

## Refrigerator rentals boost RHA budget

The Residence Hall Association (RHA), faced with one of the largest budgets in its history, according to RHA president Tim Evensen, will discuss future budget allocations Oct. 3.

A financial report was distributed to RHA members at Thursday's meeting, which showed an estimated balance of \$2,507.56.

A total of \$1,700 was received from this semester's refrigerator rentals, while expenditures for sales tax on the residence hall game rooms, films and printing and duplicating totaled \$678.78, according to the report. The balance, after subtraction of expenditures, left a total of \$807.56, according to the report.

Evensen reported that the large demand for refrigerators may not be resolved as soon as first believed.

Evensen said United Students American Industries, the company that supplies the residence hall refrigerators, advised him that the supply of refrigerators formerly contracted by RHA can not be obtained. A different type of unit, however, may require a higher or lower charge to residents, he said. Evensen said he should have more information by the next meeting.

Campus Police again this year will provide each residence hall two scribes, Evensen said. The program was initiated to help recover stolen items by inscribing the person's name and social security number on valuable items.

A card must be filled out listing the items inscribed, he said, which will be held at the Campus Security office. The cards may be obtained from floor representatives, he said.

## Y-Pals recruiting drive begins with poster party Saturday

Y-Pals, a "big brother, big sister" organization sponsored by the YMCA, will start its recruiting drive Saturday with a poster party at the Downtown YMCA for the volunteers and children involved, according to Lee Anne Zaroban, assistant director of Y-Pals.

Y-Pals match each volunteer with a child. The volunteer then meets with the child at least once a week for nine months for activities that include camping and movie-going, said Zaroban.

Y-Pal volunteers must be at least 16 year old and must supply three references, she added.

"The next step is an interview which is not an accept or reject thing," Zaroban said. "We only want to find out more about the volunteer."

From this information, the files are checked for four prospective "pals" and the volunteer can choose from the four possibilities, she said.

About one quarter of the Y-Pal volunteers are UNL or Nebraska Wesleyan University students, according to Zaroban. She said almost all volunteers are college-age. Many are married and working, she said.

The children, aged four to 14, are referred by school counselors or any of the social service programs in Lincoln, said Zaroban. The majority of the children are from low-income families and many only have one parent, she said.

Presently, there are about 250 matched pairs in Lincoln but another 100 boys and 20 girls need partners, said Zaroban.

"These children need some guidance and a friend," she said.

Jim Esch, a UNL student with the Y-Pals program, said helping these children has been a rewarding experience.

"Sometimes I may look like an authoritarian figure to my pal, but I feel that I should give him some direction," he said.

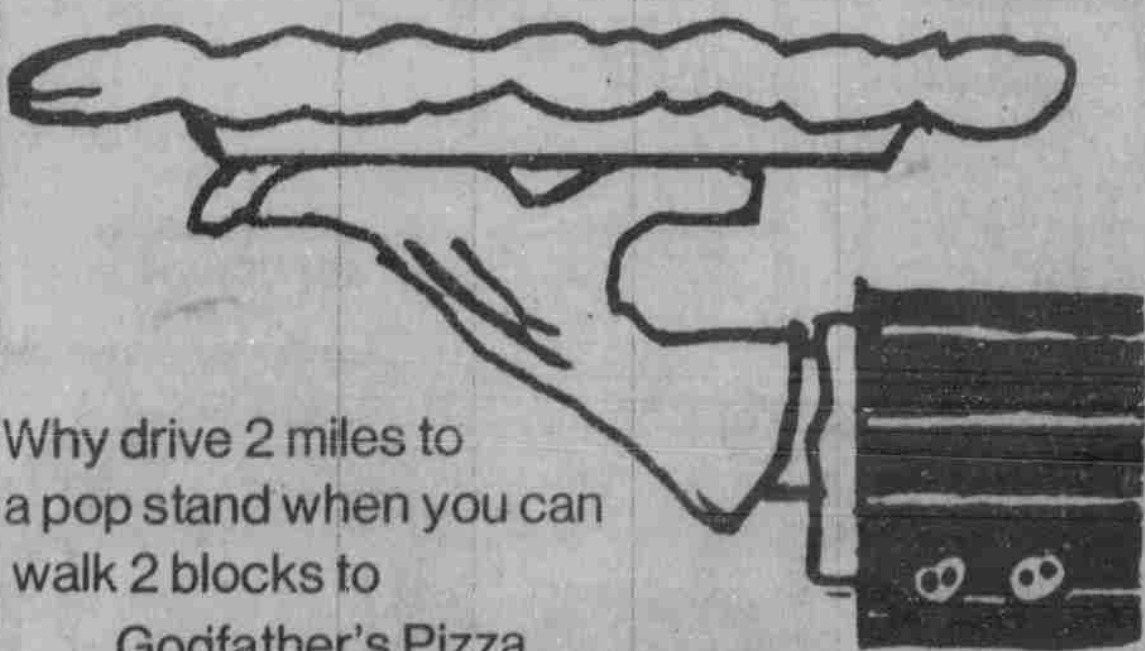
Jim Eiberger, a UNL student and Y-Pal volunteer, said he heard about Y-Pals from friends.

"I decided it was a worthwhile experience, so one day I wandered into the Y-Pal office and volunteered."

"It's hard to say how much I've given my pal," said Eiberger, "but I think I've been a father image for him and that I have made him feel loved."

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