

Students redesign Health Center

by H.J. Cummins

One of two architectural students who intend to present their plans for a new Student Health Center to the Board of Regents predicted the odds of having them authorize its construction are "one in a million."

Bob Peters, a fourth-year University student from Oakland, said he and Ron Baker purposely did not try to curb construction costs of their planned structure to prevent "something like 'Chemistry Cathedral' (Hamilton Hall) or Oldfather Hall."

The project was done for an architecture design course—with the approval and assistance of Student Health Director Samuel Fuenning.

Baker, a fourth-year student from Omaha, said he believed "in order to get the student body to use it (the Health Center) to its fullest, the building has to be very dynamic."

He complained a 1967 Comprehensive Campus Plan was a "waste of money" since it put a high priority on at least doubling the existing structure (built in 1955 for 6-10,000 students) and no action has been taken.

Baker and Peter's plan calls for remodeling the existing structure, adding two wings to its north and a "circulation corps" between the two additions.

The west wing is directly behind the current building with the circulation core east

of it and the other wing east of the circulation corps.

Besides the students' interest in appearance (Baker said they make "an auditorium look like an auditorium," even outside, to help students feel familiar with the structure,) they designated improved internal circulation as their major goal.

Much time is wasted by students and the medical staff because of the current structure's poor arrangement, Baker explained.

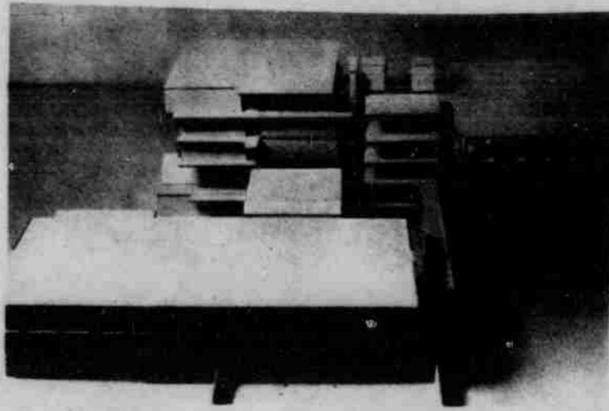
He said if a girl makes an appointment to see a doctor, suspecting she's pregnant but not telling anyone, she is given a 15-minute slot, just like a man who only needs a quick check-up to refill a prescription.

Under the current system, he said, the man, if scheduled behind the girl, has no option but to wait the two hours the doctor may counsel the girl.

Baker said their "triage" or "systematic sorting of individuals according to specific illness" would prevent such confusion by channeling—immediately when the student enters the building—the patient to the "zone" in the building that is the service he or she requires.

A proposed computer would cut waiting time five to 10 minutes, Baker said, because it would make the patients' medical history instantly available to medical staff members anywhere in the building.

The circulation core would include two elevators operating



New Health Center plan. . .one chance in a million.

on all six levels of the two wings, stairs to all floors and ramps (for wheel chairs) to connect all full and half floors (the floors on the west wing would be located midway between the floors on the east wing.)

Baker said any point in the building could be reached by foot or wheel chair.

Having the offices on the highest levels, Baker explained, would keep a "minimum of student circulation" on those levels. Instead of spreading the student-frequented facilities throughout the building, he said, they would be in a concentrated area, necessitating less travel throughout the building and less time wasted.

Committee seeks ombudsman

Names and biographies of potential part-time ombudsmen for the second semester must be turned into the UNL Ombudsman Search Committee by Dec. 23, according to the committee's chairman.

Denise Gamache said anybody—student, faculty member, administrator or non-University person—may apply. The six-member search committee will submit its recommendation to Interim Chancellor C. Peter Magrath Jan. 9.

ASUN decided Sept. 29 to seek funds for an ombudsman position at UNL. The ombudsman's job will be to receive and investigate complaints from faculty, staff and students and use persuasion to resolve the grievances.

Gamache said the ombudsman's salary next semester may be set at half a full-time assistant professor's or between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Besides student Gamache, the search committee is composed of two other students, two faculty members and an administrator.



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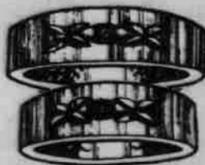
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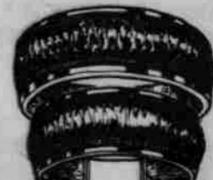
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