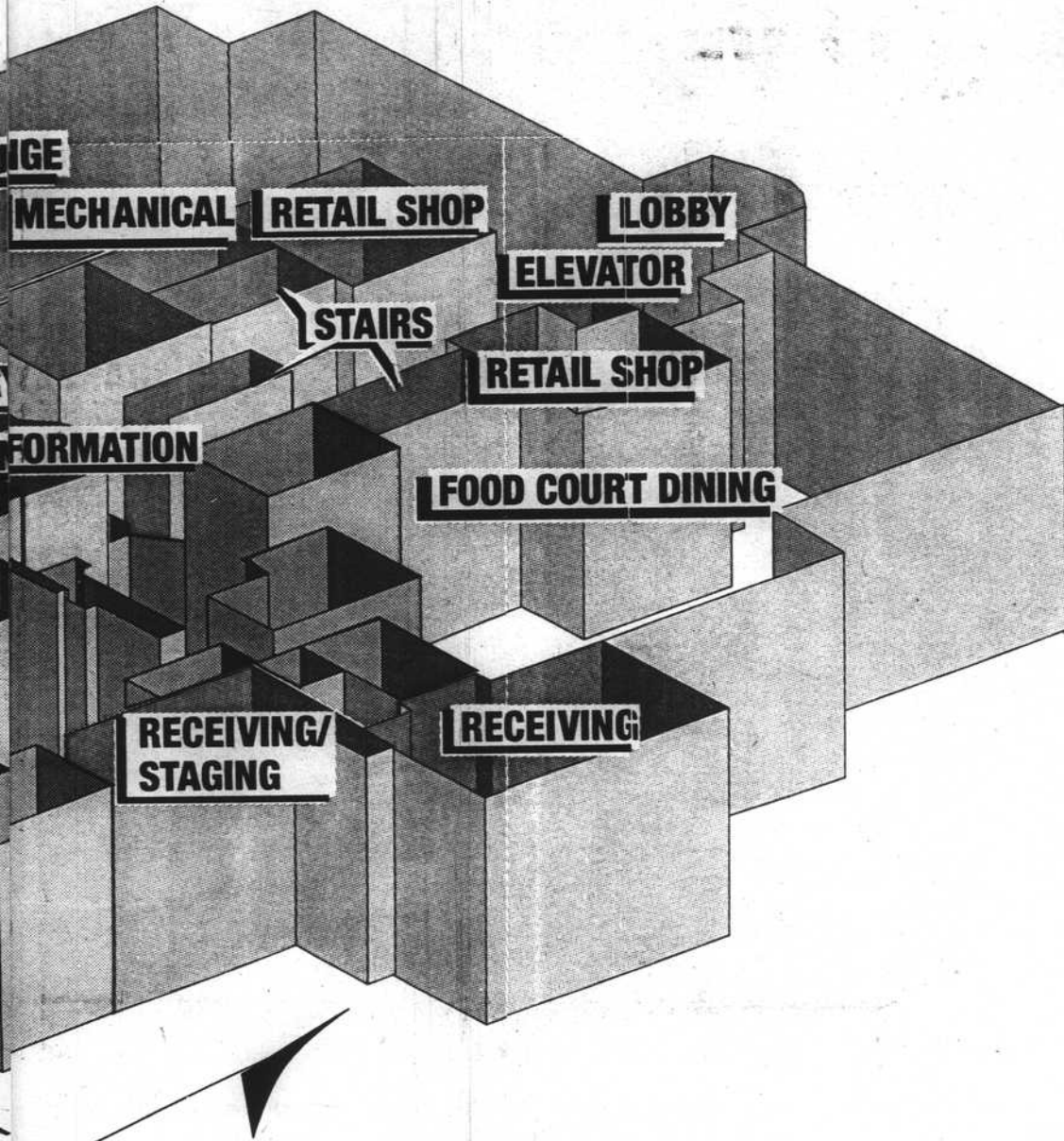


# UNION EXPANSION

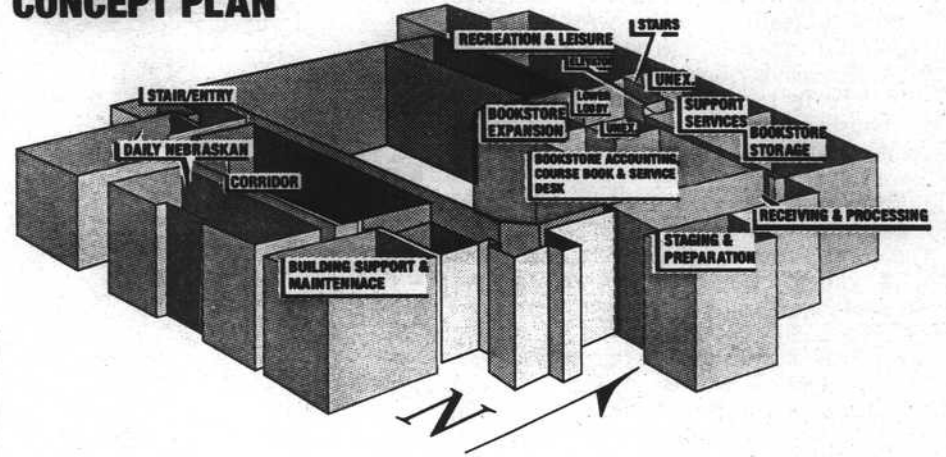
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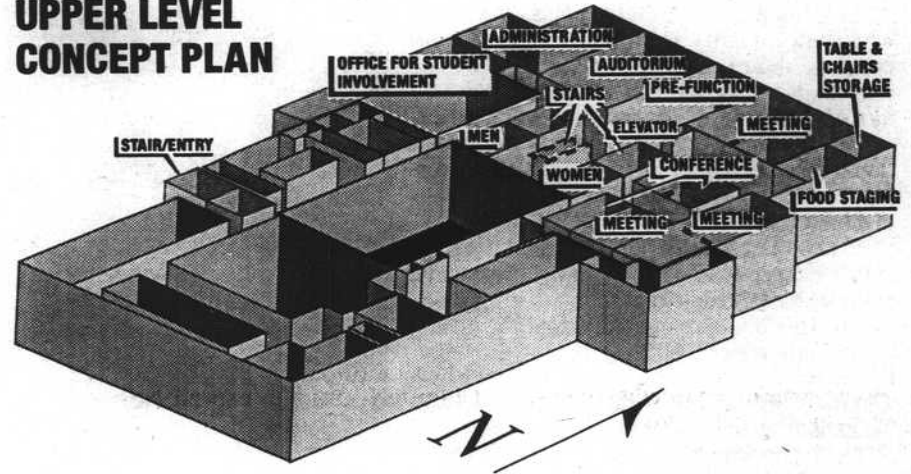
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LOWER LEVEL  
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## Recreation space a top priority

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Improved recreation space would be one of the chief benefits for students.

Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union, said adding recreation space was one of his top priorities. Nebraska Union lost a great deal of recreation and meeting space when the University Bookstore expanded in 1985.

New to the union would be a billiards and games room, a television viewing area, card lounge, commuter lockers and a vending area.

The pool room, limited to five tables, is now poorly located and inconvenient, Swanson said.

"You don't drop into this pool room on impulse," he said, "because you have to know where to find it."

The union prior to expansion in 1985 included a bowling alley. But the 10-lane alley was torn out so the University Bookstore could expand its textbook stacks. The sunken area previously accommodated the ball return for the alley.

A bowling alley would not return, due to a lack of interest.

Also set to be expanded is the University Bookstore, mostly because its storage area is so tight.

Expansion plans also allow for a new, 300-seat auditorium to be built. The bookstore's current school supply area had been a 150-seat, sloped-floor auditorium. Swanson said it was the most-used meeting room in the union for UPC events and guest lec-

tures.

Marilyn Bugenhagen, director of the Office for Student Involvement, said she was convinced the expansion would benefit students by giving student organizations more resources.

Student organizations use different parts of the office for work space and storage. Often, Bugenhagen said, students compete for the same computers, materials and space.

"It's a crunch," she said. Preliminary expansion plans would expand OSI by more than 3,500 square feet. That would make room for a new service, the Student Involvement Resource Center.

The center would offer "just everything that student organizations struggle to find" — computers, telephones, a fax machine and a photocopier. Facilities for banner making and graphics design also would be available.

Other areas that would see expansion or renovation are the Daily Nebraskan offices, the Union Administration offices and the information desk.

Crammed conditions at the food court's dining area could be relieved, as the preliminary plans call for it to

be 40 percent larger.

Across the north side on the first floor, the student lounges would be larger, including a new international student lounge.

The computer room would be in roughly the same area so it's accessible even when the union is closed. Equipment also could be added or improved.

New services proposed for the Nebraska Unions already include a music store, dry cleaner, convenience store and expanded copy shop.

The music shop and dry cleaner would be leased stores. The UNL Printing store will move upstairs and provide copying services.

The union would operate the convenience store.

But those options aren't set in stone. Students will be able to voice which options they liked best through Wednesday's referendum.

Other options that will be on the ballot are a coffee house, travel agency, yogurt shop, T-shirt print shop and a flower shop. As well, students can write in a business they would prefer.

In the concept plan, two retail shops have been allotted space inside the new north lobby.

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