

# Halls to get fire sprinklers

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Staff Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln hall residents will be safe, but maybe not dry, in the event of a fire after a sprinkler system is fully installed in 18 months, an official said.

Doug Zatechka, director of university housing, said the system will put hall residents in the "absolute safest environment."

"It turns on the water and puts out the fire," he said.

The system is being installed in

all student rooms of the high-rise residence halls and in "high-hazard areas," Zatechka said. High-hazard areas are places where the chance of fire is high, such as paint or maintenance rooms.

Zatechka said the sprinkler system will not be installed in low-rise halls such as Selleck and Neihardt because it is not necessary.

The cost of the system is \$350,000.

"In essence the students pay for it," Zatechka said.

Student housing costs are usu-

ally higher than needed, he said, with the extra money going into a surplus fund used for projects such as the sprinkler system.

The Abel-Sandoz complex sprinkler system should be installed and fully working by second semester, Zatechka said. Harper-Schramm-

Smith's system will be done by mid- to late-summer and Cather and Pound residence halls will have sprinklers in 18 months, Zatechka said.

## Fire

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"I don't think there is any immediate danger from the fire and smoke, but there is during the evacuation," he said.

Abel and Cather residence halls

were evacuated two or three times this weekend and a couple of times last weekend, Zatechka said.

"During an evacuation, there are an awful lot of people in the halls and on the stairs. There is a chance of tripping or falling," he said.

So far, no fires have occurred in all-female dorms, but Zatechka said

he was hesitant to say that men are responsible.

"We've had cases where women have been responsible," he said.

Zatechka said he doesn't feel better security is needed.

"I think better behavior is needed," he said. "They (the students) should not have to tolerate this kind of thing."

# UNL students to vote on ASUN referendum

From Staff Reports

UNL students will decide the fate of a referendum to allow students in the Division of Continuing Studies to serve on the ASUN senate with only three credit hours as they vote today in a special election.

Booths are open from 8 a.m. to 8

p.m. in the Nebraska and East Unions.

Existing bylaws require a minimum of 12 credit hours to serve on the senate of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. Only about 1 percent of continuing studies students carry 12 or more hours, ac-

ording to petition proponents.

If the referendum passes, the ASUN Appointments Board would decide who would fill the seat until ASUN elections in March. Bylaws still would require students not in continuing studies to carry 12 credit hours to serve on the senate.

## in brief

NEWS

### Parking forum planned at union

Students can park it in the main lounge of the Nebraska Union Wednesday for an open forum on UNL parking.

The forum will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Representatives from Walker Parking Consultants and Engineers, Minneapolis, and Chance Management Company, Philadelphia, professional parking consultant firms, will speak and gather input from students on campus parking issues.

Students' comments will be used in a parking study the consultants are conducting.

## T-shirt

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American Student Association meetings in order to understand the culture, he said.

"Sombreros are not all the Mexican culture is about," Palomo said.

Although he said the letter was not on behalf of MASA, he hopes the group will get involved in the issue.

Palomo said he plans to write letters to the fraternities and sororities involved, to the Affirmative Action Office and to James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

## police

REPORT

Beginning midnight Sunday, Oct. 7

5:04 a.m. — Disturbance, Cather Residence Hall.

12:59 p.m. — Dialmaster and four tapes taken, Abel Residence Hall, \$375.

2:40 p.m. — Attempted theft from car, window broken, Harper Residence Hall parking lot, \$150.

2:43 p.m. — Windshield and back window broken, Harper Residence Hall parking lot, \$475.

6:24 p.m. — Third-degree sexual assault, Nebraska Union.

9:03 p.m. — Window broken, Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory, \$25.

9:12 p.m. — Car mirror broken off, Harper Residence Hall parking lot, \$50.

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