

UNL's College of Architecture builds challenges in contest to restore, remodel Architecture Hall

By Becky Brugman

Restoration and remodeling of Architecture Hall and the feasibility of connecting it to the Former Law College are the challenges of a contest sponsored by the College of Architecture.

The contest is open to all practicing Nebraska Architects and alumni of the college, said Cecil Steward, College of Architecture dean and professional adviser for the competition.

In addition to remodeling, the plans submitted also must relate to energy efficiency, he said.

"The projects must be a demonstration for construction and/or remodeling for minimum energy consumption."

Steward said the remodeling project is complex. The contest will allow more ideas to be submitted than if a private firm had been immediately hired to do the work.

"The Architecture School has a distinct public relations task, and every interested architect will be allowed to compete," he said, adding that an equal opportunity exists for all.

The third benefit of the contest is that students and faculty can observe the entire process and it can thus serve as an educational tool, he said.

"The contest will hopefully produce a better overall plan," he said.

Steward said that although the contest was funded by the Legislature, actual funds for the implementation of the plan has not yet been allocated. A separate budget proposal for the first phase of the project will be submitted with the 1978-79 budget for capitol construction.

First prize for the contest is \$4,000 and a letter of intent to award the commission for redesigning the building (the application of the winning plans). The letter will equal from \$200,000 to 250,000 in professional costs to the winning firm.

Second prize is \$10,000 and third is \$6,000. Steward said these serve as a consolation prize to those who did a strong job of competing and to help cover the costs of submitting the plans.

William Turnbull from San Francisco, Ralph Rapson from Minneapolis and William Marlin from New York will be the out-of-state judges. A faculty representative and Harley Schrader, director of the physical plant also will serve as judges, he said.

Registration for the contest is due by Sept. 1 and entries must be submitted by Dec. 1. Winners of the competition will be announced by Jan. 1.

Steward said the entries will be on display in Sheldon Art Gallery by the end of December.

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