Residence hall rates to go up

By Sara Martens

The UNL Housing Director said residence hall rates are expected to increase \$77-\$88 for the 1979-80 school year according to a rate study presented to the Residence Hall Association Thursday

Doug Zatechka said the projected budget would increase the present \$1,335 rate for a double room by 6.8 percent to \$1,428. This \$93 increase could decrease to around \$80 with some cost cutting and income generating measures, he said.

"We don't want to do any more than minor cuts," he said. "We're looking hard to find minor cuts before damaging student services."

Some of these cuts include voluntarily limiting the amount of orange juice students use due to a drastic increase in the juice price and increasing the cost of washers and dryers from 25 and 10 cents respectively to 35 and 20 cents.

These two cuts would take \$9.98 from the proposed increase. A total of \$22.09 could be subtracted from the increase if all suggested cuts were accepted, lowering the room rate to \$1405, a \$70

Payroll expenditures which will increase 10.1 percent and food costs with a projected 8.5 percent increase are the greatest increases in next year's budget. Zatechka said these rates reflect a 9 to 11 percent inflation rate.

RHA informally supported an increase of \$80. A quorum was not present for a formal vote.

Bill Skoneki, RHA president said he hopes the regents will wait on their approval of the increases until RHA representatives have had time to discuss the proposals with their dorms.

Zatechka said he wants a decision in January from the Regents and that a delay would hinder publication of contracts for next year.

calendar

12 p.m.-Muslin Student Association, Room 337

12:30 p.m.-Engineering Mechanics luncheon, Room

2 p.m.-Task Force on Nebraska Unions, Room 216

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