

Parking services ease pick-ups for permits

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permits, McDowell said.

To speed this process up, students who live in the residence halls will be able to pick up their permits when they check into their rooms.

Students who reserved textbooks through the University Book Store also will be able to pick up their permits when they pick up their books.

"We hope these changes will be a positive change from multi-hour waits students have experienced in the past," McDowell said.

Besides a smoother pickup of permits, parking services has made other changes and improvements. The lots on 19th and R streets, 17th and Q streets, and 21st and Vine streets were paved this year, paid for with money from a bond issue three years ago.

Facilities Management project manager and civil engineer Dick O'Hearn said that bond issue was approved for \$2.2 million, but just more than \$1 million was all that was needed for the 19 lots that were redone.

Another change is the UNL bus shuttle service not making a stop inside the U loop on the main cam-

pus. McDowell said the waiting area was moved to 14th Street between Vine Street and U Street to cut a few minutes off the shuttle schedule and to save some wear on the vehicles.

Changing meters is another task of parking services. By the end of fall, all campus meters will be electronic. McDowell said this should improve the accuracy of meters. He said the meters will either be on time or they won't work at all.

A final change was done to make roads safer for pedestrians and to address heavy traffic. Two streets, Avery Street and 15th Street between S and U streets, were made one way Aug. 11. Avery Street is now one way to the east.

McDowell said the street was made one way because the street had too much traffic and it was difficult for pedestrians to cross.

Another change will include additional green commuter parking along the south side of Avery Street.

Fifteenth Street between S Street and U Street is one way to the north. McDowell said 15th Street was too narrow and had possible safety problems.

"It was a serious accident waiting to happen," McDowell said.

Burnett ready for classes

■ A \$5.78 MILLION renovation includes 19 modern classrooms and an elevator.

BY AMY KELLER
Staff Reporter

This semester students will find a new building on campus – inside the same old shell of Burnett Hall.

Burnett Hall, home to psychology, history, political science and other classes on City Campus, will be reopened Monday after 1½ years of interior renovation. Now that the renovation is finished, the asphalt north of the building is being removed to make room for landscaping.

"This is a great example of how you can take an old dilapidated building and completely renovate it and make it good for another 50 to 100 years," said Howard Parker, director of facilities planning and construction.

Parker said everything from ceilings to floors was removed from the hall and new structures were built. The walls, heating, ventilating and air conditioners were also replaced.

Asbestos was removed, classrooms and restrooms were remodeled, and the basement was waterproofed to prevent leaking problems that happened in the past.

The university installed 19 modern classrooms and a multimedia center.

Although the original Burnett Hall never had an elevator, the renovated one does, which makes the building handicapped accessible.

Besides those major changes, nearly all the equipment in the building was bought especially for the hall, Parker said.

The renovations cost \$5.78 million, and were funded with money appropriated to UNL by the Legislature. With the building's opening comes another renovation: Landscaping will replace asphalt north of Burnett.

Woody Haecker, project manager for Burnett construction, said the asphalt was laid as a place for con-



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MARLIN SCHEITEL of Lincoln dumps concrete and asphalt debris into a waiting truck. The area behind Oldfather Hall and beside Burnett Hall will be opened up for a green space.

struction workers' materials during the renovation. Now that the renovation is complete, the asphalt is no longer needed. It is being removed so the building can be surrounded by greenery, as it was before the construction.

When Burnett first closed for construction, botany greenhouses north of the hall were removed as a separate project.

No date has been set for the completion of landscaping, but Kevin Herr, manager of architectural services, has drawn a proposed layout. The sidewalks will form an X-shape and be surrounded by grass and plants. Landscaping should begin after the asphalt is removed.

UNO leader seeks UNL alliance

BY SARAH BAKER
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Newly appointed University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor Nancy Belck has big plans for the future of the relationship between UNO and UNL.

"I believe it is critical for us to recognize the strengths of both campuses and use those strengths to benefit all of the schools," Belck said. "Although UNL is the older, historic campus, and UNO is the new, urban campus, we must realize that these colleges have different missions, different scopes, and attract different kinds of students, and use those differences to work together."

Belck, who has been the chancellor at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville for three years, said she has had experience working with multiple-college campuses in the past and hopes for strong lines of communication to continue to develop between the Nebraska schools.

B.J. Reed, who led the chancellor search committee and who is chairman of UNO's public administration department, said Belck's dynamic personality struck him during her first interview.

"I think she has a good grasp on the key issues that an urban university like UNO faces," Reed said.

Reed also said Belck had a positive stand on the future of relations between UNO and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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NANCY BELCK
new UNO chancellor

"She comes from a perspective where she is not worrying about so-called tensions between the universities," Reed said. "She is focused on a role in system collaboration. She is not here to create headaches; she is here to solve problems."

Belck said she realized that there is always some competition between schools like UNO and UNL, but she hopes to get past that.

"There is always going to be some tension in a situation like this," Belck said. "But I think with cooperation, we can work to overcome that."

Belck plans to spend her first few months at the university visiting all of the different departments on the UNO campus to hear what faculty and students' goals are for the future of the university.

"I plan to take time to listen," she said. "I want to hear what other people's goals are."

Some of the major issues that are on Belck's list of goals for UNO include the planned 600-bed residence hall, as well as the College of Information Science and Technology in conjunction with UNL.

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NU President L. Dennis Smith said Belck's willingness to cooperate was one of the reasons that he chose her for the chancellor position.

"Aside from her extensive experience, people skills and knowledge of urban universities like UNO, our views for the future of the Nebraska schools coincided."

Smith said she was truly the best candidate for the job.

"The search committee gave me three excellent candidates for the position," he said. "I got a lot of responses from the surrounding business community. Nancy came out on top."

Belck plans to make visits to UNL, the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"I want to see what has been done on all the campuses in the past, and then build on that," Belck said. "The longer I am here, the more ways I can find to work together."

Belck officially begins her chancellor duties Sept. 1. She is the first woman to assume the position in UNO's 89-year history.

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