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UNL senior Robert Smith, an arts and science major, relaxes in one of the refurbished apartments in the CenterStone Building, 100 N. 12th.

Downtown living now option

Renovated buildings offer students affordable taste of luxury

By Lynne Bomberger
Staff Reporter

Fulfilling a dream of living in luxury high above the bustle of downtown Lincoln streets is possible, if not always affordable, for students.

With more than 150 stores, 70 restaurants, 12 theaters and 300 businesses in the area, apartments in the Centerstone, Georgian Place, Hayward Place and University Towers, some of Lincoln's recently renovated older buildings, may be an attractive option.

The Centerstone, 100 N. 12th St., is a 40-unit investor-owned complex renovated and managed by the Arter Group and Company, said property manager Jim Arter.

The one- and two-bedroom apart-

ments at the Centerstone come with a security system, Rampark skywalk, modern kitchen conveniences, washers and dryers, trash chutes, cable TV and a roof terrace.

Tenants signing the one-year contracts can choose between four decorating styles: French country, contemporary, traditional and high tech, Arter said.

"The apartments range from 660 to 1200 square feet and cost between \$420 and \$850 a month, not including the now-rented penthouse on the 11th floor, Arter said.

"They're a little more expensive, but we went the extra mile," Arter said.

The Centerstone is located in the former Anderson building. Built in the 1890s, the Anderson Building once

housed offices for Nebraska governors and William Jennings Bryan, Arter said.

Tenants at the Centerstone generally are 25 to 65 years. Pets and children under 16 are not allowed.

Another downtown condominium unit is Georgian Place, 139 N. 11 St.

Georgian place has 49 living units, nine of which are owner-occupied. The building also was renovated and is managed by the Arter Group. Georgian Place, like the Centerstone, is registered as one of Lincoln's historical buildings. Built as the Capital Hotel in 1925, Georgian Place adjoins the YMCA.

"We just used what was here to our advantage," Arter said.

The apartments have dishwashers,

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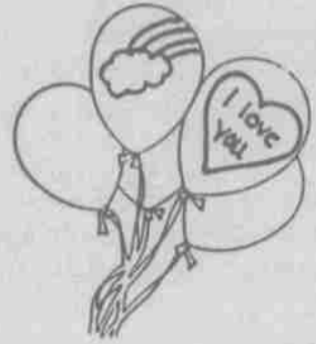
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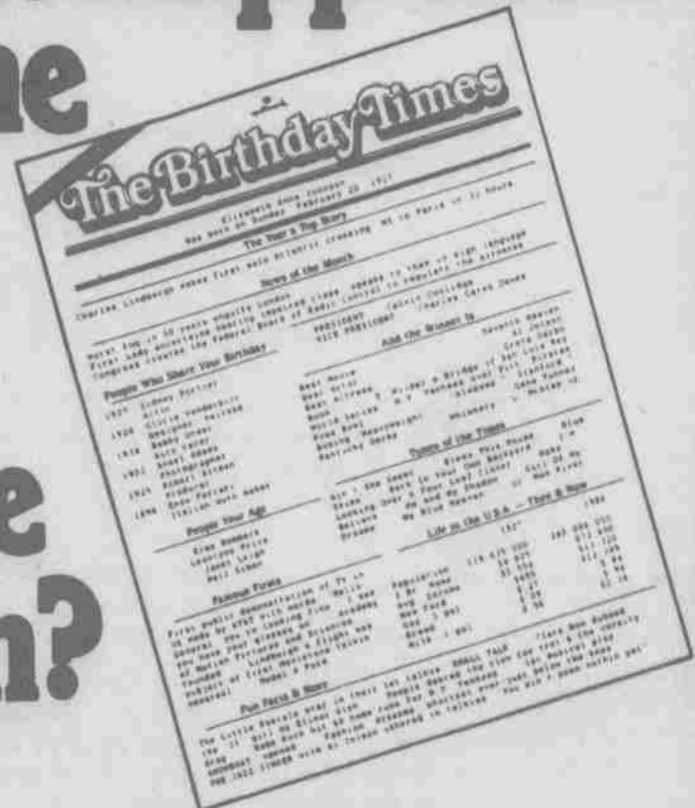


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