

Zatechka: 'Needless damages' caused students' exit

By Rich Jurgens

Almost all the residents of Heppner Three in Neihardt Residence Center have to move by Friday for what the UNL housing director called "a long history of needless damages."

Included in the vandalism were damaged window screens, room doors, ceiling lights and "a general clutter in the hall," consisting of apples, oranges and other items, Housing Director Doug Zatechka said.

He said the damage done this semester totals around \$1,000.

Dan Dunn, a Heppner Three resident who will be moving, said it is the general opinion of those involved that they "overstepped their boundaries," and probably should be moved.

Dunn said the students had been warned several times in writing to stop destroying university property.

The main concern of the students being moved is that not all Heppner Three residents were involved in the vandalism and

therefore should not be forced to move.

Housing list

Zatechka said his office will be compiling a list of those students not involved, and they will be allowed to stay.

The students who will leave said they would give Zatechka a list of residents who were not involved.

The students defended their destruction of university property by charging that poor living conditions exist on Heppner Three.

The students said Heppner Three is a fire and safety hazard. The showers have light sockets directly above them, the fire hose has holes in it and the nozzle doesn't work.

One student said he had asked that the stairwells be painted, but the request was denied.

A list given to the Daily Nebraskan enumerated other alleged health hazards that students said have been a problem in previous years.

Zatechka said he was not aware of all the problems and that they would be looked into.

Money available

He said if a student is paying for something, there should be up-keep. He added that there is money available to make changes.

However, he said a rational reaction to the problems is not to make more holes in the walls.

Zatechka said the students would be moved to other residence halls by Friday.

"I'm not going to have people sitting up there for the next five weeks causing destruction," he said.

Some of the residents of Heppner Three are worried about being moved to East Campus when their classes are on City Campus.

Zatechka said the students would be housed where there are open spaces, and the students would be spread throughout the residence halls.

"I wouldn't contemplate putting them together," he said. Zatechka said the group would not be permitted to live on the same floor this semester or next semester.

"I have to break up a community that seems to feed off itself in a negative way," he said.

However, he said he would like to work with the students on their preference on where to live and said he thought a couple of students wanted to live on East Campus.

"I don't want it (placement of the students) to be a vindictive kind of thing," Zatechka said.

On the other hand, Zatechka said, "I won't let them live in Heppner Three again."

Zatechka said the housing department is trying to establish positive communities in residence halls and that the type of action going on in Heppner Three could not go on forever.

Living in a dormitory is like a landlord-tenant arrangement where both parties have to abide by the written contract, he said.

"I have a hard time understanding why legal actions like this have to be taken," he said.

On the other hand, he said he didn't want to have 5,000 other students living in residence halls paying for damages caused by a few people.

Ware: 'Excellence II' goals are missed for minorities

By Rose Fitzpatrick

Little has been done to help minority students at UNL under the provisions of a five-year plan implemented in 1974 by the NU Board of Regents to improve UNL overall, according to the counselor of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

Lloyd Ware said the enrollment of Native American students at UNL has tripled in the last three years, but support and programs designed for those students has not increased since 1974, despite the apparent intention of the regents to do so.

Chuck Roach, president of the Council of American Indian Students, said he also questions the sincerity of goals for minority students.

The five-year plan containing the goal for minorities is called "Toward Excellence II," an update of an earlier campus improvement plan.

Roach, in a letter to UNL Chancellor Roy Young, cited provisions of the plan he thought applied to Indian students, and suggested that the university "take a good, hard look" at guidelines which haven't been met.

One section of the plan states that "UNL (has) an obligation to step up efforts to recruit and retain students from ethnic minorities, coupled with more financial support. Special attention needs to be paid to special needs of these students so that they have equal opportunity in higher education."

"During the next five years, major emphasis will be placed on retaining minority students, providing them with the social, intellectual and financial support necessary to motivate the students to remain in school."

But Ware said financial aid opportunities open to Native Americans have not been increased.

Roach said the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids steers Native American students mainly toward Basic Educational Opportunity Grants and Bureau of Indian Affairs money and does not look into other sources.

Other sources include Indian Health Services and Indian Fellowship grants in addition to scholarships from special funds for students with high grade point averages, Roach said.

In many cases, the financial aid that Native American students receive is their sole support, Roach said.

Another of the statements in the five-year plan regards "non-traditional students: "For individuals who for one reason or another have not been able to complete their college program, the university should provide easier access to the continuation of their education. This, in particular includes women whose education was interrupted to raise a family. New and different advising and counseling programs will be needed as well as academic programs which meet their needs and goals."

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Residents of Heppner Three, who have to move by Friday, pose for photographer with personal effects in hall.

Chambers tries to remove \$1 million from budget

By Gordon Johnson

Krugerrands became a subject of controversy again Tuesday when Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha cried to have \$1 million removed from the UNL budget because the university accepted \$1 million donated in Krugerrands.

Chambers said the Legislature failed to show concern for the black students attending the university when Chambers' amendment was rejected, he said. The amendment failed, 34-9.

The amendment would have been attached to LB999, which sets state general fund support for NU. The bill advanced to the third round of floor debate, 31-5.

Chambers claimed that the Krugerrands are not currency, but are an investment pushed by the government of South Africa in an attempt to legitimize its racist policies.

"I would be less than a man—less than a black man if I didn't take a stand on this issue," Chambers told the other senators.

Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln told Chambers that the Krugerrands were not given to the university, but to the NU Foundation, but still Chambers wanted to take money away from the university.

Chambers responded by saying that it makes little difference how the money came to the university. The issue is where the money came from and having the foundation handy to launder money is very beneficial to the university, he said.

"The students are aware of the hypocrisy, and so is everyone on this floor," Chambers said.

After his amendment failed, Chambers opposed passage of the budget bill, saying that the Legislature has made it clear that Nebraska does not care about its black students.

"Today the black people were crushed by a vote of the Legislature, but I don't have to swallow spit and take it," he said.

"To me, every vote for LB999 and every vote against my amendment will be interpreted as support for the government of South Africa," Chambers emphasized.

Another amendment offered and later withdrawn by Sen. Loran Schmit of Bellwood would have cut \$147,000 from the NU budget that would cover one half the cost of the NU student unions.

Schmit said he withdrew the amendment to get the bill advanced and to save time. However, he said that he may not be through with the issue and may push to have his amendment considered when the bill comes up for final reading.

Schmit was successful in removing \$7,500 from the budget which would have gone toward research of unidentified flying objects. He claimed that \$7,500 was merely a foot in the door for research of this kind and that in the future more money may be requested.

"This body cannot endorse every single whim brought before it," Schmit said.

LB999, if passed, would give NU a 12.57 percent increase in general fund support for 1980-81. The bill calls for an NU appropriation of \$131 million. This is \$2.5 million less than the NU budget request and \$5 million more than the governor's recommendation.