Chemical engineering research vital, nationally recognized chairman says

Luh C. Tao is "certainly pleased" at being named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers recently. Tao, chairman of UNL's Chemical Engineering Department, is one of 12 scholars nationally to receive the honor.

Tao joined the department as an associate professor in 1959, became a full professor in 1964, and assumed his present position four years ago.

Tao said his duties as department chairman are mostly administrative. He said he believes his most important task is to "facilitate the faculty and students so that they can work together in the learning process of teaching and research."

Tao also teaches and does research, which he said he prefers to his administrative obligations.

However, Tao said he, like others in the Chemical Engineering Department, doesn't always get enough chance to research.

"As a whole, we simply do not have enough time to do research," Tao said. He said the lack of research time is hurting the department and the state. Chemical engineering is important in an agricultural state, Tao said, because "it changes materials from one kind to another kind." He cited gasohol as an example of a substance produced through transformations made possible through chemical engineering knowledge.

Born in Wuxi in the People's Republic of China, Tao received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nanking in 1946. He did textile research and worked as a teaching assistant at Nanking after graduation. Tao traveled to the University of Wisconsin in 1948 to begin graduate studies. He left the school in 1951 with a doctorate in chemical engineering. He worked for several private industries until he took his first position at UNL in 1959.



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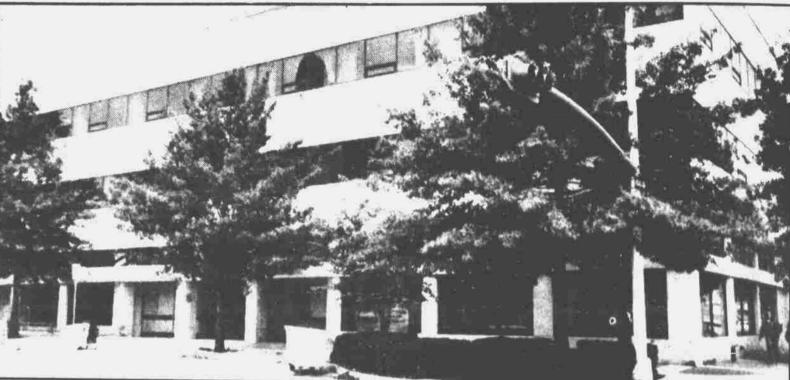
Lending institutions prepare for move

As of Dec. 1 the Lincoln Federal Land Bank and Lincoln Production Credit Association should each have new homes in the "411" building, 411 S. 13th St. - across L Street from the new Cornhusker Square.

The office building, formerly owned by Lincoln architect Lawrence A. Emerson, was purchased in February 1980, by the two lending institutions. Sampson Construction Co. began what Burdette Swanson, Federal Land Bank president, called a \$1 million construction project" in January.

Swanson said the building is to be made energy etficient and will be brought up to new building standards. He said the renovation project should be completed Dec. 1 but realistically, he said, Jan. 1, 1983 is the probably completion date.

Production Credit Association President Kirk Jamison said two-thirds of the building will house offices of the two institutions, which make loans to farmers and rural residents. The remainder will be leased as office space.



411 Building

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AUF plant sale ends today

Today is the final day of the Plantasia variety. People buying more than \$20 plant sale, an annual event sponsored by the All-University Fund.

Lynda Landers, president of the AUF, said money from the plant sale is donated

"Every year we put on the plant sale," she said. "The committee then decides where the proceeds go."

Landers said one charity the group has in mind is the Nebraska Resources Foundation, which helps handicapped children in the state.

This year, more than 10,000 plants are offered at the sale, Landers said. The supply of plants is regularly replenished so the sale doesn't run out of any plant worth of plants will receive a free raffle ticket for a trip to the Nebraska-Hawaii football game, Landers said. The trip for two is for one week with all expenses paid.

The Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi Greek houses are helping AUF with the sale, and the plants are provided by Greenfingers greenhouses.

Landers said the purpose of the AUF is to work with student groups on campus who want to get involved with chariteis and help raise money for those charities.

Today's hours for the sale are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Nebraska Union.





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