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UNL Student Health Center needs renovations — Blom

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The UNL Student Health Center, with services open to 13,000 more students than was planned for in 1959, needs expanding or renovating, Steve Blom, Health Center administrator, said in an interview Monday.

The Health Center, built in 1959 to serve 10,000 students, is now using hallways for the laboratory and waiting rooms in order to serve the 23,000 UNL students, Blom said.

Not only has student enrollment doubled from what administrators expected when they built the health center, but services at the health center have expanded, Blom said. The health center has added programs such as counseling, patient education and wellness promotion.

Blom said he will work with ASUN and the Health Center Board (a student board of the ASUN) to try to get funds for either renovating or expanding the health center. This fall a consulting firm will analyze the health center building and services to determine if the center needs to be rebuilt or expanded. Blom said he is sure the consultants will see there is a need.

The space shortages are obvious in the center, whether making an appointment at the front desk, walking by the laboratory or waiting in one of the clinic rooms.

Blom said the open front desk and the small rooms allow no privacy for patients. Some of the clinic's original rooms were divided in half, creating the 10 small rooms the clinic has now.

Doctors have no space of their own and storage space is practically nonexistent, Blom said. The center keeps few supplies.

The pharmacy and business offices are over-crowded, he said.

Another problem is the location and size of restrooms. Although all the offices on second floor, which previously were hospital rooms, have unused restrooms, the first floor's one small restroom has barely enough room to turn around in, he

said. All of the restrooms for handicapped people are in the basement.

The center needs additional waiting areas to the main waiting room right inside the front door, Blom said. Students waiting for dermatology or counseling, for example, must wait in the hallway.

The health center staff has creatively used the existing 26,000 square feet in the center. For example, the laboratory, located on all three floors, has converted hallways into extra lab space.

While walking through the health center, one sees medical records stored on shelves in the hallway and a coffee machine in a closet.

"I think we've put out an excellent product," he said, "we have been successful in using creative means to accommodate our needs."

When built, UNL's health center was the largest in the Big Eight, he said. But the other universities were right projecting more than 10,000 students, he said. Now, six Big Eight Schools have health centers larger than UNL's. The health center at Kansas University, for example, has 90,000 square feet — three times the size of UNL's, he said.

He said he doesn't plan to ask for 90,000 square feet, but additions or improvements in UNL's health center are needed.

These changes have been talked about within the staff for ten years, and now it's time to get a consulting firm in to talk about them, he said.

If a consulting firm says there is a need for expansion or renovation, the plans will have to be first approved by the Central Planning Committee, Doran Matzke, ASUN's first vice-president, said. Then, since student fees would be used, (about 50 percent of student fees go to the Health Center) a proposal would go before the Committee on Fees and Allocation, an ASUN subcommittee. As a final step, the regents would have to approve money for expansion or renovation, Matzke said.



photo by Bill Graf

Professor Henry Higgins (Dick Terhune) sings the musical question "Why Can't A Woman Be More Like A Man" to his companion, Col. Pickering (Michael Schawang) and a crowd of about 6,000 during the Pinewood Bowl committee's production of "My Fair Lady" Sunday night. Approximately 25,000 saw this production during its four day run, which ended Sunday.

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Six winterim trips for December 26 to January 10 have been announced by the Flights and Study Tours office, and, depending on the tour, will offer language and culture studies, job contacts, field experience or group traveling.

The tours, sponsored by UNL's Division of Continuing Studies and International Educational Services, have been scheduled to run during the Christmas break.

Students in advertising and economics will take an in-depth look at their fields of study.

Economic students in a study tour taught by Dr. H. C. Gupta and Dr. T. W. Roesler of the College of Business Administration will study and compare the economies of Great Britain, France and Germany, said Christa Joy, assistant international educational services course coordinator.

While paying attention to problems of the American dollar, students will look at reasons for the great economic advance of the three economies studied.

The economics tour, costing \$1,550 to \$1,650, includes visits with government agencies, multinational corporations, financial institutions and international agencies, plus free time to tour London, Paris, Duesseldorf and Frankfurt, Joy said.

For the 10th year, Prof. Albert Book will take students to London to study social and economic implications and effects of advertising and marketing policies. The advertising trip is geared to help students solve questions and problems in policy formulation in international advertising.

UNL students taking the advertising winterim previously have made valuable job contacts and insights on career choices, Joy said.

While on the trip advertising students, visiting London only, will hear daily presentations on advertising by media, agencies, advertisers, clients, research organizations and related service organizations.

The advertising winterim, not including tuition, will

cost about \$1,025 to \$1,100.

While economics and advertising students are in Europe and England, UNL agriculture students will study crops and livestock in Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Joy said complete information on the agriculture trip, such as cost, are not yet completed.

Students on the other four winterim trips will study literature and language.

Winterim study tours for three credit hours in language will leave for France and Germany. Students will also study literature and drama in a study tour travelling in England.

For the 10th year students, with Prof. Peter Reinhardt and Prof. Anthony Jung, will study culture and vocabulary in Germany. The tour, for German majors, minors or students with basic German classes wanting to improve knowledge of German, includes three to four hours of class per day, trips to castles, museums, galleries and operas.

The approximate cost for the German tour, including tuition, is \$1,375 to \$1,450.

French professors Frans Amelinckx and Karen Soukup will emphasize oral and cultural approaches to the French language. Students will stay with French families for four days of the tour.

Joy said the approximate cost of the French winterim trip is \$1,361 to \$1,450, including tuition.

A non-credit European tour for students wanting to travel but avoid making individual travel arrangements will tour Munich, Italy and the Swiss Alps. Approximate cost for the tour is \$1,369 to \$1,450.

While touring England, students with Dr. Glen Newkirk will study English drama, history and literature by seeing plays and visiting sites in England. Places students will tour include London, Canterbury, Stratford-on-Avon, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Dover, Bath, Faversham and Warwick Castle.

Approximate cost for the Literary England tour is \$1,415 to \$1,495, including tuition.

Winterim trips scheduled