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# Project could improve rural housing

By Linda Hartmann  
Staff Reporter

Professors at UNL, UNO and the University of Hanover in West Germany are working on a research project to improve rural housing.

Professors in several academic areas will direct the building of energy-efficient houses designed to fit the lifestyles of farm families. About 15 professors from the areas of architecture, construction management, home economics, agricultural economics and engineering technology are involved in the project.

Lee Schriever, project coordinator and assistant professor in the College of Architecture, said the needs of farm families often are not met by rural houses. The professors will study farm lifestyles and space needs before they design the houses.

The first part of the project is to build a house for the caretaker of the agricultural field labs at Mead. The caretaker now lives in a trailer house.

Schriever said they decided to build a house for the caretaker because the agricultural college needed it, and it fit with the goals of the project.

"Everything kind of dove-tailed nicely together," he said.

Professors at Hanover proposed the project several months ago to exchange American and European building techniques.

Professors from the three universities will cooperate in designing an energy-efficient house, Schriever said. They will try to use U.S. techniques for insulation, window and ventilation. Also, professors will follow the space-

saving techniques that Europeans use. Reducing square-footage conserves energy, Schriever said.

Students from UNL and Hanover will help research efficient building types, draw floor plans and design the house interior.

After the project is completed, professors will monitor the house for about two years to see if it meets high energy standards, Schriever said. The results could revitalize construction techniques for both conventional and manu-

factured houses, he said.

Later research, Schriever said, may include finding ways to use agricultural by-products to make building materials. For example, they may use corn and milo stalk to make pressed board, much as wood pulp is used.

Depending on interest and funding, research also could be extended in a few years to develop more improvements in energy-saving construction methods, Schriever said.

## Museum has 'potential'

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Genoways said Janovy left him with a favorable impression of the museum and its unlimited potential for growth.

Genoways said he was also impressed with the state support for the museum, especially the "Friends of the Museum" support group.

Despite strong support for the museum, Genoways said the building and many of the exhibits need work.

Janovy, who is a full-time biology professor and director of the Cedar Point Biological Station in western Nebraska, said he plans to devote more

time to research and writing.

Genoways, his wife Joyce and their two children plan to visit Lincoln later this month. If the recommendation is approved, Genoways would become director July 1.

Genoways earned his doctorate from the University of Kansas and did post-graduate work as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Western Australia.

He was a faculty member and museum administrator at Texas Tech University and the University of Kansas.

He is president of the American Society of Mammalogists and past president of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.

## Bookstore to open in March

Construction at the new Nebraska Bookstore is progressing as planned, said the bookstore's general manager.

"It looks as though moving into the new store will be pretty easy," Jerry Mullinix said. "That might change as we get further along, however."

The new bookstore, 1300 Q St., will open by March 31, Mullinix said.

"We gained control of the building three days ago," he said, "but there is still some clean-up work to do as well as shelves to put up."

Mullinix said it should take three days to move all of the merchandise on the floor of the present bookstore,

1135 R St., to the new one. But first all of the back-up supplies of books, clothes and other supplies in storage must be moved, he said.

"Our employees will be doing most of the moving, Mullinix said, "so we will only do the moving when we're able to make time for it."

Construction costs for the new bookstore were funded by a \$2.8 million bond.

"There's no reason for students to worry about an increase in our prices because of our new building," Mullinix said. "...It's already paid for."

## Act threatens loans, grants

The federal budget proposal for 1987, which could slash more than \$3 million from the Department of Education, will reduce financial aid funds received by more than 1 million students, said Deb Chapelle, executive director of the Nebraska State Student Association.

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act would eliminate the in-school subsidy for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program and cut \$400 million from Pell Grants. It also would cut \$450 million by eliminating the State Student Incentive Grant program, National Direct Student Loans and by merging the College Work Study program and Supple-

mental Educational Opportunity Grants.

Last week a federal court of appeals ruled the act unconstitutional, but the U.S. Supreme Court won't be able to rule on it before the first cuts are made.

Although the proposed cuts could be ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, Chapelle and the association plan to have meetings at UNL, UNO and Nebraska state colleges to inform students about the proposals and encourage opposition.

"Those whose future dreams, aspirations and security would be devastated by this plan must respond," Chapelle said.

## RHA opposes bill to eliminate tuition aid for state national guard

The Residence Hall Association will push for defeat of a bill that would eliminate tuition aid for students in the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard.

Member unanimously passed a resolution last week to oppose LB931 with letters and telephone calls to state senators.

The resolution states that RHA will oppose the elimination of the National guard 75 percent Tuition Assistance Program because it would affect many residence hall students.

In other matters, RHA adviser Woody Getz said registration is open to all students for the spring All-Campus

Leadership Conference, Feb. 23, in the East Union.

Students will study ethics and leadership through case studies and models of ethical questions and UNL student leader panel discussion about prejudice on campus.

Gene Crump, assistant attorney general for Nebraska, will speak at dinner. Advance fee is \$3. Tickets also will be available at the door for \$5.

The conference is sponsored by RHA, the University Program Council, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, the Office of University Housing and the Affirmative Action Office.

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