

Malone Center dedication scheduled for Sunday

By Janet H. Chu

The Malone Community Center, 2032 U. St., will be dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday at 1 p.m.

Inside the new building, which occupies 15,000 square feet, is a full-size gym, administrative offices, a library, conference rooms and a day-care center. Private

contributions paid for the building and grounds, which cost approximately \$450,000.

Center officials searched for several years for a building that would suit their needs and the community, said Asuquo Umoren, executive director of the Malone Center. Since 1979, the center has been

housed in temporary locations.

The Malone Community Center began in 1932 as The Urban League, with its primary goal "to better the conditions of blacks socially, economically, and to strengthen and encourage better understanding between the races," as stated in the Malone Center's history in the 15th

Annual Report.

In 1955, the agency changed its name to the Malone Community Center and broadened its services to include all races, Umoren said.

Umoren described the agency as a community center with programs for adults, children, youth and the elderly. It serves the Malone, Hartley, and Clinton neighborhoods.

The center offers a variety of programs, such as alcohol and drug prevention, arts and crafts for children, summer day-care, sports and physical fitness activities. The center also features the Happy Time Club for the elderly and provides transportation for them. Staff members also provide for parents and youth.

Another agency feature is its activities for youth that emphasize the history of blacks and their contributions to America, he said.

Currently 30 volunteers, many of them UNL students, work with the full-time employees. Two students have internships, he said.

Fannie Thomas, program director, said the center's major source of funding is the United Way. The center also receives federal grants, private contributions and membership fees.

Dental College cuts student-faculty ratio

By Carol Harrah

The student-faculty ratio within the Dental College on the UNL East Campus is dropping because of restrictions on the number of freshmen admitted, said Henry Cherrick, dean of the college.

Cherrick said that the college began reducing its class sizes this year.

Cherrick said that within the Dental College, the students work with patients coming in for dental care. He said it is necessary for a faculty member to be with the dental student.

"When the patient is being worked on, any mistakes done are permanent," he said, "so it is necessary for a teacher

to be with them to prevent those mistakes."

"We used to admit 66 freshmen, but we reduced the number to 56 this year," he said. "Our faculty-student ratios were too high, so we reduced the number."

Now, 254 dental students are in the program, Cherrick said. The sophomore through senior classes all have a class size of 66. He added that there are an additional 35 people in the master's program, which includes two or three more years of schooling beyond the eight years for a dental science degree.

Cherrick said that an important part of the program is the service students

provide for patients coming from UNL and the local public.

"Not only do we have a student body, but we have a program allowing the students to work on patients with a need for dental work," Cherrick said.

Cherrick said the majority of the patients coming in for work done by the sophomore and junior dental students are also UNL students. He said the college charges about half the price of what it would cost to go to a dentist elsewhere.

Cherrick said they accept most patients who apply for entrance into their program.

"About 80 percent of patients are accepted," he said, "depending on if we have a student who needs to do that type of work. Also, the patients must come in every week for either a half day or full day. That's why a lot of the patients are college students."

Cherrick said that although regular patients must meet these qualifications, they "never turn emergencies away."

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