

Residence hall improvements continue

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With topics ranging from new elevators to improvements in meals, UNL housing officials discussed hall improvements made this summer at Sunday's Residence Hall Association meeting.

The officials brought updates on different departments of housing and gave the status of all major residence hall projects, which total \$1.29 million in improvements.

Director of Housing Doug Zatechka said he thought these improvements would be beneficial to both housing employees and students.

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"We want to do as good of a job as we can possibly do," Zatechka said. "It's important that students are happy."

Ron Burke, director of housing food service, discussed the declining rate of business in the hall snack bars.

"There has been a decline in sales since the snack bars started carrying only Pepsi products," Burke said.

Burke said he hoped the snack bar decline would even out during the semester.

"Pepsi is also offering to help us market the snack bars to students, as well as do

some renovation on them," he said.

Burke did not know what the effect the sales decrease would mean for the future of the halls.

Burke also said the dining rooms would be getting nutritional information for many of the main entrees within the next week.

"There will be permanent information for the hamburger and salad bars," Burke said. "We are also working to get nutritional values for the pizza from Valentino's."

Michael Hager, assistant director of housing and maintenance operations, said computer improvements are continuing.

"We have over 1,800 students with Internet connections in their rooms this year," Hager said. "That is double the num-

ber we had last year."

Information technology had increased its staff to handle the added installations, he said.

Glen Schumann, assistant director of housing maintenance, said efforts are continuing to replace elevators in the halls.

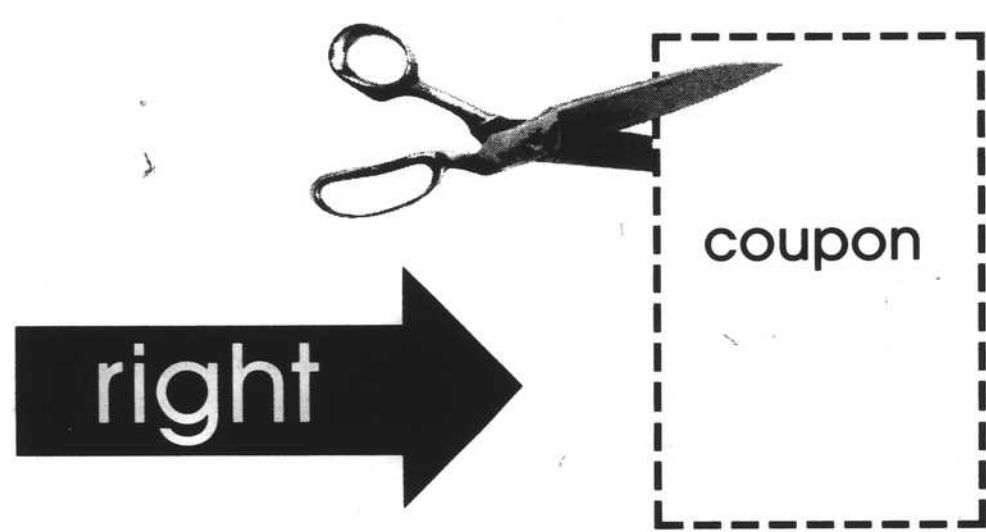
RHA also discussed an Adopt-a-Space on Campus program. RHA President Ben Wallace said he would like to consider sponsoring the greenspace.

"It's a big area, and we are a big group," Wallace said. "If we all pitch in, we can work to keep the space nice."

RHA plans to discuss its mission statement and goals during a two-day retreat this weekend at Camp Carol Joy Holling.



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