

SUMMER Daily NEBRASKAN

JULY 3
1991
VOL. 90
NO. 158
UNIVERSITY OF
NEBRASKA-
LINCOLN

This Week:
Heyday photos. —Page 5
NBA draft. —Page 6
Gray Faces. —Page 7

Rhinoceros may escape extinction from museum

By Steve Pearson
Staff Reporter

The rhinoceros at Morrill Hall has a new lease on life at UNL — at least for now.

Bill Splinter, interim vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, said that although it remains on the surplus property list, all action on the model of the baluchithere has been placed on hold.

Officials placed the model of the 18-foot rhinoceros on the surplus property list three weeks ago because its skin is 65-70 percent asbestos and some consider it inconsistent with the theme of Elephant Hall.

Six or seven museums have expressed an interest in the baluchithere model, Splinter said. Officials will not remove the rhino until plans have been made final with interested museums, he said.

There is a chance the baluchithere could remain in the university's collection, Splinter said.

That depends on "if we could come up with another Hall of Giants as was originally intended, but we don't have any potential sources of funding at this time," he said.

The Hall of Giants was the pet project of Bertrand Schultz, former Morrill Hall director and current director of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and research associate in geology and museum.

Schultz hopes the project can be revived.

"Morrill Hall has the world's tallest giraffe, the world's largest rhino, the world's largest mammoth and the world's largest boar. If we can hold on to all of these, I think we can get some people to donate money for a Hall of Giants," he said.

It's official

Officials foresee changes after UNK merger

By Steve Pearson
Staff Reporter

Monday's merger of Kearney State College into the University of Nebraska system will mean some changes at UNL, two university officials said.

Michael Mulnix, director of the Office of Public Relations and assistant to the chancellor at UNL, predicted that the effects of UNK's entrance will be mostly positive.

"It's very early in the ballgame, but I think it's going to be a positive change. I think we will see some cooperative programs in the future," Mulnix said.

George Tuck, president of the Academic Senate at UNL, said Kearney's inclusion in the university system will help the university reach more people.

"For the good of the state, the Kearney campus will help spread the

mission of the university throughout the state," Tuck said.

However, Mulnix noted that UNL's state funding could be affected by the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"The balance will certainly change, but I don't think the pool of money that the Legislature allocates to higher education will change that much," Mulnix said.

Tuck also said Kearney's presence in the university system could affect state allocations to UNL.

"It's one more division of the pie," he said. "We're going to continue to see a scramble for money."

Tuck was not overly concerned about the faculty salary process this legislative session. While UNK faculty members received an 8.7 percent raise, UNL faculty salaries rose by only 4.25 percent.

"I don't necessarily think we will necessarily see a repeat of what hap-

pened this year in the future," Tuck said.

Mulnix said enrollment could be affected by Kearney's entrance into the university system.

"There will probably be some shifting around. There is some talk about higher admissions standards at UNL and that may lead to a growth in enrollment at Kearney," he said.

Tuck downplayed the idea that enrollment would be affected.

"I believe that students who want to go to a comprehensive university and study with top-notch faculty will still elect to go to UNL," he said. Mulnix said a negative result, from the students' point of view, may be the possible reduction of duplicate programs.

"I think this is something that the new coordinating commission will look into. There will probably be some recommendations for reduction of duplicate programs," Mulnix said.

Lincoln explodes with Fourth of July activities

By Steve Pearson
Staff Reporter

Lincoln is planning to open its arms to returning troops with a bang on the Fourth of July.

In conjunction with President Bush's declaration of July 4 as the day to welcome troops home, the Star City is planning Operation Homecoming.

Ron Jochum, general chairman of Operation Homecoming, said Thursday's events will "welcome home troops from all wars."

Lincoln's traditional Independence Day celebration at Holmes Lake will be supplemented by homecoming events, Jochum said.

Lincolmites will celebrate the troops' homecoming with a parade, a rally and a picnic, he said.

Jim Dier, chairman of the Parade Committee, said the parade will be primarily a military parade, but also will feature bands and an Americana section.

Thirty-eight military vehicles are scheduled to participate, highlighted by a mule-drawn Civil War cannon, Dier said.

The downtown Lincoln parade will start at 10 a.m. from 10th and Q streets. Units will proceed south on 10th Street to O Street, east on O to 15th Street, and south on 15th to N

Street.

The parade route ends at the north Capitol steps, site of the 11:30 a.m. rally. The rally will include appearances by government officials, speeches by "veterans from all eras," a flyover and a helicopter tribute to Nebraska's Desert Storm casualty, Pete Rose, according to Judy Knopp of the Rally Committee.

The keynote address will be delivered by Gen. Stanley Heng, Knopp said.

Veterans and their immediate families will picnic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the State Fair Park Youth Complex.

The traditional Holmes Lake Fourth of July activities begin at 6:30 a.m. with registration for a five-kilometer run/walk. The run/walk starts at 7 a.m.

A softball tournament will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and will be followed by a sand volleyball tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bands will play from 2 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Bands include Green Tang, The Dougs, The Bomb Pops, Johnny Quest and Mr. Peabody.

The night will close with a \$22,000 fireworks display by the Grucci Brothers. It will be synchronized to music broadcast on KFMQ-FM. The 20-minute show is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m.

