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Regents ax visitation and liquor proposals

By Ann Owens

UNL student and administration efforts to allow 24-hour visitation rights and alcohol consumption in residence halls were defeated by the NU Board of Regents Saturday.

The board voted 4-1 to reject both proposals offered by Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen. Hansen, who expressed concern with security problems in 24-hour visitation situations, cast the only affirmative vote on each proposal.

Opposed were Regents Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, Robert Koefoot of Grand Island, James Moylan of Omaha and Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff.

The visitation proposal would have allowed certain residence hall floors 24-hour visitation rights for a semester- or year-long experiment. Students would have had an option of living on floors with the 24-hour rights.

Earlier, Ken Bader, UNL vice-chancellor for student

affairs, and student Regent Jim Say told the board that a full evaluation would be conducted at the end of the experiment.

After voting down the visitation proposal, the board discussed alcohol consumption.

Lead a crusade

Schwartzkopf quoted figures from Parade Magazine on the number of alcohol related accidents and the increasing number of alcoholics in the United States.

"Do we have to hit the bottom?" he asked. "We should be leading a crusade for the nation instead of falling into a stupor."

Schwartzkopf asked Say what the benefits are of allowing alcohol in residence halls. He added that "within five minutes students could be in 50 bars off campus."

Say replied that one benefit of alcohol rights is making students more responsible by letting them make

choices.

Sue Ihne, Residence Hall Association president, Richard Yokum from the Lincoln Commission on Alcohol and Drugs, a spokesman for Bellevue Sen. Frank Lewis, and two representatives of the Council on Student Life spoke in favor of the alcohol proposal.

"Release to self-direction"

Say said that the regents assumed no data was available in favor of liberalized alcohol rights as he stacked reports, booklets, editorials, letters and surveys favoring alcohol in residence halls on the conference table.

Before voting on the alcohol proposal, Hansen said his experiences with students indicate that students are mature adults.

"The release to self-direction is the biggest growth anyone can have," he said.

Board reaffirms support of Varner's fiscal effort

NU President D.B. Varner laid his job on the line Saturday when he told the NU Board of Regents that if it did not approve of his actions to obtain money from the Nebraska Legislature and Gov. J. James Exon, they "ought to get a new president."

"If there is any discomfort of the board, tell me," he said. "If I am causing any problems, I think I ought to clear the air."

Varner referred to his appeal before the Legislature's Appropriations Committee Monday for an \$8 million increase, added to the base for next year's budget, to give NU parity with the average of the top three Big 8 Conference schools.

According to a Lincoln Evening Journal article, Exon had criticized Varner for the \$8 million request.

The board unanimously passed a resolution by Omaha Regent Kermit Hansen reaffirming its support of Varner, whom Hansen called "one of the finest executives that I have seen."

The \$8 million figure came from a report of the 1202 Commission Exon appointed a year and a half ago to study NU's financing in a comparison of Big 8 schools.

Varner said that he thought the Journal incorrectly reported that he had asked the Appropriations Committee for an \$8 million deficit fund for this year.

"The report (in the Journal) generated a strained and disturbing reaction," Hansen said.

In other business, the board raised the price of public football tickets from \$7.25 to \$8.25 a game, faculty season tickets from \$25 to \$30 and student season tickets from \$17 to \$20.



Photo by Ted Kirk

NU President D.B. Varner laid his job on the line Saturday at the NU Board of Regents meeting.

Young: Salary problems nationwide

By Ron Ruggless

NU needs to look beyond the Big 8 Conference when examining faculty members' salaries and university financing competition, according to Roy Young, who was chosen UNL chancellor Saturday by the NU Board of Regents.

Young, meeting with press, regents and NU and UNL administrators, said universities lose their best and highest quality faculty members of comparatively lower salaries.

"A university must be in competition with others across the nation," said Young, currently vice-president of research and graduate studies at Oregon State University.

Young said that faculty bargaining as a way of gaining more faculty member power in determining salaries, has gained much attention the past few years.

"There are many factors to be considered (in faculty bargaining)," he added. Young said many community and two-year colleges are looking at and accepting collective bargaining units.

"Faculty should be sure they are going to gain more than they are giving away," he said. He declined to respond to the question of faculty bargaining at UNL.

Approving the regents' decision Saturday to establish a commission to study the quality of undergraduate education in the NU system, Young said "there is a need to establish quality undergraduate education at all (NU) campuses."

Based on the paper organization he has examined, Young said, the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is "one of the stronger organizations I've seen."

Suit possible if AAUP loses bid

If the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) loses its bid today to become UNL's collective bargaining agent, a suit is likely to be filed for a new election, according to Nels Forde, AAUP UNL chapter president.

Forde said a letter, drafted by NU President D.B. Varner outlining the "disadvantages" of faculty bargaining and sent to about 1,400 UNL faculty members may be used as evidence to justify calling for another election.

According to the guidelines set down by the Nebraska Court of Industrial Relations, the NU Board of Regents and UNL administration were warned not to make statements influencing today's vote.

"I don't have the slightest doubt we will appeal the

According to AAUP's lawyer, he said, the letter contains several factual errors.

In Varner's letter, the NU president said that he has received evidence that Nebraska citizens are negative to a faculty union and "if this is true and if the faculty unionizes, the university may lose a significant portion of the broad base of public support which it currently enjoys."

The court's guidelines state that management is not to prejudice the vote, Forde said.

Forde said AAUP representatives will be in every UNL department today trying to contact faculty members and urging them to vote in the election.

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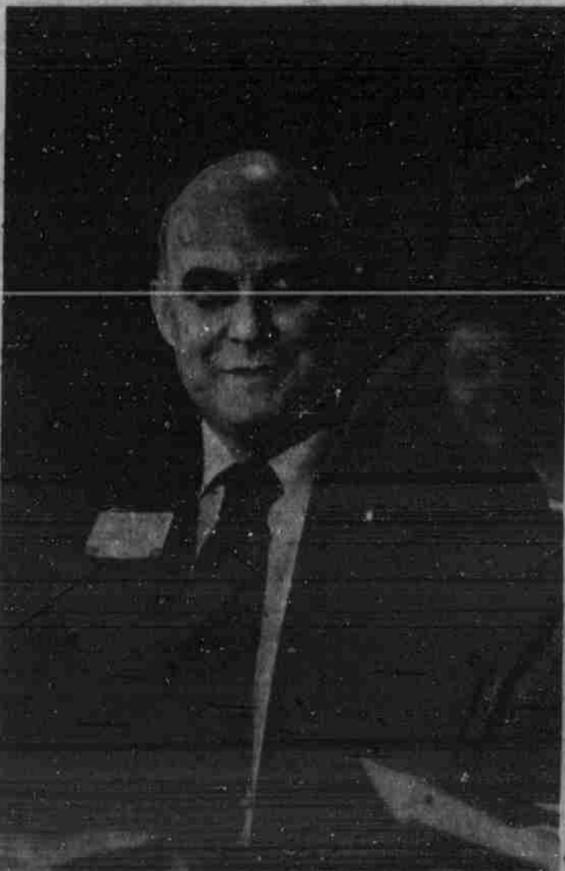


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Roy Young, chosen UNL chancellor Saturday by the NU Board of Regents, told regents, NU administrators and the press that salary problems are not confined to the Big 8 Conference, but are nationwide.