

UNL chosen for Soviet exhibit

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Architecture has been selected by U.S. Information Agency as one of two schools to participate in a 1989 Soviet Union design exhibit.

The traveling exhibit, expected to reach six Soviet cities, will contain several UNL student designs. These designs will be chosen Aug. 25-26 by USIA representatives visiting UNL.

Materials describing UNL architectural programs and facilities, along with the samples of student work, will be included in this cultural exchange, said Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture.

Designs in the exhibit will be shown through slides, photos, models, drawings and computer simulation, he said.

Along with Harvard, UNL was chosen because of its "excellent reputation for high quality and good workmanship," Steward said.



Steward and a building model.

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"We think it's a mark of achievement for us to be recognized in that category," Steward said.

"This is a very high-class exhibit which is a tremendous credit to the university and Nebraska," said Joseph Luther, associate dean of the architecture college.

Steward said UNL was chosen also because of its "diverse geographical representation." The USIA thought it was important for different areas of the country to be represented, he said.

A UNL faculty representative will travel to one of the exhibition sites, he said.

The main idea of "Design USA," Steward said, is to "bring an image of daily life in the U.S. to the Soviet people to dispel stilted notions they've been given over the past many years."

He said the exhibit is "an opportunity for the Soviets to see the real America."

"When they see our way of life,

goals and values represented through design," he said, "it will not only change the way they think of us but also the way they think about themselves."

The USIA has sponsored 18 exhibits in 23 cities in an attempt to inform Soviet citizens about American society, values, institutions and processes.

"Communication cannot help but improve because of efforts like these," Steward said.

Employee of UNL must repay Texas

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plans to repay it or appeal the decision as of yet.

Main said he is in line to receive a doctoral degree from UT and suspects he must compromise with UT to get the degree.

"... it's like the proverbial barrel," he said. "I've got something they want and they've got something I want. We have to work it out."

According to the audit, Main received the checks with no advanced written approval from Jerry DeCamp, the director of the UT Physical Plant.

Main said he wrote a letter of resignation to DeCamp in November 1987, which detailed Main's plans for the following months and his use of leave time upon separation. Main said that DeCamp approved, signed, dated and returned the letter to him.

UT does not have the resignation letter in its files, Main said, and without that document, UT would have difficulty substantiating that the leave time was approved.

Main said he indicated to DeCamp that he has the resignation letter, but DeCamp told him it is not necessary to send it to UT. According to Main, DeCamp said it doesn't matter whether UT approved the sick leave requests because the payments were not appropriate either way.

DeCamp refused to comment on the situation.

Main said he went out of his way to make sure an understanding had been reached, and his superiors had "plenty of opportunities" to deny his requests.

But, he said, they accepted his resignation.

"A decision was made," Main said. "If it was a bad decision, fine. My superiors will have to wrestle with it."

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