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Residents disagree on dorm life quality

By BONNI BROCKMAN
Kernel Staff Writer

Walk into a cluttered dormitory room and ask its occupants their opinion of residence halls.

Chances are they'll smile or shrug their shoulders and say, "It's okay."

Probe a little deeper and answers will range from senior Sharon Traylor's "Oh, I'm more than satisfied with the dorm! I couldn't live anywhere else without being petrified" to freshman Jim Laserty's "I don't like the dorm. This immature stuff like putting shaving cream in somebody's pillow really bugs me."

In spite of the varied life styles of the Greeks, freaks and "straights" filling the residence halls, a prevailing comment of the majority of those interviewed will be: "We want more open houses."

A student government questionnaire being distributed to dorm residents this month will show just how many more open houses students want. After the results of the questionnaires are compiled, a proposal on open visitation will be made to the administration,

On the cover

Even in 1946 the University of Kentucky was having housing problems. The picture on the front page shows Charles Baird relaxing on a cot set up in the men's gymnasium to house incoming students.

The 1946 housing problem, aggravated because barracks being erected were still incomplete, was met by setting up double decker cots for men.

UK's enrollment in 1946 was 5,500—today, nearly 25 years later, the same housing problem still exists. (Photographs courtesy of UK archives).

said Diane Naser, SG Housing Committee chairwoman.

'Reflect opinion'

"A lot of people say the Housing Committee is trying to initiate 24-hour open visitation," Naser said. "Student government has nothing in mind what the proposal will be until the results are compiled. Any SG committee is representative of the students and will reflect student opinion."

Sallie Bright, a member of the Housing Committee subcommittee preparing the questionnaire, speculated the students will ask for 24-hour open visitation as they did last year.

A student government questionnaire last spring showed 40.5 percent of those surveyed wanted 24-hour open visitation, 17.4 percent wanted 21-hour open visitation, and 32.6 percent wanted open houses restricted to evening hours. Only 0.6 percent wanted no open visitation.

The administration did not respond to the survey, Naser said.

'An important issue'

"But they'll have to respond this year," Naser said. "I feel the students' level of awareness concerning open houses has increased this year. It's too much of an important issue for the administration to ignore. It's not something they can brush under the rug anymore."

Naser said the proposal will be sent to the Dean of Students Office; Dr. Robert Zumwinkle, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Rosemary Pond, Dean of Residence Hall Programming.

"The administration holds the cards," Naser said. "There are plenty of students to fill the dorms, but it doesn't give the administration the right to disregard the opinion of those already in the dorms."

The UK Housing Office lists 4,529 living in undergraduate housing out of a dorm capacity of 4,716. (These figures include Blanding II, a graduate dorm). However, last summer there were long waiting lists of people who wanted to live in dorms.

Under UK's present open visitation policy, each residence hall can have one open house a week. Each dorm can choose a four-hour span for its open house from these times: Friday 7-11 p.m., Saturday 1-11 p.m. and Sunday 1-8 p.m.

"Right now open houses are so rare that everybody has the attitude that if you see a guy in the hall, you stand there and stare and point," said Susan Richardson, a junior at Blanding Tower. "You're uncomfortable even though you know he's supposed to be there."

Of the 20 dorm residents interviewed, eight expressed the view that the present open house policy leads to an unnatural dorm atmosphere.

"I think open houses the way they are now are awful," said freshman Paula White, Jewell

Hall. "Everybody goes ape just because boys can go tramping around in your room for a couple of hours."

Freshman Libby Kelly, Donovan Hall, said the policy is unnatural because "a guy can't even help you carry your things back to your room after a weekend at home."

"As much money as we're paying, we should be allowed to have whoever we want in our rooms," said freshman Janna Bonner, Jewell Hall. "The University should not take the place of parents and try to defend our morals."

Students also criticized the policy for special open houses, which can be scheduled in addition to each week's regular open house.

At the Student Government Open Visitation Forum in October, students told Dr. Robert Zumwinkle, vice president for student affairs, that the policy has changed for the worst this year.

Hours increased

Although open houses have been increased from three hours to four this year, the number of special open houses has been limited, Blanding Tower President Melinda Meehan said at the Forum.

Unlike last year, a special open house can be held only in conjunction with an all-campus event or an activity such as a tea where invitations are issued.

"You can't have an open house unless the Queen of Israel comes to campus," scoffed Mike Kookendoffer, Kirwan Tower.

Students also were critical of the present policy because open house requests must be submitted to the Residence Halls Programming Office by noon on the Wednesday before the desired regular open house. Special open houses require a

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These two pictures depict student life, one during the early 1900's and the other during 1971. Lifestyles haven't changed much over the years. Students still line their walls with paraphernalia relevant to their era of living. (Staff photo by David Rose)

Vista, Peace Corps looks for skills

By NORA BECK
Kernel Staff Writer

"The best way to prepare for VISTA is to walk off the college campus and into the community," said Russ Hahn, a former VISTA volunteer who is now a recruiter for the program. Hahn and Lib Haubenreiser, a Peace Corps veteran, answered questions and talked to applicants for the two programs in the Student Center this past week.

"These days it's better to have a skill," said Haubenreiser. "These countries have gotten past building roads and now they're to the bridges. A liberal arts major would have gotten along fine before, but now they need people like civil engineers."

She added that "a lot of them, technically skilled people, are not volunteer-oriented people."

"Sociology, political science and history majors will have the hardest time getting in the Peace Corps," said Haubenreiser.

"Haven't done well"

Hahn and Haubenreiser have been recruiters for the two programs since September. Haubenreiser says they "haven't done that well." She said "most college seniors are not that worried now about what they're going to do when they graduate." She added that most seniors are looking no further than fall-semester final exams.

"What so many of them don't realize," said Haubenreiser, "is that it takes from four to six

months to process a Peace Corps or VISTA application."

While the two recruiters have been at their post on the first floor of the Student Center this week, they reported that eight people had asked for applications by Wednesday afternoon, but none had been returned.

In giving out Peace Corps and VISTA information, Hahn and Haubenreiser have answered countless questions from passers-by. One student wanted to know if he could be a Peace Corps volunteer and leave his wife in the United States.

Earlier this week, a student attending UK on an athletic scholarship wanted to know if teaching physical education in the Peace Corps or VISTA would affect his status as an amateur athlete.

Most questions routine

But most of the questions are routine. The most common question asked, reported Hahn,

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is "What is the pay?" It's a living allowance of \$75 a month, plus full coverage for any medical expenses. Another everyday query—"Can my husband/wife go too?" Married people can enter either program only if their spouses are also volunteers for the same program. They will receive the same field placement.

One question most often asked by males is "How will service in the Peace Corps affect my draft status?"

Peace Corps service used to be counted as a draft deferment, but this ceased to be the case in April, 1971. Now it is virtually impossible to get into the Peace Corps if the draft number is below 125.

The local draft board will give a postponement if an applicant has been accepted for Peace Corps service. The Peace Corps will not process the application until the postponement has been received from the draft board. Being a Peace Corps volunteer as a substitute for deferment as a conscientious objector is subject to the approval of the local draft board.

Prospective volunteers often ask what college courses will prove most helpful to them in VISTA/Peace Corps service. Haubenreiser said, "The courses don't make that much difference." Hahn added that VISTA and Peace Corps service "should not be looked on as part of formal education, or vice versa."

Hahn explained, "Theories about social work, sociology and poverty kind of lose something in the transition from the classroom to actual service. Students just have to leave and get the experience to understand them."

Some things Hahn had to find out for himself once he went to his place of service (in a slum area in Philadelphia), "I just didn't realize how frustrating it would be, how slow. Many VISTA volunteers get discouraged and never make it to the end.

"I also didn't think the job would occupy so much of my thought. Originally I had thought it would be something like a nine-to-five job that I could leave at the end of the day."

He also discovered that he was more adaptable than he'd imagined. "Rats and cockroaches just didn't bother me that much," he added.

People are generous

There were surprises for him in the community too. "It's amazing in a poverty community how generous the people are when they have so little," he said.

Haubenreiser added that the hardest aspect of the Liberian lifestyle she had to adjust to was the "slowing down." "The idea of 'getting it done immediately' simply won't work," she said.

Neither former volunteer found lack of physical comforts a hindrance. Said Haubenreiser, "You find you can do without so much." Both said they experienced some cultural shock when their volunteer service ended. "You wonder what motivates people to have so many material things," said Hahn.

He said that he now finds it hard to justify a big Thanksgiving dinner "where enough food is thrown away to feed a poverty family for a week."

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At last night's meeting of the Board of Student Publications, copies of a memo to Dr. Merle Carter, chairman of the Board, from Dr. Robert Zumwinkle, vice president of Student Affairs, were circulated.

The memo stated a student publication to be under the Board's control must meet the following criteria:

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Dr. Zumwinkle's memo also asked the Board to meet with him next spring to "examine critically the general role, specific functions and structure of the Board of Student Publications."

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UK's housing role has changed over the years

By MIKE YORK
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The University of Kentucky has a long history of looking after its young women. All colleges do. But present controversy necessitates a close look at past regulations and their success in protecting the "innocents" on campus.

Somewhere the University got the idea its primary role in regard to women was that of a parent. For years the term "housemother" typified the University's guardian attitude toward the girls.

The 1930 UK bulletin defined its in loco parentis position by assuring parents of the dormitory staff's watchful eyes. The bulletin guaranteed all daughters would "be given

excellent care physically, mentally and spiritually."

For all practical purposes, the UK protection policy began with the erection of Patterson Hall, the first women's residence unit. The dormitory was governed by a board of supervisors appointed by the board of trustees. According to the 1910 UK bulletin, these supervisors were "three prudent, discreet, intelligent women, in good standing with a national religious organization."

One of the best

But life at Patterson was better than it might seem, for at the time, the dormitory was "one of the best in the south." The price was right, too—just three dollars a week for room and board.

From 1910 to about 1930 there were no real "hours" for women. The ladies came in at a respectable time and that was that. For a girl to be outside the dormitory after dinner was practically unheard of, and dinner was over at 6 p.m. There were other unspoken rules, too. Rules like "dresses only in the formal parlor," and "wearing of slacks is not allowed."

The rules limited and the housemothers discouraged girls from signing out for the weekends. And spending the night in town (with friends of the family, of course) was strictly forbidden.

If the duration of daily social life was limited by women's

hours, it was also limited by the location of the dormitories. The women lived on the north of the campus and the men lived on the south side. The hardy young men were certainly able to traverse the distance between the old men's quadrangle and Patterson Hall, but the separation of the sexes reflected the objective.

The first small ripples in the calm of the previously unquestioned hours policy surfaced in the early 1940's. Women asked for, and eventually received, permission to stay out until midnight on Saturday nights. The University even sponsored a "hop" during

their daughter to visit soldiers in Army camps.

The 1940's saw a change in nomenclature as well as a change in hours. The University dropped the term "housemother" and adopted the title "head resident." To go along with the new name, a 1946 student handbook defined a head resident's duties in terms a student would understand. Each woman's head resident was hired to "close the dorm at night, turn out the lights, and put lingering dates out in the cold, cold night."

During the '40's and '50's there were some rules which most people thought meaningless. The major one was the "lights out" rule. At certain times, usually 11 p.m. on weeknights and 12 midnight on weekends, the women's head residents arbitrarily turned the lights off. The seemingly uselessness of this rule became a rallying point for later challenges of the University's dormitory policy.

Changes gradual

The gradual lengthening of women's hours, which characterized the 1950's and 1960's, was accomplished in small, almost minute, steps.

First, junior and senior women could stay out until 10:30 on weeknights. Then sophomores, who usually had to be in at 7:30, could stay out until 9:30 one night each week. Finally freshman, who also had to be in at 7:30, could have one "night out" a week, too, until 8:30.

To today's sophisticated coed, having to come in at 10:30 on a weeknight might seem medieval, but to the average "Susie College" of the '40's and '50's, it was a dream come true.

Extra nights granted

And to make a complicated system even more confusing, extra "nights out" a week were granted to girls with high grades, good behavior, or boyfriends on the football team. Also, a girl who invited her date into the dorm lounge had to count that date in the lounge as a "night out."

This system of upperclass privileges, "nights out," and special considerations lasted from its conception in the mid 1940's until the late 1960's.

The idea of no hours for women had grown popular by 1962, and in the spring of that year the Association of Women Students (AWS) made "self regulated" hours a powerful issue.

AWS cited UK publications as far back as 1936 that gave informal treatment to the subject of men's hours. That 1936 handbook said "Don't worry about hours in the Men's Dorm, for there aren't any."

AWS proposal accepted

The Dean of Women approved an AWS proposal of

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This coed of the early 1900's relaxes and studies in her room. Considering that dorms probably closed at 9 p.m., she couldn't have had much else to do. (Photo courtesy of UK)

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The hop was unique in that it lasted until midnight, emphasizing the coed's new found freedom. These changes were, for the time, considered very liberal for a southern institution.

Although UK dorm regulations might have seemed progressive to many, the Dean of Women maintained tight surveillance of her young ladies throughout the 1940's and 1950's. The women were able to stay out long enough to see a sunset for the first time, but they were able to do little else because of the myriad of restrictions placed on their behavior.

Parents' permission a must

Unless a girl had a good excuse not to, she was required to live in a residence hall, and all dormitory residents had to have parental permission to do almost anything. At the beginning of each school year, the Dean of Women sent a letter to each coed's home to determine what the student could and could not do.

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Advisory committee outlines criteria for A&S dean

By **BIFF LEVEE**
Kernel Staff Writer

A University Student Advisory Committee (USAC) policy statement on suggested criteria for the selection of the new Arts and Sciences dean says the new dean needs to be "receptive" to student input.

The paper, released Tuesday, is the standard by which USAC hopes the new A&S dean will be chosen. It is necessary, Glenn Harvey, USAC co-chairman said,

because "only one undergraduate student is on the search committee, and USAC feels it needed more student input.

When there is only one undergraduate student, Harvey added, it's really hard to stand up and give your opinion."

The paper states: "The Dean must be willing to speak out on issues, taking specific stands, often without compromise."

"If there are any changes in A&S, it will come through the Dean", Harvey said.

The report said the Dean:

- "should have a history of proven co-operation with a broad range of students."

- "must realize students are responsible human beings who should be given a voice in their education."

- "should recognize that all scholarly research need not be published in referee journals."

- "should recognize that graduate education at the expense of poor undergraduate education... will no longer be tolerated."

Other suggestions are:

- "UK's educational philosophy should be

redefined."

- "Place the emphasis on learning for the sake of learning rather than on obtaining a degree."

- "Research should never be emphasized to the expense of instruction."

- "A total revision of the advising system must be made immediately."

"Since the present merit system at...UK...involves research and teaching, an objective method of evaluating teaching should be established," according to the statement.

The paper goes on to say "We as students feel these criteria must be met if our needs and demands are to be fulfilled—or even considered."

Opinions vary on open housing

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request submitted two weeks in advance.

"This business of going to the Dean for permission is insane," said freshman Dave Ward, Boyd Hall. "Some of the rules here are outdated. It's like living 20 years ago."

Although the students agreed UK is "not ready for 24-hour open visitation," all but one resident wanted an expanded open house policy.

Senior Sharon Traylor, a corridor assistant at Keeneland, was the exception.

"I don't think more open houses would be favored," she said. "Too many of the girls on my floor have complained about the open house once a week. For some it's an inconvenience. It's an imposition on your own time if you have to dress to go out into your own hall."

In contrast, Carol Niehus, a Blanding Tower corridor assistant, said, "Almost everyone I know wants more open houses."

Most of the students agreed gradual change is the answer.

"Other schools with lots of open visitation began with gradual change," said Anne Domeck, a Blanding Tower

sophomore. "They just started a lot earlier than we did."

Early this semester a student government survey of state-supported schools surrounding UK showed "most of the schools have a more liberal policy than we do," Sallie Bright said.

"It would be too big of a shock to go directly into 24-hour open visitation," said freshman Tim Strauss, Haggin Hall freshman. "I'd like to see 24-hour open visitation on the weekends."

"The first week of 24-hour open visitation there would be heavy sex," he predicted. "But it would be the same effect as pornography in Denmark. After a while people would start settling down and studying in rooms."

Some students interviewed suggested increasing the open visitation policy to two four-hour open houses during the weekdays. Others suggested visitation during the evenings only. Still others suggested 12-hour a day open visitation.

SG has the answer

Student government has the answer to the varied rules students want: lifestyle dorms. Under this plan, certain dormitories would be designated as study dorms, open visitation dorms, or non-open visitation dorms.

Expanding the open visitation policy is the first step in creating lifestyle dorms because "open visitation is a lifestyle and if the majority of students want it, they should have it even though it's never been tried before here," said Diane Naser, SG Housing Committee chairwoman.

"Our goal is to create different situations different residents want to live in," Naser said. "We feel the best workable policy is for students to choose the lifestyle they want."

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Room and board are low at co-op houses

By **TIM BALLARD**
Assistant Managing Editor
"They (the UK housing office) don't publicize it at all because it's such a good financial deal," said one senior of women's cooperative housing at UK. She

heard of it from a woman who had lived in a co-op house some 15 years ago.

The two co-op houses at UK are Weldon House, where the senior lived last year, and Hamilton House.

Each resident pays \$100 per semester as rent, plus \$15 each semester to the social fund. The only other expense is the food bill, which costs each resident about \$30 monthly.

The co-op houses are managed, operated and maintained by the girls living there. They are operated under the same rules applying to the dormitories, and the work

assignments are arranged on a weekly rotation plan.

Each resident takes her turn at cooking or housecleaning, although those who are working their way through school are given permanent tasks.

Admissions to the co-ops are made by a committee and are based on "high personal and scholastic standards and integrity," as the application form reads.

Some given preference

Women who have demonstrated leadership ability in clubs such as FHA, 4-H, Beta Club and National Honor

Society, women in need of financial assistance and natives of Kentucky are given preference.

Winifred Wright, house mother at Hamilton House since 1952, said, "We try to have a caliber of girl who fits in with the rest of the girls. There are 18 residents of Hamilton House this semester.

What is life like at a co-op house?

The senior, who wishes to remain unidentified, described it as a "hybrid of the sorority and the dormitory. It's like any other fairly small group living in a relatively small space."

There is no maid service and only poor maintenance service, according to the senior. The trash was picked up and the lawn was mowed only sporadically, she added. The chances of electrical repair were "zilch."

"It's hard to get anything in the way of physical facilities. Repeated requests for maintenance went ignored for long periods of time," said the former resident.

According to Wright, the maintenance at Hamilton House is better. "They do a pretty good job. They don't go over backwards, of course."

Today and tomorrow

The deadline for announcements is 7:30 p.m. two weekdays prior to the first publication of items in this column. All announcements will be run three times; twice before the day of the event and on the day of the event.

TODAY

FORUM with Dee Hudleston, Kentucky Senate Majority Leader. Room 365, Student Center.

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UK dorm visitation: has it really changed?

Look at the picture to the right. It was made in a UK dorm in 1934. Try not to notice the out-of-date dress and instead concentrate on the setting.

These UK students are visiting one another in the lobby of their dorm because it was against UK policy in 1934 to have members of the opposite sex in your room.

By now the more cynical of you are saying, "Change the people's clothes and the same picture could be made today for the same reason" while the more optimistic, which includes more administrators and less student dorm dwellers, will fall all over themselves to show how much dorm life has changed and how "liberal" dorm visitation regulations are now.

Liberal? Under our present policy each dorm can have one open house a week for FOUR HOURS. What about the other 164 hours in the week?

"We're working on it," the administration says. "In the meantime, be satisfied with what you got."

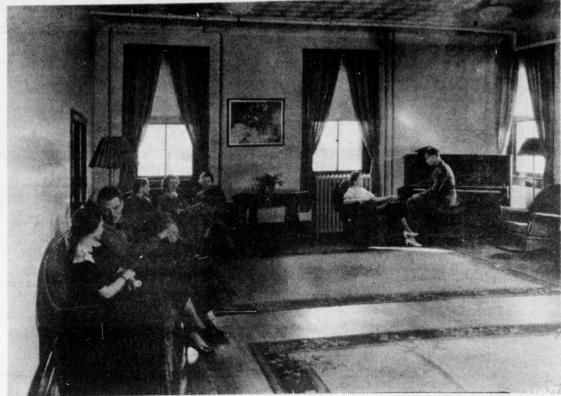
So the dorm residents sit or break the rules, while the

administration worries if some little old lady in Somerset is going to write her governor or go berserk if they dare to grant more open housing.

That's the real crux of the issue and students and administrators both know it. The administration fears that if 24-hour open visitation, or even anything close to that, were granted, wild sex orgies would follow that would leave half the campus coeds pregnant and the administration would get blamed for it.

The administration's attitude argument against open dorms is the same argument that has been used time and again: "Students (or blacks, women, Irish-Americans) aren't mature enough to have open dorms (or the right to vote, the right to ride in the front of the bus, etc.). Be patient. We're on YOUR side. WE'LL get you what you want."

It's called oppression and until UK students realize that if they are to have open dorms, they'll have to get it by themselves or they'll never have them.



Kernel Forum: the readers write

General studies proposal

Even the most apathetic of students should be interested in the proposal SG President Scott Wendelsdorf will make to the University Senate on Monday, Dec. 13. Wendelsdorf will propose that the general studies requirements, which now dictate to the student which areas he must take courses in, be changed so that a person may choose the five areas in which he would most like to take courses.

This change should be acceptable to the administration since students will still be getting that "broad background" by taking courses in different areas. It's a

compromise that the administration won't have to go far to meet.

It is still going to be hard, though, to get faculty support for the proposal, which must be accepted by the Senate. Therefore, lots of student interest must be shown. This change (or failure to change) will affect the majority of students in a very direct way. Please talk to your professors (even if you've never talked to them before) and let them know of your interest. You can only gain by it.

Sallie Bright
Journalism Sophomore

Stopping the rip-off in off campus housing

The UK student who moves out of the stifling life style of the dormitories into an off-campus dwelling faces a whole host of problems.

He's in competition with thousands of other Lexingtonians who are also looking desperately for a place to live in a city with a critical housing shortage. He's usually poor which puts him at an even further disadvantage.

Many apartments aren't fit to live in. Those that are cost too much. Repair service is poor or non-existent.

Faced with an often greedy, anti-student landlord backed up by

an influential realty agency, off-campus dwellers have little recourse when confronted with capricious evictions or harassments.

The off-campus student has few friends. Most landlords don't care if their apartments are substandard because they know it can be rented to someone and the city housing inspectors are overworked.

UK students that live off-campus do have one alternative that so far no one has taken seriously—forming a tenant union. In other college towns, notably Berkeley, Ann Arbor and Madison, students have formed tenant unions, taken their landlords to court for housing

violations and when all else failed conducted boycotts and rent strikes.

UK's off-campus population is growing while the housing situation gets no better. It will get no better

as long as the landlords know that they can rent expensive dumps to students. Students who live off-campus must organize to stop the systematic rip-off that is now going on, and they must do it soon.

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'The policy makers'

Their faces are familiar. In the last several years, each of them has stood before students, explaining, defining and creating policies for UK student housing. The controversies still continue and as long as they do, these faces will be all too familiar to the UK student.



By JERRY W. LEWIS
Associate Editor

Sometimes seeking the UK administration's viewpoint on an issue is like looking for a needle in a haystack. Everyone directs you to someone else. No one is really sure what he or she should say.

To avoid any doubts about the validity of remarks made concerning student housing at UK, the Kernel talked with the three figures at UK most responsible for student housing.

Dr. Robert Zumwinkle, vice president of student affairs, whose office recently organized a committee to report on UK residential life, talked freely about the housing issue along with Dean Jack Hall, dean of students, and Dean Rosemary Pond, associate dean of women.

Kernel: Dr. Zumwinkle, why did you decide not to appoint an ad hoc committee to study the question of open housing as the report of the Commission on the Quality of Student Residential Life recommended?

Dr. Zumwinkle: This is one issue at least where Student Government and I were in agreement. As you recall, Student Government did not recommend it. There are reasons for coming to the same conclusion, although our reasons were different. I believe much of the essence of some of the student opposition to the recommendation was that they saw that in being as unnecessary delay in achieving the desired objective of liberalized open housing.

Great division

My essential reason was that I saw in this issue such great division between the students on the one hand and the other people who were proposed to be on the commission. I believe the recommendation was to have some representatives of the public, a member of the Board of Trustees and so forth. I did not believe that the chances of reaching a consensus in such a committee were very great.

Kernel: Your answer to the report did say that you and your colleagues intended to continue your study and discussion of the issue. What exactly did this mean?

Dr. Zumwinkle: We're following up on that and are conducting some study as is Student Government and we are awaiting the findings of the Student Government study and their recommendations. It had been my hope that by the first of November we would have something from Student Government as well as some findings of our own but it's taking longer than we anticipated.

Developed survey

Dean Hall: As a part of Dr. Zumwinkle's response, we've developed a survey form not directed entirely at visitation but directed at residence halls and the questions that might pertain to visitation as well as other things. We currently have circulated to all of the four year public institutions in Kentucky and surrounding states as well as the SEC conference schools that we relate to and the benchmark institutions that might fall in the surrounding states. We're just now getting these survey forms back in and really haven't done any preliminary kinds of tabulation on them.

Better line of communication

One other thing that did not result from Dr. Zumwinkle's request but a group from the complex has asked if I would be willing to work with them concerning their views and I've agreed to work with a group that they might select on an informal basis so that we might

create a better line of communication and have more interaction.

Kernel: What happened to the report of the Student Government Open Housing Committee that was done last year? Student Government President Scott Wendelsdorf claimed that this study was completely overlooked.

Dr. Zumwinkle: It depends on how you use the word overlook. It was certainly given very serious consideration. I can't really say that the formal recommendation of Student Government that was part of that report, I think it was Part 3 of that report. I can't really say that it was given serious consideration because it made a recommendation that was totally unacceptable, namely 24-hour, seven day-a-week open house. I think they knew it was unacceptable.

It may be that if we ask for the moon then maybe we can get a little bit, but that just isn't the way you get serious



Kernel: Going on to some of the other issues that the commission's report brought up, what is your opinion concerning student government's criticism about the report emphasizing "that a student's place of residence should be an extension of the classroom"?

Disagrees with interpretation

Dr. Zumwinkle: I disagree with their interpretation of the real thrust of the commission. It's true that the commission's report has a strong flavor of wanting to bridge the gap between resident's hall living and the classroom, and try to build into residential life a concern about things intellectual and academic and perhaps get some faculty members involved and this sort of thing. I think the intent of the commission is somewhat misunderstood and it may be that the people who reacted that way really didn't read the full report. My

preference would be to upgrade the buildings if we are not at a minimal, standard kind of operation. There are advantages and disadvantages to each building depending upon the individual views of the student. Some prefer a building that may be a little bit older but may be closer to the campus.

Kernel: Will the University commit itself to an off campus housing office such as the commission recommended?

Modest service

Dr. Zumwinkle: We do have a very modest service now. If we do it, we're going to have to do it with the existing resources. If we do move on it, it will be a modest effort. I don't see a massive effort on the part of the University.

Dean Hall: I would refer to the historical development of the off-campus housing office. At one point in time we did attempt to do some of the things that the survey either recommended or in the general form made reference to, such as inspections and relationships with tenants. Most of these create a number of legal positions which is not very tenable for the institution. They really can't take on much of a role here.

So basically what we have done is say we'll go on and make a listing service for those who will make the commitment with those who say they will not discriminate. This is basically what we are providing now. There is the possibility of making some adjustments in this and doing a little public relations sort of work, I guess you would say.

Kernel: What about helping with a tenant's union?

Dean Hall: Well if we helped with the tenant's union, how long would it be before we helped with the landlord's union? Presently if a landlord contacts us concerning a tenant that they are unhappy with we say that it is between you and your tenant. We can't really take the position of either side.

Kernel: This may be an old question but I believe it is one that is still being asked and that deals with the fact that women must still sign in and out to leave the dormitory while men are free to go as they please. Why?

Dean Pond: I think it is a matter of accountability. I certainly hope the students realize that no one is holding their hands or following them when they say I am going here but safety and security is a very important factor in our lives.



Dr. Robert Zumwinkle (top left), Dean Rosemary Pond (top right), and Dean Jack Hall (bottom) share between them an assortment of duties in guiding UK student residential life. A recent recommendation for a single housing dean could be a forecast of administration reshuffling in the future. (Staff photos by Curt Niblack)

consideration for a proposal in my opinion. The thing that was given serious consideration were the findings of the survey, but frankly, when the chips were down and we were considering a way to move on this there were considerations that led us to make a decision that was not consistent with what many students felt would be desirable. That is not the same as saying that student's views were ignored.

Kernel: At a recent forum that dealt with the open house issue, some students claimed that the open house rules have made a change towards the worst. Although the hours of the open house increased from three to four, the number of special open houses decreased. How do you respond to this?

Not a major change

Dr. Zumwinkle: My position then at the forum was that this does not constitute a major change. There were some changes made and depending on how you look at it, the policy might be looked at as a trifle bit more liberal and in other respects, a trifle bit more conservative.

understanding about the aim of the commission here is to ask that there be more consideration with some academic involvement. Not that there be full-scale holding of classes.

Kernel: The commission recommended the creation of a housing dean responsible for housing management and student development. It seems this sort of change would mean a reshuffling of your positions. Has any real action been taken in this direction?

Dr. Zumwinkle: I think there is much in merit for the recommendation of the housing commission. It's a very complex matter. I've had several discussions with members of the student affairs staff, and with members of the business office staff, the two areas of the University which would be most affected by this matter. I don't foresee any early or dramatic change in the way we are now organized.

Difficulties for position head

The one part of the recommendation that personally I have the most difficulty with is the idea that you have one person, whether you call him the dean, the director or whatever reporting to three

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UK's housing role has changed over the years

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self-regulated hours for senior women for the fall of 1963. In doing so, she began the present trend of hour liberalization.

For the first time, senior women could come and go as they pleased, and most people expected underclassmen to soon gain the same freedom.

It might have seemed that freshmen would soon have self-regulated hours back in 1963, but freshmen had to wait eight years for the extension of "hour privileges." In fact, the whole process of extending the curfewless rule to underclassmen was much slower than most people originally expected.

Juniors gained freedom from hours in 1965, two years after

the seniors did. Sophomores waited until 1969 to receive their liberty, and freshman were given self-regulated hours in 1971, beginning after the Thanksgiving recess.

The struggle for visitation, or "open houses," paralleled the move toward no hours. Although the history of open houses is almost as long as the history of hours—women's dorms had teas for men back in the 1930's—the question of room visitation is a relatively new one.

The requests for open houses with room visitation first became numerous with the completion of the Blanding-Kirwan Complex.

Beginning in 1966, the sexes

lived next door, instead of on separate ends of the campus. And the new Dean of Students office, formerly the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, viewed visitation with a more favorable outlook.

Policy changed

From about 1966 until 1970, the Dean of Students considered each open house request individually, but last year the University formulated a blanket policy to handle the growing number of requests.

Under last year's policy, a dorm could have several open houses a weekend as long as they were within certain time limitations. Also, no open

houses could be longer than three hours.

This year, the University changed the rules to allow open houses to last four hours, but if a dorm requested two open houses, one of them must coincide with an all-campus event.

The new policy has brought charges from students that this year's regulations are more restrictive than last year's.

If that allegation is true, it would be the first time in more than 60 years that the University has made a major dorm policy stricter.

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Greek housing: Leasing policy of the University surrounded by uncertainty

By NEILL MORGAN
Kernel Staff Writer

Over at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house there is a stack of wall paneling sitting in a storage room. It was bought by the fraternity to fix up their house. However, according to Michael Wright, fraternity president, there are no plans to use the wall paneling because they are having trouble getting motivated to do any work. This isn't because they are lazy, but, according to Wright, because of the uncertainty of their lease arrangement with the University.

"We don't know whether to keep the place like another dorm or fix it up like a home," Wright said.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is located in the old Wildcat Manor and has a "short term" lease with the University.

"Short term leases are for fraternities and sororities just getting started," said Robert Blakeman, director of auxiliary services. They rent University-owned houses for a short period of time, in this case four years, until they can get

organized and find a house of their own to live in, he said.

However, according to Wright it is "impossible now because of rising costs to find any really permanent place to live."

While this is not the typical case in the leasing arrangements between the University and individual Greek houses, it does illustrate the uncertainty surrounding the leasing situation. This uncertainty arises from the lack of a standard lease policy between UK and the Greeks.

According to Blakeman, most of the houses leased from the University will some day belong to the various fraternities and sororities.

Verbal agreements

According to Bob Elder, fraternity advisor for the University, the present situation began back in the early fifties, when some leases between Greek houses and the University were drawn up and some verbal agreements went along with them.

Elder said most of the

uncertainty surrounding the leases right now has to do with the maintenance fees for the houses.

"Some groups now pay a maintenance fee added on to their regular lease payment which covers utilities and large maintenance operations," he said, "but this is done right now at the request of the individual group."

Most of the groups pay for their maintenance as it comes up but some of them have been hit by large unexpected maintenance costs. Elder noted that some of the members of these groups felt this was unfair. "It isn't fair for a group to move into a house and not have to pay any maintenance costs and then in two or three years after the membership of the

group changes the maintenance costs begin to come in," Elder said.

Explaining that most sororities would probably go along with paying the University a flat maintenance rate, Elder said fraternities are most cost conscious. "University maintenance is usually more expensive than that done by commercial firms," he said.

Housing policy will probably change with revision of attitudes and life styles

By WENDY L. WRIGHT
Assistant Managing Editor

Enrollment trends plus changing student life-styles coupled with administrations' revision of attitudes toward the long-held in loco parentis doctrine should play a part in determining the future shape of student housing—not only at UK but elsewhere.

With this summer's ratification of the 26th amendment granting the 18-year-old vote, "it is clear

that the practice of in loco parentis will be radically decreased—if not eliminated—on the American college campus," said professor and educational consultant Thomas A. Emmett in the September issue of "College and University Business."

In line with his new legal and philosophical development, UK Housing Director Larry Ivy, said, "There's no question in my mind that the trend at other places is toward apartment-type living for students"

Thus, UK's next student housing project will not be what Ivy called "a residence hall with 23 corridors and a gang bath." Ivy said his office is investigating having an outside developer build "modern singles residences" on property made available by the University, either for private ownership or for the University to buy on a lease-purchase agreement.

"These residences would be built and maintained by the private developer entirely," said Ivy. "What we're looking for is someone who will take pride in what they're building—perhaps like one company we've been talking to whose management owns stock in the company."

Looking for quality

Ivy said his office hopes to help alleviate the problems of

jacked-up rents and landlord hassles by finding "quality, but not an out-of-sight price range."

Enrollment pressures have also contributed to the reassessment of future housing plans at UK. President Otis Singletary this fall appointed a committee headed by Special Assistant to UK's Medical Center Vice-President to study the problem.

But the data is not in yet on just what UK can or will do about limiting enrollment.

"The 'experts' say the trend in enrollment will go down by the 1890's, but whether this is true or not, time will only tell," said Ivy.

Meanwhile, Ivy estimates 65 percent of UK students live off campus, and among these "easily 11,000 to 12,000 live off campus without their parents."

In the past, bond specifications for residence halls requiring certain minimum occupancy levels meant the University had to make on-campus residency mandatory for freshmen and sophomores, said Ivy. That policy changed with the spiraling enrollment which outstripped dormitory space, and this year, for the first time, no one is required to live on-campus.

UK presently has 18 dorms with a total capacity of 4,800, plus room for 130 to 260 in Cooperstown.

Married housing

'Not bad for what you get'

By PRINCESS M. LAWES
Kernel Staff Writer

The UK Housing Office is a model landlord, according to the married students who occupy the apartments at Cooperstown and Shawneetown.

The consensus was that the apartments are inexpensive, fairly well furnished, close enough to the main campus and maintained well.

"If something goes wrong with the heat or the commode you call and before you hang up the phone someone is there to fix it," is the way one resident put it.

The apartments are divided into one-bedroom, two-bedroom and efficiency units. Two-bedroom units are reserved for students with two or more children, the one-bedroom units for those with one child and the efficiency units for those who have no children.

"It's not bad for what you get," said one student who lives with his wife and son in Cooperstown.

Leonard Preston, assistant manager of University Housing, said the 386 units are all occupied most of the time. "There are hardly ever more than two or three vacancies at the same time. Most times as someone is moving out another family is moving in," he said.

One-fourth turned down

Preston said 25 percent of those who apply for housing have to be turned down each year. The shortage of housing, which began several years ago, gets more and more acute with the need for two-bedroom units being the most acute.

Preston's office is housed in Cooperstown and is directly responsible for assigning housing.

collecting rent and the general maintenance of married students' housing.

"They do an exceptional job when it comes to prompt service," one resident said of Preston and his assistant, Ms. Imelda Leachman, who was recently transferred from the Service Building to the Cooperstown office "to make the housing office more accessible to students."

Students take good care of the apartments with few exceptions, Preston said. He said if an apartment is being mistreated the housing office usually doesn't know about it until after the tenant leaves since they are not inspected while they are occupied.

Only for maintenance

"We never go into an apartment unless are doing some maintenance job," he said.

Pets are not allowed in the apartments but one in a while someone breaks the rule. In such cases a letter is sent to the owner asking him to get rid of the pet.

"They are always cooperative and we usually never have any more problems there," Preston said.

On a busy day the Housing Office handles about 25 calls, mostly concerning clogged drains and faulty heaters. On a normal day there may be only five such calls.

Preston said although maintenance costs have risen steadily over the past few years, rental costs for married students housing have remained the same for the past four years—\$85 per month for efficiency, \$100 for one-bedroom and \$110 for two bedrooms.

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Dorm rules make UK state's pacesetter

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Within the state university system, UK has been the model for students at the other universities seeking more liberal housing regulations.

When UK first began self-regulated hours, student reformers across the state began to point to this seemingly ideal situation in efforts to bring similar regulations to their campuses.

It has not been until recent semesters that such regulations have begun to appear at other state-supported schools in Kentucky.

For example, at Murray State University students protested and made demands for self-regulated hours for two years, applying increasing pressures last year until the administration finally agreed to try the self-regulated dorm.

This year, after having coeds gain written permission from their parents, Murray State opened its newest women's dorm on a trial basis to self-regulated hours. Coeds choosing to live in this dorm were required to pay extra fees for the extra security precautions deemed necessary by the administration.

Sign out requirements

This experimental dorm requires any girl living there to sign out and put her destination if she is going to be out after 6:30 p.m. In order to get back after the doors are locked for the night (the same time as in other dorms), a girl must present her ID card. There can be no overnight guests in the self-regulated dorm at any time.

Many of the coeds living there consider the whole situation a farce. But as one coed attempted to explain the situation at Murray, "I guess at a smaller school in a smaller town, everybody still knows

everybody's business, and the administration is considering the townspeople's reaction."

There have been no problems in the "experimental" dorm. Describing Murray as being right in the middle of the 'Bible Belt' one coed said, "a lot of people around here still think MSU is playing with fire."

Eastern Kentucky University

At Eastern Kentucky University there are two self-regulated dorms with similar stipulations. One counselor at Eastern said it would only mean more work on the part of the counselors to "chaperone and make sure people keep their doors open," if intervisitation was put into effect.

Even at Western Kentucky University, a school many

College, a school of some 3,000 students located in Oberlin, Ohio which had recently opened coeducational dorms. Men and women's quarters were located in different parts of the same buildings, and students of both sexes were free to visit each other's rooms anytime of day or night.

Each of Oberlin's dorms is run by student staff and a house director. The entire program is viewed as one of calculated permissiveness, with the students having the right to choose their own life-styles.

At Ohio State University, twin towers similar to UK's Complex are coeducationally assigned. Women live on floors four through 14 and men on floors 15 through 23. Accom-

modations in the towers are arranged in six-suite clusters on each floor. Each cluster houses 12 students and consists of a lounge, a bath and four study-bedroom suites.

Room visitation

Room visitation by the opposite sex is allowed in the residence halls between noon and 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from noon until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. In almost all women's halls at Ohio State, however, men require an escort when visiting on the floors.

Changes to the room visitation policy at Ohio State are presently under consideration and are designed to give the individual greater choice within the system. Suggestions vary from no visitation privileges to self-selected hours.

Although the self-selected residence halls and hours seem very appealing to most students,

the set-up does have its inconveniences. At the University of Michigan, for example, students who have tried coed dorms have moved back to one-sex dorms for reasons of privacy—"you can't walk around in your scivvies and be sloppy"—for better diets—many girls were gaining weight from the starchy diets planned for the men—and because they found themselves falling behind in their classwork.

Southern regulations

In the south, housing regulations traditionally tend to be more conservative. At Louisiana State University, a system of differential housing is offered to coeds. The office of the Dean of Women offers four options to girls there.

These include 1) dormitories with closing hours and required sign-in and sign-out 2) dormitories with self-regulated hours with required sign-in and sign-out 3) dormitories with self-regulated hours with sign-in and sign-out optional and 4) dormitories with minimal regulations.

Open houses may be scheduled on weekends for girls choosing options 1-3. These open houses tend to be formal, with parents, dates and other friends entertained by dormitory staff and student hostesses as well as by individual residents.

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exception to the more-conservative universities in the south. There are no curfews at the Gainesville campus, and five of the living areas are coeducational, housing men and women students in separate buildings or separate wings. Residents are expected to be familiar and comply with open house procedures administered through the student governing bodies in the residence halls.

Coed dorms: 'you can't walk around in your scivvies and be sloppy'

students feel is similar to UK, open house is still regarded as a quite formal Sunday afternoon affair.

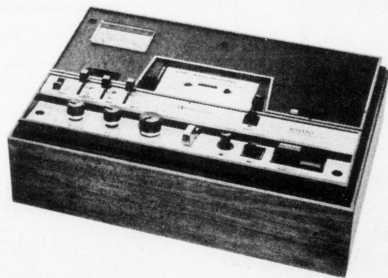
As long as a person keeps his sights limited to housing regulations within the state university system, it appears that UK is the liberal pacesetter of them all.

However, it only takes a quick look outside of Kentucky to expose UK as a "big fish in a small pool." As would be expected, schools in the north have set the trend for the more liberal intervisitation rights and even at some institutions, coeducational housing.

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Off campus living: condemn or condone?

Forty days from now, some 10,000 UK students will unpack their trunks and unburden their Volkswagens in front of an assembly of apartment houses and second-story flats.

Some of the students don't know it, but they will be walking into a trap.

The trap is Lexington's off-campus housing market—overcrowded, underregulated, booming as University enrollment mushrooms and dormitories turn away people for lack of space. It is a seller's market, where the local housing laws are sometimes impossible to enforce and students are ignorant of their rights as tenants. And the market, with its attending problems, is getting bigger every year.

"If we condemned all the houses that need to be condemned in this city, we'd have no place to put the people," said Paul Holleran, Lexington's chief building inspector. "We have a big housing shortage in this town."

Locally, that shortage has led to overcrowding of apartments past the limits of zoning

regulations as landlords cash in on the tight housing market. Housing officials say they can't stop the violations unless they are brought to their attention—and students and landlords rarely realize the law is being broken.

Much of the overcrowding is occurring in older houses and apartment buildings. A complex set of new housing regulations passed last February, puts the burden of providing ample sanitary facilities and living conditions on the builder. For instance, Holleran said, no apartments can be built in the city unless one and one half parking spaces are provided for every unit in the building, and one bathroom must be provided for every five persons in a dwelling.

Any building new or old, not adhering to those regulations is breaking the law.

To enforce the rules, a city building inspection department crew makes inspections wherever requested—and sometimes without a request. They are empowered to condemn any structure that isn't brought up to standards. But some students

claim the inspections are all talk and no action.

"They know about them, (the violations), but nothing will be done," said one student who currently sleeps with his windows open because of an unvented gas heater in his room. It's not condemned, it's condoned."

The student claimed his landlord was ordered two months ago to make heating and electrical repairs to his property within 30 days or face condemnation. The electrical repairs were made, he said, but the unvented heater remains.

"I called the inspector to complain about roaches in my apartment," said another student. "And the inspector came, said 'Yes, you've got roaches,' and left. That's the last I saw of him."

At least one expert says most of the problems associated with apartments and rooms apparently would never happen if students would read their leases before they sign them.

"Most of the landlords around here really aren't that bad," said Corky Bryant, a legal services aide for Student Government. "The trouble is that they don't know any more about their leases than the students do."

Bryant dispenses free legal advice from the SG office weekdays to UK students. Of the few complaints he fields regarding off-campus housing, most deal with lease problems.

"The problem here isn't so much substandard housing as it is the student not knowing his rights or not even having a lease. We've even found a few leases that were illegal."

Bryant said the "informal" arrangements made, without leases, between landlords and

students can easily lead to hardships for the students.

"When you don't have a lease, you literally have no recourse when something goes wrong. You can't prove anything. Even worse, most of the students who have leases have never bothered to read them."

So what can be done for the students who want to be assured of decent housing? Plenty, according to Bryant. A tenants' union at the University of Louisville recently forced improvements in housing conditions around U of L's campus. Efforts to build a similar union are being made at UK by the Civil Liberties Union.

Until then, a student can request to have his apartment inspected at no charge for housing code violations. If they're found—and if the student's lease provides for repairs—he should be able to force the needed improvements.

If that doesn't work, Student Government's legal services office can suggest further action, as can the Student Bar Association's Legal Aid clinic. But above all, stresses Bryant, students should read their leases before they sign them.

"And if it doesn't meet with your approval, ask it to be changed," he added. "You've got nothing to lose."

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