

## Landscape changes for UN-L new buildings

Leaping over ditches, sidestepping fences and newly planted trees and stumbling over fragments of old sidewalks, UN-L students carefully select paths to classes.

Campus construction and landscaping is in full swing, according to Dave Biskup, UN-L grounds nursery and landscape supervisor.

Between Jan. 1 and July 1, Biskup said, the campus grounds crew planted \$2,000 worth of trees on city campus. Ground cover plants costing \$1,500 and \$400 in flowers have also been planted this spring, he said.

Biskup, grounds supervisor since 1968, said two major landscaping projects are Mueller Mall—the area between Andrews and Burnett Halls—and Love Library.

Additional trees are being planted and an underground sprinkler system is being installed in the Love Library area.

Jay Thody, assistant director and design specialist at UN-L, said grounds crew will have a "difficult time keeping up with current building and construction changes."

Thody said crews are still trying to "catch up" from a 10-year period, where no landscaping was planned during UN-L construction.

"Current staff count is between 30 and 40," Thody said, and "all but a few of these are students." He said approximately 20 more part-time students have been added this summer.

The attempt of the grounds department in the last few years has been to upgrade the campus by planting trees and shrubs and "improve the landscape as much as possible," Thody said.

Another area of landscape improvement, Thody said, is the planting of two large evergreens in the parking lot west of the Student Union.

"The main purpose of planting these trees," said Thody, "was to eliminate the traffic problem in the lot." He said the location of the trees made it necessary for cars to park in proper stalls.

"We (grounds department) know we have a lot of improvements to make, but we feel like we've accomplished a lot," he said.

## RHA plan changes

(Continued from pg. 2) last year didn't realize they were signing for no visitation when they filled out their housing contracts, she said. Both of these difficulties have to be studied, she said.

Refrigerators, communication and the RHA Constitution are other changing areas.

Money from renting refrigerators to students is the only income RHA makes, said Buchman. This year the association hopes to increase its income by renting 200 additional refrigerators. 700 will then be rented to dormitory students, she said,

and any extras will be rented to fraternity and sorority students.

Constitutional changes may occur this fall, she said. Specifically, there is an idea to change a quorum from two-thirds of the Council to whoever attends the meetings, she said.

This way council members will have to show up or lose their vote on an issue, she said. In the past voting could be stopped by lack of a quorum, said Buchman.

It also has been suggested that the few appointed RHA positions be changed to elected posts.

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