

Engineering faculty like science institute

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

A straw poll taken at a meeting of 59 UNL engineering professors Monday reflected that the majority support a draft proposal for the Omaha Institute for Information Science.

Karol Bredenkamp, communications coordinator of UNL's College of Engineering and Technology, said the poll at the meeting was a gauge to find out if there would be faculty support for the institute.

"There has to be some support from the faculty, or this won't go over very well," Bredenkamp said.

- In the poll:
- Thirty-five were in favor of the institute.
 - Six were opposed.
 - Fourteen were ambivalent.
 - Three were resigned to it being created.
 - One was confused by the proposal.

The poll carried no official weight. Electrical engineering professor Frazer Williams said engineering dean James Hendrix would use the results as an indicator of faculty support for the proposal.

Hendrix could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Williams said the results of the poll showed professors are willing to try to end the engineering debate.

"I think it indicates that the College of Engineering as a whole is trying to find a good solution to an existing problem," he said.

Richard Gilbert, chemical engineering professor, said he was in favor of the institute, but would not say if the concept would work. He left Monday's meeting early and did not vote.

"It represents a joint effort from both campuses," Gilbert said. "I have no idea whether this will fly or not. I'm not going to project what will happen."

Head of Lied Center leaves on good terms

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Although C. Bruce Marquis will be resigning as executive director of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, he says he will keep tabs on his old office.

"The center is one of the finest university centers in the country, and I'll always look forward to hearing of great things that happen with the Lied in the future," Marquis said.

Marquis, who has been the executive director since October 1994, announced his resignation last week. It will take effect May 31.

He said he decided to resign because his artistic and institutional visions for the Lied Center differ from the university's.

"It wouldn't be fruitful for me to stay," Marquis said. "I respect the university's and community's views and their right to have a director for the Lied Center whose views are more closely attuned to theirs."

"It was a difficult choice and one that I didn't take lightly. I really enjoyed meeting wonderful people at the Lied."

The search for the new executive director of the Lied Center for Performing Arts is set to begin in a few weeks, said Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor. The university will use a search firm to hire the new director.

"In the past, we've used a search firm," he said. "They've done well in

the past, and I suspect we'll use them again."

If a new director is not found by May 31, Howe said he would take over as interim director.

Although Marquis was director for a short time, he made many contributions to the Lied Center, Howe said.

"The Lied is in excellent financial condition, and the number of students at performances is going up," Howe said. "The age of people attending performances is going up, and he is building an audience of the future."

Marquis said he considered getting the Lied Center out of debt one of his greatest accomplishments as director.

"Now we are out of a deficit," he said. "The Lied has generated a surplus last year and set new attendance records."

The Lied Center's financial gains are expected to continue this year, Marquis said, because of more students coming to performances.

"I'm pleased we could offer students more artists which may be in tune with their interests," he said.

After he resigns, Marquis said would be pursuing other options in arts management.

Marquis' wife, Jeanne, is a UNL assistant professor of advertising. He said she would leave Lincoln if and when he did.

"Until then, she will continue to be and act as a member of the faculty," he said. "She's very happy here."

ASUN plans to discuss dial-up access proposal

By Kasey Kerber
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UNL's modem pool, a 24-hour study area in Nebraska Union and student advising are three topics slated for ASUN's first meeting of the semester.



Shawntell Hurtgen, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said ASUN would discuss a plan to hand over dial-up access to a primary service provider.

UNL Information Services planned the switch because of increased off-campus usage of HUSKERnet, she said. Off-campus students could be charged \$10 a month for access privileges.

Hurtgen said ASUN had met with Kent Hendrickson, associate vice chancellor for information services. "They assured us that the decision

to choose a commercial handler would be delayed until more student input could be received," she said.

One past project ASUN will discuss is the 24-hour study area, soon to be available in Nebraska Union.

"This is something we worked toward, and the effort has paid off," Hurtgen said.

To use the 24-hour study area, students will need their student identification cards. Cards will be scanned to increase security and make sure only students use the lab.

Advising also will be addressed at the meeting.

At the end of the first semester, Hurtgen submitted three main proposals to the Admissions and Advising Committee and a list of advising concerns.

The committee has asked ASUN to select one senator from each college to meet with it later this semester.

"No date has been set yet," Hurtgen said. "Hopefully they will try to resolve this issue by the end of this month or early February."

The meeting is tonight at 6:30 in the union.

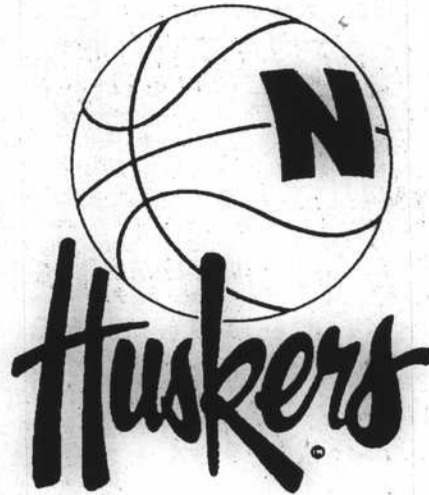
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