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Weather: Sunny and warmer today with a high of 83 (1C). Wednesday night, cloudy with a low of 14 (-10C). Thursday, mostly sunny and warm with a high of 38 (3C).

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Renovation projects renew appearance of UNL campuses

By Gene Gentrup
Senior Reporter

With nearly \$60 million in renovation projects currently under way, soon to be started or planned for the near future, renovation is becoming commonplace at UNL. "More so than in a long time," according to one university official.

Duane Burham, chief design engineer at UNL's physical plant, said the 10 major construction and renovation projects currently under way on campus are a result of a more money-conscious university.

Burham referred to the old architectural hall, which was built in 1894 and now is undergoing its first major renovation project ever. The past bad economy and competition in the Legislature for state funds have caused university officials to take another look at the existing buildings that have strong foundations.

"The energy crunch in '73 or '74 made Americans take a step back and look at their resources," Burham said. Because of that, UNL has made more efficient use of renovation during the last eight years, Burham said.

If a building's foundation, footings and roof are intact, the building should be ideal for renovation rather than demolition, he said.

Major renovations and construction at UNL include:

□ Bessey Hall, built in 1916. It will contain the geology and anthropology departments and feature a remodeled lecture auditorium, a geology library, offices and classrooms, and a place for anthropology collections. The second and third floors will have geology offices and laboratories. Work began last June and should be completed in August. Total cost of the project is \$3.2 million.

□ Architectural Hall, built in 1894, is undergoing its first renovation. The complete remodeling will include the old Law College. A connecting link between the two buildings will have a

handicapped access area, a loading dock, new stairways, an elevator and bathrooms. The renovation project is scheduled to begin this month, with completion scheduled for June 1987. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$4.3 million.

□ Nebraska Hall (formerly a watch factory), was bought by UNL in 1958. It has been renovated four times for more than \$3 million. The building will have a connecting link between Nebraska Hall and the Scott Engineering Center. The building will have new office space, a lecture hall auditorium and a new computer room. The link will cost an estimated \$2 million.

□ Animal Science Complex, to feature renovation in Marvel Baker Hall and Loeffel Meat Laboratory, will bring together 241,300 square feet of new classrooms, teaching labs, chemistry and research labs. Bids will go out for the project in March. Expected to cost \$10.1 million, it is scheduled to be finished by June 1987.

□ Barkley Memorial Center, built in 1976, will have classrooms on first floor, administrative staff offices on second floor and conference and workshop rooms on third floor. Construction, scheduled to be completed in November, will cost \$1.8 million.

□ University Health Center, built in 1958, has had major renovations in 1975 and 1979 for fire, safety and energy conservation. The two renovations cost more than \$100,000. The most recent renovation, begun last summer, will include six new medical clinics. The 14 existing clinics will be on one rather than three floors. Total cost for the project will be \$526,000.

□ Athletic dining hall, scheduled for completion in February, will feature a food service that can produce 560 meals daily and hold up to 216 diners. The area, to be called the Hewitt Center, also will be used for an athlete's study area during the evening. Total cost for the project will be \$1.08 million.

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Lonsdale, left, and Kleis.

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International programs

Lonsdale says 'interest vital'

By Gene Gentrup
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As the newly appointed director of UNL's Institute of International Studies, Richard Lonsdale says he plans to promote the university's international studies.

Lonsdale's appointment was announced Tuesday by Robert Kleis, executive dean of International Affairs. Lonsdale, 58, is a professor and former chairman in the department of geography. He replaces interim director Lloyd Ambrosius, associate professor of history at UNL.

Lonsdale said he plans to build on the institute's existing programs, which in the past have not received enough money to help students with travel expenses when they study overseas.

Existing programs at the institute include Western European, Slavic and Eastern European, African, Asian, International, and Latin American studies.

"We need money to go to conferences and to go to Washington to get money for research grants," he said.

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Kleis aims for visibility

By Gene Gentrup
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UNL Dean of International Studies Robert Kleis said he is "wearing a second hat" in a new UNL job as executive dean of International Affairs.

Kleis said the new position was created to develop higher visibility of a "more global, international atmosphere on campus."

As the only executive dean at UNL, Kleis will be the top-level representative of all international activities on campus, including the Institute for International Studies, the International Education Services and the International Programs Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Kleis, named executive dean last summer, is his own boss as dean of IANR's international programs. Kleis said he will devote half of his time to each position.

"It will be a coordination of what has already been going on," he said.

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Legislature Briefs

Members of the 89th Legislature put in their longest day of the session Tuesday, scurrying to introduce bills on the last day for introductions. Senators met in the afternoon for the first time as the number of bills introduced surpassed 300. All bills must be submitted within the first 10 days of session.

Nebraskans' license plates would be "spruced-up" with the words "Tree Planting State" under a bill sponsored by Sen. Shirley March of Lincoln. The plates now in use only display vehicles' identification numbers. The new version would be seen in 1987. Plates are issued every three years.

Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha introduced the bill that would make

UNL football players payed employees of the state. LB499 is the latest attempt Chambers has made to put players on the payroll.

The Miscellaneous Subjects Committee has scheduled a public hearing Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. for a bill that would allow video slot machines to operate in Nebraska. Chairman Elroy Helmer of Coleridge opposes LB144, but says it will win committee approval because six of the committee's eight members favor the measure.

People could stop worrying about how they look on their driver's licenses if a bill proposed by Sen. Dan Lynch of Omaha passes. LB332 would eliminate the photo from the plastic permit. A state department of roads official said the photo costs too much.