

## Block and Bridle fifth in nation

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club has placed fifth in club activities in national competition. The NU Club also placed 4th in yearbook competition. Ron Dvorak, formerly of Wilber, was the chapter's candidate in competition for the senior award merit trophy. Dvorak is currently a graduate student in animal science at the University of Illinois.

R.B. Warren, NU associate professor of animal science, was re-elected national vice-president of Block and Bridle.

Activities sponsored by the NU Block and Bridle Club which helped boost it to national recognition include informal and formal initiations,

the Little Ar-Sar-Ben livestock showmanship contest, a ham sales drive, a spring educational tour, a livestock and meats judging contest, a Quarter Horse and Appaloosa show held in conjunction with the NU Western Days and Rodeo, and its annual awards banquet.

A new function for the club this year was Children's Day. Children from the Lincoln inner city area were given a chance to see animals on East Campus and how they are fed and cared for.

The Club has 150 members. Senior advisor for the club is Dr. Roger Mandigo, NU associate professor of animal science, and junior advisors are Dr. P.J. Cunningham, and Dr. Robert Appleman.



## Barnett calls UNL Coliseum 'fire trap,' cites poor exits

by Duane Leibhart

UNL's Coliseum is a fire trap according to State Senator Wallace Barnett of Lincoln. Barnett, a former assistant state fire marshal, said it needs to be either rebuilt or condemned.

If there were a fire the deaths wouldn't come from the actual fire, he said. Deaths in fires are usually results of asphyxiation or panic. Barnett said with the first whiff of smoke a crowd of basketball fans jammed into the coliseum's balcony would trample each other trying to get out of the inadequate exits.

THERE HAVE been fire personnel on duty at basketball games for the last two or three years, checking under the stands for possible fires, the senator said.

According to Barnett, the only thing to do is to work out some way of getting a crowd

out in under two minutes.

"I know that's impossible now," he said, "since most of the seating is in the balcony." If UNL wants to use the building for intramural sports, the University will need to pinch off that balcony, said the senator.

"I'm really serious about this, even though some may interpret it as political," Barnett said. "It's not intended to be. I'm not trying to hurt basketball attendance, but as long as it's like it is now, I'm not about to go to any basketball games," he said.

BARNETT sees the solution to the problem in the construction of a field house by the increase in the cigaret tax as approved by the last Legislature.

According to George Miller, director of physical plants for the University, safety standards of the "Life Safety Code" that has been adopted by the state fire marshal's office are continually upgraded.

Perhaps the Coliseum met safety standards in 1925 when it was built, but now standards are stricter, he said. "We are in the process of adding more doors to the sides of the Coliseum at the suggestion of the state fire marshal's office," Miller said.

THE DIRECTOR said building construction standards change and make some structures obsolete. Now it is required that new buildings have closed stairwells like Oldfather and Hamilton Hall, but that doesn't mean UNL can afford to tear down all its old buildings such as Love Library, he said.

Part of the reason the University is remodeling Avery Laboratory is because fire is a danger in a chemical laboratory. There is much more chance of fire in Avery than in the Coliseum, Miller said.

IN A FIRE you need two exits in case one is blocked by the blaze, the director said. In Avery there were a lot of dead-end corridors with no exits, he said. Shortly before remodeling the building, UNL added temporary exits to those blind corridors, following a suggestion from the state fire marshal.

Miller said he hopes the University will keep the Coliseum in use for a good many years. "We try to upgrade safety standards in our buildings as time goes on," he said, "but if a building needs to be rebuilt we usually rely on the state fire marshal's office to tell us."

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