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The Stuart Building.

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NU Foundation uncertain about future of theater

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The donation of nearly half of the Stuart building to the University of Nebraska Foundation is a significant step in the Foundation's Nebraska Campaign for private contributions to the University, according to D. B. Varner, chairman of the Foundation board of directors.

Varner said there had been no estimates of the value of the gift, or the income potential from rental of the office space and theater. But he commented, "It's a great building in a great location."

The donation of the first five floors of the Stuart Building, one of Lincoln's tallest buildings when it was constructed in 1928, was announced Tuesday. The gift includes the Stuart Theater, the historic home of the Lincoln Symphony until it was made into a movie theater in 1972, retail space on the ground floor, and office space on floors two through five.

Varner said the Foundation had not yet decided what would be done with the gift.

One of the possibilities for the theater would be to renovate it for use as a performing arts center for the University and the Lincoln community, Varner said.

The Dubinsky Bros. Theaters holds a ten year lease on the theater, scheduled to expire in 1982. The theater was remodeled by the Dubinsky Bros. as a movie theater. It now holds 800 people. The original seating capacity was 1850.

Varner said he is unsure whether the University will be able to make use of the theater before the lease expires.

"It's a legal problem we have not yet analyzed," Varner said.

The Dubinsky Bros. were not available for comment.

The Foundation's "Nebraska Campaign: A Commitment to Excellence" is a drive for private contributions to be used in five major areas designated by the Foundation.

The areas include improved teaching and research, scholarships and fellowships, improved learning resources, new facilities and special programs.

Varner said he is not ready to announce the progress made towards the campaign's goal of \$25 million, but would release a progress report in September.

"It is our hope, and the wish of the Stuart family, that any revenue generated beyond that needed for the building operation and maintenance will be made available for support of the proposed Center for the Study of the American Business System," Varner said.

Varner also said it is possible that the Alumni Association and the University Foundation offices would be eventually located in the building.

UNL accredited another 10 years

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been granted full accreditation for another 10 years by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

Ten years is the maximum period for which the North Central Association grants accreditation.

The North Central Association evaluation team said that substantial progress had been made on the Lincoln campuses to strengthen all programs in teaching, research and public service since its last evaluation in 1971.

Chancellor Roy Young said, "We are pleased to have a positive response from the Association . . . We are grateful to the Regents, to state government and to the people of Nebraska for their support of the University."

The accreditation includes the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, which previously held separate accreditation status.

Survey: UNL students favor legal center

In a survey released this week by the Student Legal Services Center, most of the students questioned said they would be willing to pay for a legal services center on campus.

Out of the 100 questionnaires used in the survey, 66 students said that they would pay \$1.50 each semester for a center.

The survey was patterned after an earlier survey made by the University of Minnesota. 200 survey forms were distributed to persons in the Nebraska Union on July 6 and 7. Out of the 120

questionnaires returned, 100 were used to compile the results.

"Persons may draw their own conclusions from the two surveys, but it appears obvious that students do have an interest in prepaid legal services and do have far more contact with legal problem areas than most persons might suspect," the report said.

The report said that the \$1.50 cost for each student would pay for two attorneys, a full-time secretary, a number of law clerks and informative law programs.

In response to other questions on the survey form, 76 per cent of the students said they had signed legal contracts, 71 per cent said they had bought cars, and 83 per cent said they had been in situations requiring legal information or advice.

Although 49 per cent of the students said they had visited an attorney, only 24 per cent had sought legal advice from the Student Legal Services Center at UNL. 77 per cent said they felt that the university should provide students with legal advice.

Parking permit costs are increased by \$10

Final approval to a \$10 increase in the price of student parking permits has been given by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln administration according to John Duve, UNL parking and traffic coordinator.

Permits for a full year will cost \$35 next year. Single semester permits will be \$20 a semester.

Duve said he is expecting more applications than ever next year for parking permits.

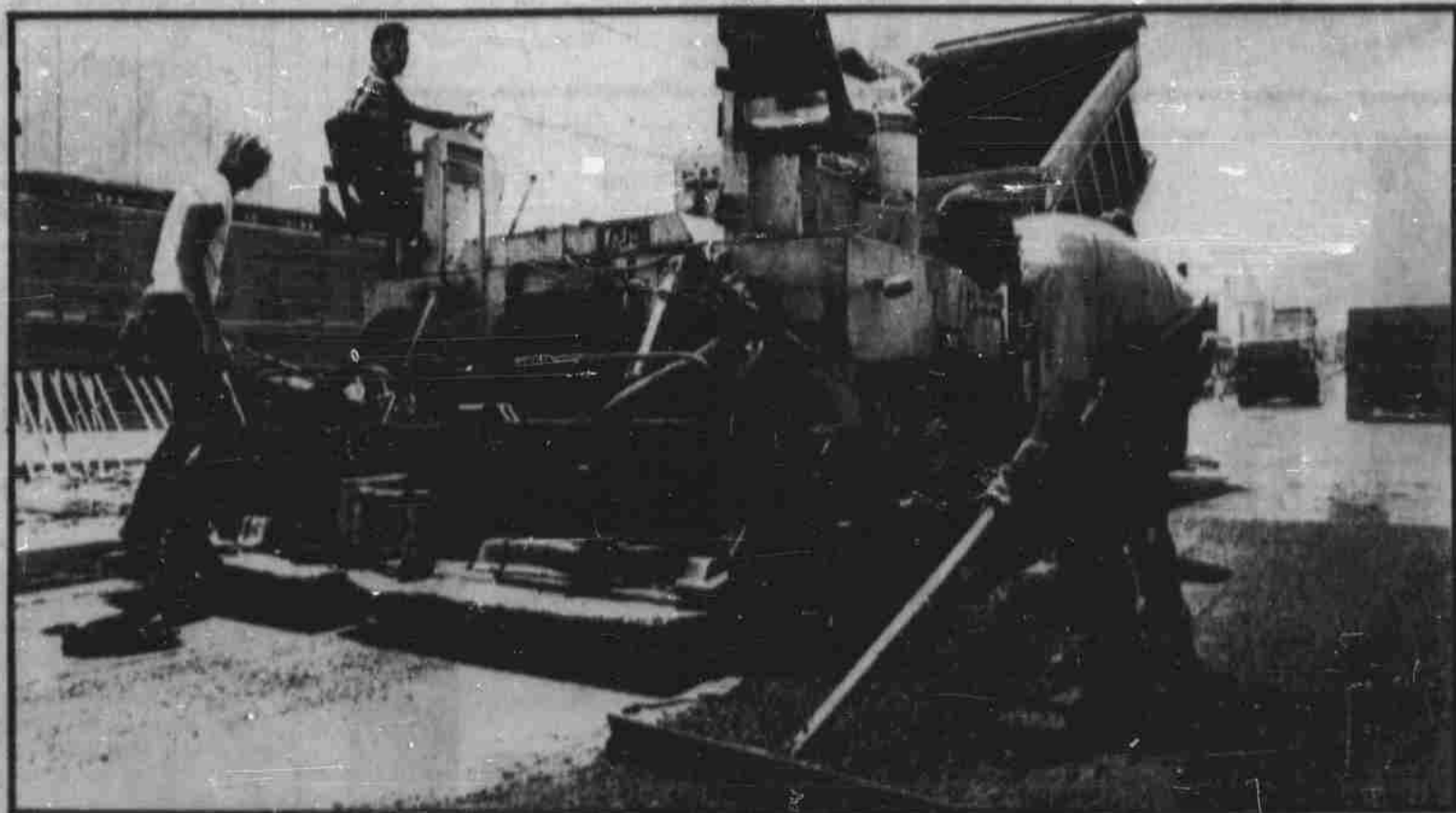
Duve has budgeted \$405,000 for parking services next year, he said, \$325,000 of which comes from permit sales.

He expects to sell about 10,000 permits to raise the money, although there are only 7,500 parking spaces on campus.

Other changes in parking policy include an increase in meter violation fines, and an extended time for payment of fines.

Meter violation fines will double from \$1 to \$2.

The doubling period on all meter violation fines will be extended from five days to ten, Duve said.



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Construction crews put the finishing touches on the O Street Beautification Project. The project is due to be completed by Aug. 1.