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## Union's South Crib gets new look, name

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Students passing by the Nebraska Union's South Crib recently may have noticed some changes beginning to take place.

Behind the plastic cover-ups, renovation of the Crib, complete with a new name, is under way and should be finished by spring of 1985, said Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations in the Unions.

Kuhn said one major improvement will be the lighting of the room. Two false skylights will be attached to the ceiling in the middle of the large room to give more light. Three tulip-cupped glass chandeliers will be hung from the 15-foot-high ceiling in the fire place room.

Another major improvement, according to Daryl Swanson, director of the Union, will be the moving of the stage to the east end of the room, where all the booths will be removed. A

new vending room also will be installed and a 6-foot stained glass window with the logo, "The Corn Crib," will be put up in the hall near the Union's south entrance.

Funds for the renovation project — an estimated \$187,000 — will come from student fees, Swanson said.

Swanson said the crib will be closed by the end of the week, but to compensate for the loss of the room, extra chairs and tables will be set up in the main lounge.

Another project planned for the Union is the installation of a computer room.

"We are looking possibly at putting the terminals in the main student lounge rather than the women's lounge because of easier access for 24 hour use," Swanson said.

Swanson said the computer terminal project is part of a major project by the university to install 200 terminals around campus for student use.



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### Hackin' for fun

Kappa Sigma fraternity members practice playing hacky sack outside of their house Tuesday afternoon. The UNL recreation department and the Nebraska Union Rec Room are sponsoring a hacky sack tournament that will begin Sept. 23 and end with a tournament of champions Sept. 30.

## Opinions differ on drinking-age hike

By Mike George  
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In 1983, there were 2,365 traffic accidents involving alcohol on Nebraska's highways. Of those accidents, 50 were fatalities and 1,040 resulted in injuries, according to figures from the Nebraska State Patrol in Omaha.

As a result, effective Jan. 1, 1985, Nebraska will enforce a new drinking age of 21. Similarly, Congress passed legislation in June that sets a national guideline of 21 as the minimum drinking age. States failing to raise their minimum drinking age guidelines may have their federal funds cut.

According to officials at the State Patrol and the Lincoln Sheriff's Office, the new law will lower the number of fatalities, especially in the 19 to 20 age group.

UNL Police Chief Gail Gade said the new law should have the greatest effect on incoming freshmen students and some upperclassmen. Gade said he thinks the new law was necessary because of the

great number of drinking and driving incidents in Nebraska.

However, Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke said he thinks those in the 18 to 20 age group are being strongly discriminated against. He said it would be better for young men and women to be able to consume alcohol legally and in a controlled environment than to be labeled "underage" and try to get the alcohol illegally — possibly resulting in more accidents.

Luedtke said cutting federal funds to highways of those states that do not comply to the new age guideline is "a step in the wrong direction" by the federal government. He said President Reagan is backing away from his policy of protecting local control.

Luedtke said he is interested in reviewing statistics of alcohol-related accidents or fatalities after the new law goes into effect. People younger than 21 may flock to neighboring states to drink. Currently, in the Midwest, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota have lower drinking ages.

No move has been made by the state

legislatures to raise the drinking age to meet the requirement.

Luedtke said he thinks police enforcement would have to be upgraded by neighboring "border towns" to handle all the minors driving to states to drink.

Reactions of underage UNL students to the issue are mixed. A common reaction of those opposed to the law was that of residence hall student Lisa Wolfe: "If I can vote or go into the military than I should be able to take a drink in a bar."

Similarly, off-campus student Cindy Renn said, "If they (those under 21) are considered to be old enough to vote or to fight, why can't they be old enough to drink? Where do we draw the line?"

Chris Ott of Delta Upsilon fraternity said, "Statistically, raising the drinking age will not lower the number of accidents."

Residence hall student John Fischer said the law won't affect him because "I don't drink too much."

Off-campus student Kay Duchere's answer is representative of most students who support the law: "It might save lives."



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## Summer's dry, pleasant weather speeds health center's facelift

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Work on the \$2.7 million renovation of the UNL Health Center is ahead of schedule and should be completed by September 1985, Health Center Administrator Steve Blom said Tuesday.

According to Olson Construction Co. of Lincoln, the renovation is two weeks ahead of schedule, Blom said. If all goes well, the renovation could be finished six months ahead of the projected January 1986 completion.

Dry weather and pleasant temp-

eratures during the summer helped get the project started on time, Blom said. Construction at the center began in June.

Some health center offices and departments also have been moved to speed the renovation, he said. The community health center, mental health department and some administrative offices have been relocated so work can begin on the second floor, he said.

The community health center has been moved to the basement of Selleck Quadrangle. The mental health department was then relocated in the original space of

the community health center on the first floor. Administrative offices were moved to the mental health department's old space, he said.

The construction company now is in the process of pouring the concrete floors and putting up the walls, he said. The roof probably will be put on in about a month, he said.

"By Nov. 1, we ought to be in good shape," Blom said.

Despite the construction, the center is open 24 hours, seven days a week, Blom said. All health center services are available, he said.

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