

Union's Crib, game room get cosmetic surgery

By Mary Jo Howe

With a fresh coat of paint here and new lighting there, parts of the Nebraska Union underwent a shape-up program this summer.

Renovations took place in the North Crib, basement game room and the third floor International Educational Service (IES) office.

The Crib was sparked up with an increased lighting level, two bay windows and an enlarged cash register area.

"The idea is to open up the area—get rid of that feeling of claustrophobia," said Union Director Al Bennett.

One of the major problems with The Crib, he said is that it is largely hidden by walls and partitions. The windows will help solve this problem, he said.

Inside, the ceiling was repaired and painted white and the lighting level was increased with new bulbs.

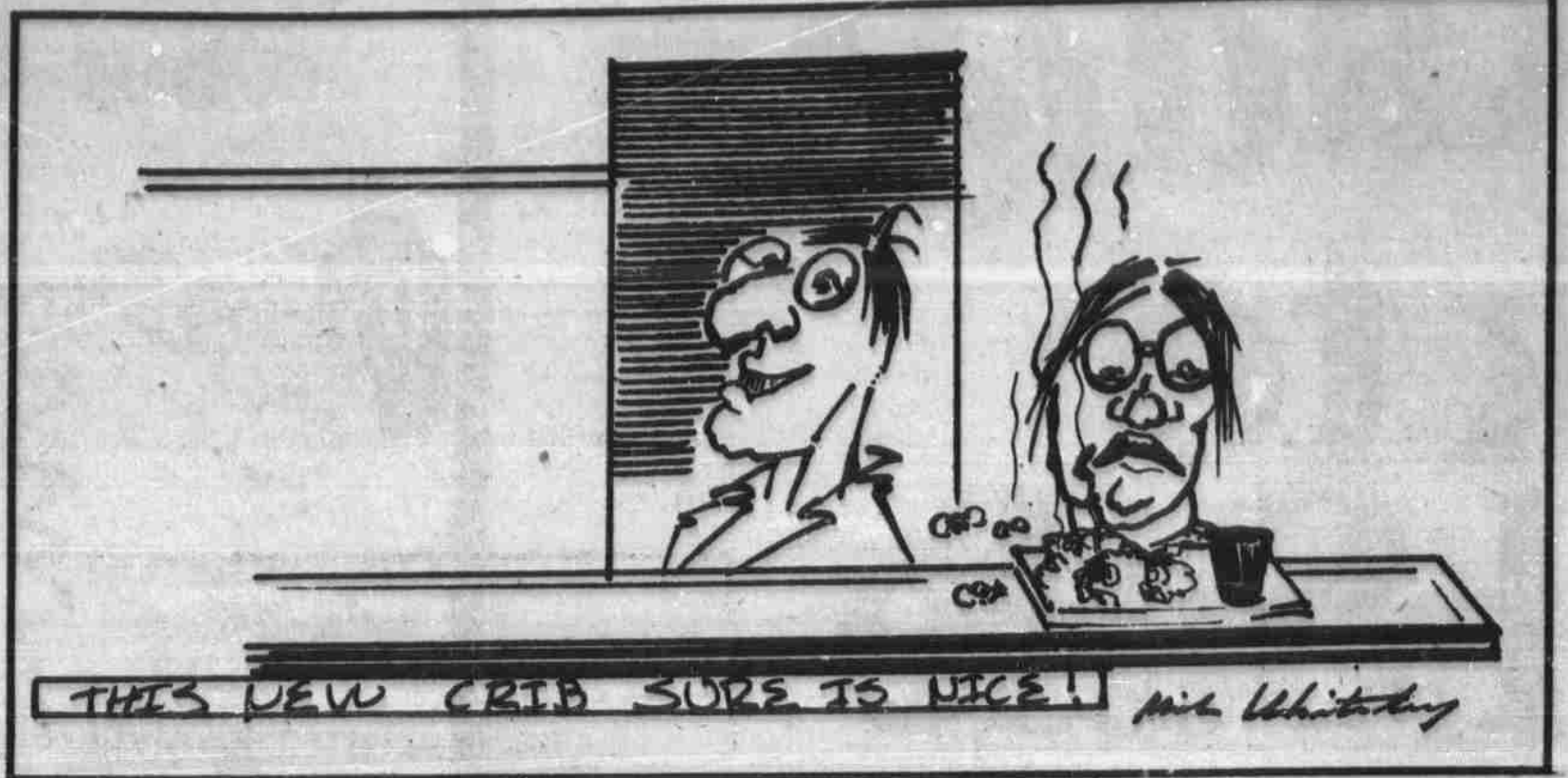
Other changes made at The Crib were in response to questionnaires circulated among its customers last spring.

Dirty tables was a common complaint on the questionnaires, Bennett said, so a self-busing service will start this fall.

Two self-busing stations were built, one in the North Crib and one in the South. Patrons will be encouraged to pick up after themselves.

The same number of busboys will be employed this year as last, Bennett said, but with self-busing there should be better control over the tables.

In addition, the cash register area was widened to handle wheelchairs and handicapped persons. The new arrangement also was installed to close off the area. It



will act as a sound, heat and cooling barrier, Bennett said.

A new glass partition replaces the part-glass, part-panel partition between the game room and the entrance.

On third floor, a wood and glass partition replaces the temporary area partitions in the IES office.

Bennett said the renovation cost will not be known until all the bills are in, but he estimated it will be about

\$45,000. The renovations are paid for by the bond reserve fund, Bennett said.

The bond reserve is money left after paying the Union's indebtedness from student fees.

Bennett said next year's projects may include a new handicapped entrance, delicatessen and renovating the small auditorium.



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