

# RHA sponsors spring retreat

By Tasha E. Kelter  
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association is offering a break from post-holiday monotony for residence hall students with its annual spring retreat.

"It's usually quite a bit of fun," said Barb Mefford, an RHA senator from Cather Residence Hall. "It's like a big slumber party."

The retreat aims to offer residents a chance to get to know more people.

Eric Vander Woude, RHA president, said the retreat would be more laid-back than last fall's retreat.

Activities planned include games and activities, such as finding personal strengths and weaknesses, Vander Woude said.

"There will be things like ice-breakers and scavenger hunts," he

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said.

Walking in the woods, playing games and staying up late watching movies have been integral parts of previous retreats, Mefford said.

The retreat will be at Camp Calvin Crest, located southwest of Fremont.

"It's like a 4-H camp type thing," said Mefford, who attended the last retreat. "It should be a lot of fun."

Right now, about 14 people are signed up for the retreat.

"We would like to have about 20 to 22 people," Vander Woude said.

The group will leave from either the Selleck Quadrangle or the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence complex at 8 a.m. Saturday and return sometime Sunday evening.

Students will sleep in cabins, and meals will be provided.

Chuck Rensink, HSS program director, will be the keynote speaker.

"He's like a monument on campus," Vander Woude said.

Students interested in attending the retreat can contact Vander Woude at the RHA office, 237 Nebraska Union or at 472-1095 before 10 a.m. Friday.

# 'Lizzie's Locker' provides clothes to patients in need

By Craig Wagner  
Staff Reporter

People whose clothes have been injured — along with their bodies — no longer have to wear the same clothes out of Saint Elizabeth Community Health Center.

Susan Darlington, a registered nurse in the social services department of the hospital at 555 S. 70th St., said nurses hadn't liked seeing patients leave in cut-up, bloodied or burned clothes.

So Darlington, then a discharge nurse, began "Lizzie's Locker," a program that gives patients new sweatsuits, sleepers, slippers and winterwear to wear out of the hospital and keep.

The idea came about long ago, after nurses noticed older patients — with no family to retrieve clean clothing — leaving in soiled clothing or hospital gowns and blankets, she said.

The program itself began about five months ago when Darlington and her husband, NU assistant football coach George Darlington, went to Target and bought sweatshirts, underwear and other clothing items.

Since then, Target has provided discounts and free clothing to the program. George Darlington, through his football connections, has helped the program receive free sports apparel from Adidas. And Art F/X Screen Printing and Embroidery, 5620 S. 49th St., has contributed T-shirts and sweatshirts.

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**SUSAN DARLINGTON**  
registered nurse

The Saint Elizabeth Auxiliary is now helping sponsor the project and has promised funding that should last another three to five months, Susan Darlington said. After that, funding is still up in the air.

"It will be an ongoing fund-raising effort," she said.

Clothing is available to any patient of any age, she said. Most patients do not know about the service, she said, but if nurses feel there is a need for clean clothing, they get some.

"This really has been successful. The patients and nurses feel really good about it," she said.

James Gustafson, annual giving coordinator for the auxiliary, said the program was probably one of a kind.

"The patients all say it makes a world of difference on the healing process. It provides a sense of dignity," he said.

People interested in contributing cash or new clothing to Lizzie's Locker can call Gustafson at 486-7113, or, to volunteer or make donations to the auxiliary, 486-7111.

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more months than it's warm."

A stage is essential for the new plaza, said Daryl Swanson, director of the Nebraska Union.

"Right now setting up a stage in the union is a hassle," he said.

"The main reason is that electrical power has to be supplied to the actual stage.... A permanent stage would supply more power no matter what."

Exactly how the stage would be incorporated into the design remains to be seen.

Trees were prominent in all three designs. The first two featured foliage in blocks and rows, and the third had scattered foliage.

All three designs would accommodate a balcony overlooking the plaza and a space for more bike racks.

Swanson and Todd said they expected the design to be completed by this summer, with construction beginning in early fall.



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**Nelson**

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tol on Wednesday as staunch supporters.

Beutler, who took over sponsorship of the bill after Sen. Connie Day of Norfolk retired last year, said advocates appreciated Nelson "standing firm" in support of the bill.

"For me, personally, I'm very willing to spend whatever time is necessary this session and try to regroup and resolve any problems," Beutler said.

Nelson urged Legislature Speaker Ron Withem of Papillion to allow senators more time to discuss the bill.

"We don't want time to run out on the kids either," Nelson said. "That's what this is all about."

Senators would only need another hour or two to finalize the issue, Beutler said.

"In terms of our investment in time," he said, "it would make a lot of

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ality, said Jane Conoley, associate dean of the Teacher's College.

Conoley said that although she thought sex education courses would benefit graduates, the curriculum was already full and students would have a hard time fitting in the extra course.

sense legislatively to allow us to finish the matter."

Sen. Withem said Wednesday afternoon that neither Beutler nor Bromm had approached him about the possibility of granting more time on the floor to discuss the bill.

Nelson said he would begin approaching lawmakers who advocate the different process next week to see if there was room for compromise.

Sen. Kate Witek of Omaha opposed the original version and called it a "please-everybody bill" — but one she felt wouldn't please taxpayers.

"Everyone was speaking with the special interest groups in mind," she said, "not necessarily the taxpayers."

"When it came to the floor it was highly bureaucratic and estimated costs were in the hundreds of thousands."

Witek introduced an amendment Tuesday that would give judges the option to levy the revocation in the courts.

"Right now, the judge can either fine the guy or put him in jail," said Joel Carlson, Witek's Legislative aide.

Witek said her amendment had gained support and was clear-cut.

"We would allow judges to impound the driver's license in cases of non-payment or interference with visitation."

Carlson called Witek's bill more discretionary.

"Commercial licenses were included in all amendments," he said, "but because the discretion we built in, the judge could take in consideration specific commercial cases."

Witek conceded most senators were in favor of the idea, but there was a legitimate difference in the way they wanted to get it done.

"It's not that we don't want anything to do with child support," she said, "it's just that there is a philosophical difference on how to approach the problem."

The Teacher's College does a one-year follow-up with its graduates, Conoley said, trying to find out what issues new teachers face that the college may not have prepared them for.

"Nobody has ever said 'I've been faced with giving sexual advice,'" she said.

And unless that happens, she said, UNL probably won't change its policy.

Conoley and Haffner agreed that the political climate may force teachers to become more educated on sexual issues, so a specific teacher can be assigned the role of sex educator.

"I would agree that with what teachers face today, probably more training is necessary," Conoley said. "Everybody would agree that preparing a teacher well on issues of sexuality is very important."

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