

# Lied Center fund drive exceeds halfway mark; \$5 million raised

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The fund drive for the \$10 million Lied Center for Performing Arts has exceeded the halfway mark, said Sheila Griffen, coordinator for the fund drive.

The drive stems from a \$10 million challenge grant established by the late Ernst Lied, a 1927 UNL graduate. A stipulation of the grant is that Nebraska interests match the Lied Foundation's initial \$10 million gift.

The state Legislature has committed \$5 million to the project, which leaves \$5 million to be found through private sources. The University Foundation also plans to raise an additional \$5 million for a maintenance endowment.

Several Nebraska establishments, such as First National Bank and Trust, the Lincoln Telephone Company, and Cliffs Notes, already have donated large amounts.

Bankers Life Lincoln announced a \$100,000 gift in June, and through the "commemorative naming" program, will have its name permanently associated with the stage acoustic shell.

Griffen said hundreds of volunteers are working to find resources by the year-end goal date. The group is "cautiously optimistic" that the drive will succeed, Griffen said.

The Lied project recently received a boost from National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Frank Hodsoll. Hodsoll, who spoke June 12, gave his support to the drive and stressed the importance and need to establish performing arts resources in the Midwest.

Reactions from Nebraskans generally have been supportive, Griffen said. She recently returned from western Nebraska, where open discussions were held to learn public opinion. Griffen said public response has been positive. The people came with a helpful attitude, offering ideas and suggestions, indicating that they want to make the

Lied Center work for Nebraska, she said.

More talks are scheduled for other areas of the state as part of a university "arts extension mission." One goal of the outreach project is to use the Lied Center as a catalyst in making the arts more available statewide.

The Lied Center will occupy space next to Kimball Hall bounded by 11th, 12th, Q and R streets. Tim Thietje, of the NU Foundation, said that all land needed has been acquired by the university, except the Knights of Pythias building on the corner of 11th and Q streets.

Thietje said the university currently is negotiating with the owners of the property and foresees no difficulty in attaining it.

Construction of the Lied Center is slated to begin in March or April of 1986 and should reach completion by spring of 1988. When open, the arts center will offer a variety of programming of interest to students and residents in surrounding areas.

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The Video Station, another movie rental dealer, has five stores in Lincoln and differs slightly from Applause in that there is a \$20 yearly membership fee, although non-members still can rent equipment and movies. Two pieces of identification also are required at the Video Station, manager Gloria Rieckman said.

The Video Station rents VHS and Beta movies for \$2.50 a day for non-members and \$2.50 a movie for a certain period of time — usually two days — for members. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, members can rent three

movies for the price of two, Rieckman said.

Members and nonmembers can rent the Beta or VHS recorder for \$9.95 a day, but they also must leave a \$100 security deposit. With this rental they receive two free movies, she said.

The Video Station is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Members get all the free unpopped popcorn they can eat in a year and are charged \$1.25 per title for each day the movie is late, while nonmembers are charged \$2.50 a day, Rieckman said.

The Video Store, with two stores in Lincoln, has a membership fee of \$25 a year. Members can rent movies at a


lower cost and are not required to leave a deposit when renting equipment, employee Donna Behlen said.

Members also can reserve movies in advance because of a computerized reservation system, she said.

The Video Store also rents Beta and VHS movies and recorders, Behlen said. The store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. They are closed on Sunday.

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