



Abel Hall elevator. . . how would you like to be taken for a ride?

Vandalism, breakdowns plague dorm elevators

One-half hour. An hour. An hour and a half. Finally after one hour and 45 minutes, Dave Eckmann left the elevator that was stuck in between the ninth and tenth floor of Abel Hall.

Eckmann, student assistant on Abel 10, said he entered the elevator on tenth floor at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, the door closed, the elevator moved a few feet and stopped.

Eckmann said he alerted a passerby through a one-inch opening in the door and finally left his chamber at 8:15 p.m.

Most students haven't been caught in a dormitory elevator for more than one hour, but elevators are apparently a frequent subject of complaints from students.

"Elevators are one of the biggest headaches we have," says Dick Strait, coordinator of UNL housing operations.

More than \$17,000 was spent last year for repairs on the 16 passenger elevators and four freight elevators in the dormitories, he said.

Strait said that 65 to 80 per cent of elevator problems are caused by vandalism. Only 15 to 20 per cent are actual maintenance breakdowns, he added.

"A student doesn't see this when he's stuck in an elevator," Strait said. "He sees it as a lousy elevator."

"Our problems usually start from the first day," Strait said. He added, however, that this year student elevator operators were used during check-in at the dormitories and there were no breakdowns.

Student elevator operators might be a feasible means to alleviate the problems, he suggested.

Absentee ballots unlikely for state's draft evaders

Young Nebraska men who left the country to avoid the military draft will probably not be allowed to vote by absentee ballot in the November general election.

Election officials in many states have received requests for absentee ballots from individuals who moved to Canada to avoid military service.

The requests have sent those election officials to law books and court cases to find legal precedent for making a decision on whether to send the ballots.

Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beermann said Thursday his office has not been asked to rule on the issue by any of the state's county election officials.

However, if he were asked to interpret Nebraska statutes, Beerman said he would probably say such individuals should not be allowed an absentee vote.

"They have removed themselves from the state for more than temporary purposes," Beermann said, and therefore can not claim the state as their residence.

"If these fellows have gone to Canada, they plan to stay there indefinitely," Beermann said.

Since they are "fugitives from justice" and have federal indictments against them, Beermann said he doubted whether they would elect to return to the state in the immediate future.



First semester degree deadline

Students planning to graduate at the end of first semester should apply for their degree or certificate by Oct. 2, according to the Registration and Records Office. Students can apply at the information window in the Administration Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday.

Students revive registration

by Steve Arvanette

Lancaster County Election Commissioner Bill Davidson agreed Thursday to hold a voter registration drive on the UNL campus between Oct. 9-11.

Davidson had told the *Daily Nebraskan* Wednesday that no registration could take place on campus before the November election.

But in a meeting with Innocents Society members Bill Lock and Chris Harper, Davidson changed his mind and agreed to the drive.

Innocents Society is the UNL senior men's honorary; the group had planned to work with voter registration on campus. When Innocents members heard that Davidson had canceled the campus drive, Lock said, a delegation visited Davidson to discuss the matter.

Registration will be in the Nebraska Union from 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Davidson had reportedly come under pressure from Hess Dyas, state Democratic party chairman, and Gov. J.J. Exon to have registration on campus.

Davidson, a Democrat, was appointed election commissioner by Exon in 1971.

In an interview Wednesday, he said he could not permit an additional voter registration location outside of the City-County Building.

Saying "we ran out of time," he originally contended that his office could not handle the additional work so close to election day.

At the meeting with Harper and Lock, Davidson again stressed the added work his office must perform just prior to an election.

But he said he wanted the campus community to feel he was cooperating.