

## Students become emotionally attached to temporary digs

By Mary Jo Howe

Living in a residence hall lounge may seem barely tolerable to most people, but some students don't want to leave.

"It seems that some girls in temporary housing have refused vacancies offered them," said Tony Williams, first vice president of ASUN and a Residence Hall Association representative. "The students have become so attached to the floors that they don't want to move."

As of Monday night, 30 girls remained in temporary housing in Sandoz, Abel, Schramm and Smith residence halls, according to Glenn Schumann, acting assistant director of housing. "The deadline to have the students in permanent housing is Oct. 1. However, if enough vacancies don't show up this week, we'll have to consider other alternatives," he said.

A decision on the students in temporary housing will be made at the Sept. 30 meeting of the housing administration.

"We don't mind living in a lounge at all," said Karen Hopken, a freshman from Geneva, one of four girls living on the fifth floor of Sandoz who said they prefer to stay where they are.

"We aren't really refusing to leave, but we would rather stay here than move to the dorm where vacancies are."

Hopken said the girls talked to their student assistant, Sandoz's residence hall director and to one of the housing directors about their possible relocations.

"They told us the housing administration has an obligation to find permanent housing for all students with housing contracts," said Hopken. "They also said that the lounge belongs to the girls on the floor."

Vacancies are offered to the temporarily housed students on a first come, first serve basis, Schumann said. Eventually those on the top of the list will be forced to move, he added.

The housing administration took more contracts than the actual housing capacity to counteract the many vacancies that usually occur during the first month of school, Schumann explained.

The situation worked out well for the men, but not

enough vacancies appeared for women, leaving 30 women in temporary housing.

Schumann speculated that there may be no single room contracts next year and possible three students will be placed in end rooms because of increasing enrollment.



Photo by Scott Svoboda

Kristy Bradbury, standing, and Susan Trail are two 8th floor Sandoz Hall residents who are getting used to temporary housing.

## War heaven, not hell to local armchair generals

By Deb Palmer

World War II is being fought in Jim Schmidt's attic.

Thousands of soldiers, ready for action, line the walls. Tanks, cannons and airplanes are also at his command. The gently sloping battlefield lies only a few yards away.

Schmidt, 24, a Lincoln construction worker, is not a frustrated World War II veteran, but a three-year veteran of war gaming. His soldiers are about one inch tall and his battlefield is a large, green foam carpet with wooden blocks underneath the hills.

The war game simulates a battle, either a historical battle or one created through fantasy. Players plan strategy to use their soldiers and artillery as effectively as possible. But it's also a game of chance—dice are rolled to determine how successful a particular move will be. Before the game begins, rules are decided by both sides.

"The nice thing about war gaming is that if you don't like a rule, you can leave it out or change it," Schmidt said.

"You approach a war game as a chess game or a game of cards," he said, except a war game can become more "blood-thirsty."

"You can really get into it," he explained.

History plays a major role in war gaming. Players may decide on a particular war and plan their own strategies

for it or just line up their soldiers and "fight it out."

Schmidt said because he is interested in World War II and the Napoleonic wars, his soldiers and artillery are from that era. Other popular wars are the American Revolutionary War, the Civil War, ancient wars (during early Greek and Roman times) and the Thirty Years War.

Because of his interest in World War II, Schmidt said he and several of his friends are going to replay it this winter. First, they will plan their strategy on paper and then arrange the soldiers and artillery to execute their plans.

Although the game is based on probabilities, Schmidt said, battles often will come out as they historically did.

Both lead and plastic miniature soldiers are available, Schmidt said. The lead ones cost about 50 cents each and the plastic ones cost between two and three cents. Schmidt uses plastic soldiers although he said both kinds are hard to find in Lincoln.

The small soldiers are painted after they are bought. Although Schmidt said he found it difficult at first, he now finds painting the tiny figures relaxing.

Describing it as a fairly expensive hobby, Schmidt said he probably has spent "a couple hundred dollars" on war game equipment in the three years he has been playing.

Larry Irons, president of UNL's Historical Simulations Club, said he has been playing war games for about 12

years, since he was 11. But he said "war games" is a bad term.

"People play to have fun," Irons explained. He said those who played could best be described as "great indoommen."

Both Schmidt and Irons, a senior geology major, said war games are not something a person is vaguely interested in—war gamers research the wars they are interested in, paint hundreds of small soldiers and mount them on movable stands, assemble and paint artillery, and then spend about four to six hours playing a war game.

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## Senate examines Shovers' conduct

By George Miller

Steve Shovers, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) student body president and student regent, may face impeachment by the UNO student senate and student court, Shovers said Tuesday.

Shovers was allowed to keep his two offices by a UNO appeals board last week after being placed on disciplinary probation Aug. 9 for looking through confidential files. He said Tuesday he is "pretty confident" that he will not be impeached and he expects a move in the student senate to give him a vote of confidence.

Nancy Norenberg, speaker of the student senate, said a motion was brought before the senate at its Sept. 23 meeting to have the senate schedule a hearing to consider impeachment charges.

Norenberg said a hearing possibly will be scheduled for tonight.

She said the purpose of the hearing will be to acquaint senators with the facts in the Shovers case and to decide if the facts warrant a senate impeachment bill. Tape recordings from the appeals board's deliberations will be made available to senators, she said.

However, Norenberg said she does not expect a large turnout at the hearing because most senators already are familiar with the details of the Shovers case.

She said that if senators consider impeachment is justified after the hearing, they may bring a bill of impeachment before the senate, possibly at Thursday night's regular senate meeting.

If the senate passes the bill by a two-thirds margin, the bill goes to the UNO student court, which would decide whether to remove Shovers from office.

If the impeachment bill does not get the two-thirds vote, it would then "just die," Norenberg said.

An appeals board decided Sept. 20 to take Shovers off his probation and place him on disciplinary notice. This means Shovers would have a letter in his permanent file stating his misconduct.

Shovers said he would attempt to appeal the disciplinary notice, but has not yet done so because he has not learned from university officials what the note says.



Photo by Ted Kirk

One of the last remnants of an Indian Summer, this solitary Great Blue Heron takes a rest during its trip south.