

Criminal justice majors seek UNL graduation

By Paula Damke

Representatives of UNL criminal justice majors say they will meet with Steven Sample, executive vice president for student affairs, to try to graduate at UNL instead of at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). The 440 criminal justice majors are now required to graduate at UNO.

Martin Crowley, a criminal justice majors representative, said after a Thursday meeting with Adam Breckenridge, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, that 65 per cent of 175 criminal justice majors want UNL written on their diploma. He said their second choice was NU and 81 per cent did not want UNO engraved on their diploma.

Crowley, an Omaha senior in criminal justice, said he came to UNL to get a degree and didn't know until his junior year that he was going to have to travel to Omaha to graduate at UNO.

Breckenridge said he "tried to explain to the representatives that the criminal justice department is not the only program affected by the UNL-UNO merger."

Breckenridge said criminal justice is a UNO-based department and UNL provides only space for the UNL criminal justice department.

He said the Engineering Dept. is an example of a UNL-based department with a UNO extension department. Breckenridge said UNO engineering students receive their degrees from UNL.

Breckenridge said the problem involves more than just criminal justice. He said the majors must realize that because criminal justice is a UNO-based program that UNL has nothing to do with the actual program or the setting up of degrees.

University system

Bill Luden, a Sidney senior in criminal justice, said

"if the university is a system, I would like to know why a criminal justice major cannot graduate at UNL."

Kathy Andersen, a senior criminal justice major said the method of graduation "leaves a lot to be desired." She said she did not know until this year she would have to graduate at UNO.

Crowley said he could not understand how Breckenridge did not consider the graduation problem a political one.

"The criminal justice departments on both campuses are trying to impress each other so consequently the students are caught in between," Crowley said.

No UNO classes

He said there is no basis for the UNO graduation, because UNL criminal justice majors have not taken any other classes at UNO.

Luben and Crowley both said they intend to go to Law School and wanted their degrees from UNL. Crowley said at least 50 per cent of those surveyed indicated they were unaware that they have to graduate at UNO.

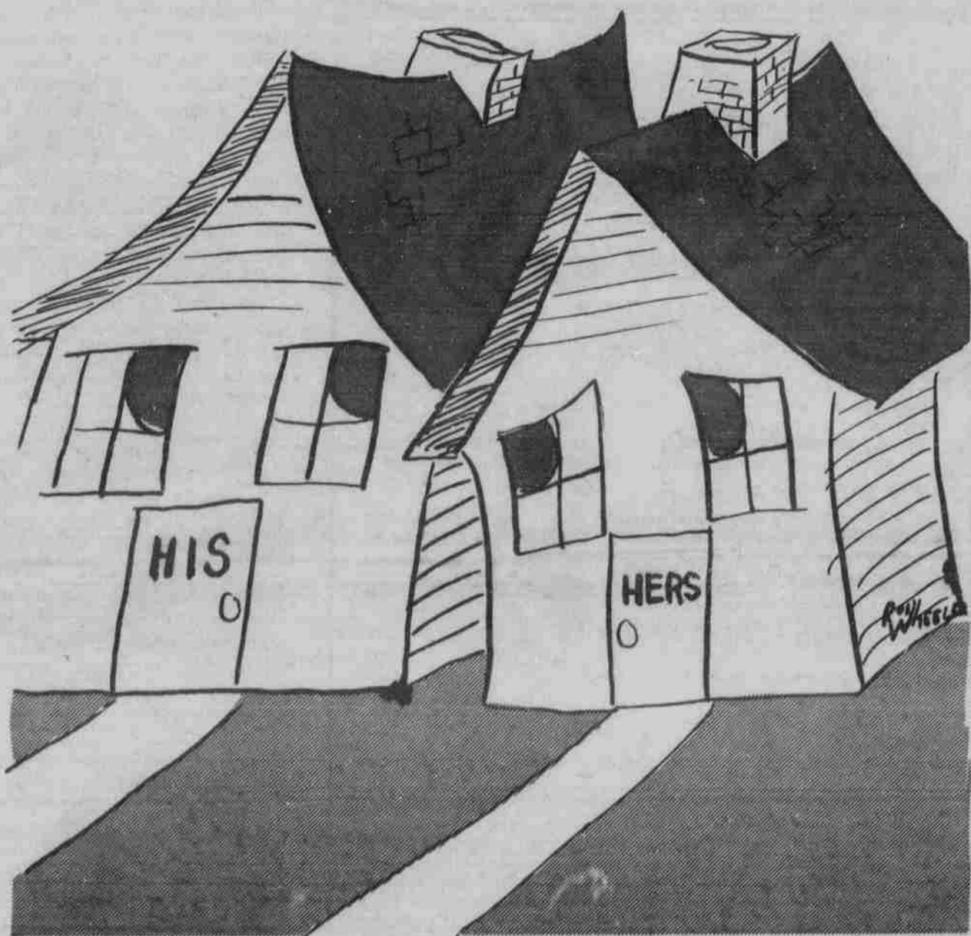
Crowley said he came to UNL to graduate from UNL and not from the UNO "high school."

He said if the representatives get no help from Sample, they will go to NU President D.B. Varner and the NU Board of Regents. Crowley said, "We are not giving up."

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Committees study married housing

By Lisa Brown

An ASUN ad hoc committee on married student housing and the CSL housing policy committee (HPC) are working for more married student housing.

Julie Bergmeier, ad hoc committee chairman, said the ASUN committee was organized last spring to study the issue and take necessary action. Serving on the committee with Bergmeier are ASUN Senators Mike Jacobson and Steve Evans and Don Thompson, a nonASUN member.

Married student housing was an issue in 1972 when UNL lost federal financing of its construction, but since then interest has quieted, Bergmeier said.

Richard Armstrong, UNL housing director, said that because of a lack of funds, married student housing construction will be considered again only if the need for it is shown to be much greater than the housing office now thinks it is. Conversion of Selleck Quadrangle to married student housing proved financially unfeasible, he said.

Construction priority

ASUN unanimously approved on Jan. 29 a resolution that priority be given to married student housing construction over all other UNL construction, except classrooms. The ASUN-CSL joint committee plans to discuss the issue as they organize a public hearing for later this spring or early next fall, Bergmeier said.

She said she would like to invite the UNL administration, housing administration, and NU Board of Regents to the hearing. If student response indicates that those wanting more married student housing are a representative body, and not a minority, the Housing Dept. might reopen the case, she said.

UNL has 85 married student housing units now, but will lose 17 at the end of the school year, Armstrong said. The regents passed a housing proposal in May 1974 to vacate the city campus units located at 1505 S St., 1548 R St. and 1540 R St., and to convert 28 units of Colonial Terrace, formerly faculty housing units, to married student housing.

Apartments vacated

Residents have vacated both groups of apartments during the school year and students have moved into the faculty apartments as they have become available. Joe Zannini, assistant director of housing for maintenance and operations, said the city campus apartments were not originally purchased for housing, but because their location would be advantageous to UNL expansion. He said the units were substandard and that it was economically unfeasible to upgrade the buildings or rebuild there.

The converted faculty units are duplexes and fourplexes of several types, said Dori Bush, married student housing program director. Eight units at Colonial Terrace remain faculty apartments.

While researching the issue, Bergmeier compiled a survey of married student housing among Big 8 schools showing Kansas having the next lowest total above Nebraska with 300 units, and Iowa State having the most with 1,300. The figures were from the 1973-74 academic year.

Before housing will reconsider again, Armstrong said, more evidence is needed. Vacancies in the Lincoln Housing Authority during the academic year indicate that there isn't a housing shortage for those who would qualify for married student housing, he said.

Qualifications

To qualify for married student housing, which Bush said is lower priced than many units on the open housing market, students must be married or divorced, separated or single with children, and be full-time students. UNL married student housing units rent for \$101 per month for a one-bedroom furnished apartment to \$139 a month for an unfurnished three bedroom apartment.

Bush said 200 applications are now on file and there may be more pressure from students to acquire units next year when the total number of units is reduced from 85 to 68. She said some improvements might be made in the current program, but nothing definite is planned yet.

Students now are chosen to live in the units on a "first come, first serve" basis with no consideration of financial need, Bush said. Students are also allowed to keep the apartments for as long as they make the payments and are full-time students at UNL.

ASUN approves election procedure

Constitutional revision proposals and spring election procedures were approved in a special ASUN Senate meeting Sunday, when the Senate achieved and held a quorum for the first time in three weeks.

The proposed constitution changes will come up for approval in the spring elections. It will require support from 15 per cent of the student body to approve the changes, although one proposed revision would change that requirement to a simple majority of those voting in future elections.

Other major changes proposed by the Senate include:

- changing ASUN elections to the fall semester.
- requiring the ASUN president to submit a budget for approval to the Senate before December.
- changes in the student cabinet membership.

The ASUN elections will be held Mar. 19 under the proposals accepted by the Senate. The filing deadline will be Feb. 28 and installation will occur Apr. 2.

The delay from the original Mar. 12 proposal will mean that the new ASUN president will miss one meeting of the Board of Regents in his non-voting membership status, according to ASUN President Ron Clingenpeel.

"I'll probably take the new president to the March meeting to get him acquainted with the Board, but legally he can't become a member until the April meeting, after he's been installed," Clingenpeel said.

In other business, seven Union Board appointments were approved, the rental of a new copier for the ASUN office was agreed to, and the meeting time for future regular meetings was changed to 6 p.m. to allow senators the opportunity to attend Wednesday night Lenten season services.

The meeting was adjourned amidst controversy over the status of senators who have three unexcused absences. The ASUN constitution says that the first vice president may decree that members who miss more than three meetings be removed.

Sen. Jim Macomber, filling in for First Vice President Sharon Johnson who was out of town and excused, refused to take action and adjournment was agreed to.