

# \$450,000 spent for residence hall improvements

By Ward Triplett III

The UNL residence halls should be safer this fall because of \$450,000 spent for renovations and ample living space, according to the university housing director.

"There will be no one assigned to lounges this fall," Doug Zatecha said. "Although we'll have more students than last year, we believe that the triple rooms will provide adequate room for everyone." Zatecha said about 5,273 persons are expected to live in residence halls when school begins. In case of overflow, temporary barracks in the Abel Hall basement and rooms on the Heppner Garden level will be used.

"I don't expect any student to be living there for more than a few days," Zatecha said. "Those are obviously not good places to live, and we don't want to keep anyone in that situation."

Zatecha added that each year about 100 students assigned rooms don't show up and students in temporary housing can be placed in those rooms. He also said only those students with health problems will be able to move by choice early in the semester.

Harper, Selleck, and Neihardt halls all underwent

lighting and fire-safety renovations, along with cosmetic changes such as painting and remodeling.

### 'Good shape'

"In all, we should be in pretty good shape in September," Zatecha said. "There shouldn't be any more water leaks, which was a big problem last year. We should have an emergency generator ready to go in Harper in a few weeks, and there was a lot of work done on stairwells to eliminate drafts coming in."

Food service will see more minor changes, including the installation of conduction cookery, a process of cooking beef and pork that reduces shrinkage, and keeps meat more tender. Zatecha said it will save \$30,000 to \$40,000 this year.

If equipment comes in as scheduled, a fast food lunch program similar to the one used exclusively at Selleck last year, will be started at the Cather-Pound-Neihardt complex food service as well. That complex will maintain its format of offering a dessert bar at lunch and dinner, but that has come under some scrutiny, Zatecha said. Canned soft drinks will be served in each complex for the

first time, and all food services will continue to offer vegetarian entrees.

### Less jobs

Because of efforts to keep housing costs down, the housing office may not be able to offer the number of jobs it did last year.

"A student looking for a job should contact maintenance or food services," Zatecha said. "Unfortunately, where we used to be able to offer a job to any student who wanted one, our budget cuts won't permit that again. It's a tough year to do that, because with the anticipated financial aid cutbacks, I think there will be increasing requests for jobs within the residence halls."

Zatecha suggested that roommates talk at the start of the school year about what it will take for them to get along.

"We always find that most of the roommate problems occur when the two people don't attempt to say much to each other. It is important that students anticipate problems that might come along and work out a compatible agreement with their roommate to help their getting along," he said.

## Parking permits on sale

Parking permits will go on sale today at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The \$35 permits will be sold from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday.

Students must present their student ID or registration receipt and their vehicle registration. UNL faculty and staff must provide proof of employment in addition to their vehicle registration.

This year's permits will differ from those of past years. There will be a small identifying decal for the rear window, but the actual permit will hang from the mirror, allowing use of the permit in more than one car. The buyer can register each car that might be used during the year, obtain extra decals free and transfer the permit from car to car.

## UNL police department more than security force

The UNL Police Department is just that—a police department, not just a security system. Officers are commissioned as state deputy sheriffs.

The University Police jurisdiction is the university community which includes Lincoln.

Investigator Bob Fey said people should report all crimes on campus to the University Police immediately. The emergency phone number, 472-3550, should be used only for crimes in progress or which have just happened, he said.

The non-emergency phone number is 472-3555.

Police patrol 24 hours a day on both City and East campuses.

University Police also regulate campus parking. Parking problems and tickets can be taken care of at the police office at 1024 Avery Ave., north of the football stadium. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number for parking problems is 472-3553.

The University Police also operate a lost and found. Fey said the best thing to do if you lose something is ask at the building where you think you lost it. Most buildings have an office or room where they keep found items for a few days, he said. If you don't find it there go to the university police office.

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