Regents asked to approve rise in housing rates

The NU Board of Regents will be aksed to approve a $35 rate increase for double room occupancy in UNL residence halls, said Richard Armstrong, UNL director of housing, at a meeting sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Thursday night.

Armstrong presented the results of the annual UNL Housing Office Rate Study to a group of about 25 students in the Nebraska Union.

The increase is based on projected operation costs for residence halls in the 1976-77 academic school year, Armstrong said. With approval of the hike, residents will pay $1,225 for a double room next year, he said.

This is a three per cent price increase over the 1975-76 school year, compared to a nine per cent rise from 1974-75 figures, he said.

Armstrong told the group an additional $66 a student was needed to have next year's housing budget be proportional to this year's budget.

However, he said raising the additional amount paid for single rooms over double rooms from $300 to $350 is "a legitimate way to bridge the $66 to $35 gap."

Armstrong said the total increase for housing residency rates in the last three years is 25 per cent.

Other RHA business Thursday night included the approval of two sections from the Housing Policy Committee Task Force's report on differentiated housing.

Unanimous approval was given a resolution asking the regents to establish a housing option allowing for 24 hour opposite sex visitation.

The council also approved the Task Force's recommendation asking regents to allow the use of alcohol in residence halls with restrictions set up by the UNL administration.

RHA Vice-President Tom Bradley told the council an election commission would be appointed soon for RHA elections. They will be in late February or early March. Bradley, a sophomore living in Harper Hall, said one person from each residence hall will be appointed to the commission.

FAB won't renew Campus Assistance Center bid

The Fees Allocation Board (FAB) Thursday night decided not to initiate another proposal for the Campus Assistant Center (CAC), which was discussed by the board at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Faculty board member Jim Lewis said he thought FAB should not be involved in initiating the center's revival.

"It is not the right thing for us to do," Lewis said. "The board was not formed to lobby or support ideas. Our involvement would be out of place."

Ely Meyerson, dean of student development, attended the meeting and told the board that the administration "has no intention of resurrecting the CAC proposal."

Meyerson said that he supports Lewis' opinion.

According to Don Wesely, board chairman, the issue is a question of jurisdiction.

"For myself it is a moral question of a project having great potential and being dismissed," he said.

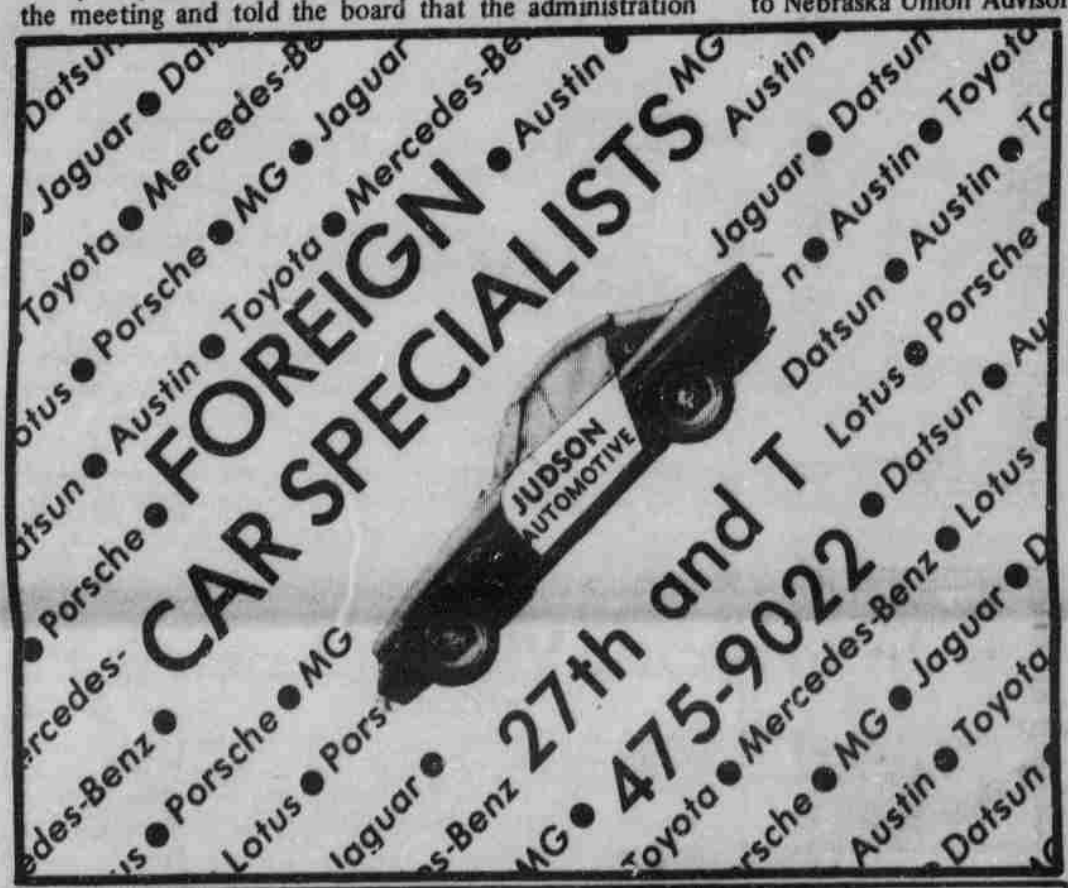
Lewis suggested that ASUN or the Council on Student Life might be appropriate organizations to review the center and possibly reintroduce the proposal.

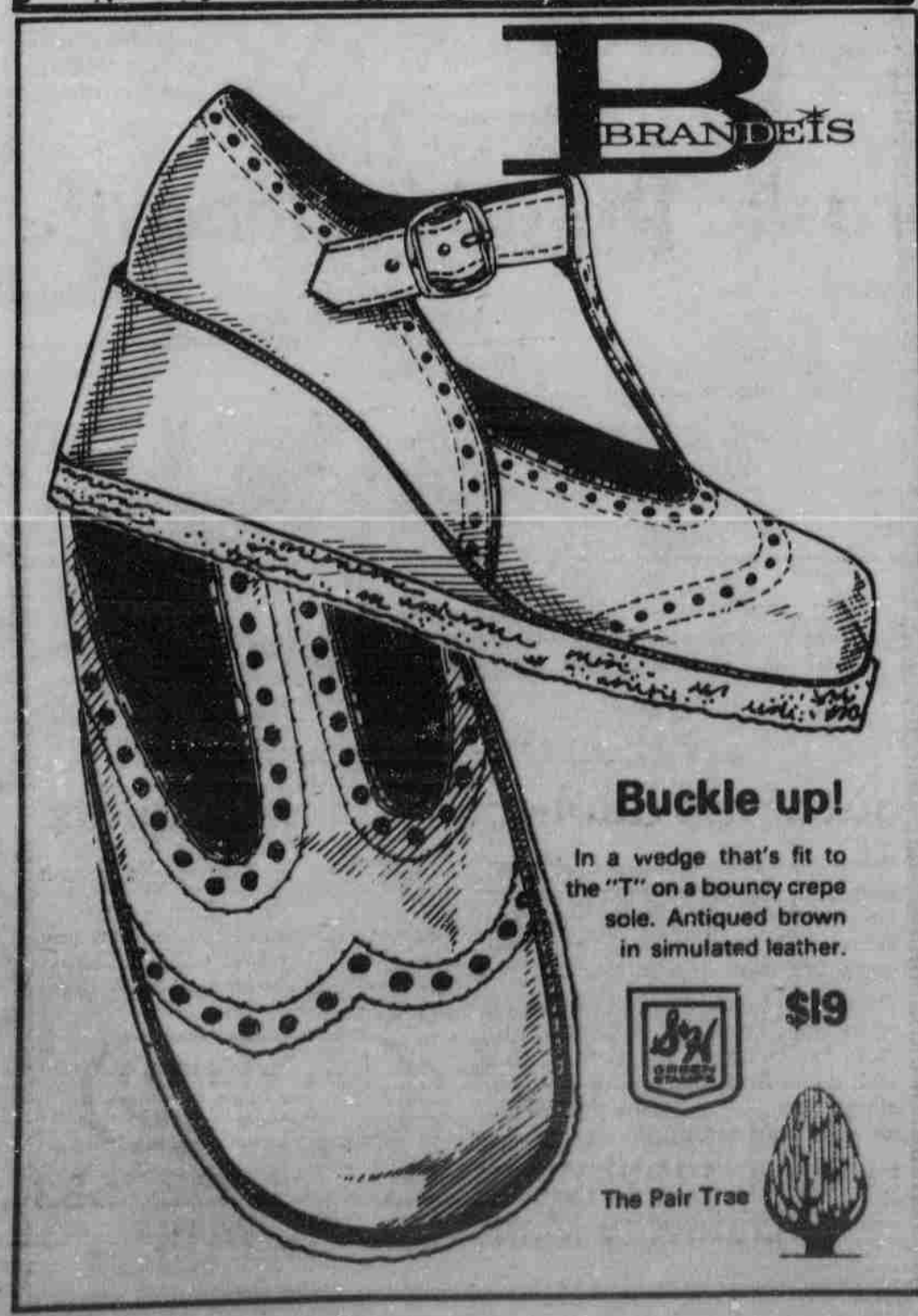
The board also discussed the policy of giving free meals to Nebraska Union Advisory Board members before each advisory board meeting.

The FAB subcommittee on Nebraska Union operations suggested to Allen Bennett, Union director, that the policy be discontinued, according to subcommittee member Sherry Cole.

According to Cole, Bennett said he believes it is his prerogative to provide the advisory board members with free meals.

Lewis suggested that Ken Bader, vice-chancellor for student affairs, be asked about supporting a uniform policy concerning the use of student fees for meals.





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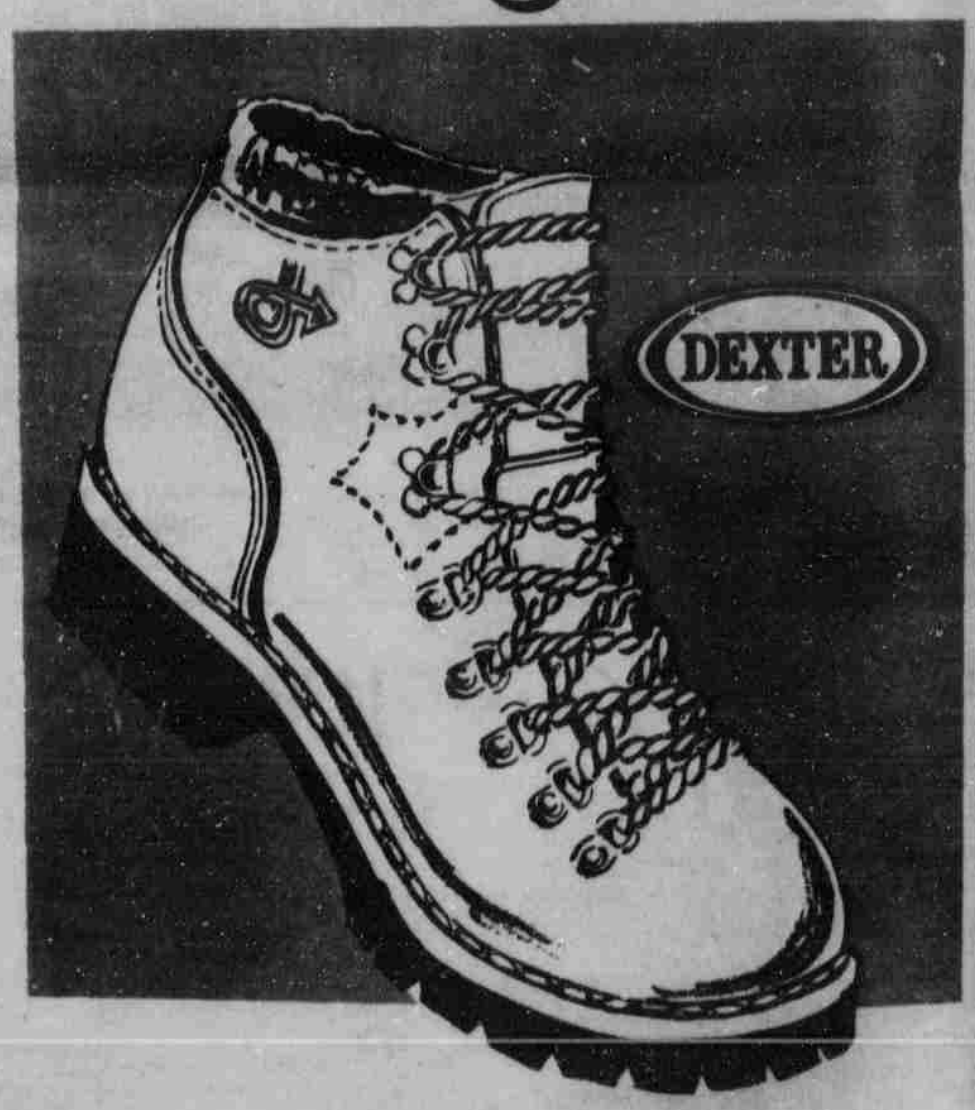

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