

Phase III of OCR project moved to Mabel Lee Hall

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

The Appropriations Committee of the Nebraska Legislature on Thursday approved housing Phase III of the Office of Campus Recreation project in Mabel Lee Hall instead of the NU Coliseum.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Vice Chancellors James Griesen and Jack Goebel proposed the changes, which they said were necessary after re-evaluation of the project.

Phase III of the project had called for renovation of the Coliseum to contain offices, labs and storage for the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; a training room for athletics; classrooms; space for the women's intercollegiate volleyball and softball programs; men's and women's locker rooms and saunas; a combative arts room; and a multipurpose courts and activity room.



In the measure approving the project, the Coliseum had been named as the location for Phase III. Griesen and Goebel requested that Mabel Lee be included after they found the Coliseum would not meet the needs of the project.

Seating capacity for the volleyball arena needs to be greater than what could be accommodated in the original plan, Griesen said. The aesthetics of the building also would be harmed by the Coliseum's renovation, he said.

Cost also was a factor in the decision. Phase III, projected to cost \$5.9 million, would cost \$200,000 more than expected if the Coliseum were retained as the site.

If Mabel Lee were used, a savings of \$440,000 is expected, bringing the total cost down to \$5.46 million.

University officials found that remodeling Mabel Lee "might be a better way to do the job," Goebel said.

The project is financed by the athletic department and operation costs are paid for by student fees. No tax dollars are used, Griesen said.

Group protests low numbers of minority and women faculty

By Kara Wells
Staff Reporter

Members of the Multi-Cultural Legal Society had a petition drive Thursday to protest the low number of minority and women faculty members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Shirley Jones, co-chairperson of the society, said the group wants to encourage UNL administrators to hire more racial minorities and women.

A survey recently conducted by

the Omaha World-Herald shows UNL has the fewest number of black faculty professors, eight, in the Big Eight.

The members handed out black arm bands at the College of Law on East Campus and asked students to sign a petition encouraging UNL administrators to hire a more diverse faculty.

Jones said the society wants to get as many signatures as possible. The petition will be given to Har-

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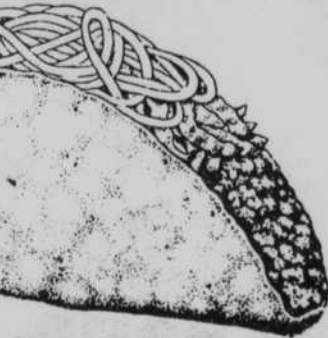
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Program makes UNL a smaller community

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

A new program on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus would make the university a "smaller community" if all goes well, according to the director of the Counseling Center.

Vernon Williams said Thursday the program, "Common Ground," would bring students and faculty members together in campus living units to talk about topics that concern them.

Faculty members came up with the idea when they asked, "What

could we do to make this campus seem more like a community?" Williams said.

The program would allow faculty members to talk about movies or lectures with interested students, he said. The topic could be anything intellectual, he said, from social issues to politics.

Williams said he would like to believe the whole campus will become involved in the program, but he's not sure how many people actually will participate.

The group hopes to sponsor a

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Thursday. Such action had been taken by the Legislature before in a case where the bill originally had been on final reading, was returned to select file, and again advanced to final reading, he said.

Senators then advanced the bill to final reading and passed it.

Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln supported the advancement. He said he understood the action taken by Labedz and other supporters of the motion. Sens. Carol Pirsch, Lorraine Langford

and Jennie Robak, as "desire to seek revenge."

The bill is important, Wesely said, especially to North Omaha.

"I know the intent is to hurt Ernie (Chambers) . . . but let's think about who we are hurting here," Wesely said.

Pirsch said the 3 1/2-hour filibuster was "reflective of the frustration" she and other senators felt at other filibusters which worked against their bills.

Pirsch said she found she has the "guts" for filibustering, "but I've discovered I don't have the heart for it."

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two years in advance of the year in which the courses are offered.

Scott said the multi-cultural course still is in the "idea stage." She said it has not even gone through ASUN's Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Several other Midwestern universities are in the process of approving a required cultural diversity course or already have one in place.

Ernest Champion, associate professor of political science at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, said his university is close to making cultural diversity courses a requirement.

But he said BGSU's program is different from others because students

aren't forced to take an ethnic studies course. Instead, students can take courses in history, English, geography or political science that specifically deal with cultural diversity. For example, students can take an English course in black literature or a Chicano-American history course.

Champion said his department has been working on the course for almost five years, and it will be available for incoming freshmen in 1991.

Gerri Parreault, College of Liberal Arts curriculum coordinator at the University of Minnesota, said the college has a two-course requirement for all its students except those trying to earn bachelor of science degrees. She said students pursuing a science degree do not have the requirement because it would add too much to their required course list.

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have an impact.

"Anybody that saw us walking down the street, saw the signs and responded, whether negative, positive or apathetic," she said.

Diane Shur, a crane painter for National Crane Corporation of Waverly, said more people should have been involved, especially women of color and poor women,

because they are most affected.

Shur, who is from Omaha, said women who do manual labor have a hard time keeping their jobs if denied reproductive rights.

Eldonna Rayburn, a coordinator of the National Student Action Day and member of UNL's Students for Choice, which sponsored the event, said it was important to get students involved.

"Students will be student leaders," she said. "If they are active now then they will be active later."