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property you own," Beacon said. "People who own a lot won't be asked to take a second mortgage.

"This is important for Nebraska because farmers will no longer be hurt by the amount of property they own. A lot of farmers look rich on paper. They have a lot of money tied into their land. But from year to year, they may only be living on \$12-13,000."

By removing the equity rule, Beacon said, middle income families will look like they have a greater need.

The bill also will create guaranteed federal student loans, such as the Stafford Loan, for all students regardless of income. In the past, only those showing need could get the loans, Beacon said.

The bill will increase the loan limits to \$3,500 for second year students and to \$5,500 for other upper-class students, up from \$4,000 in the past. Freshmen loan limits will remain at \$2,625.

The maximum Pell Grant also would increase from \$2,400 to \$3,700

for the 1992-93 school year.

The income level of a family of four to qualify for a grant also would be raised from \$30,000 to \$42,000 to make middle income students more eligible.

"This could mean more money for students," Beacon said. "Those who are eligible will see larger grants."

Other changes include making less than half-time students eligible for grants and removing the five-year term limit on the Pell Grant. Students will be able to keep their grant as long as they are making satisfactory academic progress, Beacon said.

Beginning in 1995, the bill also cuts schools from the student loan program if their default rate is more than 25 percent.

NU has a default rate of approximately less than 5 percent.

The House is expected to pass the bill, and by the end of the summer, a final vote will be taken.

President George Bush is expected to sign the bill, which would go into effect on October 1, 1992.

New UNL research center hopes to break ground on future technology and progress

By Steffenie Fries
Staff Reporter

Vision became reality Monday at the ground-breaking ceremony for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's new George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research.

Charles Schroeder, vice president of development for the University Foundation, lauded the project's progress.

"This project went from construction plans and bricks and mortar... to one of vision," Schroeder said.

Nebraska's Governor Ben Nelson emphasized the possibilities that existed for both basic and applied research at the center, saying that the "opportunities are... absolutely enormous."

The center, which began as a result of former Nebraska Govern-

nor Kay Orr's Nebraska Research Initiative, is being built east of 17th Street and south of Vine Street.

Once completed, the structure will stand three stories high and span 130,000 square feet and house the Center for Biotechnology, the Center for Biological Chemistry, the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Biochemistry.

The total cost of the project is \$31.6 million, which includes funding through a partnership of federal, state, university and private sources.

Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey, along with Congresswoman Virginia Smith, have had significant influence in the appropriation of federal funds for the project.

Kerrey suggested the center be named after the Nobel-winning Nebraska-born George W. Beadle.

Beadle, a native of Wahoo, received his B.S. as well as his M.S. in agronomy at UNL. According to a pamphlet released by UNL, Beadle

intended to return to his farm after his schooling, but was persuaded by Professor Frank Keim to do graduate work at Cornell. He then received his Ph.D. in 1931.

In 1958, Beadle was awarded the Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine along with Edward Tatum and Joshua Lederberg. Beadle is responsible for the "one gene — one enzyme" concept of modern genetics.

Kerrey said the center should be a place not only for research and development, but also a place for individuals to be inspired — especially the young.

To conclude the ceremony, a tree was planted on the grounds. This was to represent the growth of knowledge, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said.

The expected date for the completion and dedication of the center is fall of 1994.

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that did not match their interests or majors, and the deadlines for many of the scholarships have already passed. Some students did not get lists at all.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he has not had any complaints about these companies.

But, he said, "Anyone considering paying for lists of scholarships — Beware."

"Some of those companies are legitimate," Beacon said. "Others are not."

According to a July 1 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, in some states, officials are winning judgments against illegitimate companies.

The U.S. Postal Service and the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office have won judgments against California and Illinois scholarship companies. Although neither admitted guilt, both companies agreed to refund dissatisfied students and to change advertisements that investigators said was misleading.

Legitimate scholarship matching services do exist. But students need not pay private companies for information that is available free from libraries and counseling offices in high schools and colleges, officials said.

Regents to discuss construction projects

By Andrea Kaser
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents will vote Saturday at its July meeting in Scottsbluff on whether to approve the priority list of projects for the 1993-95 Capital Construction Budget Request.

The list of 22 statewide projects, reduced from 53, gives asbestos removal in Burnett Hall top priority. The total cost is estimated at \$6.07 million.

Richards Hall, which is known for its leaky roof, lack of central air, poor

Six hundred schools and colleges are contracted with National College Services, which provides a scholarship Data Base that students can use for a small fee or at no charge.

UNL does not subscribe to this service.

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and financial aid

But, Beacon said, students can come to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and complete a scholarship application, and the office will take it from there.

"We'll do the looking for you," Beacon said.

Beacon said that UNL offers more than 1400 different titled scholarships.

Another service that students can use to find scholarships free of charge is NebHelp.

NebHelp Director Deana Unger said that students and parents can go to NebHelp, located on 13th and O

Streets, and use two computer searches that match students with scholarships that they might be interested in applying for.

Unger said that NebHelp also provides several reference materials listing scholarships for students to look through.

NebHelp provides assistance in completing financial aid forms for any college. From that and other worksheets, Unger said, the service can determine if students are eligible for a Pell Grant and how much money from the grant they can expect to receive.

Students can also come in and get college information handbooks for schools across Nebraska and throughout the U.S., and students can call other schools long distance from the office.

NebHelp has offices in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney.

Unger said that NebHelp served more than 50,000 people between the three offices last year.

The Lincoln NebHelp office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They do not take appointments, and operate on a walk-in basis only.

The center would be appropriate because of this exchange agreement, Rowson said. But, he said, there has been no financial commitment from the university.

The regents also may approve guidelines for the 1993-95 operating budget, which would raise the budget by 5.1 percent. But, Rowson said, the guidelines do not include salaries or tuition.

He said salary increases may be the same as what state employees would receive, and changes in tuition would not be approved until spring of 1993.

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