

# Neihardt Center to have new fire escapes, exits

Construction has begun on fire escapes and 21 new outside exits at Neihardt Residence Center (NRC), according to Bill Schnackel, complex program director. The work is being done by the William Broer Construction Company.

"The Nebraska State Fire Marshall has said we have to comply with current fire regulations," Schnackel said. "Regulations state that a building must have one outside exit for every 30 feet of corridor."

He said fire escape construction is phase one of a three-phase program to insure fire safety at NRC. Phase two will be to close off stairways and residential corridors and phase three is to install a new alarm system, he said. The other phases will be implemented when money becomes available.

"We won't know the cost of it (fire escape construction) until it is all done," Schnackel said. "It will be at least \$37,000 (the company's original bid), and with the expected three per cent overrun of costs, it could be up around \$40,000."

Money for the construction will come from bond reserves, Schnackel said. The fund gets \$300 of a resident's yearly dorm fee.

Modernization of NRC fire escape methods has been delayed by the uncertainty of the building's classification, either hotel, public building, or apartment, according to Schnackel. He said standards are different for each type of building. NCR is tentatively established as a combination hotel-public building.

John Sipp, UNL coordinator of maintenance operations for housing, said that an automatic locking device will be put on all escape doors in the complex, keeping them permanently locked until a fire occurs.

Some escape doors currently are used as regular exits, Sipp said. A monitor system will be installed on these doors, enabling Campus Police to know each time the doors are opened or closed after hours.

# RHA approves Bradley

By Betsie Ammons

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) voted unanimously Thursday to appoint Harper Hall resident Tom Bradley as RHA vice-president, reversing their October 23 decision which rejected his nomination made by President Sue Ihne. Bradley will succeed Karen Lundquist, who resigned October 2 for personal reasons.

The decision was changed despite a motion from RHA member Clay Statmore to revise the constitution to state that the vice president would preside at all RHA meetings, as is now procedure at ASUN. Ihne said she would allow Bradley to preside over the remaining two meetings of the fall semester, stating that she "wanted to see how it would work out."

Ihne presented a list of presidential and vice presidential duties to the council, concerning the question of whether or not the duties of vice-president were sufficient enough to warrant selection of a new vice president.

Ihne said the president's duties included attendance of many other campus organizations and committee meetings. She said it would be possible for the vice-

president to obtain more duties by attending some of these meetings in her place.

Ihne also announced that UNL Housing Director Richard Armstrong told her that residence hall rates would probably be raised again next year, although no specific amount was given.

RHA Special Issues Committee Chairman Ray Walden, also a member of the Housing Committee Task Force, said a survey would be sent to residents soon asking them to evaluate differential housing, to help them determine what, if any changes, could be made in differential housing policies.

He also said the task force was conducting a survey of housing directors of universities in other states where the legal drinking age is 19, to find out their campus liquor policies.

Saturday breakfast hours will be extended on an experimental basis in one of the campus residence halls, according to Judy Siminoo, chairman of the RHA Food and Housing Committee. Siminoo said there had been numerous complaints from residents that they would like to eat breakfast on Saturday, but were not awake at the early hour it was offered.

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