Unions provide rendezvous point for campus

By Gah Y. Huey Daily Nebraskan Senior Reporter

tle of classes, the relentless de- ler"Jones, the union means a place ready have found the union is a mands of school work and the for extra-curricular social activi- meeting ground for discussing unions.

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cold atmosphere of classrooms, ties like "checking out the ladies." looms a haven for students and Jones said he comes to the union instructors alike - the student to "pick up books, women and food," - not necessarily in that meet people, Eggerling said.

East unions are more than just The 19-year-old physical edubuildings. They are places to "get cation and recreation major said ting at the union, she said. away from it all." Thousands of he enjoys seeing his friends outstudents and teachers walk side of classes. They don't plan on they meet at the union because through the halls of the unions meeting, Jones said, but he can their jobs and school keep them

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Away from the hustle and bus- For UNL sophomore Lee "Kil- Franco and Janelle Hockmeir aldaily happenings.

Because they are new on campus, the union is a great place to

Conversations are easy to strike up with other students while sit-

Jim Both and Sue Kelly said

Bath, a senior economics major, said he commutes from Omaha. Kelly, a graduate assistant for housing programming, said they meet for lunch and discuss when they will see each other again.

The Nebraska Union, built in 1938, and the East Union, built in 1977, are the "living rooms" of the campus, Nebraska Union Director Daryl Swanson said.

Originally a four-story building on the south side of the present structure, the Nebraska Union was built to provide a place for student organizations and students to meet, he said. Like most colleges, it became the center for college activities. Some of the services the unions offer include gamerooms, bookstores, eateries, meeting rooms, lounges and student offices.

The East Union began as a small union in the basement of the Activities Building on East Campus in 1947, Swanson said. The present East Union, 85,000 square feet — half the size of the Nebraska Union - provides similar services, he said. However, most of the East Union's main offices are in the Nebraska Union.

Some of the union offices housed in the Nebraska Union are Student Activities and Financial

activities, grab a bite to eat, play menas sitting at the Nebraska Services, Women's Resource Cenhasalarge cafeteria, which serves Council The Campus Activities and Programs office, which organizes entertainment and activities for the university, has offices in both unions. Services and offices in the Nebraska Union, which are not directly connected with the union, are the Career Planning and Placement Office, the Panhellenic Association and the Daily Nebraskan.

> In addition to providing students a place to meet, the unions house several bookstores. Entertainment in the recrooms include bowling alleys, video machines, pinball games and billiard tables. Students can participate in tournaments sponsored by the union recrooms such as Frisbee, Scrabble, billiards and backgammon.

> Televisions are also placed in both unions.

> Lou Ann Steward, 22 a life science major, said she likes to catch up on her favorite soap opera, "The Young and the Restless."

Couches and chairs abound in both unions for students to sit, relax and study.

The popularity of the unions is evident by the grooves worn into the stairs of the Nebraska Union by the approximately 10,000 people who walk through daily. The unions' carpet and upholstery are replaced often because Union, which started this month. of daily wear and tear, Swanson

test source of income. East Union p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

Hall residents. Nebraska Union has the Union Square, which seats about 140; the Colonial Room. seating about 120; and the Harvest Room, which seats about 375 people. For snacks, students can buy donuts, cookies, popcorn. gourmet coffee and pop at the Nebraska Union Bakery.

Meeting rooms also are available in both unions. Larger activities are handled in the Centennial Room and Ballroom in the Nebraska Union. The Ballroom often is used for guest lectures. banquets, musical programs and small concerts, Swanson said. The last 15 years, general student registration has been handled in the Centennial Room, he said.

Swanson, who makes most of the decisions concerning the unions, must report to Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs. The Nebraska Union Board, with president Mary Marcy, works as an advisory group to Swanson. The board seeks input from student and faculty and suggests changes.

Swanson said everyone connected to the success of the unions works hard to develop changes that would benefit those who use the unions.

One of the major projects this year will be the refurnishing of the South Crib in the Nebraska

Regular Union hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thurs-The eating establishments pro- day; 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday; 9 vide the unions with their grea- a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 1

Student architects to compete

can Registered Architects.

Ray Studer, chairman of the Oct. 9. student design awards program, said \$4,000 in prizes will be awarded to the winning designs Oct. 10 at the society's annual convention in New York.

The design project is an infill building addition in the historic area known'as the Schernerhorn Row Block on the New York City waterfront.

The society's annual student design competition is intended to provide a practical educational experience for students and an opportunity for them to measure their work against that of their

Students from architecture The competition is open to all schools throughout the nation students attending accredited have been invited to design a schools of architecture. Student building addition in a historic design competition programs are waterfront area of New York City. available from Raymond Studer, The annual design competition is 3049 16th St. NW, Canton, Ohio, sponsored by the Society of Ameri- 44708, (216) 455-0074. Deadline for completed design solutions is



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