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Looking at the future site of the recreation center Thursday, Tom Osborne, architects and other university officials discuss finishing touches to the outside of the center.

'87 seniors aid museum

Matching grant may double funds for American Indian exhibit

Seniors at UNL have pledged more than \$51,000 for a class gift to benefit the University State Museum in Morrill Hall, said Darin Armstrong, president of the UNL Student Foundation.

The 1987 gift comes from 644 seniors who pledged an average of \$80 each. Seniors were contacted during a phone-a-thon conducted by the NU Foundation. Students were asked to contribute \$100 over four years in installments of \$10, the first year and \$30 the next three years.

The \$51,348 in pledges marks an increase of nearly 47 percent over the 1986 senior-gift pledges of \$35,000, which will purchase books and periodicals and aid the computer system at the UNL Libraries. In 1985 about \$26,000 was raised.

Although Armstrong said some statistics estimate a loss of 20 percent of pledges from projects such as phone-a-thons, he is confident all the money will be collected. Armstrong said the Student Foundation sends out notices to remind students of their pledges. If they lose track of alumni they try to find them.

Armstrong said he was very happy with the pledges. He said the senior-gift committee deserved a lot of the

credit in selecting the choices of gifts. About 22 percent of the estimated 3,000 seniors at UNL pledged contributions, said Declan Barr, phone-a-thon supervisor.

Class gifts, a tradition revived by the class of 1985, are voted on by the senior class. The 1987 class gift will be used for an exhibit in the new North American Indian Gallery at Morrill Hall.

The gallery will include exhibits representing tribes from the Northwest, the Southwest and the Lakes region as well as the Eskimo people. The displays will focus on how people adapted to the environments and how cultures and art forms evolved. Some exhibits will be ready for viewing this year.

Steve Forner, Student Foundation phone-a-thon committee co-chairman said he is pleased that pledges increased so much this year.

"This is only our third year doing this," Forner said. "As more and more people find out about it, people are going to be more willing to give."

The gift may double the \$51,348 pledged, however, because matching funds probably will be obtained from the National Endowment for the Humanities, said Dr. Hugh Genoways, museum

director.

Once the pledge money starts coming in, Genoways said, he will ask the National Endowment for the Humanities for a matching grant. He expects no trouble receiving one. Generally grants are requested first and then a search for the money to match it begins.

Because he already has the money to match the grant, Genoways said, the project is "way ahead of the game at this point."

"I'm just thrilled that the seniors are doing this for us," Genoways said. "I can assure you that we will be able to develop a very nice exhibit for the class of 1987."

The students' interest in and commitment to the museum emphasized the importance of preserving the existing exhibits and collections, officials said.

The area funded by the class will be developed at the end of the four-year pledge commitment period when it is known exactly how much in gifts and interest has accumulated in the 1987 senior gift fund.

A specific segment of the exhibit will be labeled "the 1987 senior class gift."

Theta centennial celebration here

By Terry J. Clements
 Staff Reporter

More than 600 women from 37 states and four countries will be at UNL this weekend for the centennial celebration of the Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

The celebration will include a ban

quet Saturday evening at the Cornhusker Hotel, featuring Grand National President Sue Supple and a fashion show of clothes worn over the past 100 years, including a dress worn by one of the Theta founders.

Kappa Alpha Theta, founded in 1870, was the first women's Greek-letter

society in the United States.

Local Thetas who have been recognized include Patricia Lahr Smith, recently honored for outstanding contributions to the Arthritis Foundation, Elizabeth Suttle Holman, who designed the Bessey Memorial Tablet, and Marian Kidd, the first female president of the UNL Student Council in 1940.

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