

Wesleyan action revives liquor issue

By George Miller

Action by Nebraska Wesleyan University's Board of Governors legalizing the consumption of alcohol in their dormitories may spark another attempt to allow liquor in UNL residence halls.

The Wesleyan board reaffirmed its opposition to liquor in residence halls, but said its use is up to the "judgment and social responsibility of students."

Wesleyan spokesman Darrell Seng, director of publicity, said the Student Affairs Senate, the Wesleyan student senate, passed a resolution last April requesting a change in policy toward alcohol in dormitories. A committee of students, faculty members and Wesleyan governors was appointed to suggest changes, Seng said.

The board then approved the committee's suggestion to allow liquor in residence hall rooms and consumption in rooms by persons of legal age is authorized now, Seng said. Another committee of students, faculty members and administrators are devising implementation plans and hope to report to the governors in December.

Action to legalize liquor in UNL resi-

dence halls appears likely to originate in the Housing Policy Committee of the Council on Student Life (CSL).

Richard Armstrong, director of university housing, said a task force for differentiated housing will be appointed by the Housing Policy Committee. The task force will study all aspects of UNL residence hall living and recommend policy changes, Armstrong said.

He said a similar task force was appointed in 1973 and recommended extending visitation hours and legalizing liquor on campus. The NU Board of Regents rejected the alcohol proposal, Armstrong said.

He said he thinks another attempt to gain regent approval could come "perhaps by year's end."

Regent Robert Prokop of Omaha said he would like to wait and see how Wesleyan's policy works before approving any similar action for UNL. He said he would not like to approve alcohol on campus and later see Wesleyan revoke its new policy.

Later request

Prokop said he had heard no new efforts to bring such a proposal before the regents.

"I would seriously doubt that a matter

of this importance would come before the regents until after a permanent chancellor is appointed," Prokop said.

Acting UNL Chancellor Adam Breckenridge said he supposes the issue will come before the regents again but "I don't propose to initiate any proposal to bring before the regents."

Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Wesleyan's move would "add greater impetus" to bring the matter before the regents.

"We've got to recognize that Wesleyan is not a state supported institution and that they have a smaller student body," Bader said.

UNL is trying to enforce its policy prohibiting alcohol on campus, he said, but "there probably was and is consumption of alcohol in dorms and fraternities."

Study effects

Bader said the university needs to examine the effects of permitting the consumption and selling alcohol on state property.

He said he believes CSL's Housing Policy Committee's task force is the logical group to present proposals to the regents.

ASUN President Jim Say said that since two Nebraska universities—Creighton, in Omaha, and Wesleyan—now allow alcohol in residence halls, approval of liquor at UNL may be possible.

"There is almost no hope of getting (approval) through the regents," Say said. He said ASUN's Legislative Liaison Committee might attempt to seek approval of a proposal through the state Legislature.

Two-pronged attack

He said there is no official joint effort by campus student organizations to change the policy, but added there could be a "two-pronged attack," with ASUN attempting to get approval through the Legislature and CSL's task force presenting the issue to the regents.

However, he said when the CSL task force makes a recommendation, ASUN probably will approve a resolution supporting it.

Sue Ihne, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president, said RHA will consult other groups on campus "in order to get a united effort."

RHA and CSL are to meet to discuss the CSL task force and arrange coordination.

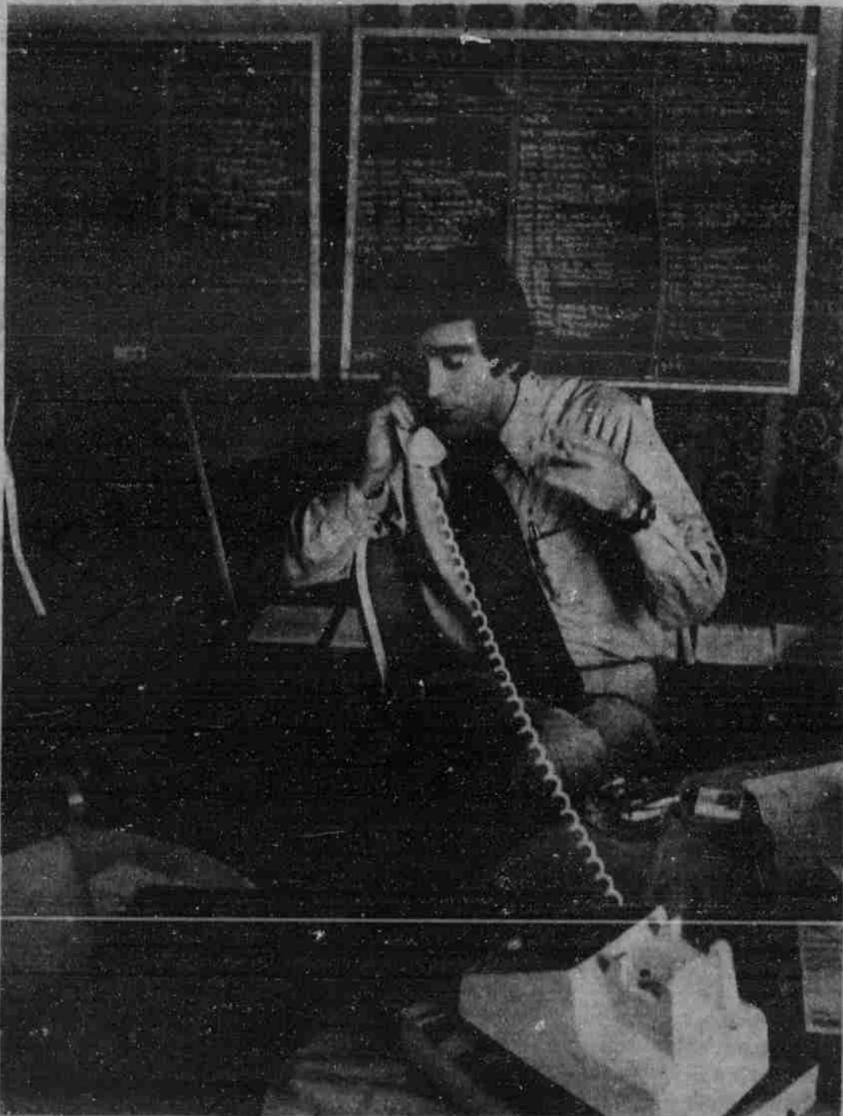


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Jeffrey Eves, White House conference director

Former UNL student aids President's public relations

By Rex Selene

At least one UNL graduate will be more than routinely concerned with President Ford's trip to Omaha today.

Jeffrey Eves, a 1969 graduate, is coordinating Ford's "Town Hall" meetings in his duties as director for White House conferences for the Office of Public Liaison.

Eves said his job involves responsibility on two fronts.

"It includes liaison between the White House and local, state and regional organizations that represent the public," Eves said.

The organizations, which represent business, labor, ethnic groups, environmentalists and similar interest groups, participate by selecting delegates to voice their concerns at the conferences, Eves said.

Logistical arrangements

Eves said he makes logistical arrangements for the President's town hall meetings. His work includes meeting with the government officials who are to speak.

Eves said government officials scheduled to appear are largely the choice of the local conference cosponsors.

"We leave as much option as possible to them," he said, but choices depend on the availability of the officials.

Omaha's conference has 17 cosponsoring organizations, including NU. Joining Ford on the program are Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz; Health, Education and Welfare Secretary David Mathews; Transportation Secretary William Coleman; Presidential Economic Affairs Assistant L. William Seidman, Federal Energy Admin-

istrator Frank Zarb, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train and Eves' boss, William J. Baroody Jr., assistant to the President for public liaison.

Policy change

Town hall meetings and the Office of Public Liaison were established by the Ford administration and represent policy changes from the Nixon administration, according to Eves, who worked in both.

"There's no comparison at all in attitudes between administrations," he said. "The Ford attitude is so clearly superior it's almost incomparable."

According to Eves, Ford's Public Liaison Office makes his the first presidency to consider the public as equal with the press and the Congress on White House organizational tables.

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Weather

Wednesday: Partly sunny and cool. Highs in the low 60s. Northwest winds ranging from 10-15 m.p.h.
 Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with temperatures in the mid-30s.
 Thursday: Sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid to upper 70s.

Breckenridge moves into new office

That search committee almost made a career of it. That's what NU President D.B. Varner had to say about the search committee for a new vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

After 13 months of deliberation, Adam Breckenridge, then the acting vice chancellor was chosen. Breckenridge became vice chancellor Aug. 1.

Now, two months later, Breckenridge has become interim chancellor, replacing Chancellor James Zumbege who resigned effective today to become president of Southern Methodist University.

A search committee for chancellor has been formed, and hopefully will have a list of nominees by Dec. 1, Varner said, adding that he hopes to have the replacement on campus by Feb. 1.

It may be hard for a replacement to vacate a position in the middle of the year, Varner said.

"However, if we find a suitable replacement and that person accepts, then he or she is of limited use in their own position. They have no long-term potential or authority," he said.

Breckenridge has said he will not take

the position of chancellor if nominated. He accepted a three year appointment as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and after that will return to teach political science, he said.

Even though Breckenridge would accept only a three-year term as vice chancellor, a new search committee was not formed, Varner said.

"I think Chancellor Zumbege's opinion was that three years of Breckenridge would be extremely valuable," he said.