

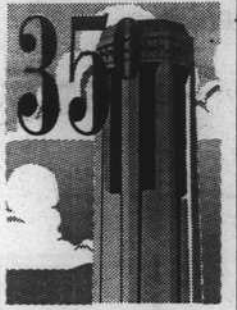
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Crumbling buildings await attention

Asbestos, water main concerns for maintenance of old buildings

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

Both Burnett Hall and Richards Hall on UNL's City Campus are potential nominees for the National Register for Historic Places.

But their historic antiquity can be a blessing and a curse. In a tour by the Daily Nebraskan last week, the dark, unlit corners of these historic buildings showed evidence of deterioration and needed repair.

Warped wooden beams bend under the weight of a sloping roof on Richards Hall. A plastic bucket sits in the middle of the attic to catch leaking water.

From ceiling to basement, asbestos hides safely suspended behind panels, duct work and tiles of Burnett Hall.

Burnett and Richards halls have topped UNL's Capital Construction List for more than six years. Building maintenance problems and other construction requests are submitted to the list for funding approval.

This year both halls made it on the NU Board of Regents' list, but only Burnett Hall's almost \$6 million request was included in the governor's budget to the Legislature. It awaits approval in July.

Bob Carpenter, facilities planning manager, said a shortage of funds had made renovation impossible. Instead, he said, the buildings have to be taken care of in a piecemeal and costly fashion.

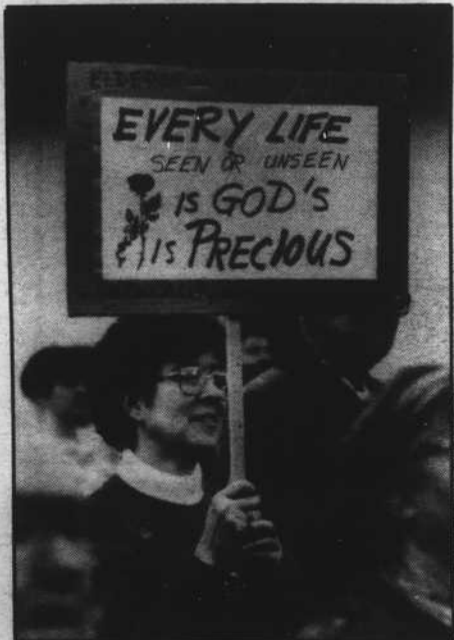


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Damian Hoelsing, a university custodian, takes care of trash in a Richards Hall bathroom Friday evening. Some students think Richards Hall deserves immediate attention, especially the bathrooms. Hoelsing said, "When we mention renovation, we laugh until it happens."

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Walk draws opposing groups



Group strives to keep anti-abortion protests peaceful and poignant

By Matthew Waite
Senior Reporter

The anti-abortion movement unequivocally condemns the violence occurring outside abortion clinics, state Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha said during Saturday's 20th-annual Walk for Life.

Lindsay, one of the keynote speakers for the march, said the anti-abortion movement was gaining strength, but obstacles, such as violence at abortion clinics, stood in its way to banning abortions.

Counter demonstrators say 'anti-choice' rhetoric to blame for violence

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

A woman stood silent, holding a sign that read "Pro-choice, Pro-child," while an anti-abortion activist mocked her message.

Police cars marked the area, lights flashing, as an officer stood watching the scene. Across the street, an anti-abortion activist mirrored the woman. Her sign, however, held the message "Abortion is Savage Murder."

The 20th annual Walk For Life at the State Capitol Saturday also attracted a

Lindsay said the media's portrayal of the attackers as mainstream anti-abortion advocates was another obstacle.

"We must not allow their ... rhetoric to dissuade us from peaceful protest," Lindsay said.

The anti-abortion movement also condemned the violence outside the abortion clinics because it detracted from what was going on inside, he said.

"Our message is simple — abortion kills children," Lindsay said. "We must not allow people to detract from that message."

Lindsay said the abortion issue transcended all political ideologies and religion. He said anti-abortion activists needed

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counter demonstration of about two dozen abortion-rights supporters. But while the national debate over abortion lately has been mired in violence, the weekend demonstrations passed, for the most part, without confrontation.

While speakers at the anti-abortion rally disassociated the movement from the violent acts of a few extremists, Kay Siebler said separation was not possible.

Siebler, president of the Pro-Choice Coalition of Nebraska, characterized actions of the "anti-choice" side as terrorism — both in Lincoln and across the country.

"They cannot separate themselves from the murders and violence that has been

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TV viewers to trade soaps for Simpson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—He will be on stage as never before, millions of viewers focusing on him worldwide, and across the room 22 pairs of eyes watching his every move.

How he's perceived by jurors, and any alternates who may be called to duty, could tilt the scales of justice for or against O.J. Simpson.

"He may very well not take the witness stand, and if that is the case, the only thing the jury will get from him is what they see on his face," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson. "If he acts appropriately it could help him. If he acts inappropriately, it could hurt him very much."

In early court hearings, outside the presence of jurors, Simpson rolled his eyes, grimaced, muttered to his lawyers, turned to look at the courtroom audience and once wiped tears from his eyes.

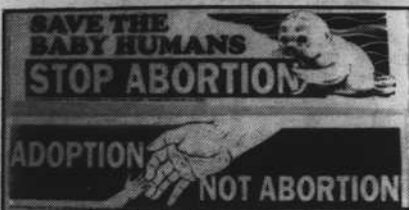
"He has to present an attentive but stoic attitude," said Southwestern University professor Robert Pugsley. "The rolling of eyes can only hurt him."

While television viewers will see every twitch, frown, smile and furrow of Simpson's brow captured by a zoom lens, jurors will see him at a distance.

"A lot of the time jurors won't even be looking at him," Levenson said. "But at times they will be fixated on him."

They will monitor his reaction when the bloody slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman are described in gruesome detail. They will see how he reacts to allegations that he beat and stalked his slain ex-wife.

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Jon Waller/DN

Margaret Proskovel of Wahoo holds an anti-abortion sign in the Centennial Ballroom during Attorney General Don Stenberg's speech during Saturday's 20th Annual Walk for Life.