

# Arts Council begins without University funding

Members of the University Arts Council started the machinery of their unofficial group working Thursday night at the Nebraska Union by electing a central committee of four and forming a variety of other committees.

Some of the things the council has in mind are reflected by the various committees. These task force groups include coordinating and making information available concerning arts events, a possible Union Ticket

Office for art events and an arts fair to raise the additional money needed to purchase the sculpture "Sandy in Defined Space".

POTTER, the driving force behind the formation of the council, said he doesn't think the idea of an official University funded council is going anywhere. "It is running into some opposition in the arts departments," he said. Most departments believe any money for the arts should go directly to them, the professor

said. Dean John Robinson said art, drama and music departments think they have a direct responsibility for the education their students achieve and it is wrong to make them subject to control by a council. The College of Arts and Sciences leadership believes that if there is any money around it is best to give it directly to departments engaged in art activities, he said.

THE DEPARTMENTS may

feel that there would be too much competition for funds if controlled by a council and someone might get cut short, said the dean. According to Robinson, people are viewing the arts council with some apprehension because funds are becoming more available to them through existing channels.

"Every year there is a struggle to get our current arts programs refunded, and there is apprehension that an arts council would spread the funds too thin," said Robinson.

He said the arts council could work to institutionalize some of the arts productions the University has now.

Potter said these are some of the reasons he hasn't thought too seriously about a funded council. "I have seen ways of doing more with funds already

available; it's a matter of coordinating the resources," he said.

THE FOUR MEMBERS of the central committee are Nelson Potter, assistant professor of philosophy; John Robinson, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Cheryl Long, Centennial College housing personnel, and Steve Gaines, a student.

Committees will be meeting regularly but members of the council thought general council meetings would be necessary only once a semester or when the central committee deemed it necessary.

A representative from Sheldon Art Gallery said the Gallery is interested in coordinating with the council to more effectively publicize art events.

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that's why he isn't sure student votes would have made any difference in his last bid for the City Council. But he said. "It could have made a world of difference," since he lost (in the primary) by only 1,000 votes and only 18,000 votes went to the candidate who received the most votes,

Councilwoman Helen Boosalis. The campus president of the Young Republicans said his group chose not to involve themselves in the League of Young Voters because they wanted to take a "partisan approach."

The University student said they had planned a booth in the Union this week, but in deference to the League, postponed it a week.

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