

Student sees many changes in six years in dorm

The times they are a-changing. Even in UNL residence halls.

Six years ago, visits from the opposite sex were carefully directed under the cautious guidelines of residence hall regulations, the thought of flashers and streakers terrorizing the halls was beyond imagination and the wonderful convenience of the Validine card had not yet debuted in the cafeterias.

UNL, Wesleyan sponsor NMUN

Students from UNL, Nebraska Wesleyan, other midwest colleges and area high schools will meet at UNL Feb. 9 through 12 for the 10th annual Nebraska Model United Nations (NMUN), said Shari Patrick, NMUN chairwoman.

The event, patterned after the United Nations, is sponsored jointly by the Nebraska Union Program Council and Nebraska Wesleyan. It will be in the Nebraska Union.

Participants form delegations representing countries in the U.N., she said. They study the economic and political policies of those countries and devise resolutions to solve world problems.

Patrick said NMUN will meet both in committees and General Assembly. James Howe, Senior Fellow from the Overseas Development Council in Washington and a UNL graduate, will deliver the keynote address the first evening, she said.

Also, Patrick said, U.N. delegates from Ghana, Singapore and Pakistan will attend NMUN to assist the student delegations.

Registrations for NMUN are "a little behind" the number at this time last year, according to Patrick. She said two-thirds (70) of the countries in the U.N. are represented so far.

However, Patrick said applications have been "coming in fast for the past five days" and she estimates that 400 students will participate.

She said there are still important countries left to be represented. Most of the Western European countries have delegations, but there are many African countries needing representation, she said.

The African countries are important because they are one of this year's discussion problems, she added.

Patrick said additional staff members are needed to fill secretarial positions. NMUN has about 30 staff members from UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan, she said.

Thousands of students have come and gone throughout these six years, but only one has weathered all the changes. Behrooz Emam—holds the record for the current UNL student with the longest tenure in the residence halls having six years experience to his credit.

Emam, 24, is a residence assistant at Selleck Quadrangle. He has lived in every city campus residence hall complex except Abel-Sandoz. "I have enough friends over there, I guess I feel like I live there too," Emam said.

Emam's six years of residence hall living have included several positions of authority. He lived at the Neihardt Residence Center the semester the International House program was initiated.

Following stays at Centennial College and Cather Hall, Emam was hired as a student assistant (SA) for second floor Cather. He received his bachelor's degree in Architectural Studies in the spring of 1975.

Emam began his graduate studies as program advisor for Centennial College, where he resided for one year before assuming his position at Selleck. He earned his masters degree in architecture last summer and will complete work on his masters in civil engineering this spring.

Since Emam was hired by the Office of University Housing four years ago, he has been exempt from increasing housing rates. In the six years Emam has been enrolled at UNL, housing rates have risen from \$940 per year to \$1,225.

Cafeteria food has been one constant in the changing years of Emam's campus dwelling, he said. "The reason they (students) complain a lot is they get used to it (the food) and tire of it," Emam said of residence hall meals.

He said the summers he lived off-campus have taught him to appreciate the quality and variety of residence hall meals.

"I guess living in a dorm has been part of my education," Emam said. Working with students and trying to create a community within a residence hall has been a valuable lesson, he said, adding he prefers the smaller size and close-knit atmosphere of Selleck and Neihardt to the other residence halls on campus.

Following his graduation this spring, Emam will return to his home town of Tehran, Iran. Although he is uncertain of his plans, he said he will not live in a dormitory.

House is cultural smorgasbord

By Anne Carothers

International House may be one of those things that lives up to its name.

It is a place for foreign and American students to live together and learn about other cultures, according to Dania Inguanzo, head resident at International House.

This year 68 students live in the "house," actually the first two floors of Piper Hall in the Neihardt Residence Center. Each foreign student lives with an American student, said Inguanzo.

Students must apply to live in International House, although there are usually only enough applications to fill the House, Inguanzo said.

International House writes to high schools and has an open house in the spring to tell people about living in International House, she said.

Most foreign students say they hear about International House through friends who have lived there or through the Foreign Student Office, added Inguanzo.

Students from Hong Kong and Taiwan make up the largest groups living at International House. No European or Scandinavian students live there, Inguanzo said, adding

she did not know why European students did not apply to live there.

Housing payments are the same as other residence hall payments and the rooms are about the size of Abel-Sandoz Residence Hall rooms with a large window, Inguanzo said.

She said that although all the students speak English at the International House, learning to speak it all the time and be understood is an adjustment.

Piper Hall stays open for vacations so students have a place to stay for \$3.75 a night, she said, and there is a kitchen in the basement for students to use.

Many of the students travel in the United States during Christmas vacations or go home with their American roommates for Christmas, she added.

International House has programs including dinners with foods from a certain country. Entertainment and discussions about that country follow dinner, Inguanzo said.

She said she sees the need for "people to be with their own kind." Many students have close friends of their own nationality, she said, but it has not become a problem in not getting to know other students.

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