

Greek Row a place of history

■ Buildings earn a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

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After more than a year's work, UNL's Greek Row has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places this summer, with help from a former fraternity member.

The National Park Service selected houses on Greek Row because its architecture is well-maintained and of high quality and because the houses have educational significance, said Greg Mathis, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student who helped with the final proposal to register Greek Row.

The National Registry of Historic Places is the nation's inventory of properties deemed worthy of preservation. It identifies, evaluates and protects the nation's historic and archeo-

logical resources.

Mathis, who also works at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, said the character of Greek Row made it a good candidate for the register.

"Greek Row tells the story of a certain body of students in a system, and the row is their legacy," Mathis said.

The Greek Row Historic District consists of 35 buildings - mostly sororities and fraternities - along R Street from 14th to 17th streets and along 16th Street from R to Vine streets.

Greek Row has made a significant contribution to "the patterns of education history," Mathis said.

Between 1917 and 1920, Mathis said, the number of UNL students doubled, and the university had little housing and no budget for more.

So, the greek houses became popular places for students offering a "home away from home and a family style of living," he said.

The unique architecture of UNL's greek houses developed from competition, he said. As more houses were

built, fraternities and sororities tried to outdo each other, Mathis said. As soon as one house was built, Mathis said, another one would be built more elaborately or added on to, which made a statement to other houses.

Most of the houses in the district were built between 1917 and 1925. To be eligible for the register, buildings must be at least 50 years old, said Bill Callahan, National Historic Register coordinator in Lincoln.

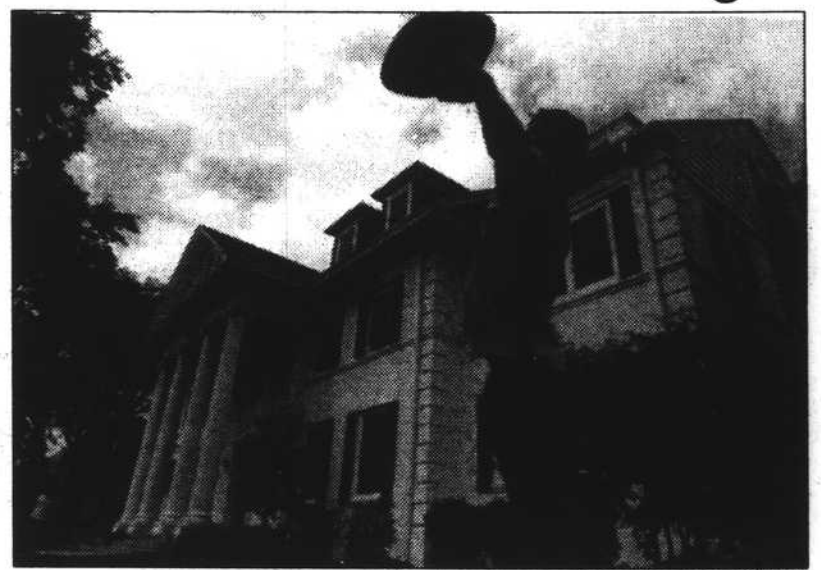
If buildings are not older than 50, which is the case for Delta Tau Delta fraternity and the Lutheran Student Center and Chapel, then they are still included in the district, but considered non-contributing buildings. Callahan said non-contributing buildings also could be disqualified from the register if inappropriate additions have been made.

"Each building itself could not be registered alone, but it is the area as a whole that has a history," he said.

The district that covers Greek Row is not marked yet, Callahan said, because it is not the National Park Service's responsibility. If the city of Lincoln, the university or an individual greek house wants to mark the area, the National Park Service will provide the necessary information.

The idea to have Greek Row registered came from former UNL student and member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Justin Van Mullem.

Van Mullem, who now lives in



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BRIAN RATKOVEC, a freshman advertising major, snags a tossed football Wednesday afternoon in front of the Phi Kappa Psi house on 1548 S St. The house is one of 35 buildings on Greek Row to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

California, thought the area was worthy of historical recognition, Mathis said, and so the project became Van Mullem's master's thesis for community and regional planning. Van Mullem had his proposal approved by the National Park Service and then by the National Registry.

Mary Ann Holland, office manager at UNL Greek Affairs, said having the Greek Row registered would ensure that it will always be kept

intact.

Greek Affairs had almost no part in planning, approving or researching Greek Row for Van Mullem's proposal, Holland said.

Greek students were concerned when they first were told of the proposal, Holland said, because they thought they would not be able to renovate and remodel their houses.

But as long as the historical and architectural significance is not destroyed, residents may renovate the buildings, Mathis said.

Molly Strom, president of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, said she was proud and excited for her house to be a part of the Greek Row Historic District.

"All the houses are quality inside and out, and that speaks more for the architects of the houses. I feel lucky that way," Strom said.

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