

# Advising services merged

## New center hopes to attract, sustain teaching students

By Curt Wagner  
Staff Reporter

The new Teachers College Students Services Center, 105 Henzlik Hall, has been set up to "attract, sustain and retain teaching students," said director Bert Alfrey.

The center, which opened July 1, works closely with the UNL Student Center to attract potential teaching students, Alfrey said.

The center's most important function, Alfrey said, is to help teaching students in their programs. In order to do this, the center provides students with "one-stop" service for many needs.

In the past, teaching students were forced to use several buildings because Teachers College offices were spread out across campus, Alfrey said.

"Many times we lose students as they go through the program, not

because they can't handle it, but because they get lost in a maze of bureaucracy," Alfrey said.

By combining so many functions into the center, advisors hope to make students "feel good about the college and stay in it," Alfrey said.

Most student advising has been moved to the center. The advisers at the center are Beverly Mosher, director of student advising; Maggie Sievers, secondary education; Pat Sim, health and physical education and recreation studies; Charles Godwin and Roscoe Shields, elementary education; Dewaine Alcorn, special education and speech pathology; and Virginia Corgan, vocational, business, industrial and marketing education and health occupations.

Alfrey said music education, speech pathology and audiology, and recreation students will continue to be advised at the old offices.

The center's staff encourages students to stop in if they need help with course registration, long-range program planning or career planning advice.

Field placement and student teaching placement also have been moved to

the center to better accommodate students, Alfrey said. Also, the center now provides information about teacher education program requirements, and certification requirements and procedures.

The center's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. By remaining open all day and carrying a staff of 13, the center should be able to get information to the students when they need it, Alfrey said.

"If students can't get information, they self-advise. They might make mistakes that could cost them a lot of money," he said.

The center will advise over 85 percent of the 2,100 to 2,200 teaching students, Alfrey said. Over 500 graduate students in the college also may use the center when they have questions or need to be advised.

"We want to act as a support system for all the students," Alfrey said. "They need to know we care and that we want them to succeed."

The center was developed as a result of student input, Alfrey said. The faculty voted to try the center for the next two years to test its effectiveness, he said.

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By Kirk Zebolsky  
Staff Reporter

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