

Spirit organization on the rally this fall

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Members of the newly formed UNL Spirit Club — formerly Corn Cobs and Tassels — began the school year off a little peppy.

The group conducted a pep rally Thursday evening at Broyhill Fountain to teach students the Nebraska Yell Squad chants and the words to the UNL fight song.

Although cheerleaders outnumbered students who attended, Terri Nielsen, president of Corn Cobs and Tassels, said she was not disappointed that the crowd was small. Thursday night was just a "warm-up" for the weekly pep rallies the group plans, she said.

Nielsen, a senior advertising major, said her group hoped to have pep rallies every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. before a home or away football game and on Tuesday evenings if the game was not on a Saturday. Later in the season, athletes and coaches will attend, she said.

UNL Spirit Club is a result of Corn Cobs and Tassels merging into one organization last year, said Sue Schlautman, a senior and vice-president of the club.

Corn Cobs was organized at the University of Nebraska in 1921 as a men's club to promote school spirit for all athletics and to foster friendship between competing universities, Schlautman said.

Tassels was formed in 1924 as the

female counterpart and was instrumental in giving women an active interest in athletics at a time when there weren't many organized sports available for women, she said.

The spirit club meets on Thursdays in the South Stadium athletic department lounge from 5-6 p.m. Pep rallies follow the meetings, Nielsen said. Anyone interested in becoming involved is encouraged to attend, she said.

Clint Taubenheim, a sophomore in the Division of General Studies, said, "The only reason I went to pep rallies in high school was because I was in them."

Taubenheim said he would attend more pep rallies at Broyhill and bring his friends when the weather cools.

Governor opens home

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Gov. Ben Nelson's residence will be open for tours on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for interested Nebraska State Fair goers.

"Many people across the state have expressed an interest in visiting the mansion and I hope that the families attending the Nebraska state fair will take advantage of this opportunity to tour the residence," First Lady Diane Nelson said.

The residence, features a first ladies' doll collection, hand-painted china and artwork by selected Nebraska artists and a floral decor by Bonnie Polly of Elkhorn.

Hall

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os and rowdy, late nights were some of the habits of freshmen that conflicted with his own, he said.

"If you're in graduate school, when you need to study, you need to study," he said.

Although not all upper-class residents have chosen to live away from freshman floors, many have, Schumann said.

"They were saying, 'Hey, I really don't want to be a part of the freshman community.' We responded to an identified need," he said.

The 24-hour visitation was another request of returning students. Wells said the new policy had changed the atmosphere.

When residence hall officials "are willing to trust you, it makes you feel like you're living in an apartment," Wells said.

And the increased privacy of the single-room option for upper-class students is another benefit for them.

Don Mirabella, a senior in mechanical engineering, has lived in residence halls for six years — many of those with the same floormates. He and his friends moved from Cather Hall to Pound Hall this year.

"Every year I've had a fantastic floor. We've become really tight, like

a family," he said.

Mirabella plans to live on campus until he graduates. He likes the services, such as cleaning, cooking and maintenance, that the residence halls provide.

Donovan Score, a 27-year-old transfer student from California, has his own room in Cather. The news-editorial junior likes living with upper-class students because he feels more comfortable around older students.

"Because (the hall is) upperclassmen, people go their own way more than in other dorms, and they concentrate more on school," he said.

Score is especially proud of his dwelling.

"I have the best dorm room on campus. It's my penthouse on 17th Street."

Although most residents aren't as crazy about their residence halls as Score, most agree the best part about living on campus is the convenience.

Wells said the cost of living in residence halls versus the cost of living off campus was practically even when food and transportation costs were considered.

The cost for a single room with a 13-meal plan is \$3,490 a year, or about \$500 a month.

Staff Reporter Nicole Sheets contributed to this story.

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