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## Dorm life with no RAs

■ Students living off campus near other students often face parties and little study time

BY KIMBERLY SWEET

They have the lure of off-campus living – your own shower, a full-size refrigerator and a room you can call your own.

But many apartments or houses in traditionally student-oriented neighborhoods also contain the better aspect of dorm life – other students.

Students who live in the Clinton, Hartley, North Bottoms, Malone and Near South neighborhoods have the advantage of being around other students who will accompany them on a night out or join them in tossing a football around after a Husker victory.

Living within walking or biking distance from campus is another draw for students.

Ninety-five percent of the residents of Claremont Park Apartments, located on North 9th Street, are students, according to Housing Manager Sarah Muller.

Located just five blocks from campus, students can easily walk to class and downtown, Muller said.

Socializing and being in close proximity to campus were what drew Matt Rudloff, a senior physical education major, to the complex, located in the North Bottoms neighborhood.

"If people like to party, this is the place to live," Rudloff said.

But many students who extend the rowdy dorm life to local neighborhoods will find neighbors who aren't as keen on 2 a.m. parties or a friendly football game that extends into the streets.

Those who live in neighborhoods heavily populated by students also have to deal with the reality of more law enforcement, said Capt. Joy Citta of the Lincoln Police Department.

Many nonstudent residents of student-populated neighborhoods know the police are just a phone call away, she said.

"Neighborhoods are very aware of what we can do," Citta

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## ASUN helps house hunt

BY CASEY JOHNSON

Students looking for a place to live off-campus will have a little more guidance, thanks to a housing guide provided by ASUN.

The guide offers information about houses and apartments, such as whether the property has a pool or how long the average lease time is.

The listing also covers areas that many students look at, such as whether there is an Internet hook-up, available parking or a dishwasher.

The guide is available in print form from the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska office, 136 Nebraska Union, as well as online at [www.offcampushousingguide.com/schools/neb/neb.html](http://www.offcampushousingguide.com/schools/neb/neb.html).

ASUN President Joel Schafer said that an off-campus housing guide was a service that ASUN had been wanting to improve upon for some time.

He said a representative from Campus Directories Inc. came into the student government office and suggested the idea.

The company had worked on off-campus housing guides for Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Members from ASUN then spoke with the student associations of those schools and found out that they were happy with the service, Schafer said.

Before the housing guide was published, Schafer said that student government would take housing advertisements from local newspapers and republish them in newsletter or handout form.

"We were spending a lot of money mailing the newsletter out to people who were transferring here," Schafer said.

Schafer said that because of this, ASUN was looking for a way to get the guide online for students who needed more immediate and up-to-date information.

"It really fell in line for what we wanted to do because we get the service for the students, and we can make some money off of it, too," Schafer said.

Ads located within the directory pay for its printing, and a percentage of the money left after printing goes to ASUN.

The guide also provides useful pages such as the Landlord-Tenant Law and the Nebraska Residential Landlord Tenant Act, Schafer said.

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