

# As a 16-year-old, film professor loaded cameras for Andy Warhol

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Staff Reporter

A man of many interests, including teaching, writing, and film, UNL Professor Wheeler Dixon said he prefers to be identified as a writer rather than a film maker.

Dixon's writing accomplishments include the just-published book "Directors: A Biographical Directory," published by the Scarecrow Press of London. The book documents 400 directors and their 11,000 movies.

Dixon's current work "Producers Releasing Corporation," published by McFarland Press, is scheduled to come out this spring. It concentrates on many unknown "B" movie directors.

A third book, "Cinematic Vision of F. Scott Fitzgerald," to be published by UMI Research Press, will be released next fall. Its theme focuses on the last three years of Fitzgerald's life.

And films Dixon made through grants from the Southwest Media Alternate Project are scheduled to be shown at Sheldon Art Gallery May 3.

Dixon said he has always been interested in film. When he was 16, Dixon said he gained his first experiences working as a camera loader under Andy Warhol.

After four years with Warhol, Dixon continued his career at the New Arts Lab in London. At the lab, everything was intensely creative and a feeling of cooperative effort affected the filming, Dixon said.

He then traveled back to the United States where he decided to finish up his doctorate at Rutgers University in New Jersey. After graduating Dixon taught at Rutgers from 1972-1984. Last year Dixon decided to accept the position here at UNL teaching film history



Dixon Dan Dulaney/Daily Nebraskan

and film making in the fall and other UNL English and the art departments film-related classes in the spring. extremely supportive and departments that believe in academic excellence.

Dixon said he has found both the

## Sheldon gets Dolby sound system

The Sheldon Film Theatre has installed a new Dolby Stereo Sound System.

Replacing the single speaker, monaural system installed in 1964, the new system provides greater audio fidelity and a much greater sense of realism by using nine speakers.

Three main speakers are placed behind the screen. Six "surround" speakers are installed on the side and rear walls in the auditorium.

With this equipment, the theater can take advantage of Dolby sound tracks that, over the last few years, are standard on most new films. This includes the contemporary, independently produced films that are the main emphasis of the film theatre's program, as well as the commercially produced films it shows. The equipment will also improve the sound reproduction of older classic films and current films with non-Dolby tracks.

Only three other theaters in Lincoln and another 14 theaters in the remainder of the state are equipped with

Dolby sound.

The new system was made possible by major contributions from Mary R. Ross, the Cleone Anderson Memorial fund, the Cooper Foundation, the UNL College of Arts and Sciences and the Friends of the Sheldon Film Theatre.

To celebrate the new system, the Sheldon is showing "Bizet's Carmen," starring Placido Domingo and Julia Migenes-Johnson, Friday through Sunday at 7 p.m. Matinees on Saturday and Sunday will be at 3 p.m. Admission is \$3.75.

## 'Pictures' known as film

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Amsbary said the Nebraska Director's Theatre is an effective workshop for aspiring directors, playwrights and actors to present newer challenging scripts.

"We like to think of it as a place

where anything can happen," she said. "I Ought To Be In Pictures" runs Thursday through Sunday at 8 p.m. at 1110 Q St. Tickets are \$3 for students and senior citizens and \$4 for the general public. Tickets are available by calling the Theatre at 472-1620.

## Lincoln air exceeds pollution level

Figures recently released by the Air Quality Division of the Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Control indicate a slight increase in the amount of Total Suspended particulates in Nebraska's air during 1984, compared with the previous year.

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