

Smith selects board for Omaha institute

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

An advisory board was named Monday to the Omaha Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering.

NU President Dennis Smith selected the 11 members of the Board of Policy Advisors to the new institute. Walter Scott Jr., chairman and president of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., will be the board's chairman.

The board will provide advice and external evaluation of the Omaha institute, said Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs. It also will help the NU Foundation raise money to fund the institute.

The board's primary responsibility will be to make sure UNO's new College of Information Science and the institute are meeting engineering needs in Omaha and Nebraska.

Course offerings will not be determined by the board, but by UNO and UNL deans who will run the institute, Rowson said.

"It's a unique arrangement in terms of having the two colleges tied so

closely together," he said.

Other board members include:

— Robert D. Bates, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance.

— John K. Boyer, partner at Fraser Stryker Vaughn Meusey Olson Boyer and Bloch law firm.

— John Gottschalk, president and CEO of the Omaha World-Herald Company.

— John Heindel, vice president of Lucent Technologies Inc.

— Leonard W. Kearney, vice president of Kiewit Construction Group Inc.

— Jack McDonnell, executive vice president and chief financial officer at First Data Resources Inc.

— Anthony Raimondo Sr., president and CEO of Behlen Manufacturing Inc. in Columbus.

— Phillip Schragger, chairman and CEO of Pacesetter Corp.

— Lewis Trowbridge, president of Mammel and Associates insurance.

— Joyce Wrenn, vice president, information technology and chief information officer at Union Pacific Railroad.

Author will emphasize equality among blacks

By Joy Ludwig
Staff Reporter

Strong black leadership and male and female equality among African-Americans will be addressed in tonight's speech by the chairman of black studies for San Francisco State University.

Oba T'Shaka will speak at the Culture Center at 7 p.m. about ideas from his new book "Return to the African Mother Principle of Male and Female Equality," which is about male and female equality in leadership.

Venita Kelley, assistant professor of communication studies and African and African-American studies, said T'Shaka's book described an achieved state called "twinlineo."

To achieve twinlineo, a female's challenge is to master her masculine side while remaining feminine; a male is to master his feminine side while keeping his masculinity,

Kelley said.

T'Shaka explains in his book that a just society only can be achieved if males and females are equal, Kelley said.

"A just society restores respect, love and balance," T'Shaka wrote in his book.

Kelley said students who attended the speech would learn "that intellectual learning is not just about getting a job. It's about expanding one's mind and contributing to the society."

She said students also would get a vision for the future and what to do in society to achieve equality.

T'Shaka is a good example of achieving equality because he took part in the '60s student movement that created an ethnic studies program at San Francisco State, Kelley said. The program includes black, American Indian, Chicano and women's studies.

"He's living history coming to this campus," Kelley said.

Building

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nesses and holding team meetings. Linda Wilson, the city councilwoman leading the steering committee for the project, said the building commission decided the current master plan would best serve the needs of city and county operations.

"We have studied this to death for years," she said.

Hille, who is overseeing the project, said the three-story building would take 18 to 22 months to build.

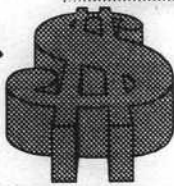
During that time, Hille said, he will help decide where the offices will move and how the interior of the building will be configured. The city and county offices will fill the first two floors with a secured parking garage below.

The third floor will remain unoccupied until it is needed for further government expansion, Hille said, which will cost less than building on top of a second floor in the future, he said.

The rest of the project may be done within three or four years, depending on how offices are moved, he said.

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