared

to \$1,095 for a double room, he noted, the dollar amount between this year and last was not as great as the fewer students this year would indicate.

Swerdlow told the council that about 4 per cent, or about 2,900 students, now are living on floors with a maximum of 14 hours visitation. Only 75 students have no hours of visitation, he said.

Students were given a choice of 14, 8 or zero hours of visitation. Graduate students, housed apart from undergraduates, are allowed 24 hours of visitation.

Students are using their maximum number of hours, Swerdlow said, and the only problems seem to be that some floors requesting eight hours of visitation want to increase to 14.

The differential housing plan took effect this year. Some of the major changes included a maximum of 14 hours of visitation compared to 6 hours during weekends last year and 12 hours on Saturday. Now residents are not required to keep their doors open when a member of the opposite sex is visiting although they had to last year. Also the associated living plan was developed at Abel Hall.

One of the major arguments for liberalizing dormitory rules was that occupancy was sagging. Proponents of the plan contended that the changes would make living in residence halls more attractive.

Although Swerdlow said there is a more positive student reaction about living in residence halls this year, he added that occupancy is down. For instance, 4,553 students occupied dormitory rooms as of Sept. 3. This is 276 fewer students than a year ago.

While noting that the plan, as approved by the NU Board of Regents, prohibits floors from increasing the number of hours they began with, he indicated response may be favorable to changing that specification.

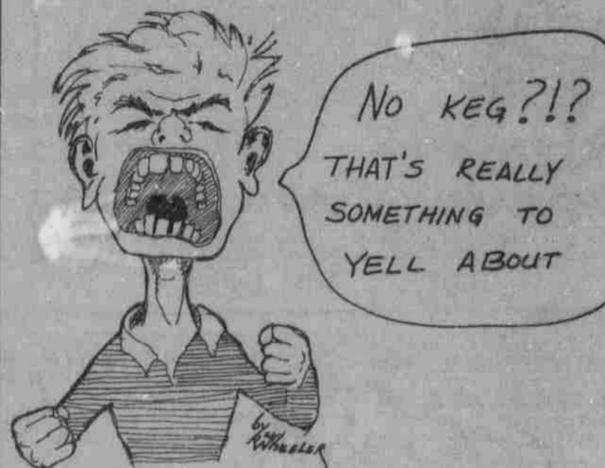
"I don't want to be held to that literally," he added in saying floors may not increase visitation hours.



Kenneth Swerdlow, UNL assistant director of housing.

Financial help must be noted

All students who have received scholarships or grants which are not recorded on their tuition statements should take those statements to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids to have them adjusted.



Pizza replaces keg for 'Yell Like Hell'

There won't be any keg of "refreshment" awarded as a prize at Friday's "Yell Like Hell" Rally. According to Mike Jacobson, Rally chairman of Corn Cobs, University officials will not allow the organizers to give away a keg as a prize.

The rally, a yearly event, is cosponsored by UNL spirit groups Corn Cobs and Tassels and by the marching band. The event, which begins at 6 p.m. at the south steps of the Nebraska Union and ends in Memorial Stadium, is an attempt to drum up spirit for the Nebraska vs. Oregon football game Saturday, rally organizers said.

The groups publicized the event, saying that a "keg of refreshment" would be awarded to the group with the best cheer.

Ely Meyerson, dean of administration for student affairs, said the decision to prohibit giving the keg was based on UNL policy banning the sale or distribution of alcohol on campus.

Meyerson also said the event was not correctly approved before publicity went out.

Jim Eiberger, Corn Cobs president, said the rally had received approval from ASUN and from Jack Guthrie, business officer of student activities.

Schramm Residence Director Ina Luhring told the *Daily Nebraskan* that advertisements for the rally were placed in Schramm residents' mail boxes, but were removed because they hadn't been approved by Ken Swerdlow, assistant director of housing.

Eiberger said the prize at the rally will be a certificate worth 16 Valentino's pizzas instead of the keg.

Congressman Charlie Thone has agreed to attend the rally to address the crowd, Eiberger said.

Renovated Coliseum to house P.E. classes

By Rex Seline

The Coliseum, once-called "the showplace of the Midwest," will have a new occupant with the completion of the Fairgrounds sports complex in August 1975, according to Madge Phillips, chairwoman of the combined Men and Women's Physical Education departments, merged last June.

Extensive renovation costing almost 3 million dollars will accompany the move, according to Harry Allen, central planning committee member and director of Institutional Research and Planning.

Phillips said that all of the programs in the new department are joint, meaning that men's classes now in Henzlik, the old men's P.E. Building and the Coliseum will join women's classes in the Coliseum. Men and women's classes will also continue to be held in the present women's P.E. Building, he said.

The first renovation request will be made to the Legislature in 1975 for \$680,000, Allen said.

Phillips said that the move will allow expansion of the department's programs and relieve the problems men have encountered with the "slum-like" conditions in their old building.

A committee made up of representatives from the Physical Education and Recreation departments has made facility requests for the Coliseum including the construction of five gymnasiums, classrooms, handball courts, office space, reading rooms, squash courts, expansion of weight training facilities and instructional and research laboratories, according to William Tuning, committee chairman and Asst. Professor of Physical Education.

Tuning said that a running track was also requested. The track would be suspended from the roof on the outside of the Coliseum and would be covered for use during the winter.

Tuning's committee drew their plans based on data taken from the past two years from the two departments and projections made for expansion of course and activity offerings.

Faculty, staff and student recreational participation will be an important part of the planned use of the facilities, Phillips said. The department has been trying to "dove-tail" with the recreation department "to make sure the facilities are used to the maximum," he added.

The department also hopes to continue to add activity classes and plans to add a major in Athletic Training, Phillips said.

"What we're trying to do is think big. We've got to have flexible facilities," Phillips said.

The increasing demand for classes in such areas as tennis, karate, golf, ballet and modern jazz has created the need for more space and caused Phillips and Tuning to try to develop a "program consistent with the trends," Phillips said.

Tuning said he hopes classes and the new recreational offering will begin moving into the Coliseum by the 1976-77 school year. The departments will probably not be able to completely occupy the facilities until some time during the 1977-78 school year, he said.