

## Fine, Performing Arts College to award degrees at graduation

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Commencement ceremonies for UNL's fall graduates will be Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Rodney Moore, assistant director for registration and records, said the newly created Fine and Performing Arts College would award degrees for the first time. In this college, 15 students are candidates for December graduation.

"This graduation is different because of the fact that the new college will probably have its largest number of graduates graduating for a number of years," Moore said.

Moore said there were 1,501 candidates for graduation, including 1,117 undergraduate students, 366 graduate students and 18 law students.

Of graduates, 68 to 73 percent traditionally attend UNL commencement ceremonies, Moore said. Other states typically have less than 50 percent attendance, he said.

"We have outstanding attendance," he said. "In the Midwest, graduation is looked at as a time for families to celebrate. It's a time to honor tradition."

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Keith Benes said he probably would say a prayer at the commencement ceremony.

"Right now I'm leaning toward giving an invocation, like the ecumenical one I gave at the August graduation," Benes said.

Despite the controversy that surrounded prayer at graduations last year, the university reinstated prayer at commencement ceremonies in August, Moore said.

Benes said ASUN passed a resolution last spring calling for university officials to reinstate prayer at graduations. Benes said a student poll indicated last year that students favored prayers at commencement.

"I would base my decision on the response I've gotten from students," he said.

The commencement address will be delivered by Priscilla Grew, vice chancellor for research, who came to UNL Sept. 1.

Grew, a geologist, received her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College, and her doctorate in geology from Berkeley. Before she came to UNL, Grew worked with the Minnesota Geological Survey at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Moore said graduate candidates would be contacted by the Office of Registration and Records by next week if they have received D or F grades this semester, he said.

Undergraduate caps, gowns and tassels cost \$11.72, while master's degree and doctorate attire runs from \$22.37 to \$24.50, Moore said.

## ASUN bill jabs football poll

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ASUN's last business meeting of the semester will take what President Keith Benes called a "light-hearted" jab at the Associated Press.



Benes said he would write a bill to poke fun at AP writers who continue to vote the Nebraska football team low in the polls.

"I think that's disgusting and something needs to be done about it,"

Benes said. "I say that tongue-in-cheek, mind you."

Benes said the bill was meant to release a little stress the senators might be under.

"(The bill) should lead to some interesting discussion, even though we are getting a

chance to play for the national championship," Benes said.

Two other bills that will go before the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will deal with the Central Planning Committee and Academic Planning Committee, Benes said.

Benes said one of the bills supported the disbanding of the Central Planning Committee.

The other bill, Benes said, would allow Benes to submit a bylaw change proposal to Chancellor Graham Spanier to add another student representative to the Academic Planning Committee.

Benes said he was concerned about losing student representation on the two committees. The Central Planning Committee has two student representatives and the Academic Planning Committee has only one, he said.

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"It's important that parents and students are aware of that."

Whatever addresses students list as permanent in their 1994-95 applications will be considered valid for the 1995-96 school year.

The government won't forward the applications either, Beacon said.

Still, for most students, the process of applying for aid will be much easier. Once a student has submitted an application, his or her future

applications will be in the new format, Beacon said.

"A student should be aware that there will be some questions to answer, and they have to correct or make changes on the form if anything has changed for them between years," Beacon said. "But it makes it much simpler."

Beacon said parents needed to watch the mail for the new forms. If the new form does not arrive, the student will have to fill out a traditional application form.

"They also need to know that if they submit anything before Jan. 1, it will be rejected just like anything else would be," he said.

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alcohol isn't present, he said.

"Whether it be alcohol or hazing, the dangers are starting to rise," Thurber said.

A Phi Gamma Delta pledge at UNL recently fell from his house's third-story window after consuming alcohol there.

Thurber said fraternities in the future would have no choice but to ban alcohol from the house.

"Rising insurance costs are terrible with fraternities," Thurber said. "There may be no alternative in the future."

Fred Yoder, a spokesman for the Sigma Chi national headquarters, said

his office supported the Orono, Maine, chapter. But Yoder said he didn't think the decision would lead to a fraternity-wide rule banning alcohol.

"We are a volunteer-driven organization," Yoder said. "Making some rule that mandated no alcohol in fraternities of all shapes and sizes would be immensely impractical."

Yoder said the majority of Sigma Chi chapters would not adopt the no-alcohol policy.

"Hopefully, several will," Yoder said.

Rising insurance costs are one reason fraternities are turning to the policy, he said.

Insurance companies are realizing fraternities are trying to curb the risks involved in running the house, he

said.

"The escalating rates have slowed down somewhat," Yoder said. The slowdown is a result of many national chapters trying to curb risks through policies and risk management programs.

Fryer said his fraternity was starting a nationwide trend.

"I see what we are doing here is a trend-setter," Fryer said. "A lot of other fraternities around the nation would benefit from a dry house."

But Fryer said individual fraternities should be able to decide whether to ban alcohol from the house. Members would look upon the policy more favorably if it was adopted voluntarily.

## Homecoming

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rally, volleyball competition between residence halls and a scheduled street dance, which was canceled.

The homecoming tradition has dwindled, Loudon said, because of a lack of organization and planning.

"The future of homecoming is tied in with keeping the traditions of the past," Loudon said.

In the past, homecoming events began weeks in advance.

Seventy-four years ago, homecoming was described with perhaps a bit more nostalgia. A quote in the 1919 yearbook calls homecoming a time of retrospection.

"It is the day when Nebraska's students go back and gather up the broken and lost threads of friendship. It sets aside a time for reunions about the campus hearth," according to the yearbook.

About 2,000 visitors attended the first homecoming daylong program in 1912.

Spectators watched a then-UNL tradition of athletic games called The Olympics in the morning. The Cornhuskers played Kansas in the afternoon, and 500 people attended a banquet in the evening.

Three years later, in 1915, homecoming day had become more elaborate. A band concert and fireworks followed the afternoon football game. At 8 p.m., dancing began.

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