

UNL Temple Building leads in fire hazards

by Debby Farley

The state fire marshal's office has given the University of Nebraska one year to correct 278 fire safety violations on its two-Lincoln campuses.

Only 10 of 70 buildings were approved as free from fire hazards, according to a 26-page report sent Friday to the Board of Regents and University President D. B. Varner.

Violations in the 60 remaining buildings ranged from lack of "no smoking" signs to faulty electrical wiring, locked fire escapes and absence of fire alarms.

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The report orders that Temple's basement be closed to classes, that a fire alarm system be installed with full heat detection, that all electrical wiring be checked by an electrician, that curtains in the theater be flameproofed, that a sprinkler system be installed over the stage area and that stairways be enclosed with fire resistant material.

Deputy Fire Marshal Richard G. Hansen ends the description of Temple with one statement: "I recommend that you discontinue the use of this building."

Other buildings having major hazards included:

- Brace Hall (eight violations). Its fourth floor was

ordered closed unless another fire exit is installed.

-Law College (seven violations). The report defined as hazardous the building's storage rooms, janitor closets, faculty lounges, basement snack and locker rooms and library and stacks. Those areas will be required to have heat detector systems. And unless another exit is provided for the basement, it will be closed.

-Architecture Hall (12 violations). A fire alarm system was ordered for the entire building and a complete cleanup for the main floor. "Housekeeping is less than desirable," said the report.

-Richards Hall (13 violations). The attic was the most dangerous area, according to the report, and was ordered cleaned out. Heat detection and fire alarm systems must be added.

-Relatively new Westbrook Music Building (15 violations). The smoking and lounge areas were ordered discontinued unless separated from the rest of the building by fire resistant materials and fire doors.

-Kimball Recital Hall, dedicated just two years ago (14 violations). Electrical wiring, scene-building shops and the stage area were sore points.

-Food and Nutrition Building (10 violations). Heat detection systems and fire alarms are needed, along with a general cleanup of the attic, according to the report.

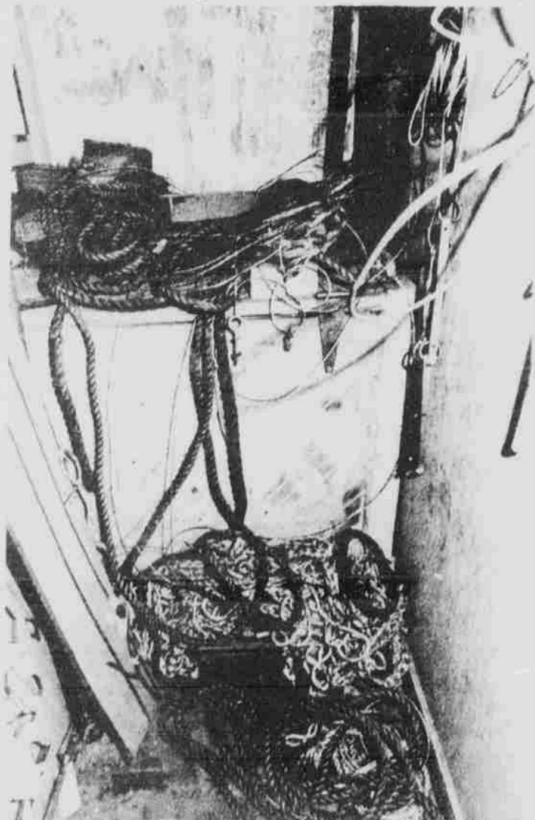
More than half the 60 buildings lacked sprinkler, heat detection or sufficient fire alarm systems. More than a third had too few or too small fire exits, or both, to guarantee that all occupants could escape safely during a fire.

The 10 buildings approved by the fire marshal's inspection were Sheldon Art Gallery, The College of Business Administration, the power plant, Women's Physical Education Building, Sandoz Hall, Baker Animal Science, Ruth Staples Hall, the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education and the College of Dentistry. The Coliseum was approved "with limited occupancy."

Although Sandoz Hall was the only dormitory to be approved most others need only minor work. Piper and Raymond Halls are potentially dangerous, though, because of 45-foot dead-end corridors on all floors, according to the report. Added fire escapes were ordered.

Board of Regents President Ed Schwartzkopf, when asked what action the board would take, said he had not yet seen the report, but felt that "we need to face up to the situation. We can't wait for something to happen or people to lose their lives before we do something."

"This isn't a new finding—but it's difficult to comply with limited funds."



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Builders— 30 years of service to NU

by Shelly Kalkowski

To the average UNL student, the name Builders is vaguely familiar. Most know that the 50 cents to pay for the Buzz Book goes to Builders. And if he reads close enough, a student might discover that the free calendars of the University's detailed schedule are published by Builders.

But what he probably doesn't know is that members of Builders are involved in numerous other service projects.

This year Builders' is celebrating its 30th anniversary by continuing to live up to the motto: build a better University through service.

Take the Buzz Book and calendars. These publications, designed and distributed by the Calendar and Directory Committee, provide finances for the organization's other activities. In return for 50 cents, students receive the Buzz Book, which lists the names, addresses and phone numbers of the student body and faculty. Advertising in the calendars provides additional money.

Most of the money goes to Builders' scholarship program. Each year, the Student Faculty Relations Committee, one of six Builders committees, offers four scholarships: one to an outstanding student in social and environmental studies, one to a student with financial need, one to a part-time student; one to an incoming freshman.

According to Dennis Martin, Builders' president and former member of Student Faculty Relations, the committee also is reinstating the outstanding professor award this year.

Nominations will come from living units. The names of the top three professors from each college will be placed on a ballot. Students then will have a chance to choose an outstanding professor from each college.

Martin said the award had been temporarily discontinued because of a \$500 award. Previously the stipend had been paid

by student donations, but for the last few years Builders had to pay the money. "We couldn't afford it," Martin said, "So this year, the award will just be an honor without the money."

The committee also is compiling a list of UNL professors willing to speak in living units and for student interest groups. Members of Builders' Tours committee serve the University by guiding school groups around campus. The 50 to 60 members of the Tours Committee learn interesting details and anecdotes about each of the campus buildings to relate to their groups. The members also are prepared to answer questions about University life.

According to former Tours Committee member Robin Darst, members perform a service which most other Universities must pay students to do.

Members of the Red Coats Committee work in a similar capacity by serving as hosts to special guests visiting the campus.

College Day committee members work with Admissions Director John Aronson by traveling to high schools presenting a slide show and answering questions about the campus.

Public relations for Builders is designed by the University Projection committee. Its members are responsible for promoting Builders' 30th anniversary. For instance, the committee distributed free pens and pencils with this year's Buzz Book. The pens had hammerhead shaped covers and were inscribed: Builders has been hammering away at helping the University for 30 years.

The committee also programs discussions about the University over television and radio. Last spring, in conjunction with KRNU radio, they taped a 20 minute interview with University President D. B. Varner. A similar interview with Gov. J. J. Exon is being planned.

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