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## BY ERIN GIBSON Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will expand its distance education program to Norfolk on Dec.1 if the NU Board of Regents approves a lease agreement today.

Beginning Nov. 15, the university would pay annual rental, operations and management fees for 20 years to lease 6,050 square feet of space in Norfolk's new Lifelong Learning Center on the Northeast Community College campus.

The first-year rental fee would be about \$57,000 and would increase by 2 percent each year thereafter. The operations and maintenance fee would start at about \$21,000.

Regents will vote on the measure at 8:30 a.m. in Varner Hall.

Irv Omtvedt, UNL vice chancellor

'howl' at

pep rally

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where about five men wore simulated

beer bellies under their red sweat-

their mustaches, they talked and joked

of the inevitable "Husk-erse" victory

against Texas Tech while drinking

their bellies than their legs, the troupe

shirts

simulated beers.

started dancing.

Bright lights surrounded the stage

With Chicago accents thicker than

Then, with more movement from

Though reminiscent of a popular

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for extended education, said the center would serve as "an excellent outreach point for the university in northeast Nebraska."

"It opens up a better opportunity for us to serve the people of the state," Omtvedt said. "We can be much more effective."

Norfolk is more accessible to most people living in northeast Nebraska than the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Northeast Research and Extension Center headquarters in Concord, which would move Dec. 1 to the new center, Omtvedt said.

The university also keeps success ful extension centers in Grand Island's College Park, Scottsbluff and North Platte.

The new, convenient location should further increase enrollment in NU credit and noncredit courses, Omtvedt said.

The center also will provide NU with bigger classrooms and better technology to facilitate teaching extended education courses, he said.

Bob Fritschen, director of the university's northeast center, said the "beautiful" new center includes 12 classrooms that were built in part with a \$1 million donation from Norfolk native and celebrity Johnny Carson.

Two of the classrooms include twoway video and satellite hookups for teaching distance education courses, Fritschen said.

The center also includes new office pace that will accommodate the NU Northeast Research and Extension Center headquarters, which is part of the NU Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources:

Fritschen said the center's 11 faculty members were excited about the 42mile move from Concord to the Norfolk offices because they will "be able to serve more people."

NU will share space in the center with extended education offices of Wayne State College, Northeast Community College and the Madison County Extension Office, which will move from Battle Creek.

The regents' agenda also includes:

A proposal to ask Gov. Ben Nelson for \$197,000 to maintain 55 acres of land in Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben, which were given to the University of Nebraska at Omaha by First Data Resources.

NU President Dennis Smith promised a legislative committee in April he would seek no more state fund-

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## Purchases may open new offices

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At a cost of \$2.16 million, UNL wants to purchase the Reunion Building and renovate the former Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity house at 420 University Terrace.

The Reunion Building, now owned by the University Foundation, could provide museum and office space for the university, officials said.

The former fraternity house would house the Academic Senate Office, Ethnic Studies, the Office of International Affairs, International Studies and Summer Sessions.

The NU Board of Regents will vote on whether to approve the two projects at its 8:30 a.m. meeting today in Varner Hall.

Paul Carlson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln associate vice chancellor for business and finance, said the groups that would move to the old TKE house must vacate their current offices, which will be demolished to make room for a new Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater and Visitors Center.

About \$890,000 in renovations to the house's 15,240 square feet of space are necessary to meet building codes and provide a functional layout for its new occupants, he said.

Last October, regents approved acquiring the land and the house at a cost of \$300,000 after the TKE fraternity placed the house up for sale because of financial woes.

He said some of the house's proposed new occupants are "some people who really need space and are going to need it pretty quickly."

Carlson said no date has been set to



"Saturday Night Live" skit, members of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity took first place in the Husker Howl competition at the homecoming pep rally.

"I didn't expect so many people to show up, but we made a lot of people laugh," freshman Mark Moody, one of the winners, said.

Sophomore Brian Feller, who breakdanced on the concrete, said, "The dance pulled it together, but the ground was harder than I thought."

After their win, Tom Scott, who played Chris Farley in the skit, said he really wanted the victory.

"We came in fourth last year, and I wanted to come back this year and win," Scott said. "I wanted it bad."

Husker Howl finalists, dressed as characters from "Saturday Night Live," "The Brady Bunch" and New Kids on the Block, produced cheers and laughter at Thursday night's homecoming pep rally. The country band Full Choke per-

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MICHAEL WARREN/DN WHILE AT THE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY on East Campus, Lisa Wieting, left, Andrea Darling and Marcy Petermann, members of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, clap and cheer as members of the Cornhusker Marching Band play the fight song, "There is No Place Like Nebraska."

formed before the Husker Howl letes clapped their hands yelling, finals, as contestants warmed up their "Lets go Huskers." acts in the chilly weather. This was the first year the pep rally was outside.

Husker Howl pits student groups, residence halls and greek houses against one another to perform the best cheer or skit. The winners are awarded homecoming participation points.

Dana Canfield, an NU cheerleader, sang "When You Say Nothing At All," solo with Full Choke.

"I love to sing," Canfield said. "But I was nervous, but I needed the and when you're not." practice."

The Scarlet Sensation and the UNL Yell Squad danced and flipped in the air as students, coaches and ath-

Head football coach Tom Osborne addressed the crowd and thanked them for their support and enthusiasm. He said he appreciated students support in the stadium and especially at the pep rally.

"Some people look at players as objects, but we have to remember that they are just like you," Osborne said. "They have the same problems, feelings and emotions you face, and they understand when you are behind them

The Husker Howl finals began with a performance from Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. Members sang "Crazy for NU" and said, "Nebraska is super

keen." Freshman Aaron DuPree dressed in a yellow plaid shirt with his blue jeans rolled to his knees, and redand-blue bowling shoes.

"It was a ton of fun dressing up like total dorks," DuPree said.

The finalists from the seventh floor of Smith Residence Hall performed a skit in paisley and bellbottoms. Six students dressed and danced as the Brady Bunch.

The group had a little more practice than the other finalists. Monday night they performed and sang to a Parking Services employee to get out of two parking tickets, said senior

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begin theater construction, but project discussions continue.

But Karen Griffin, Academic Senate coordinator, said she and many senate members are wary of the move.

"I would rather stay where we are right now," she said. "The TKE house is a little bit on the edge of campus."

Griffin said she fears the inconvenient location will keep faculty from using the senate office frequently.

But the senate must move to the new location to accommodate construction of the new film theater, which former Chancellor Graham Spanier planned.

"We have been told, at this point, there's really not any other space available (for the senate) on campus," Griffin said.

Carlson said no university organizations are scheduled to move into the Reunion Building, which the university hopes to purchase for \$1.27 million. The mostly empty building holds

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