

Halls add computer rooms

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With a heavy load of studies, housing becomes secondary for many students. That's why UNL residence hall staff members spend the year improving living conditions.

Glen Schumann, assistant director of UNL housing for maintenance operation, said summer is the busiest time for his maintenance crew.

Computer rooms should be finished in September for the Selleck, Sandoz and Cather-Pound-Neihardt halls, Schumann said. Computer rooms in Harper-Schramm-Smith, Burr-Fedde and Love Memorial will be installed later this year.

Although cable television installation was proposed last spring, it will not be added. Guriana Wittstruck, assistant director of Housing for administration, said surveys indicate stu-

dents preferred keeping housing costs down.

However, another proposed change, unlimited seconds on everything but the main entree and desserts, will go into effect this fall.

Another addition for the fall will be "special floors." "Special floors" include the non-traditional student floor in the Selleck graduate section, an upperclassmen study floor for sophomores, juniors and seniors, and a floor for mentoring and wellness, emphasizing programming for physical, mental and spiritual well-being, Wittstruck said. A program that allows upperclassmen to take freshmen "under their wing" also will be offered.

The number of guaranteed single rooms for students seeking extra privacy also has been increased, said Michele Cole, a UNL residence hall director. The number of single rooms for undergraduate women has increased from 50 to 75. Single rooms for undergraduate men has increased from 25 to 50.

Cole said she foresees a problem with an "overabundance of women," but such a problem will be solved temporarily by tripling some residence hall rooms. Cole said she hopes students in triple rooms will be taken care of promptly as other students move out of the halls within the first part of the semester.

Students returning to UNL residence halls might notice some changes and renovations. Two floors have been recarpeted in Sandoz Hall. Some outside windows were replaced in Selleck Quadrangle and an additional bathroom with accessibility to the handicapped was added to the 6000 building. Six lounges were remodeled in the Abel-Sandoz and Harper-Schramm-Smith complexes. UNL spent \$100,000 to renovate Neihardt Residence Center. The project included refinishing woodwork around doors and closets and rewiring the electrical system. The Harper-Schramm-Smith complex will have six new Maytag washing machines and dryers on a trial basis. On East Campus, some Burr-Fedde windows were



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Arshad Syed, left, and Mehmood Akhwend, part-time student electricians, work on the electrical wiring of the new computer room in Neihardt Residence Center. Every residence hall will have computer rooms available for students.

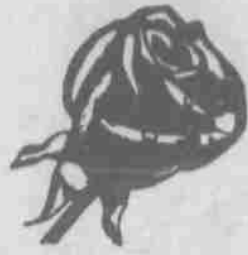
replaced with ceramic tile and a new ceiling was installed. Two bathrooms were installed in Love Memorial.

New ventilation systems were installed at all City Campus residence halls to keep smoke from traveling from floor to floor through air-conditioning or heating systems in case of a fire. Seven hundred mattresses were replaced for \$40,000 and major furniture refinishing was done.

All residence hall repairs and renovations are being paid for by bonds that were formulated when the buildings were built.

Schumann said he also hopes to eliminate the refrigerator rush at the beginning of school. This summer he sent out flyers on refrigerator rental. If refrigerator requests are received on time, the refrigerators will be installed in applicants' residence hall rooms before they arrive for the fall semester. A six-pack of pop also will be included for early applicants at no extra charge.

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