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Angie Stutheit, a junior fine arts major, paints an assignment in class Tuesday morning. The art class is held in the old Taco Inn building at 13th and R streets because Richards Hall is not handicap accessible.

Richards Hall gets ramp

By Rebecca Oltmans
Staff Reporter

The Foundations Design 111 class doesn't meet in Richards Hall, the art building.

Instead, its 22 members, including one handicapped student, meet in the old Taco Inn building at 13th and R streets because Richards Hall is not handicap accessible.

It isn't much of an inconvenience, said Karen Kunc, the course teacher. Except for the days she has to carry all the student projects across campus. And except on the days she would like the class to pop over to the Sheldon Art Gallery or observe other classes drawing or painting.

But because of renovations to Richards Hall that will begin in the next few days, this may be the last semester an alternative site will be necessary.

Richards Hall will be handicap accessible to the first floor and equipped with a handicap restroom

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BARRY SHULL

Architect

by next semester, said Barry Shull, architect and project manager.

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"But it won't feel like a ramp," he said. "It's more like a grand entrance."

The ramp will be built to comply both with American Disabilities Act requirements and to complement the elegance of Richard Hall's classic design, he said.

The ramp will run almost the length of the building on either side of the entrance, he said, and will be built up and over existing stairs.

Because plans exist for a total renovation of the building if funding becomes available, the ramp is

considered a temporary structure. That is why it is important for the building's existing elements to be left intact, said Howard Parker, manager of architectural and engineering services.

The handicap-accessible restroom will be on the first floor, just north of the women's restroom, Shull said. It will be a unisex restroom with a special sink and more than the required 5 feet minimum of turning room, he said.

The projects are funded by the Institutional Research and Planning Department. The estimated cost of the ramp is \$46,000, and the cost of the restroom is between \$12,000 and \$15,000, Shull said.

Law & Order

A LOOK AT CRIME ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Bullets hit west Lincoln home

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Reporter

Thirteen bullets struck a house and another shell landed in the bathtub of a neighboring house in a west Lincoln drive-by shooting late Monday night, police said.

Residents of a home at 107 W. F St. told police they heard multiple gunshots at about 10:30 and a car squealing its tires as it drove away. The three adults and one infant in the home — where bullets riddled the east and north side — were not injured.

No one was present in the home at 115 W. F St., where a bullet penetrated an interior wall and shot into a bathtub.

Lincoln police Sgt. Ann Heermann said Tuesday the shooting did not appear to be random. Shots also were fired at the first home Oct. 6, Heermann said.

Two vehicles also were hit in the gunfire, which came from a 9mm pistol, Heermann said. Bullet casings were found in the intersection near the homes.

Heermann said the residents of the house did not see the shooters. Police had no definite suspects Tuesday.

PHISHY ARRESTS

While the band Phish grooved at Pershing Auditorium this weekend, many of their groupies were cited by police for suspected drug use.

Harms

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The six-page document, filed Dec. 6, 1993, details the events that took place on the night of Harms' murder.

The nine men and three women on the jury spent Tuesday listening to police testimony regarding the details of the murder.

Stan and Pat Harms sat through the civil trial Tuesday as investigators recounted the grisly details of their daughter's slaying. Throughout the first-degree murder trial in 1993, the Harms were not in the courtroom because they were sequestered witnesses.

The Boston band told Lincoln police before the concert that vendors who are not affiliated with the group might distribute narcotics before the Saturday concert.

Lincoln police Capt. Jim Peschong said the tip led to more than 40 citations for using marijuana, consuming alcohol and having false identification. Peschong said it was uncommon for bands to contact police.

"Most groups don't do that, even if they have a following of people involved in illegal activity," Peschong said, praising the band. "I certainly wouldn't have any problem with the group coming back to Lincoln again."

There was one arrest for dispensing intoxicated vapors and another for intent to deliver a controlled substance. Police also confiscated five suspected mushrooms — a drug that looks like a dried mushroom but is a narcotic.

"You can eat them or chew them," Peschong said. "They are not real common in the Lincoln area."

Police arrested five people for using nitrous oxide, an intoxicant similar to laughing gas. Vendors sold balloons filled with the oxide. The oxide depletes the supply of oxygen to the brain, he said, and can be deadly.

Phish, which has a strong following similar to that of the Grateful Dead, had never performed in Lincoln. Peschong said Saturday's concert had more arrests than usual but also featured a different type of music than is usually played in Lincoln.

Barney was represented in court by his attorney, Michael Hansen. Bjorklund, who is representing himself in the case, was not present. He is one of 12 inmates on Nebraska's death row.

The lawsuit concludes by stating that Harms' family has "suffered emotional distress more severe than any reasonable person could be expected to endure."

Andrew Strotman, the Harms' family attorney, deferred comment Tuesday night until after the case has been settled.

Testimony resumes today at 9 a.m. The jury is expected to begin deliberations today.

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