## Ancient urinals

## Public gets a view

${ }^{\text {H }}$ "In all seriousness, one must experience the Hinsdale to appreciate it.
So read the sign Friday at the entrance to the men's restroom in the basement of Architecture Hall. The tinscale referred to was a plural-two urinals, standing ohest-high at one end of the restroom
Hinsdale-"Oliver" Hinsdale, according to architecture students -actually was the man who obtained the patent on the urinals, according to Kyle Carey, an architecture student.
Architecture students Friday held the fourth annual "open house" in which visitors (male and female) were allowed to come in and view the facilities.

Carey pointed out the unique features of the Hinsdale urinal to visitors.
A steel pipe extends the length of each urinal, with each pipe attached to a water box placed a foot above the urinals, Carey said. Water runs through the pipes at all times, providing continual flush, Carey said.
Carey said he and other architecture students had traveled in Europe during a semester spent studying in London and hand not found a urinal which could compare with the Hinsdale's uniqueness.

Another unique feature about the Hinsdale is that only two of its kind exist at UNL, according to Carey.

A Hinsdale used to be installed in every building on campus, according to a Nov. 3, 1973, English Dept. bulletin. These urinals were used in the halcyon past, when giants and generous men trod the earth,'
according to the bulletin.
Hinsdale was once a UNL faculty member, according to the bulletin. A check with University Archivist Joseph Svoboda, however, showed no faculty member named Hinsdale between 1910-1925. Hindale received the patent on the urinals in 1910.

Several urinals in the Law College are almost as old as the Hinsdale urinals, according to Peter Black, an architecture student. With a new Law College to be built on East Campus, and the present Law college to be torn down, the days of these urinals are numbered, Black said. Architecture students are starting a drive to save these urinals, he said.


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