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These file boxes, containing student projects and faculty evaluations from the defunct Centennial program, have been sitting in a public lounge for three weeks.

Bleachers provide space for students

By Ward W. Triplett III

Students who requested reserved football tickets after the supply ran out are likely to find a place inside Memorial Stadium after all, ticket office personnel said.

At noon Thursday, the UNL Sports Information Office announced the bleachers in the southwest and southeast corners of the stadium would be used to seat about 400 of the 547 students who signed waiting lists last Friday afternoon.

The remainder of those students will assume tickets of those who have either cancelled, dropped from full-time to part-time status since last semester or have turned in tickets on their own.

"We were mainly concerned about the students on that list," said Helen Ruth Wagner, ticket office manager. "We're just glad to get them into the stadium," she said.

The first 147 students who signed the waiting list will be given priority on reserve seats. The students who are left in the bleachers will be in a reserved section, which will drop the cost of a season ticket from \$30 to \$15.

The bleacher seats had been reserved for children's groups or other special interest groups on a game-to-game basis in the past. But when student tickets ran out, Wagner said, there was no where else to go.

"We can't take tickets away from students who already had them. We can't take any away from season ticket holders, nor could we take any away from the visiting team. This came out in discussions, and it was the best idea," she said.

ASUN President Rick Mockler said the solution was "as good as can be expected."

"As far as a long-term solution goes, I just hope we can work out a system in the future where there's some accountability," Mockler said.

Ticket salesperson Jean Walcott said she didn't think the unexpected shortage could be blamed on any one factor.

"There are just a variety of things that contributed," Walcott said. She mentioned increased interest, duplicate IDs, and married student purchases.

Students who were denied tickets last Friday can buy tickets Sept. 14 through Sept. 16. They will be told where their seats are and how to get to them, Wagner said.

"Hopefully, they'll all come in as soon as their schedules allow them to," Wagner said. "I think they'll be just as happy as we are to have this thing resolved."

Wagner said there will be meetings on how to prevent a ticket shortage next fall.

"There are a number of little things that have been brought up, and we'll look at everything," she said.

In the meantime, Wagner said the office is getting refunds all the time, and said she was positive everybody on waiting lists could be helped.

Centennial records left unlocked

By D. L. Horton

No one seems to know why student records and projects from the defunct Centennial program, some dating back 10 years, have been sitting in unlocked file cabinets in a public lounge for at least three weeks.

The records include student and faculty evaluations, grade reports and in some cases personal journals, short stories or other projects, according to Kevin Menefee, a former Centennial student.

In a phone conversation with acting vice chancellor for academic affairs John Strong last week he said he was not aware files were left unprotected. He said if they were official records that could be used to establish credit for courses, he would have them moved.

"I'm going to repossess them and get them moved over here (to the administration building) in about five minutes," Strong said.

Strong said he expects no problems establishing credit using Centennial hours because there is a record of the course in the student's file with the administration.

Student records were still sitting in open file cabinets in the Neihardt Residence Complex at noon Thursday.

No instructions given

Bob Fuller, who directed the Centennial program during its last year, said he was never given any instructions from the administration on what to do with Centennial records or equipment.

Fuller said office equipment was doled out to departments within the university but no satisfactory solution was found for student records. The records were moved to a locked supply room in the Centennial area and left there for the summer.

Several plans were proposed to the administration to ensure records would be safe and accessible to students needing to clarify their record, Fuller said. One plan included housing the records in Fuller's office and training his secretary to use the filing system so students could obtain their records.

Fuller said responsibility for records was transferred to then vice chancellor of academic affairs, Ned Hedges, when Fuller's term ended in June. When Hedges left that office all plans for the safety of Centennial records fell through, Fuller said.

"There was no indication they had any concerns with Centennial after spring," Fuller said. "It's a classic example of the contempt in which the university holds its undergraduate students. The first thing they do is put important records in a public lounge. It certainly shows you where the priority of the university is: a faculty office is more important than students' records."

Fred Holbert, professor of criminal justice, said his department moved into Centennials's old office space the

week before classes started. Holbert said the area had been cleared but he added he had seen the files and assumed they were Centennial-related. He said he did not know who moved them from the locked supply room. Holbert said the department was moved so quickly that no one remembers who did what.

Files missed

Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, said the moving crew that cleared the Centennial offices was instructed to take the files to a warehouse for holding.

Coffey said the moving people simply missed the files. The files were not where the moving crew had been told they would be and consequently they did not get moved. He said he did not know who moved the files from Centennial offices, but added someone in Centennial should have been responsible for seeing they were safe.

Jim Sterling, UNL inventory manager, said his people moved the files from the locked supply room to the public lounge. He said they didn't pay any attention to what was in the file cabinets. Sterling said personnel from the Department of Criminal Justice told the movers to put Centennial things in a corner of the lounge.

Coffey said the records will be moved to the warehouse today. He said Vice Chancellor John Strong's office would probably make the final decision on what to do with the records.

The records could be of vital importance to students trying to establish credits for graduation, according to Betty Carpenter, former Centennial fellow.

She said all negotiations for providing a way of access to students who need to use their files "fell flat." The administration refused to worry at all about it, she said.

"We felt like we were beating our heads against the wall towards the end," Carpenter said.

She said the records were kept separately to prevent problems in receiving credit for Centennial courses.

Getting credit difficult

Jamie Krutz, a former Centennial student, said receiving credit for Centennial classes was difficult even last spring when Centennial still existed.

"I went through a lot of hassle between Bob Fuller (Senior Fellow) and the senior check people," Krutz said.

Krutz said that because his file was still available and there was still a Centennial representative, he received signed documents to prove he had completed the work.

Strong said Thursday that after this he wants "to make sure we have our hands on them (the files) and have them safe."

Strong said he expected the records to be held in storage by his office for about a year and then probably disposed of.

Campus copy service neglected

By Hollie Wieland

Copying a document is an instructor's alternative to putting something on reserve in the library, said Ray Coffey, but that does not explain why instructors are using commercial copying services rather than the University Printing and Duplicating Service when copies are needed.

Coffey, business manager for UNL's department of business and finance, said the university's printing service is quite elaborate with capabilities including color printing and binding equipment.

The Centrex and football programs are examples of publications the printing service is able to produce, said Coffey.

Materials copied at the university printing and service can be charged to instructors' departments, so price cannot be the reason for lack of use, said Coffey.

Even with prices taken into consideration, the university's costs are cheaper at three cents a page and five cents for a page copied on both sides.

Kinko's advertises four-cent single copies and eight cents for copies on both sides of a paper.

"Basically the copying charges just recover costs of the center — things like ink, paper, staff salaries, maintenance and depreciation on the machines," said Coffey about the university's copying costs.

Coffey said location does not provide an answer for in-

structors taking materials to be copied to commercial services.

He said copying services are available at several "satellite stations" located on the second floor of Burnett Hall, first floor of Henzlik Hall and in the basement of Nebraska Hall.

"We are very concerned with copyright requirements," said Coffey. "Extracts used for an individual are one thing, but reproducing and selling copies to students is something totally different."

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