

Reunion to boast upper-level apartments if plan passes

By David G. Young
Staff Reporter

The Reunion will have 19 apartments installed on its top floor by next fall if everything goes according to plan, said David Hunter, president of the Hardy Building Corp.

Renovation on the top level of the 65-year-old structure is expected to begin in May, he said. The 20,000-square-foot floor has been used as a storage area since Dec. 1987.

The current plan, laid out by Clark-Emerson Partners, a Lincoln architectural firm, would install 18 one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment, Hunter said. Each of these apartments would come with a full kitchen and bath, he

said.

"They're geared more toward the upper level in the quality of the units, and the price," Hunter said. "The price alone is going to eliminate a lot of people."

Hunter said the rental would be about \$450 per month for the one bedroom units and \$550 for the two bedroom apartments.

"If a student can't afford that type of rent, that's fine," he said. "But we're not going to allow four or five students to pile into that apartment."

The occupancy of the apartments would be limited to two persons because additional residents would cause excessive wear and tear on the facilities, he said.

Hunter said he expects to find the

most interest among high-income students, as well as married couples. Currently, there is a void in on-campus married student housing, he said. The apartments in the Reunion would be attractive to couples where one person has a large income.

The problem of noise from commercial activity on the first floor would not exist, due to a 14-inch-thick concrete floor separating the upper and lower levels of the structure, he said. Similarly, Hunter does not expect trouble with noisy tenants.

"We'll kick them out," he said. "We won't tolerate it. The people that are going to live there are going to want to live on campus. They're going to want to live in a quiet environment."

Hunter expects the remodeling process to cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The project would involve installing more windows, a new roof, and a secure elevator.

Two elevators are currently in place in the building, which reach from the parking garage below the structure to the top floor. Residents will be able to enter the top floor from either the parking garage, or the retail area with the use of a security key, he said.

Residents also will have the option of renting a parking space on the first floor for \$40 per month, he said. There are 52 stalls in place below the building, only 20 of which are now being used, he said. Any extra stalls may be rented out to the general

public, Hunter said.

"We know the interest is there," Hunter said.

Hardy Building Corp. purchased the Reunion building in December 1986 from Outboard Marine Corp., which had used the facility as a warehouse for a number of years, he said.

Before construction work on the apartments can begin, zoning problems will have to be solved, Hunter said. The Reunion is zoned as I-1 Industrial, which allows up to 20,000 square feet of commercial space, but not residential dwellings.

Hunter is currently working with the Lincoln Planning Department to change the zoning ordinance to allow apartments in I-1 Industrial zones by special permit.

New RHA officer wants less conflict

By Brandon Loomis
Senior Reporter

The newly-elected Residence Hall Association speaker said Wednesday he wants to make RHA run smoother and its senators more vocal.

Tom Searson was elected RHA speaker last week when Matt Wickless resigned because of time conflicts. Searson is the third RHA speaker this year.

"I'd like to facilitate a smooth transition into next year," he said.

To do that, he said, he'll try to arrange for a training session for newly-elected senators and executives. RHA elections are March 15.

Searson said he will suggest having a training session sometime within the first three weeks of the new senate.

Besides teaching the new senate parliamentary procedure, Searson said, a training session would allow time for everyone to get to know each other.

"I'm a firm believer that the more you get to know people, the better you can interact," he said.

A training session would help alleviate much of the tension the current senate is feeling, he said. If the senators start off as friends, he said, they will be able to work productively even if they disagree on the issues.

Senators with training will be capable of introducing bills immediately, so a training session would help RHA achieve more next year, Searson said.

"I'd like to see the senate get off and rolling immediately."

Searson, who was chairman of the Food Service Task Force last year and a Harper Hall senator this year, has run for speaker in each of the last three senate votes. He said he will run for RHA again March 15, but might not run for speaker because he graduates in December.

"I just want to conclude this senate on a happy note," he said.



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Ooh, la la!

Deb Oden, an undeclared sophomore, ponders the intricate carvings of a handmade leather puppet from Indonesia at the International Bazaar Wednesday. The Bazaar, located in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union, will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

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different areas of the college.

Money for the program would come from redistribution of resources within the college, she said.

Neither Perlman nor Craig said they expect opposition to the proposals.

Also on the agenda for the meeting is a request to authorize a budget

increase for a School of Biological Sciences greenhouse from \$960,000 to \$2.58 million.

The board also will consider the appointment of Dana-Larson-Roubal Associates as architects for a \$7.1 million Eppley Science Hall addition at the NU Medical Center in Omaha. The addition will be built with private and federal money.

Other items on the agenda are:

- Reports on NU efforts to monitor and improve water quality.

- Policies on faculty development fellowships.

- Appointment of Donald Edwards as dean of the UNL College of Agriculture at a salary of \$98,000.

Candidates spar on official vote, involvement

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Paul Reynolds, 2nd vice presidential candidate for IMPACT, said her party also wants more students to get involved in ASUN.

Bohling, president of the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex, said IMPACT would establish a student complaints hotline, publicize ASUN appointments in the Daily Nebraskan and survey students annually. Experts would give a scientific survey to ensure unbiased results, she said.

Rock criticized IMPACT's survey proposal. ASUN members can carry out their own surveys, he said, instead of wasting money to pay for others to do them.

points, she said. If senators lose too many points, Jegeris said she would dismiss them.

Bohling said she would provide ASUN with the strong leadership needed to motivate senators. Bohling said that while she was president of Harper-Schramm-Smith, the attendance rate for residence meetings averaged about 90 percent.

Reynolds said ASUN senators start to realize the body has no power and "it becomes a big joke." He said that while he was on the senate, senators would debate pointless legislation for hours. Reynolds said that after a while, he was the first to move adjournment every week.

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