

RHA member proposes microdish TV system

By Roger Aden

Cable television for UNL's residence halls has been discussed before and the Residence Hall Association is taking still another look at that possibility.

RHA, at its Thursday meeting, discussed

the advantages and disadvantages of installing cable television in the halls, and decided to vote on the matter at its Nov. 5 meeting when input from hall residents will be considered.

RHA adviser Richard McKinnon, an assistant director of housing, said the

Office of Housing turned down an offer to install a cable system three years ago because it was too expensive.

Harper Hall representative John Grafentin proposed that the university develop its own cable system by installing a microdish on the top of a residence hall to pick up satellite signals.

"It's probably the cheapest way for the students," Grafentin said. "Once it's installed it's paid for. You don't have to pay the monthly charge."

"I don't know for sure how we can connect all of the buildings, but I'm sure it can be done," he said.

Lounges only

Harper Hall President Bill Flack said his group (RHA broke into small groups to discuss the issue) said if a cable system is installed it should be connected to lounges only.

In addition, Flack said his group decided that the maximum each student should be charged is one dollar per year because any higher price would be unfair to students who don't watch a lot of television.

In another matter, RHA recommended that all floor residents be allowed to vote for themselves when attempting to change floor visitation hours. Currently, hall residents under 19 must have their parent(s) agree to the change.

Molly Cavanaugh, Selleck Quadrangle president, introduced the matter, saying people living in residence halls are old enough to make their own decisions.

12-month contract

Cavanaugh also mentioned the possibility of implementing a 12-month housing contract for students wishing to live in the halls throughout the summer and vacations.

She said graduate students would be the

most directly affected group since they work on their theses during those times.

Furthermore, Cavanaugh suggested that affected students be allowed to stay in the same hall throughout the year. Currently, only one hall is used for housing during the summer.

McKinnon said the housing office would have no objection to the plan as long as there is not an economic burden to the rest of the students.

"There's the possibility of us having two floors of graduate students in an air-conditioned building," he said. "It wouldn't be economically feasible to cool the entire buildings."

"Any program we come up with, there's the chance that students staying year-round would have to pay individually," McKinnon said.

RHA President Robin Lynch told Cavanaugh to find students interested in the issue and form a committee to explore year-long residence possibilities and report back to RHA.

In other action, RHA decided to:

-Write a letter to each member of the Parking Advisory Committee endorsing the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex government's proposal to eliminate night parking in the Area 3 lot on New Hampshire Street.

Flack said residents returning to the complex that park in the Area 3 lot at night must pass through a corridor that is hidden from view. He said the corridor encourages sexual assault and other crimes.

-Inform the housing office to distribute copies of the residence hall pamphlet, *The Good Life*, only to new student residents.

Returning residents would receive an information sheet the housing contract refers to, according to Lynch. However, copies of *The Good Life* would be available for returners who want a booklet.

This proposal will cut down on printing costs, Lynch said.



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