

# Greek Row may see historical registry

## Thesis topic raised issue

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It started as a master's thesis more than a year ago, but in 40 days it might just become a piece of history.

Greek Row, an area encompassing almost all UNL fraternity and sorority houses, is one step from becoming a nationally-recognized historic district.

Greek Row includes 35 fraternity and sorority houses and other buildings on or near City Campus.

Bill Callahan, National Historic Register coordinator in Lincoln, said Greek Row had excellent chances for approval because of its detailed proposal—a necessity for National Park Service approval.

"The explanation is critical," Callahan said. "The person putting the proposal together must keep in mind that final approval will come from a few people in Washington who might not even be able to point Lincoln out on a map."

If the National Park Service does approve the recommendation, it would be because of Justin Van Mullem, a former UNL student now living in California.

Van Mullem was working on his master's thesis for community and regional planning when the idea first occurred to him that Greek Row could be recognized as a historic district.

While a few individual fraternity and sorority houses had been recognized, Van Mullem said the district as a whole had a unique architectural history.

After formulating his thesis, Van Mullem began a year's worth of research ending with a drafted nomination of Greek Row for inclusion as a historic district.

"The majority of the work was in the research," Van Mullem said. "For each house, I tried to find the original architectural drawings."

Van Mullem compared these drawings to current fraternity and sorority houses to see if any major renovation or construction had altered the original building.

While some houses had undergone changes from their original condition, Van Mullem said nearly all houses qualified for the historic district.

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chitectural history representing several styles and periods of architectural design, Van Mullem said.

Many of the houses display period revival, Van Mullem said, and copied earlier styles of architecture.

Competition also contributed to Greek Row's uniqueness, he said.

"A fraternity would build a house and another fraternity would pop up and build its house more impressively," Van Mullem said.

This aspect of competition was apparent in the dates the houses were constructed, Van Mullem said. Most fraternity and sorority houses were built within eight years of one another.

Van Mullem said he knew he would be gone before his plans came to fruition.

"I knew it all along," he said. "When I came up with the proposal, I made sure it was a nomination. Otherwise it could have taken me four years for me to get my master's."

But Van Mullem said he hoped students would learn from his effort.

"For me, it's important that people realize that a history went along with these houses."

# NU regents to vote on buying mainframe

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## Regents

The NU Board of Regents will vote on two campus improvement projects Saturday morning, both with price tags of more than \$500,000.

A more powerful mainframe computer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and renovations to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha will be considered at the 8:30 meeting in Varnier Hall.

The proposed \$560,835 computer for UNL would replace the current IBM mainframe purchased in 1992, according to a proposal by Melvin Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, and Irvin Omtvedt, interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The current computer often runs at 90 percent of capacity at peak times and serves as both a research and e-mail server for more than 4,200 UNL users.

According to the proposal, the new computer would facilitate a strong web server for UNL, which soon could top 1 million hits per day because of dis-

tance education and other electronic university initiatives.

The proposed UNMC renovations would cost \$592,060 and include updating inefficient work stations for staff and improving lighting conditions in the Level 7 West Oncology/Hematology Special Care Unit.

Other agenda items for today include:

■ A 4 p.m. meeting of the Business Affairs Committee in Varnier Hall to discuss the UNL modem pool.

Student Regent Eric Marintzer said he regretted that the meeting will be too late to stop UNL from losing free off-campus access to the modem pool Feb. 1. But the meeting could bring up future plans for the modem pool, or justify the loss of service, he said.

■ A 3 p.m. meeting of the General Affairs Committee in Varnier Hall to discuss student financial aid at UNL.

■ The election of 1997 officers of the NU Board of Regents at the Saturday morning meeting.

## Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

### CHILD NEGLECT

Two children were placed in protective custody Wednesday when police officers found them living in squalor.

When officers arrived at 2821 N.W. Sixth St., they found the house in which the two children were living did not have running water because of frozen pipes. It was littered with dirty clothes and dog feces. Several windows had been broken out and the glass was lying on the floor.

Police arrested Carl Wheeler, 28, and Kathy Wheeler, 31, for child neglect. The children, an 8-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy, were taken into protective custody.

### BURGLARY

A computer hard drive and keyboard were taken from Andrews Hall by someone University Police said they believe had keys to the room.

Language lab instructors told police that the computer parts had been taken between Thursday and Monday, when the lab was closed.

Officers could find no signs of forced entry, UNL Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said. That has pointed officers toward someone with a key to the room, he said, which was locked at the time of the burglary.

The keyboard and hard drive were valued at \$1,270. Ironically, Bushing said, someone stole the monitor that was attached to the now-stolen hard drive and keyboard.

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