

Visiting ISU students contrast UNL, Illinois

Restricted residence hall visitation and no alcohol on campus were two of the differences noted by nine Illinois State University (ISU) students who visited UNL this week.

The students are members of the ISU Association of Residence Halls (ARH) and are visiting seven midwest schools to observe their residence halls and campus services.

After touring the campus, Debbie Arakelian, executive assistant to the ISU ARH, said their group considers ISU's residence halls quite advanced compared to UNL's.

Strong Greeks

Tim Evensen, UNL Residence Hall Association (RHA) president, said about 8,000 people live in ISU's residence halls while about 4,500 live in UNL's. UNL has a stronger Greek system than ISU, Evensen said. Greeks were organized at ISU within the last several years, and still are not located on campus, Arakelian said.

Evensen scheduled the visiting students for conferences with people directing intramural recreation, the Nebraska Union, student government, *The Daily Nebraskan*, student affairs, housing programming, residence hall food services, the University Health Center and legal services.

Arakelian said 24-hour visitation began two years ago at ISU. After the doors are locked at 11:45 p.m. on weeknights and 12:45 a.m. on weekends, residents with student identification are allowed entry, and guests may enter after a resident registers them.

Only one woman residence hall has 24-hour visitation, she said.

Suprised at no alcohol

Arakelian said she was surprised that alcohol was not allowed on campus. At ISU alcohol is allowed in private rooms and lounge areas of residence halls, but not in the classrooms, she said. "ARH is pushing for beer in the union next."

She said they hope to make the union more of a student union. She said it is really a nonstudent union because food is overpriced, programs are not aimed toward student interests, rooms are rented to local businessmen and concert tickets sold there are priced too high.

A physical education major, Arakelian said she was impressed with the UNL stadium and training room.

"UNL's men's intramural program may be better than our's, but ISU's women's program is better and more comprehensive," she said.

After seeing UNL's residence halls Arakelian said her group may recommend salad bars, continental breakfasts, and permission for students to paint murals on their walls at ISU.

RHA paid for the visitors' meals and housing, and the ISU housing office paid for their transportation. They were housed in Neihardt, Pound, Sandoz, Abel, Schramm and Fedde residence halls.

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