

New dental museum has no home here

The new museum started by the UNL College of Dentistry has no place to stay. Dr. Stanton D. Harn, museum committee chairman, and associate professor of oral biology at the college, said although "the purpose of the museum is to give an understanding of the developmental history of dentistry," there is no space for it at the dental college.

"The College of Dentistry at this time is in need of space for a lot of different things," Harn said, so unless "someone comes up with some big bucks" museum pieces will be exhibited only at certain shows.

The first such showing will take place on October 14, UNL's homecoming. At that time, visitors will be able to see various parts of dental history, including a reconstructed turn-of-the-century dental office. Within the office, there will be a foot-pump drill, a 1900 dentist's chair, a 1898 cuspidor, an 1895 dental cabinet, and a 1902 diploma from the Lincoln Dental College.

The Lincoln Dental College began in 1899, and was the forerunner of the UNL dental college.

As the museum grows, exhibits will be divided into three categories. The first, dental history, will trace dentistry from the Old World to the present, including a special section on Nebraska dentistry. The second will show the history of the UNL dental college, and the third category will include comparative displays of teeth and skulls.

"The majority of the things we have now for the museum date from the last 100 years, because the history of dentistry in Nebraska just doesn't go back much farther," Harn said. "However, we do have several tooth preparations which date back to the late 1700s."

Harn said many dental college alumni have been supportive. "One Lincoln dentist has promised his entire office to the museum when he retires soon," he said.

Harn said the new museum will be financed through contributions from dental college alumni and friends of the university and not through the dental college budget. He said that is why donations of books, equipment, supplies and money are so important.

A fund has been established at the NU Foundation to process all tax deductible donations.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Turn of the century dental equipment surrounds Dr. Stanton D. Harn, an anatomist at the UNL Dental College. The exception, an X-ray machine located at the far right, was the first used in the 1930's. Dr. Stanton said the X-Ray machine was dangerous because it had exposed power lines that the dentist and patient often came into contact with.

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Line tapping irks Cablevision manager

Illegal tapping of Cablevision lines is a violation of private business and can be carried to local and federal levels, according to Cablevision's general manager.

Tony Acone, said that tapping the cable lines can result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

"No one enjoys having something taken from them and tapping Cablevision lines is theft. We're talking about something that is highly illegal," Acone said.

Tapping is not only a violation of a private business, Acone explained, but also a violation of the city since Cablevision is franchised by Lincoln. According to Acone, tapping the lines denies the city of additional revenues as it does copyright owners and distributors.

"Cablevision also is a federally regulated business and

in the case of a violation a federal marshal can be brought in so we are not talking about small matters," Acone said.

Illegal tapping is detected by physical and electrical means but Acone explained it would be unwise to divulge them. He estimated the company lost up into the thousands of dollars per year on illegal tapping.

"Basically Lincoln is a clean operation but we do a fair amount of checking," he said.

"I want it clearly understood that students are not the only problem. We serve a lot of students and they are no more or no less sincere and upright than the citizens of the community," Acone said.

It seems that if someone wanted something bad enough to steal it, they could face it head on," he added.

Police search for illegal alcohol on campus

The holiday weekend is approaching and UNL students prepare to make their rounds to the local bars in celebration of Saturday's football game and the Labor Day Holiday. Meanwhile, the Lincoln Police Department is bracing itself for another year of battle against the unlawful use of alcohol.

State law requires that a person be 19 or over in order to purchase liquor. Students attempting to enter a bar with an altered identification or one belonging to someone else are subject to arrest, according to Lt. Don Wilkins of LPD.

Alcohol is strictly forbidden on campus, but according to Wilkins, Lincoln Police have no direct jurisdiction over students drinking in the residence halls.

"It's considered a matter for the University Police," Wilkins said, "but if a student is seen drinking alcohol on campus, we do have the authority to arrest him."

Fraternity and sorority houses, however, are not university-owned and are under the jurisdiction of Lincoln Police. Arrests will be made for unlawful selling or dispensing of liquor, as well as for unlawful purchase of liquor, he said.

Unlawful conduct while under the influence of alcohol, could also be a problem, Wilkins said. If a person is reported to police for disturbing the peace or any other offensive behavior, police will issue a citation.

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