

Music is life to retiring director

Musical instruments from around the world line Donald Lentz's office, an indication of only one of the retiring professor's interests.

Along with an interest in ethnomusicology, Lentz is band director and professor of woodwinds at the School of Music.

Before he started teaching, Lentz toured with the U.S. Marine Band when John Phillip Sousa conducted the group. He joined the New York Philharmonic and later accepted a teaching position at the University of South Dakota which offered him a chance to conduct, a rare opportunity in New York.

In 1937, he joined the NU School of Music and was assigned to the band program.

Band Day for high school students and trips to football bowl games for the UNL Marching Band are two of his innovations.

Over the years music has become universal as shown by the lessons that are now offered by the public schools, Lentz said.

He said that the aim of music instruction today is acquainting more persons with music and giving them a better appreciation of music, not training them to be professional musicians.

Instruments used by Lentz's Ethnomusicology students come from the Orient, Middle East, India, Nepal and Java. All are souvenirs of visits he has made studying non-western music.

"The East has different premises for music that cannot be interpreted in Western terms. For example, much of the world's music is improvised, contrary to the measured meter of Western music. It is also much more a part of the whole, not just something to entertain," Lentz said.

Culture can't be measured by objective means, he said. The best reflection of a country's culture is the subjectivity of its arts, Lentz said.



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East Union plan awaits approval

If you want to get a building fast you have to be able to line up funds, according to Daryl P. Swanson, assistant director of the Nebraska Union. Swanson was speaking about the proposed new East Campus Student Union.

The East Union has been in the planning stages for two and one-half years and is expected to cost \$3 million. Although the East Campus Union Planning Committee is waiting for the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to approve the project, Ken Wiseman, chairman of the committee said the plans have advanced rapidly.

The type of financing for the building is the reason for the delay, Swanson said.

The UNL Law College, which has been trying to get a new building for more than 15 years, still is fighting for appropriations from the Legislature, he added.

On the other hand, the new Union already has more than \$2.5 million through the same bonded indenture program used to build the City Campus Union, he said.

Every student contributes \$2.50 in student fees to the fund each semester, according to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Of the 20 proposed sites, the committee has chosen a plot between the Plant Industry Building and Miller Hall. The benefits of the site are that it is centrally located, does not disrupt campus utilities, preserves the land directly west of the C.Y. Thompson Library and has good service accessibility, Wiseman said.

The new East Union will have dining and snack areas, a lounge, large and small meeting rooms, staff and student organization offices, a bookstore, a recreation area, a post office and an auditorium, he said.

Transit history speech tonight

John Scheider, UNL history professor, will speak on the "History of Mass Transit," tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Union.

Scheider is participating in a speakers' series sponsored by the Environmental Task Force.

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