

Fine arts college called good for UNL

By Kara Korshoj
Staff Reporter

Some UNL students this fall are finding themselves in a new college — the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Splintered from the College of Arts and Sciences earlier this summer, the new UNL college is about the size of the College of Business Administration, including 600 majors and 71 faculty members. The college officially became a part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln July 1.

Larry Lusk, associate dean of fine arts in the College of Arts and Sciences and dean of the new college, said that because of the uniqueness and

growth of the fine arts department, it deserved its own college.

The development of the new college "signals the importance of arts as a whole," he said.

Both the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney have a college devoted to fine and performing arts, Lusk said.

In fact, Lusk said it was "peculiar" that UNL lacked a fine arts college.

That factor weighed heavily in the decision to create the college at UNL, he said.

Lusk said the fine arts college was a good addition to the university because it would help the university in getting grants and soliciting other funds for the arts.

Lusk said some people had reservations about the new college because they feared it would require additional funding for the university. But needed funds will be transferred to the new college from savings of the College of Arts and Sciences, he said.

Another new aspect of the college, Lusk said, will be its focus on minorities.

Lusk said he planned to increase campus awareness of minorities through the college.

Art effectively spreads information about minority cultures, he said, because it illustrates those cultures in ways others can understand.

Lusk said the College of Fine and Performing Arts had submitted a pro-

posal to UNL's administration to bring different minority artists to campus to work. He said he hoped the visiting artists would further increase cultural awareness among students.

African American musician Kahil El Zabar already has been invited to talk about his culture to UNL students. Zabar also will be involved in University Foundations programs.

The College of Fine and Performing Arts is planning a gala April 22-24 at either the Lied Center for Performing Arts or Kimball Hall. The grand opening is April 22 at 8 p.m.

Singer Beverly Sills from the New York City Opera will deliver the keynote address at the celebration.

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Work-study job fair set for today

By Jeffrey Robb
Staff Reporter

Students who were awarded a work-study opportunity in their financial aid package and are looking to cash in will have their chance today.

Twenty-eight prospective work-study employers will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wick Alumni Center.

Students can pick up their authorization forms, interview with employers and possibly be hired all in the same day. The work-study program allows financially eligible students to work at campus-related jobs while attending school.

This job fair is a joint project between the Student Employment and Internship Center and the college work-study division of Scholarships and Financial Aid, Emily Wilber, stu-

dent employment specialist, said.

"It's a good place for employers to meet with students because most students coming are freshman and sophomores who aren't totally familiar with campus," she said.

The Student and Employment Center began posting job opportunities in the job boards outside the center in the first week of August. Wilber said students often needed to use the boards because the work-study program was mostly an individual effort.

But the fair gives students a chance to learn about many of those opportunities in one place.

"Academic departments of different kinds will be there," Wilber said, "and different kinds of work experiences such as lab work, the library, office work and a number of outdoor services as well."

Also, Jenell Severson, the assistant director for the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, will be on hand to answer any questions.

Work-study employed about 900 students last year, Severson said. Many students will just go back to the jobs they had last year.

This year 1,677 students received work-study opportunities, she said, but not all will accept them. In the program, \$1,600 is the highest amount a student can receive. Students also can't work more than 20 hours per week. The employers figure their own hourly wage, which must be at least \$4.25.

Only those who were awarded work-study will be eligible for the positions offered at the fair. Wilber said another job fair would be held in the spring for all students.

Bumpy days in store for UNL's 501 Building

South side, 10th street renovated

By Stacie Hakel
Staff Reporter

The demolition of the south side of UNL's 501 Building and subsequent rerouting of 10th Street could lead to bumpy roads and inconvenience for students and faculty, one university official said.

Larry Blake, UNL's project manager of facilities management, said the joint project between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the city of Lincoln began last July and should be completed Dec. 3.

The building's reconstruction will cost \$209,000 and include a new fire escape, elevator shaft and a south-side entrance. The reconstruction was needed to put in the new 10th Street. Both UNL and the city wanted the street put in to decrease traffic in the area.

Blake said workers rerouted 10th Street to ensure pedestrian safety.

"We're trying to avoid having students having to cross the railroad tracks," Blake said. "Also, it will smooth the traffic flow around campus."

The new route will divert heavy student and football traffic around campus and away from areas where many students and other pedestrians will be.

After the project is completed, 10th Street will wind around the back of the 501 Building and connect with the nearly completed pedestrian bridge located over the railroad tracks. The new entrance will be on the south side of the building.

The west parking lot and a small portion of the south parking lot near the building will be eliminated, Blake said.

In addition to these plans, Blake said a cul-de-sac, or circle drive, would be placed in front of the 501 Building. The rest of the original 10th Street, up to the overpass, will be landscaped and covered in grass.

Blake said the construction and rerouting caused the loss of 10,000 square feet in the 501 Building.

That loss led to a tight fit for the

remaining occupants of the building, Blake said.

Rick Costello, manager of the Computer Shop, located in the 501 Building, said the space used for the shop's warehouse was limited.

"We had a lot of space here that we needed, and (the city) took it away from us," Costello said. "Everybody puts up with construction ... but it's just very cramped quarters right now."

"It's an inconvenience, but nobody's to blame," he said. In addition, Costello said some business professors had to move their offices into the 501 Building because of construction at the College of Business Administration. These professors have smaller offices than before.

Costello said that cramped conditions weren't the only inconvenience at the 501 building.

The building has no running water. Building occupants have to use bottled water from the basement and restrooms in other university buildings across the street.

But Blake said a lot was being done to make the proper repairs.

"What we're hoping to do is make a temporary connection so we can use the toilets on the lower level. We're kind of working around excavation and it's kind of tough," he said.

The restrooms will not be in operation for another two or three weeks, he said.

But the construction was not inconvenient for everyone.

Sally Wise, UNL's Academic Senate president, said the senate moved its office away from the construction to a new location at 1227 R St.

"It kind of worked out better if we got out and somebody used our place," Wise said. "Actually, we're more at the center of the campus so we're quite pleased."

Wise said the senate offices might not return to the 501 Building when construction stops.

But Blake said the 501 building occupants who decided to stick the construction out have been very understanding about the mess.

"The people in the building have been very cooperative. We've had some complaints of odors in the building, like smoke ... but that's it," Blake said.

Vine Street traffic jams to end soon

By Lisa Sickert
Senior Editor

Temporary relief is near for delayed drivers and frustrated pedestrians crossing the intersection of 17th and Vine streets, Clark DeVries, UNL's mechanical engineer for facilities management, said.

Judds Bros. Construction Co., contractors for the Beadle utilities tunnel project, would like to finish 17th Street's two right-turn lanes and the straight-ahead lane in time for the start of the Nebraska State Fair Sept. 3.

All of the lanes will be open on 17th street from Sept. 3 to Sept. 13, said DeVries, who is project inspector for the tunnel. Workers will pave and open the two straight lanes at 16th and Vine streets by the end of this week.

Workers plan to concentrate on the west side of the 17th street tunnel until after the fair closes, he said. UNL Police Chief Ken Cauble said traffic was "pretty backed up" because of the construction, and it would remain that way for awhile.

Rain and the removal of an underground petroleum storage tank delayed the completion of the intersection projects and the parking lot at 17th Street, DeVries said.

"There are always unknown underground utility lines, and they are not always where you think they are, so the tunnel needed to be redesigned to avoid them," he said.

University officials had hoped to have the work completed before classes began, he said.

Once the tunnel connection is done, DeVries said, it will make the Beadle Center affordable to operate. The connection also will be used to distribute facilities to the northeast side of campus in future developments.

Feb. 22 is the planned completion date for construction of the entire tunnel project. The intersection part of the project should be completed by Sept. 13.



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