

Leslie Bruning, celebrated sculptor, exhibits bronze and aluminum sculpture through Nov. 11 at Sheldon Art Gallery. Above are examples of Bruning's work with bronze: "Barus", left, and "Geo."

16-R proposed site of prayer garden

By Mark Hoffman

Land once considered for a UNL parking lot is now the tentative site for the UNL American Indian Prayer Garden.

The lot, at the northeast corner of 16th and R St. was the focus of a "parking lot or park" decision about three years ago, according to Ron Wright, assistant director of business and finance at UNL.

The decision was made to convert the lot to a park, he said, but federal funds for the project "dried up."

Mike Berns, former UNL architectural student, suggested the lot be developed through an architectural class project, Wright said.

Federal funds were needed for developing the park through the architectural project, but since 1969-70 the funds have been unavailable, Wright said.

Now the lot has been chosen for the Indian garden site, Wright said.

Jay Thody, UNL grounds design specialist, said he would design the garden as soon as he receives recommendations from an Indian student committee.

He said because a prayer garden might not be the same for various tribes, he was waiting for "input from (Indian) students among the various tribes on campus."

Plans to locate the prayer garden near the new addition to Love Library were abandoned when Indian students said the area had too much student traffic, Wright said.

According to Wright, an Indian prayer garden is circular in shape and the area by the Library addition would not accommodate the garden.

Paul Olson, professor of English, has raised a question about the funding which Wright said will be through the university landscaping budget.

"Is somebody supposed to pray there? If so, it would be spending tax dollars for religious purposes, Olson said. "If not, it would be a mockery of a (Indian) religious tradition."

According to Wright, the garden was not intended to be only a place of worship, but a garden dealing with Nebraskan heritage.

He said if the students did not want the prayer garden, his office would not object and probably would leave the lot as it is. The lot now is planted with grass, shrubs and trees.

Karen Buller, special services counselor for minority affairs, said she was on the initial committee to provide student input to the project. She said she was not on the committee now, but said she thought the project was continuing.

She said students were pleased with the project and very much in favor of developing the prayer garden.

New program advises future teachers

With booths representing the committees, departments and organizations associated with Teachers College, the Teachers College Advisory Board sponsored its first freshmen orientation meeting Oct. 16.

"We came up with the idea for this because we thought there was a need for more communication between students and departments within the Teachers College," Advisory Board President Jan Baumgartner said.

"The people at these booths were prepared to answer any questions as well as help in pre-registration."

She said that while she and 25 students involved with the Advisory Board called all 500 freshmen in the Teachers College to invite them to the meetings, any student interested was welcome.

Information available for those visiting the booths included such areas as ethnic studies, art, music, speech, elementary education, teacher placement and the history and philosophy of education.

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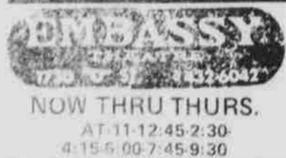
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