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## NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will be published bi-monthly in an effort to facilitate two-way communication between residents and management. This is YOUR newsletter. We want to hear from you; Good comments; Bad comments; News stories; Anything you think might be of interest to your neighbors. Please have any items you want to submit in the rental office no later than 4:00 P.M. the Wednesday before printing (hopefully, the newsletter will be published the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month).

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## SECURITY DEPOSITS

Just A Reminder - all security deposits must be paid in full on or before October 1. All partial security deposits remaining after October 1 will be forfeited and the reserved apartment will become available to persons on the waiting lists and then on a first come, first serve basis.

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## PROGRESS REPORT

The CHATEAU is becoming more and more defined as walls get painted, cabinets and plumbing fixtures get installed and the carpeting is put down. The fourth and fifth floors are almost completed now and are being used as model apartments. With a little luck (and prayers or chants to whomever or whatever) the first eight or nine floors should be ready for occupancy the first or second weekend in October, with the rest of the building being completed no later than November 1.

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## ROOMMATES WANTED

All of the efficiency and one bedroom apartments have been rented. However, we still have a number of two, three, and four bedroom apartments available. If you are on a waiting list, if you would be a roommate, or if you would be interested in our help with finding

roommates for the larger apartments, please give us a call at 331-5200.

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## TEMPORARY HOUSING

The CHATEAU has rented the house at 1206 5th Street SE, for temporary accommodations. Since the building is an old fraternity house and for the past few years served as an experiment in communal living for several University of Minnesota faculty members and their families, the accommodations consist of shared sleeping rooms with common kitchen and living areas. It is primarily intended for out of state and out of town students who have no family or friends in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area that could house them for a few weeks and are unable to find temporary housing on their own. We realize that commuting is a hassle, but when you're stuck on the expressway or waiting for that bus that seems it's never going to come, think happier thoughts -- like how convenient to school the CHATEAU will be when it finally is ready,

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## NEIGHBORS\*

Kim is originally from New Mexico, but has spent the last ten years here in Minneapolis. A senior at the U this fall, her major is child psychology and her sights are set on becoming a certified teacher. Kim plays the guitar and flute to relax and develops her own pictures when she has the chance. As a matter of fact, she is interested enough in photography to help in conducting a photography class year. To help finance her education, Kim works at Shakey's Pizza.

Andy adds (as he put it) part of the "international flavor" to the CHATEAU. Andy was born and raised in London and has lived in other parts of England, too. For a while he even lived in Jordan, Egypt. Two years ago, while hitchhiking to South America, he found himself in Minnesota. It was here he "fell in love with a girl who talked me into going to the University of Minnesota," Andy, a senior now, is carrying the course load of a double major - in political science and economics. As you may be able to guess, Andy's main interest is traveling,

but Mid Eastern religions also intrigue him. Andy is very enthusiastic about living at the CHATEAU. While in England he lived in cooperative housing for a time and has come to think that co-op housing is a great idea and "a thing of the future." Andy supplies his monetary needs by working at the Campus Club as a waiter.

\*Andy and Kim each have an apartment reserved at the CHATEAU.

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#### ORIENTATION MEETING

We have scheduled an orientation meeting for Thursday evening, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who has not attended an Orientation Meeting or has not seen the building recently is invited to meet in the first floor lobby of the CHATEAU at that time. There will be refreshments, tours of the building, and Paul Merrill (President, Chateau Community Housing Association, Inc.) will explain what a cooperative is, how the building will be run, what will be expected of the residents, etc. Anyone interested in attending this Orientation Meeting should contact the rental office (331-5200) before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 26.

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#### SHOPS IN THE CHATEAU??

We have some prime, air-conditioned space on the first floor of the CHATEAU available for retail business. While we are considering several tentative offers for some of this space, any businesses which locate in the building should offer services needed by residents of the CHATEAU. (We'll let you know later how you can indicate your preferences.) While income from this space has been programmed into the budget, it will be an option of the residents to use the first floor space for recreation facilities. However, it should be noted that since this retail income has been considered in the budget, using it for recreational facilities will mean \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year in lost revenue. Once everyone is moved in, more information will be provided and residents will be faced with the decision . . . . The people involved in making decisions which affect them -- that's the COOPERATIVE way!

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Ken brings 30 years of plumbing experience to the CHATEAU. As a "Finisher" he is the man who installs sinks, toilets, bathtubs, and showers. Ken has been with Buchman Plumbing (contractor) for eight years and plans to stay with them after this job is completed. Whenever there is time off between jobs (or on weekends), Ken likes to relax around his house, indulging in TV and beer.

Bruce has been a pipefitter for five years and is employed by Quality Heating & Air Conditioning on the CHATEAU. Since July he has been working on the heating and air conditioning valences in the apartments. When his work is completed at the CHATEAU, Bruce hopes it will not be too long between jobs. Perhaps if he does have time off, he'll get a chance to do some canoeing in the Boundary Water Canoe Area on the Minnesota/Canada border. A canoeing enthusiast, Bruce explained that the sport isn't too hard if you're the front paddler, but the back paddler has to do a "J" stroke, which is a bit difficult to master.

Phil has spent eight years as a carpetlayer with Loge Carpets. He really likes his work because he is almost the last person to work in the apartment; when he's finished in an apartment, it's almost ready to become a home. Phil is quite surprised at the high quality (Bigelow shag) and color selection (Gold, Avocado, Blue, and Copper) of the carpeting. "I can't figure out why they're spending so much money on such good carpeting. It's very unusual." It was difficult for Phil to believe that the CHATEAU will be a non-profit housing development, with any unneeded money being rebated to the residents of the building. Once he discovered that the rent included all utilities, he felt the price was quite reasonable.

Vercell and Brad have been with Northwestern Bell for six and nine months, respectively. While both profess to like their work, Vercell said she "wouldn't trade jobs for anything," because she feels she is learning something new every day. Before joining the Bell system, Vercell worked on an assembly line for Control Data; Brad was a student and a traveler. While there were three women out of the eight persons in Brad's lineman training class, Vercell was the only woman in her class training to be a lineman (no, the company does not refer to female linemen as linewomen). Neither Brad nor Vercell was particularly happy working at the CHATEAU, because construction miscalculations cut their working space in half. They are both hoping to be finished within a week, after which it will be possible to install telephones in the building.

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