

Regents review anti-rock restrictions

The NMSU Board of Regents at a meeting Sunday and Monday in Carlsbad relaxed restrictions concerning "rock" dances on campus and proposed a review of their ruling against dormitory intervisitation.

The rock concert ruling is part of a new code of student conduct proposed by the office of student affairs and a 12-member joint faculty-student committee appointed by NMSU President Gerald W. Thomas.

The code replaces general statements about student conduct with specific

requirements "so that the student knows exactly where he stands," Thomas told the regents. Thomas also asked the regents to keep the code under continuous review "so that we will have an input at all times into its effectiveness and fairness."

The regents' ruling appears to indicate that non-students will be allowed at rock concerts sponsored by ASNMSU. In May the regents had closed all "rock" music events to non-students unless they had date cards obtained by NMSU students.

Students will assume responsibility for proper conduct of audiences at all future entertainment events, Brad Cates, ASNMSU president, told the regents in arguing for the rule relaxation.

He said that student government would take a larger part in supervising concerts and that student marshals might be used at some events. Individual organizations will also lose the right to sponsor entertainment if they cannot insure proper audience conduct, Cates further suggested.

The code also contains all the university's other rules and regulations concerning student conduct. The rules previously were listed in several publications. Several older rules have also been rewritten to make them clearer and more precise.

Under provisions of the new code, the university's disciplinary system is reorganized to "provide both students involved in violations and the university with more options for action." The discipline function is centralized in the office of Dean of Student Services Larry Stockton.

In the proposal to review the May ruling against intervisitation, the regents included a request that the administration "get all the facts in a nationwide study" and present them at a meeting later this year.

In other action the regents:

—Accepted a joint student-administration-faculty study on drug problems. The study calls for a program of education, enforcement of laws and regulations and treatment of students who voluntarily seek help.

—Upheld the administration's recommendation to close the university airport on the bases that it is too expensive to operate and maintain, poses safety problems and limits development of a strong municipal airport.

—Authorized the university to put out for bid the lease on 26 acres of land near the campus for development of housing and commercial units.

The university proposed that 14.8 acres of land near the intersection of University Avenue and Locust Street be used for apartment houses, five acres at the corner of University and Locust be developed into a small student-oriented shopping center and that seven acres near the new Memorial

General Hospital be used for construction of doctors' offices.

—Approved remodeling Williams' Gym into a combination art office building and gallery when funds are available. The remodeling, which would cost an estimated \$570,000, would include adding a second floor to the building and converting the present gymnasium into a museum and art gallery.

Construction will be concurrent with that of the new physical education complex, which is expected to go to bid in early 1972.

—Approved contracts totaling \$4.8 million including a \$1.1 million contract between the NMSU Physical Science Laboratory and NASA for telemetry and engineering data analysis and field support of NASA's Aerobee sounding rocket program.