

RHA to study radial highway options

By Betsy Miller

The UNL Residence Hall Association will work with other campus organizations on a proposal concerning the Northeast Radial Highway in Lincoln, according to an act passed by the association at its Thursday evening meeting in Harper Hall.

The action passed by RHA states that the association will work with ASUN and other organizations to decide which facet of the radial highway to endorse.

Present plans for the highway place it in a corridor involving 19th or 22nd streets.

Another option to not build the highway is being considered by the city according to Lincoln City Councilman Eric Youngberg who was present at the meeting.

Youngberg spoke against construction of the highway at the meeting.

"I personally believe the days of building six-lane roads through neighborhoods are over," Youngberg said.

He said he is concerned about the number of families that would have to be relocated if the highway was built using either 22nd or 19th streets.

Youngberg, who did graduate studies at UNL, said that he studied the northeast radial and did his master's thesis on the project.

He said that traffic on Holdredge and Vine Streets would not be lessened with the addition of the radial highway.

"The radial was largely pushed for development (to stimulate business) reasons only," he said.

Youngberg serves the area of Lincoln which would be disrupted by the radial and said he thinks the UNL administration, city officials and residents of the Malone community (affected by radial highway construction) should meet to discuss the plan.

Youngberg said that Omaha was a good example of a city which had constructed too many freeways and now has no true center.

"Downtown Omaha is the pits," he said.

Florence Bridge and Lorene Buehler, two members of the "Neighborhoods Not Roads" coalition also spoke against the highway.

Bridge, a resident of the Clinton area, which would be affected by the highway, said 58 homes will have to be destroyed if 22nd Street is used and 29 will be taken if 19th Street is chosen.

UNL Housing Director Doug Zatechka brought aerial photographs to the meeting which showed areas which could be used for the radial highway.

He said that as housing director, he thinks of the university as a community.

Zatechka said that he agreed with the UNL Regents' stance on the project which favored construction of the highway east of 19th Street.

Construction of the highway would help ease traffic on 16th and 17th streets on the UNL campus, he said.

In other action, RHA tabled a motion by Harper Representative Bill Flack, senior, which called for a continuation of the Nestles Products boycott in the halls.



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Architectural work shown to students

By Rachel Ray

The work of architect Louis Kahn was presented Wednesday to architecture students by John Lobell, architect, author and professor at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, as part of the College of Architecture's Hyde Speakers Series.

According to Lobell, the late Kahn was the world's most important architect in the past 15 years. He said Kahn's greatest contribution to the field was breaking away from conventional architectural restraints in order to design buildings that "celebrated humanity."

"The purpose of architecture is not just to fulfill the functional requirements, but to respond to the whole human being," Lobell said, quoting Kahn's philosophies.

Lobell said that the first thing Kahn did when a client gave him an assignment was to change the program, to throw out most conventional design ideas.

Kahn theorized that in designing a building, the architects cannot ask, "What do we want to do?" but rather "What does the building want to be?" The inner will of a building makes it a building, Lobell said.

Lobell was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he first met Kahn. He taped some of the architect's lectures, but said he didn't really listen to them until a few years later.

"In fact, I listened to Kahn for ten years and didn't have the vaguest idea of what he was talking about," he said. His studies of eastern religions renewed his interest in Kahn, and Lobell claims it was that which "taught me to see architecture as a whole: in the historical, cultural and social aspect."

Lobell has recently published a book on Kahn's philosophies, titled, *Between Silence and Light: Spirit in the Architecture of Louis I. Kahn*, and also teaches a class on his theories at Pratt.



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