

Weather:

Partly cloudy and warmer today. Northwest winds 5-15 mph with a high of 57. Clear and cool tonight. Low of 35. Sunny and warmer again on Wednesday. High of 63.

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Zatechka assures senate of HSS plan

By Diana Johnson
Staff Reporter

Although the women's athletic study facility will open as scheduled, UNL Housing Director Douglas S. Zatechka assured Harper-Schramm-Smith senators that a replacement study area/piano room will be built for residents.

Zatechka spoke to senators during a regular HSS senate meeting Monday.

Zatechka said he is "90 percent sure" that the UNL athletic department will pay for the new HSS facility.

"My feelings are that we start building as soon as you (HSS senate) say okay," Zatechka said.

Completion dates for the new room would be November at the earliest date, Zatechka said, or following winter break at the latest.

"We are very happy with the replacement proposal," said Pete Castellano, Residence Hall Association vice president and Harper 8 resident. "But the issue still stands that our rights as a student government were violated."

Zatechka told HSS senators that the late meal program in HSS food service was one of the reasons he chose to put the women's athletic study facility in Smith Hall.

Smith Hall was also chosen because it met four other criteria, including:

- Smith Hall houses the majority of UNL's women athletes.
- The Smith piano/study area was the most cost-efficient area at UNL.
- Women's athletic practice fields are near Smith Hall.
- Smith's piano and study lounge area was not being used by most residents.

"I honestly didn't think anyone would really care. Once again, I was wrong," Zatechka said, repeating what he had said earlier in the meeting.

Further discussion of the HSS building use policy and the resolution that was proposed by the senate last week continued. The resolution ordered the immediate halt of construction on the women's study facility until the Smith Study Area Investigative Committee could complete a full report to the HSS senate. The report would answer questions concerning the implementation of the study facility and why no students were consulted.

"We knew all along that we could get the space back. There was no question in our minds that Dr. Zatechka would cooperate with us. We have a very good relationship with him," said Sydney Warner, Smith Hall president and investigative committee chairwoman.

"But I do feel we should have a say in what happens here," Warner said, adding that student government rights are the present issue. "I would like to see a defining of student government rights."

Smith Study Area Investigative Committee will continue to meet with members of both UNL athletic departments, Chancellor Martin Masengale and vice chancellors involved in the women's athletic study facility.

"I think we, as the HSS senate or as a committee, owe the student governments on this campus to continue investigating this issue," Castellano said.

In other action, a committee to find a location for the new study area and piano room in the HSS complex was organized.



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Happy homemaker image not accurate, says dean

By Molly Adams
Staff Reporter

A misinformed public is the main reason the College of Home Economics still has the image of the happy homemaker donning an apron and baking cookies, said Dean Hazel Anthony.

That image simply isn't true of home economics students today, she said.

"People who aren't involved in the Home Ec College don't know what it's all about," Anthony said.

Cooking and sewing are merely two aspects of a broad spectrum of professional areas of study in the college, she said. Anthony listed consumer affairs, retail management and merchandising, nutrition, interior design and textile science as important aspects of the college.

She said more students are beginning to see the career opportunities available to them through the Home Ec College. Today, about 79 men are enrolled in the college and even more men take Home Ec elective courses, she said.

Joan Laughlin, chairwoman of the textiles, clothing and design department, said she thinks the college's male population increased because men aren't afraid to pursue a home economics major.

"Men who are fashion designers and interior designers today are commanding some of the biggest salaries in the business," Laughlin said.

Although home economics always has been a professional school, the career opportunities have expanded, she said.

Rita Kean, assistant professor of textiles, clothing and design, said home economics is

attracting a different kind of person. Not only are there more men students, but "These students are more goal oriented, are sensitive to their environment and have more convictions than students in the past," Kean said.

The students and their goals changed because society's issues have changed over the years, Laughlin said. She said the college focuses on today's issues. Laughlin said she is researching the chemical and physical makeup of textile fabrics.

"We're studying the effects of pesticides on fabrics that are worn by pesticide applicators and how the fabrics become contaminated," Laughlin said.

She said learning how to remove contaminants from clothing during cleaning and how to keep pesticides from being transferred to other family members' clothing are important issues.

"Results from our research have been implemented in Nebraska and about 20 other states and are part of the curriculum of the training program of Certified Pesticide Applicators," Laughlin said.

"We have an enlarged interest in technology and are responsive to its changes," she said.

Anthony said instructors and students are pleased with the direction they've taken. She said more people are viewing home economics as an important part of the professional society. With a 98% employment rate upon graduation, she said, it's clear that home ec students are concentrating on professional careers.

The week of Oct. 14 has been designated as Home Economics Week and will feature alumni of the college as guest speakers.

More students buying, using computers, local experts say

By Deb Hooker
Staff Reporter

Just as the calculator became prevalent in the early 1970s, computers are becoming a common item among UNL students, computer experts say.

That growing interest can be seen in a rising enrollment in computer science courses at UNL.

Russell Mandel, a computer science student who works in the computer science department, said classes have been filled every semester since he came to UNL six semesters ago. The classes quickly fill during pre-registration, and there hasn't been any vacancies for students during drop and add, he said.

Computers are becoming popular mainly because students like to use word processors, Mandel said. Typing papers and resumes is easier with a word processor because computers have memories and the user doesn't have to retype everything, Mandel said.

"It's basically the ease and simplification of things," he said.

Tim Cloonan, store manager at Computerland, 701 N. 48th St., said he has seen a steady increase in sales to students over the last couple years. The IBM PC has been Computerland's most popular system among students, he said.

Computers are becoming an important tool in a student's education, and that's part of the reason more students are buying them, said Gary Green, manager of Computer Systems at 300 N.

48th St.

"It's looked upon as a tool for education just like anything else...a slide rule or calculator," he said. "A student isn't going to school to learn to add and subtract."

In the past two years, Green said he has noticed students putting computers right up there with pencils on their school supply list.

Computerland offers two financing plans for its customers. One plan is a loan from Norwest Bank at 18 percent interest, Cloonan said. The other is through the Computerland credit card at 21 percent interest for the first \$500 and 18 percent thereafter.

"My first recommendation, particularly for students, is to go back to their hometown bank and get a loan," Cloonan said. "Interest is usually around 13 to 14 percent."

The new computer section at the University Bookstore sells mostly IBM PC's said Bill Martin, office technology specialist for the UNL business technology department, which is responsible for the computer section at the bookstore. The IBM system is beneficial for students because it is compatible with the university's computer systems. An IBM PC basic unit costs about \$2,500 at the bookstore.

Green said the most popular brands at Computer Systems are the Apple II and Macintosh. The basic Apple II unit with word processing software costs about \$1,800 at Computer Systems. The Macintosh basic unit with word processing software runs for about \$2,500, he said.