

McCook becomes capital, but only for one day

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McCook, population 8,500, has become the capital city of Nebraska. But only for today.

The rotating capital is part of Gov. Kay Orr's plan to bring state government closer to citizens in outstate Nebraska.

James Willett, Orr's communications assistant, said McCook is the first of several cities Orr will visit in an attempt to take state government to rural Nebraskans.

Several agency directors will accompany Orr to McCook: Roger Christianson, economic development director; Cynthia Milligan, banking director; Roy Frederick, agriculture director; and Jim Joneson, director of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Commission. Each director will have a makeshift office set up to answer questions from citizens from McCook and surrounding areas.

Willett said Orr will meet with city and county officials to share in local discussions and answer questions.

McCook Mayor Flora Lundberg said people in southwest Nebraska often feel "left out" of decisions in state government. Orr's plan to make McCook the capital for a day will

make the citizens of southwest Nebraska feel they are more involved with state government, Lundberg said.

"McCook is the hub of southwest Nebraska," Lundberg said. "We draw from a large area and are a vital community to Nebraska."

During a special session of the McCook City Council, Orr will be presented with a key to the city. The last part of the key's inscription reads: "Nebraska, the good life; McCook — the best," Lundberg said.

Lundberg said she hopes Orr will help stimulate McCook's economic development. The area's economy seems to be more hopeful than it has been in the past, she said.

"Orr's making McCook the capital city for a day is absolutely a good idea. It's a stimulation to our people," Lundberg said. "I plan to tell the governor that whenever she's ready to make McCook the permanent capitol, we're ready."



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Two people pass by construction work on the second floor of Love Library Monday. The site will be the new home for Computer Search and Interlibrary Loan.

Student groups: \$4,100 available

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The University Program Council has \$4,100 available for programs sponsored by recognized University of Nebraska-Lincoln student groups, but no one has applied for the money yet.

Steve Most, first vice president of UPC and chairman of the Funds Allocation Committee, said he is getting anxious and concerned about the lack of interest shown by student organizations.

"There have been no requests for funds at all this semester, and any student organization that is recognized by ASUN is eligible to apply," Most said.

Application forms and a list of the 270 recognized student organizations are available in the Campus Activities and Programs Office. Applications should be directed to the UPC Funds Allocation Committee. There is no deadline.

The money helps student organizations put on programs for the entire student population. Each organization is entitled to an allocation once every four years, but Most said the committee is working to change that guideline.

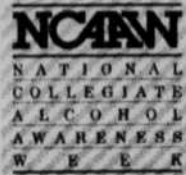
Most said he encourages student organizations to apply for funds if they need money for programs. Money is also available to help organizations increase membership.

"I feel that those students who don't get involved in some organization are missing a vital aspect of college life," Most said.



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