

Arsenal has outlived its usefulness

The building appears abandoned and somewhat misplaced.

It contrasts sharply with the overpowering whiteness of the Sports Complex that sits directly behind it.

But the old State Arsenal building did not always lead such a lifeless existence.

The building, located west of the state fairgrounds entrance, was the Nebraska National Guard Quartermaster's building at the turn of the century. It was the guard's mobilization and training ground.

Built in 1913 by Nebraska Legislature authorization, the arsenal once housed National Guard equipment. The location was convenient because it was near a Burlington Northern railroad switch.

Quartermaster supplies were stored there until the decade following World War II. The supplies included uniforms,

rifles and side arms for national defense.

In following years, it was used for the 43rd Army Band headquarters, the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office, Selective Service Office, and general storage.

From 1964 to 1967 the building stood empty. Then, in 1967, state fairgrounds officials bought the building for use by fairgrounds security guards.

Fairgrounds officials estimated renovation would cost \$1,500, but the final cost was about \$2,500. Remodeling included providing living quarters for state fairgrounds security guards, replacing windows and cleaning.

The historical site that once housed weapons for national defense now stores army cots, bedding, traffic cones and garbage containers.

At present, the building's future seems dismal. The State Fair Board says the arsenal eventually will be torn down.

Greeks...

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Despite a national crackdown on hazing by Sigma Chi as reported by *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*, the UNL house is reputed to be the worst on campus, according to a former member of Sigma Chi and pledge trainers from other fraternities.

"It's more mental than anything else," a former Sigma Chi pledge who asked to not be identified said of the Sigma Chi Help Week. "They scare you pretty bad."

For example, the three-story house contains a stairwell. Actives told pledges they would have to jump from the third floor through a rope and land on a mattress at the bottom, he said.

Jay Matzke, president of Phi Gamma Delta, said: "We try to promote unity, togetherness and accomplishment."

Most of the Phi Gamma Delta Inspiration Week is devoted to house improvement and upkeep, Matzke said.

"If negative things happen, they're because other people think they're negative," he said. "Outside the Greek system, people can view just about anything as negative—snowball fights in the winter and water fights in the spring."

A former member of Beta Theta Pi, who did not want to be named said he had been humiliated through insults, was given only five minutes to eat, was up from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the next day, had to run

everywhere he went and wore a suit to class.

"It was really bad when I was doing it, but when I thought about it later, it was a riot," he said. I wish I'd gone along with it instead of fighting it."

Anderson said there was hazing at UNL about 12 years ago, but it was more fun and games.

"Hazing here has virtually disappeared because of 'an educative process which has transpired along with strong national rules,'" she said.

The disappearance of hazing also could be considered a sign of the times, she said.

"Students have a more positive attitude now. There is also an increasing concern for human dignity."

Sororities are in a better situation than fraternities, she said, since their Inspiration Weeks are more inspirational.

The Kappa Delta Inspiration Week is called White Rose week, according to assistant pledge trainer Jane Eberstacher. Each day of the week signifies a part of the Kappa Delta crest, such as friendship, humor and the day of the flame, she said.

During Inspiration Week at Chi Omega, the actives try to show pledges what they have received from the house, said pledge trainer Marjorie Prucka.

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The four organizations requesting money for spring programs are the Student Bar Association, India Association, College of Engineering and Technology student executive board and the Graduate Student Association.

short stuff

Beta Alpha Psi will meet at 7 tonight in the Nebraska Union. Room number to be announced.

Block and Bride will meet at 6:30 tonight today in Marvel Baker Hall. There will be an executive meeting at 6.

East Campus Gavel club will meet in the East Union tonight at 7. Room number to be posted.

First District Congressional Candidate Doug Bereuter will be a guest speaker at the UNL Young Republicans meeting tonight at 6:30 in the union. Room number will be posted.

Wayne Shaw and Rising Hope, a singing and multimedia group, will take part in Celebration Days at Wesley House, 640 N. 16th St., today through Saturday, at 7 p.m.

Zeta and Zeta alumni chapters of Omicron Nu will meet at 7 tonight at 5930 Norman Rd. Henrietta Fleck, retired chairman of home economics at New York University will be the guest speaker.