

## UNL engineering college wins award

From Staff Reports

UNL's College of Engineering and Technology recently received the National Society of Professional Engineers' Education Professional Development Award.

The awards, presented at the society's annual meeting held in June, are presented to recognize an organization's employment practices

and professional career development programs.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the only college in Nebraska qualified to receive the award because it offers degrees in civil, chemical, industrial, electrical, mechanical, and agricultural engineering. It also offers two new programs in computer and biological-systems engineering.

## Bjorklund

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"I told Mr. Vanderslice his client had just confessed to a homicide," Sorensen said.

Endacott cleared the courtroom later in the afternoon when Sorensen returned to the stand and recalled a Feb. 23 conversation he and Lincoln Police Detective Sandy Myers had with Bjorklund while at the Lancaster County Jail.

The two officers were visiting the jail on other business, Sorensen said, when they spotted Bjorklund in a holding cell near the jail's booking area.

In separate testimony, the two officers said they began talking candidly with Bjorklund.

Sorensen said Bjorklund told the officers

that he'd talk with them as long as the Harms case or any of his alleged wrongdoings were not mentioned. Bjorklund expressed concern about what Scott Barney had told police, Sorensen said.

"Mr. Bjorklund said Scott Barney had done other robberies, and he didn't feel that it was right that he was getting a deal," Sorensen said.

During his hour-long testimony, Sorensen said Bjorklund told the two officers he also had been questioned about a missing person near Ord.

"Mr. Bjorklund said he had not done any more homicides and if he had done more, he'd tell —" Sorensen said. He was interrupted by another motion by Helvie to seal the courtroom to the press.

The hearings will continue Sept. 8, 9 and 10.

## Steward

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strate environmental consciousness and sensitivity and my concern for conserving energy," he said.

By maximizing the use of natural light through the 14 existing skylights and additional planned skylights, the structure will conserve energy, he said.

In addition, Steward said he and his wife would be able to sell one of their cars because they could walk to work.

Steward said he planned to demonstrate his concern for disadvantaged people by creating two apartments in back of the building for low-income housing.

"There will be mixed use in that context as well," he said.

Finally, Steward said the project would serve as a case-study for architecture students. The building will be accessible for teaching purposes, he said.

## Degree

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classes, as some undergraduates do.

Merlin Lawson, dean of graduate studies, said he anticipated a continued, steady increase in the number of master's degree recipients in the next few years.

Lawson said the increase in the number of students achieving master's degrees was higher than the increase of undergraduate degrees because more of the undergraduates were going to graduate school.

"It reflects our mandate to enhance opportunities for graduate programs for our citizens and people in Nebraska look to UNL for a large portion of graduate degrees."

"We are providing programs, and they are enrolling in increasing numbers," Lawson said.

But Lawson said the state of the U.S. economy was also a factor in this increase. During periods of recession, such as the one experienced recently in the United States, many people go back to school.

"People invest in the future, especially when the economy is depressed," he said.

Another factor leading to the increase in degrees awarded was students' realization that their opportunities are enhanced in the competitive world when they advance their education with a graduate degree, he said.

Recent figures indicated UNL granted 2,742 bachelor's degrees in the 1981-82 school year, compared to 2,965 in 1991-92. The University of Nebraska at Omaha presented 1,174 undergraduate degrees in 1981-82 and 1,364 in 1991-92.

UNL awarded 605 master's degrees in 1981-82 and 721 in 1991-92, while UNO granted 433 graduate degrees in 1981-82 and 517 in 1991-92.

Benson said the absolute number — the difference between the numbers for the years 1981-82 and 1991-92 — for undergraduates, which is 223, was higher than the absolute number for graduates, 116, because fewer master's degrees programs were offered.

## UNL hires environmental adviser

By Matthew Waite

Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln may be turning a few shades of green in the coming year.

Paul Carlson, vice chancellor of business and development, said that with the addition of environmental consultant Dale Ekhart, UNL had taken another step toward the formation of a campus-wide recycling effort.

"I hope to see a lot of results next year," Carlson said. Ekhart runs an environmental consultant firm in Beatrice.

Ekhart is scheduled to start work Wednesday, and on his desk already is a grant application for recycling efforts through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Patrick Langan of the department said the office gave out \$500,000 to \$650,000 per year in grants for public and private organizations. Of that money, 40 percent goes to public education for recycling efforts and litter and waste reduction.

UNL is eligible for these grants, but has not applied for them yet.

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"We have the application, and I put it in the file for the new contractor," Carlson said.

But many, such as Jeff Riggert, a design specialist for recycling at UNL Housing, aren't waiting for the consultant to get started with recycling on campus.

"In housing, we've done more with light-paper recycling in the offices," he said. "We're doing some planning for recycling bins and actually designing and building prototypes."

Riggert said other recycling efforts were going on in residence halls and in the unions.

"We do aluminum cans, and now we're doing steel cans in the food service areas," Riggert said.

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