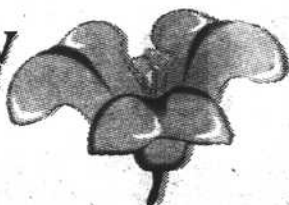


## Landscaping by the Numbers



- Responsible for 160 acres, 10,000 flowers, 1,000 plants, 12,000 trees, 15,000 tulips and daffodils
- Budget is \$1.5 million, they make an additional \$650,000 by providing other services, such as snow removal, for other departments
- They employ 47 permanent workers and 50 students and temporary help who maintain 300 flower beds, maintain 31 miles of sidewalks and 100 acres of irrigation, plow snow from 12 miles of streets, spend 60 work days a year cleaning up cigarette butts and 50 days a year recycling
- They have hundreds of flower varieties in over 300 flower beds, including lavender, litherum, zebra grass, fountain grass, Russian sage, prairie dropseed, lamb's ear, asters, hostas, cone flowers, prairie clovers, wild pentunias, Indian grass, yucca, little bluestem and buffalo grass.

## Years of planning finally sprout buffalo grass on campus landscape

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planted five years ago, said Kim Todd, campus landscape architect. The grass takes the first season to root. By the second season, the grass starts to grow.

Bud Dasenbrock, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Landscape Services, said the garden recognizes Nebraska author Willa Cather's dedication, love and hard work on the prairie.

Buffalo grass is roaming in other places around City Campus, including patches along 17th Street, the southeast lawn of Love Library, near the George W. Beadle Center and grass was recently planted near "Old Glory," the red I-beam sculpture between Love Library and Burnett Hall.

As Nebraska tries to bring buffalo back to its prairies, UNL is bringing buffalo grass to campus.

Buffalo grass is a hearty, native prairie grass. It is a tall, wild-looking and takes a long time to grow.

So long, in fact, that there have even been whimsical signs posted by newly planted patches of buffalo grass assuring students that, yes, something will eventually sprout there.

Cather Garden, near the sidewalk between Love Library and Burnett Hall, is one of the more historical areas with buffalo grass. The grass was

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