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Two spectators wait for the start of the first public Nebraska football scrimmage Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

UNL Theta Xi house plans fall reorganization

By Wendy Mott
Staff Reporter

After 71 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a UNL fraternity is starting anew.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Theta Xi fraternity is reorganizing this fall after a few shaky years.

Eric Hemmingsen, a Theta Xi alumnus who has been working on the reorganization, said reasons for revamping the house range from low membership to poor house morale and financial problems.

The house attempted to boost its numbers from October through May, Hemmingsen said. Those efforts "just didn't seem to be working," he said.

No one was responsible for the failure of the chapter, but both members and alumni could have worked harder at recruiting, he said.

"The members decided it would be better to scrap it and start over, and from an alum standpoint, we had no argument," Hemmingsen said.

The fraternity didn't participate in the usual summer fraternity rush so it must attract members this fall by advertising, word of mouth and alumni organizations, he said.

During the reorganization process, members in good standing were given alumni status but were still able to remain involved in the fraternity.

Many of the alumni helped to fix up the fraternity during the summer to make it more attractive to recruits. They've installed a new roof, new beds, carpeting and desks.

"We've really worked on making the house more habitable," Hemmingsen said.

To help with recruitment, a national member of the Theta Xi will spend September in the house.

The house also has received advice and support from the Greek Affairs office.

Jeff Chaffin, graduate assistant for the Interfraternity Council, said IFC will supply Theta Xi with names of people who might be interested in joining.

Hemmingsen said he hoped the new Theta Xi chapter might attract people who have leadership abilities and are interested in the greek system but "didn't just want to be joiners and followers."

"The entire greek system wants to keep and support them," Chaffin said. "The greek system doesn't want to lose the house."

Hemmingsen agreed. "We've been on this campus since 1920, and we want to stay here."

Little King, environmental office new Nebraska Union tenants

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The Nebraska Union Board this summer added a new restaurant and environmental center to its list of fall tenants.

Board President Chad Hartnett, a senior accounting student, said the board met three times during the summer to discuss plans for the Nebraska Union.

The most noticeable change in the union is the addition of Little King sandwich shop. Little King replaced the Pizza Bakery.

Hartnett said the change is positive and customers can still have pizza as well as hoagies.

A "tasting contest" was held to determine which restaurant would take over the space, he said. Competitors included Caniglia's restaurant, the Plump Tomato Pizza Co. and Little King.

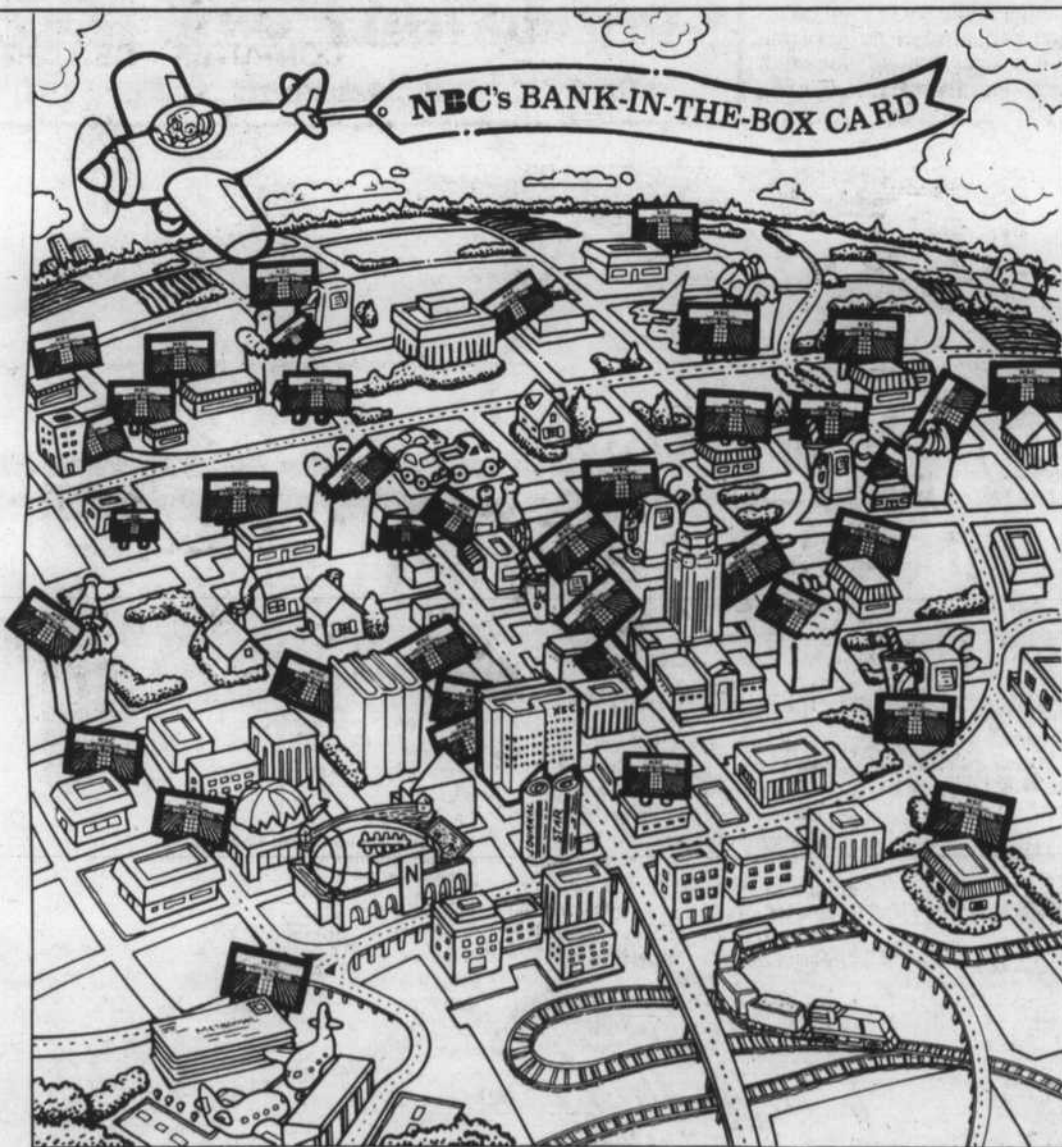
The Environmental Resource Center, located on the second floor of the union, will have pamphlets and information, much like the Women's Resource Center, Hartnett said. The board will monitor the center to ensure that it makes adequate use of the space.

The board also has been discussing plans with the Residence Hall Association to set up a nonalcoholic "bar-type" establishment. The union would make a good central location for the establishment, Hartnett said.

The Colonial Dining Room will be used as an evening study area. The room previously was unused during the evenings.

The board, which makes all union-related decisions, is made up of 12 students, three faculty members, a director and an advisor. Currently, there are two new openings on the board.

The first Union Board meeting, which is open to the public, will be 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.



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