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Renovations changing campus looks

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With the ongoing construction and renovation projects, UNL is looking different all the time.

Returning UNL students are seeing a few changes to the Physical Plant, a big hole in the ground on 12th and 'R' streets soon to become the Lied Center for the Performing Arts to the new addition adjoining the Former Law and Architectural Hall.

"Most students won't notice the difference," said John Amend, assistant director of the UNL Physical Plant, who has been involved in more than a half dozen construction/renovation projects at UNL.

Bidding for the Lied Center will begin Sept. 2 and a bid will be taken Oct. 1, Amend said.

"Hopefully, by the first of November, we'll see some work started on the Lied Center," Amend said. The \$20 million Lied Center project should be completed by March or April 1989, he said.

During the summer the Former Law renovation project was completed, Amend said.

The College of Architecture has moved into the restored and renovated Former Law building.

Except for a few small details, the link between Former Law and Architecture Hall is complete. Now that the link is nearly finished, renovation has begun in Architecture Hall, Amend said. The whole project for the Architecture College will cost approximately \$4.33 million, which comes from state funds and a bond issue, Amend said.



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UNL students wait to purchase school supplies and books at the University Bookstore. Related story on page 8.

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Tension and hope Student goes home to Lebanon

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Pretend that you're from Wisconsin, and that you're leaving Nebraska for part of the summer to go back home, but because of the danger involved in landing at the Madison airport, you land in Iowa and take a taxi to Madison.

For Lebanese student Fadi Sauma, it was safer to land in Damascus airport and take a taxi to East Beirut when he visited his family in Lebanon this summer. And it's not only dangerous to land at the airport.

"The way to the airport is not safe," Sauma said. "There's kidnappings."

Sauma, a senior civil engineering major, had not been home for more than three years when he decided to visit Lebanon again on July 18. In the time he's been away, Sauma noticed changes taking place in his country.

"Work is getting very sluggish," Sauma said. "And a lot of people are expecting a famine to happen."

In the last three years, he said, the Lebanese pound has decreased. Inflation runs at 1,000 percent. Personal income remains the same as it was three years ago. Many of the basic staples and consumer goods that Lebanon imports have to be paid for in U.S. dollars or other forms of foreign currency.

Sauma said that Lebanon had a famine in the 1930s. Many people he met and talked with in Lebanon during his visit feel that the country will be struck with another famine because of the staggering rate of inflation, he said. Some people felt that such a tragedy might be the only way to end Lebanon's troubles.

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"If a famine happens, then many people feel that this would be a step towards ending the civil war. They'd think about feeding themselves, and nothing more," he said.

"A lot of people think that Lebanon will become part of greater Syria," Sauma said. "Some think this is one way for peace. Others think that it is taking away their independence."

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