

More upperclassmen stay in residence halls this year

BY GWEN TIFTGEN

More upperclassmen are calling residence hall rooms home this semester.

Two hundred more upperclassmen live in the residence halls of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this year than last year at this time, said Doug Zatechka, director of housing.

The halls traditionally housing freshmen hit their capacity, as well this year, Zatechka said.

He doesn't know why more upperclassmen are returning to the halls this year, but Zatechka said the rising costs of living off campus could be driving students to the residence halls.

UNL's housing rates fall near the bottom when compared with other universities of its size.

Nebraska has the second-lowest room and board rates in the Big 12, Zatechka said.

But several upperclassmen said they didn't consider prices when they decided to live on campus.

Junior accounting major Heather Banta moved into Sandoz Residence Hall from her Lincoln home this year. She had lived with her parents the past two years.

"My family moved to Texas, so (my friend) Jerusha offered to share her room with me," Banta said.

Banta said she didn't consider moving off campus with her friend.

"Since I had never lived on my own, I thought this would be an easier transition," she said.

Sophomore biochemistry major Carl Galloway is returning to Neihardt Residence Center for the second year. He decided to stay on campus because he liked Neihardt's Ethernet connection and being on campus.

Galloway said he didn't consider the costs of living off campus.

He also said he didn't mind living with younger students.

"I haven't had the chance to meet most of them," he said. "I'm

kind of one of the older people on the floor, so that's nice."

Students returning to the halls will find small changes in their rooms and hallways, and some might even find a new nameplate on their residence hall directors' office door.

Five new residence hall directors moved into UNL halls in July.

Josh Overocker is the new residence director for Abel South, and Ann Marie Gottner will take over duties in Abel North. Deb Sievert will be in Pound, Josh Deacon will be in Neihardt and Meredith Carpenter will be the residence manager in Husker Hall on North 23rd Street.

Some other changes in the

residence halls include the finished renovation of the rooms and quarters of the Selleck Quadrangle. The Abel game room was also changed into seven small meeting rooms to support Abel's learning communities.

The changes were in response to students' demands, said Glen Schumann, assistant director of housing for facilities operations.

"We are constantly renovating, which is why we work closely with students with what they want," Schumann said.

Sarah Fox contributed to this report.

Men arrested for allegedly keeping marijuana in hotel

Lincoln Police arrested two men after housekeepers at the Congress Inn found 2 1/2 pounds of marijuana in a room they were cleaning Sunday.

The two men staying at the hotel, at 2001 W. O St., were believed to have been harvesting marijuana that grew wild in the area, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

After motel employees reported what they found, police obtained a search warrant for the room.

Chad Lockhart, 32, from Indiana, and Kevin Hutchings, 31, from Illinois, were both arrested for possession of marijuana.

Plane lands in Lincoln

after man assaults attendant

A United Airlines flight from San Francisco to New Jersey made an emergency landing in Lincoln Sunday after a passenger assaulted a flight attendant.

The passenger barricaded himself in the plane's restroom after the assault, which occurred between 5 and 6 p.m. Finnell said.

The plane diverted to Lincoln because it was the closest available airport, and police were called at 6:15 p.m.

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The man was committed to a mental institution for therapy, and reports on the incident were forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's office because the plane flew over several states while the assault happened.

Freshman receives citation for alcohol in Harper

University Police cited a freshman in Harper Residence Hall for underage drinking after being called to investigate a suspicious smell in the hallway.

Officers went to the residence hall to investigate reports of a marijuana smell just after 2 a.m. Saturday.

Though they did not find evidence of the drug, they did cite one student for being a minor in possession of alcohol, University Police Assistant Chief Mylo Bushing said.

When police entered the student's room, an open can of beer was sitting in the room.

John Delehant, 18, was cited, and six other cans of beer were confiscated.

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"For the most part, most people don't have much of a credit history — bad, good, or otherwise," he said.

Students will have to renew

their accounts yearly. The accounts will automatically be shut off in May.

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