

Student's effort provokes change

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Student opinions matter, even at a school as large as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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Because of one senior's willingness to complain about a UNL housing policy change, that change will now affect only those who enter the residence halls after this semester.

Glen Schumann, acting director of UNL Housing, said a policy had been in effect for three years that students already living in the halls would pay the same rate as long as they lived there, even if housing increased its rates.

Previously, returning students who graduated in December—thus living

in the halls for just one semester—still received half that discount.

But housing decided that beginning next fall, students graduating in December would no longer receive the returning student discount.

The reason for the change was economical, Schumann said. Housing was forced to turn away more than 120 students last fall, he said, but 33 students graduated and left the halls in December, leaving their rooms open. So housing lost money by turning away 33 students who would have stayed all year.

"With our current policy, we are essentially giving up \$40,000," Schumann said.

This change in policy was originally intended to affect everyone, regardless of where they stood in school. But Rainbow Rowell, a senior news-editorial, advertising and English major, refused to let housing break its promise.

"Rainbow, whom this policy directly affects, was very instrumental in moving us toward our current policy change," Schumann said.

Rowell, who will graduate in December, said she was frustrated when she discovered she would not receive a discount for staying in the halls next fall.

"I felt like housing had made a promise in their advertisements that I would never have to make a higher payment for living in the dorms," said Rowell, the Daily Nebraskan managing editor, "and now they were breaking their promise just because they could."

Rowell wrote a letter to housing and later spoke with Schumann. Both actions helped change the policy, she said, and it made her feel better.

"Writing the letter and speaking with Schumann made me realize I'm not a helpless student caught up in a swamp of red tape," Rowell said.

CRC head to leave improved system

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Doug Gale has been director of the UNL Computing Resource Center for 11 years. Now, he is moving on.

Gale has accepted the position of associate vice president for information systems and services at George Washington University.

He will leave the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in July.

The move will allow Gale and his wife, Henrietta, to advance in the field of computer technology, he said.

Henrietta Gale is a programmer analyst in the NU College of Dentistry.

In his time at UNL, Gale said, he has seen many changes.

When Gale arrived at UNL, there were no microcomputer facilities on campus; now there are more than 300. Mainframe access on campus also has improved, he said.

"We've improved the availability of computer technology for students in many areas," he said. "Now, we are fully networked to allow mainframe

access."

He said his main goal for the new position was to advance George Washington University into the first tier of universities using computers in information processes.

The quality of the UNL system that he will leave behind is high, Gale said, and students should feel good about their resources.

"We are in good shape here, and UNL is very competitive in the technology field," he said. "I see no limit to the growth of computing resources."

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