

## RHA lack of quorum requires dorm ballots

Without a quorum, no official action could be taken at the Residence Hall Association (RHA) meeting Thursday night, but it was decided to send absentee ballots to the dorms which were not represented so that the agenda items could be decided.

A quorum could not be established because several dorm governments have not yet appointed representatives for next year. The ballots will be sent to the dorm presidents who will be asked to make the decisions for their halls.

The three items to be included on the ballot include the approval of a treasurer appointed by the president, funding for the executives to attend conferences over the summer and the planning of a retreat for the RHA Council to be held at the beginning of next year.

These items were all approved on a roll-call vote by the representatives present, and are pending approval by those dorms not represented.

Paul Harano, Harper Hall, was appointed treasurer by president Sue Ihne, subject to Council approval.

A motion was made that RHA pay the registration fees for the executives to attend housing conferences during the summer. The secretary and treasurer are planning to attend the National RHA Conference in Wisconsin, for which the registration fee is \$60 per person. The president and vice-president would attend the Mid-west RHA Conference in Oklahoma for a registration fee of \$48 per person. Representatives to the conferences would pay their own traveling expenses.

The other motion on the ballot calls for the RHA Council to hold a retreat in the fall of next year to establish goals for the year and to improve communication among the representatives. It sets a cost limit of \$100 and authorizes the president to make plans for the retreat over the summer.

In other business, the Council made plans for a picnic to be held Thursday, May 1 in Pioneers Park. Guests will include new and old RHA members, dorm presidents and members of the housing office.

The purpose of the picnic, according to Ihne, is to allow the representatives "to get to know each other, and to get to know the members of the housing staff."

"We're supposed to be working closely with the members of the housing staff," she said, "and it'd be a good idea if we got to know them."

## FINKS, SMILES to welcome freshmen

By Lisa Brown

When students return to the residence halls next fall, they'll find about 240 FINKS, SHRINKS, and SMILES waiting to help them move in and show them around.

FINKS, SHRINKS and SMILES are volunteer UNL students working under a student government program—Freshman Indoctrination of Nebraska Kids (FINK)—to initiate and sponsor social activities in the halls during FINK week, August 20-24.

Most of the halls' volunteers are called FINKS, but those in Smith call themselves SMILES (Smith Means I Like Everyone). Schramm volunteers call themselves SHRINKS (Schramm Hall Indoctrination of New Kids).

Robin Buchman, FINK chairman, represents the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and coordinates complex activities planned by FINK complex chairmen, complex program directors and volunteers. Marie Hansen, coordinator for residence hall programs, and Buchman work together to distribute information and schedules.

### Planning now

All activities are in the planning stages, Buchman said. Those now being considered include a dance Friday night and movies Saturday for all complexes, and a water balloon fight, watermelon feed, barbecue and hayrack ride for some complexes.

In past years an ice cream feed was sponsored for freshmen during FINK week, Hansen said, but this year there won't be one. She said there also won't be any campus organized tours on the university level for new students.

Hansen said that although the activities are directed toward freshmen, they are open to all residents. By Thursday of FINK week, about 60 per cent of the students have moved in, she said, and noted that the majority are new students who would be more interested in the activities.

The student government spends about 50 cents per resident for FINK week from its allotted \$3.50 per resident per semester, Buchman said. The volunteers receive free meals during FINK week and a T-shirt identifying them as FINKS.

### Biggest, best

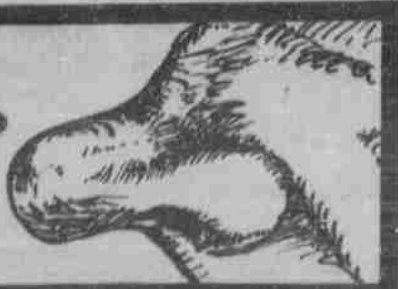
Hansen, who has worked with the program for several years, said she expects this year's to be the biggest and best yet. She said more enthusiastic students are working in the program than have in the last three years.

Each floor will have two Finks.

Buchman said they started organizing the program before spring break, and that correspondence between complex chairpersons will continue over summer, when the final schedule will be prepared.

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