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## Apartments on Campus?

### Administration's Decision Awaits More Student Input

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A decision on extensive plans to build as many as 78 on-campus apartments are contingent on issues regarding regulations that remain awaiting sufficient student response, Residence Life Director Heidi LeCount said in a recent interview.

Concerns including male hours, alcohol policies, and married students and husbands, and "23+" students will continue to be discussed for the next 12 months to ensure a consensus that is representative of the entire student body, LeCount said.

"We want to make sure students want apartments before we begin the building process," LeCount said, "And these

issues must be agreed upon first."

Students seem to be more passionate about the alcohol policy than any other issue. However these views will possibly change as surveys continue to be conducted and student response increases, said LeCount.

Relaxed male hours, possibly from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. throughout the school week and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends, raise debate for a separate entrance to the apartments, LeCount said.

"An agreement concerning the housing of married students and their husbands and "23+" students and their families has yet to be made," said LeCount.

The surveys are

targeted to the class of 2010 as they would be the first to live in the apartments, so their participation in the surveys is "greatly encouraged," said LeCount.

In mid-February, the Student Government Association president will conduct further surveys to gain more student feedback concerning these issues and others dealing with meal plans, apartment location, and parking, LeCount said.

"Although the apartments would be more expensive than the dorms, they would be furnished with the necessities," LeCount said, "And give juniors and seniors some independence."

There would be ample parking for everyone, she said. However the location of both the buildings and the lots remain under discussion.

The Board of Trustees Land Use Committee would have to approve the location of the apartments before construction could begin, said LeCount.

Surveys thus far

have shown split views regarding a meal plan, but most likely the meal plan will be optional, LeCount said.

"When it comes time, an architect will visit campus with a model but we are not yet close to that point with designing," said LeCount.

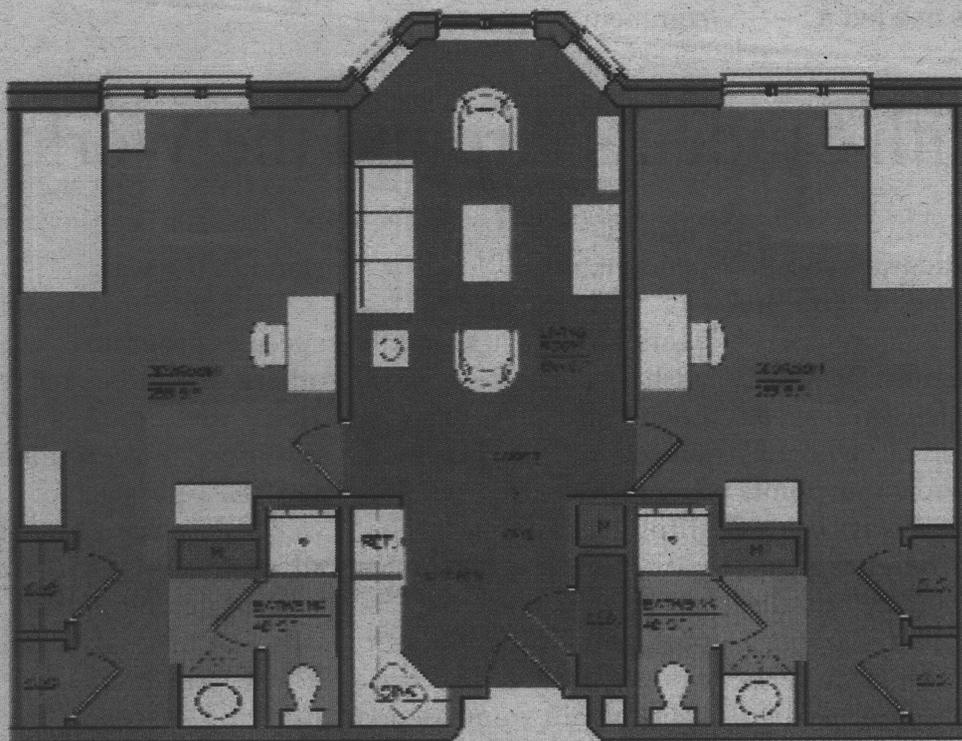
The possibility of two buildings has been proposed; however it could be built in stages, said LeCount.

The current ideal would be 30 two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments; and 48 four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments, said LeCount.

"Having a different style or setup of housing would give students something to look forward to," LeCount said.

The goal of the apartments is to support students who want to live on campus but also want privacy and autonomy, said LeCount.

"Anything that we can do to inspire student independence and encourage students to stay on campus is great," she said.



Layout for proposed 2 bedroom apartments.

## Cornhuskin'!

Meredith's tradition brought unity, creativity, and controversy. See page 2.