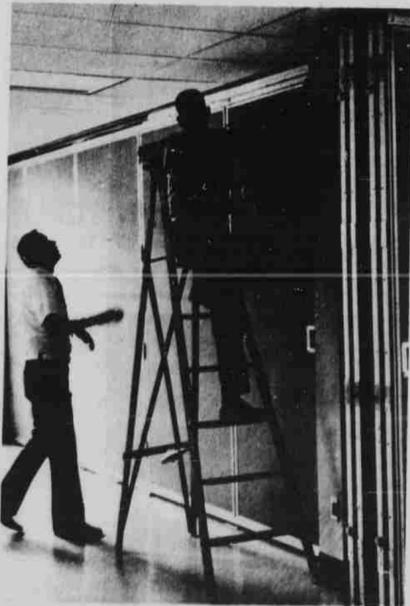
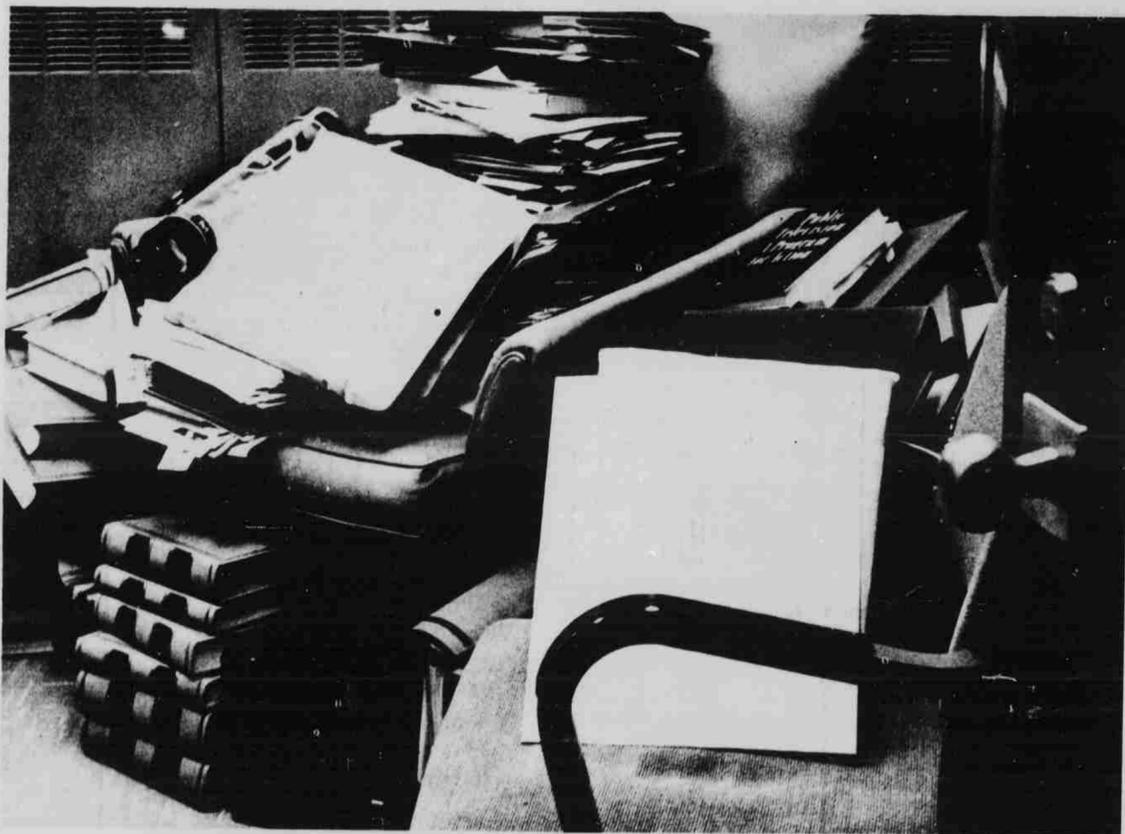


A home of their own



The inscription on the building still reads "Avery Laboratory of Chemistry," but the remodeled structure at the southeast corner of Memorial Stadium is the new home of the School of Journalism and the Department of Geography.

The School of Journalism occupies the first and second floors of the building and part of the basement. Formerly located in the east half of the third floor of Nebraska Hall, the School of Journalism now has nearly twice as much space as before, according to R. Neale Copple, director.

In allocating space in the new quarters, the J-School built in a professional environment, Copple said. Instead of conventional classrooms, professional teaching areas were designed.

"For the reporting and editing classes, there's a newsroom that very much resembles the newsroom of a large daily newspaper," he said. Professional facilities were designed for broadcasting students, too.

Another feature of the new quarters is space provided for students working on independent projects in all areas.

"In the new reading room, we're going to establish something like a hall of fame with money from the Jack Lowe Community Journalism Fund to honor distinguished newspaper journalists in Nebraska," Copple said.

In the past six years, the number of journalism majors has doubled, according to Copple. Currently, there are about 600 majors, including some 200 freshmen who do not take journalism courses. The school has 11 full-time faculty members and 11 more part-time faculty members.

The third floor of Avery Hall is headquarters for the geography department.

Teaching geography relies on using maps, and the new classrooms make it possible to do that better, according to Robert H. Stoddard, associate professor of geography. The department formerly was housed in Burnett Hall.

"Other than better facilities for map display in actual teaching, we'll also have greater facilities for making maps," Stoddard said.

The department plans to offer cartographic services to anyone in the University who needs to have a map made.

Stoddard said the department will be doing more work on aerial photo interpretation and use of computer graphics in making maps. The department also supervises the University map library, located in the basement of Avery.

The department has about 30 majors and 8 faculty members.

According to statistics compiled by Jack Budler, University architect, the \$750,000 Avery renovation averages about \$14 per square foot. New non-lab buildings cost about \$40 per square foot, and new lab buildings may cost as much as \$60 per square foot.

Top left, Merlin Lawson, assistant professor of geography, demonstrates the geography department's map-making equipment. Top right, Bob Waddell, journalism student assistant, packs supplies for shipment to Avery. Center, moving day. Bottom left, enlargers await move to new photography darkroom. Bottom right, folding walls make space flexible.

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