UNL center receives grant to create encyclopedia

By Tasha E. Kelter Staff Reporter

After applying three times in four years, UNL's Center for Great Plains Studies has been granted \$190,000 for writing and producing the Encyclopedia of the Great Plains.

The grant, which consists of \$140,000 in actual grant money and \$50,000 in matching funds, was awarded to the center by the National Endowment for the Humanities

The grant will cover three years of research, writing, publication and printing. Additional funds still are needed to pay for the last two years of the project, said Linda Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Center for Great Plains Studies. The projected publication date is 2000, Ratcliffe said

The center was notified of the grant in May 1995. The grant is a substantial chunk of money, considering that Congress may cut NEH funds,

The idea for the encyclopedia was conceived by John Wunder, the center's director and a history professor, Ratcliffe said. Wunder began planning the encyclopedia when he first arrived at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1988.

David Wishart, a human geography professor, has been chosen to edit the encyclopedia. Wishart has published a book about Native Americans of the Great Plains called "An Unspeakable Sadness: The Dispossession of the Nebraska Indians." The book was published in spring 1995.

Three graduate students will work as Wishart's editorial assistants, Ratcliffe said. Several regional editors will look for people interested in writing the encyclopedia's entries,

Ratcliffe said she expected the encyclopedia to be large. It will contain 26 chapters, and each will have at least 100 entries, she said. In addition, it will contain a large introductory essay and historical references.

"It will probably weigh at least 20 pounds," Ratcliffe said

The Encyclopedia of the Great Plains will join a list of regional encyclopedias, including those for the South and New England, she said.

The encyclopedia will be available to libraries, schools and businesses. Businesses should find it especially useful, Ratcliffe said, because it can be used to recruit people to the Great Plains region.

The encyclopedia may sell for less than \$100, Ratcliffe said.

"He (Wunder) would like to sell it for \$50. but in the year 2000 that may not be possible,"

Protest

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"This will certainly call attention few women voiced their opinions. to the issue," she said, "and maybe make people think."

Thousands of football fans filed past the protesters on their way into Memorial Stadium. Some looked over the signs and nodded or shook their heads to express their opinions.

Sandy Mathis of Hastings sat under a tree behind the protesters.

"Naturally you don't like to see violence against women," he said. "I think this is something that will wake people up.

Jim Hannon of Hastings stood near the protesters with his wife and two young children. He said his daughter had asked why Phillips wasn't able to play anymore.

"I told her — she has pictures of Phillips on her wall — that he broke the rules," he said. "And just like in this house, when you break the rules, you get punished. I don't think he should play again."

encouragement to the protesters, but these people walk by and don't have askickoffneared, the number of negative heckles grew. Mostly men and a something.

One man, who began questioning a protester, was ushered away by Lincoln police.

As the protest came to a close, Kriss stepped away from the line and let out a weary sigh of satisfaction.

"I'mreally pleased," she said. "Yes, the negative comments are increasing, but people have had more time to go out and get ..." she said shrugging her shoulders. "We really don't pay much attention to them.'

Kriss and Popa said no other protests have been scheduled, but are still a possibility.

'We will have to wait and see what the decision is with Phillips' eligibility to play," Kriss said. "If he is allowed to play again, I'm sure it would bring about further protests."

Mike Brock of Omaha was on his way into the stadium when he decided to join the rally.

"It isn't something that they should Many passers-by shouted words of be getting away with," he said. "All an opinion or say anything, I'm saying

Student regent insults Payne at meeting From Staff Reports

A brief argument broke out at the NU Board of Regents meeting Friday when a student regent insulted a regent.

Student Regent Justin Peterson, from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, was arguing with Regent John Payne of Kearney.

Peterson, who was sitting across the room from Payne, ended his argument by saying to the regent, "Yeah, well at least I'mnot a drunk."

At this point, Regent Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo told Peterson he was out of line.

Payne and Peterson had argued earlier in the meeting when Peterson disapproved of appointing an architect for the Walter Scott Engineering Center and Nebraska Hall renovation.

Peterson said that as long as the board continued to ignore the engineering program at UNO, he disapproved of the project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After Peterson's first statement, Payne told him he was out of line.

The four student regents are nonvoting members of the board.

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Peg Blake, UHC director, said the health center needed student fees like a government needs taxes. The center cannot operate on a fee-for-service basis, she said, because of the university's transient population.

A fee-for-service basis would also discourage students, she said.

"If they feel bad, they'll just stay in their rooms until it got better," she said, "and they might have bronchitis.

O'Brien said she would have the University of Nebraska Medical Center staff explore how to efficiently manage the university's health centers.

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ness journals.

The regents also approved an amendment to the amendment proposed by Hassebrook that would subject the research to peer acceptance.

The regents rejected Miller's third amendment to set up an advisory council that would give input on research and service activities.

They approved his final amendment, which made a minor wording change to the University of Nebraska at Omaha's mission statement in the resolution.

In other action, the regents did

the following: · Approved funding and appointed contracts for 11 renovation projects, including Burnett Hall, Nebraska Union expansion and the Walter Scott Engineering Center.

 Approved conveyance of six tracts of land to the city and approved the acquisition of 10 tracts

Listened to a resolution from

UNL Student Regent Shawntell Hurtgen to take students' opinions into consideration in the future of the UNL mascot.

· Listened to a report from Interim Chancellor Joan Leitzel on the future of the Apollo 009 space capsule. An anonymous donor is underwriting the cost of the capsule's renovation, which will be done by Duncan Aviation. Leitzel said there were three display sites under consideration.

Approved the 1996 calendar.

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