Landmark facelift plan saves original buildings

UNL's Architectural Hall will be remodeled, although the existing structure will not be changed at all.

Built in 1894, Architectural Hall is on the National Register for Historic Places, which means if federal money is used for remodeling, there must be protection of the original, according to W. Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture.

Remodeling plans show the new building built around the existing Former Law building. The plans were drawn by Lincoln architectural firm Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker.

The firm won a \$25,000 contest to design the addition and received \$4,000 for their winning design. Money for the contest was appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature. Architectural Hall is being remodeled because of a lack of research space, faculty office space, library space and a shortage of studios for its 550

"I'm very pleased with the outcome of the (design) competition," Steward said. "It is a superb proposal, realistic, economical, a teaching tool in itself."

Construction will begin in September, 1979, at the earliest, Steward said. That would be 85 years after Architecture Hall was built.

He declined to estimate what the budget would be but said a brand new structure would cost around \$14 million.

Remodeling cost will be much less because instead of tearing down Architecture Hall and Former Law, they will be used in the final structure, Steward said.



Photo courtesy of the College of Architecture

This model, designed by Lincoln architectural firm Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker, won the competition to remodel Architecture Hall. The new structure encases Former Law College and an atrium joins Architecture Hall to the new building. Solar collectors top the building to the south (left). The north side will be open for natural lighting.

Semester's start heightens landlord-tenant disputes

By Gail Reid

With the beginning of a new semester and students moving into apartments, landlord-tenant friction is at its peak.

According to Robert Lange, Student Legal Services attorney, students have more problems with the landlords at the beginning and the end of the semester when they are moving in or out.

Problems arise from misunderstandings about leases, poor maintenance of the apartment, loss of a student's security deposit or short notice by students when they move out, Lange said.

One student said she thought any trouble she had with her landlord was because she was young. Pam Steinmiller, 21, said any delays in returning her deposit were because she was inexperienced and could not demand the return of her deposit. The deposit was not returned for more than a month, the speech pathology major said.

Another student, who asked not to be identified, said she thought her landlord took advantage of her. The landlord did not pay her utility bill as agreed; however, the woman said she could not afford a court battle.

Before renting an apartment students can protect themselves by inspecting the apartment thoroughly, making a list of defects, dating it and having the landlord sign it. That way, the landlord will know which damages occurred before the new tenant moved in, Lange said.

A student also should inspect the lease and understand what it says before signing it. Oral agreements should not be relied upon, but should be written into the lease, Lange said.

Once a student is moved in, the landlord has almost total control, he said. The landlord can kick someone out if they have not paid their rent or withhold the deposit for damages.

However, there are legal procedures a student can make use of. If a landlord does not repair any material thing in the apartment within 14 days of being notified by letter, the student can move out of the apartment 30 days after the letter was received by the landlord without any loss of revenue, Lange said.

Legally, a deposit must be returned within 14 days after the tenant has moved out if the landlord knows where to send it, he said. Students who do not receive their deposits may take the landlord to civil court and sue.

Lawyers are available to students at Student Legal Services to make phone calls and write letters to press the landlord into action.

Student Legal Services also has a listing

of landlord complaints so students can learn which landlords receive the most and fewest complaints.

Bombing cases dismissed

The case against four UNL students charged in connection with an explosion in Cather Residence Hall has been dismissed pending their completion of a pre-trial diversion program, designed for first time offenders.

The four Cather residents were charged with destruction of a building with an explosive device. The incident occured Nov. 28 in a stairwell on 13th floor of Cather. The explosion caused about \$150 damage, according to authorities.

Edward Bannister, 19, Philip Harris, 18, Michael McCaulley, 18, all of Holdrege and Martin Mullican, 21, of Omaha, must fulfill the responsibilities and conditions of the program.

Eric McMasters, director of the Lancaster County pre-trial diversion program, said it is a "probation-like program with a varying amount of responsibilities."

Included in the student's responsibilities is payment for repair of the damage. All charges will be dropped from the students' records if the pre-trial diversion

program is successfully completed,

The general conditions include continhe said.

The four must report regularly to the program counselors and remain in Lancaster County for 9 months and they may have no other arrests, McMasters said.



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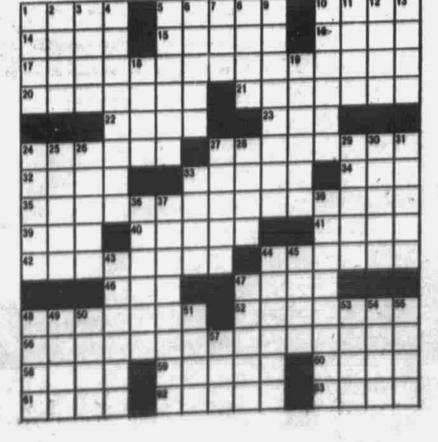
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