

# Renovations renew campus

■ Several university buildings are being revamped inside and out.

## News Analysis

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By the beginning of the new millennium, the campuses of the University of Nebraska should be looking much different, as several buildings will be renovated or completely replaced.

In March, Gov. Ben Nelson signed into law a bill giving the university the funds needed to pay for long-neglected building maintenance and renewal.

This plan gives \$79.5 million in bonds to the University of Nebraska to pay for several development and maintenance projects. This plan is in addition to last year's financial package for the renovation of Richards Hall.

Aside from the ongoing renovations to the Nebraska Union and Memorial Stadium, which includes the addition of skyboxes, more buildings on campus will soon become hard-hat-only areas.

If skillfully planned and well carried out, proposed changes could significantly improve the character and cohesiveness of the campus.

However, much of the renovation work planned for university buildings has little to do with how the buildings look from the outside, but is necessary to catch up with the chaos and decay of long-ignored maintenance problems, and to bring outdated infrastructures, such as electrical and ventilation systems, up to date.

Changes also will be made to finally bring many campus buildings up to par with accessibility requirements for the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Richards Hall will be restored on the exterior, and interior renovations will provide a new, centralized gallery space, more adequate office and instruction spaces and an elevator. This project is planned for \$8.5 million, and renovations ought to begin late summer or early fall.

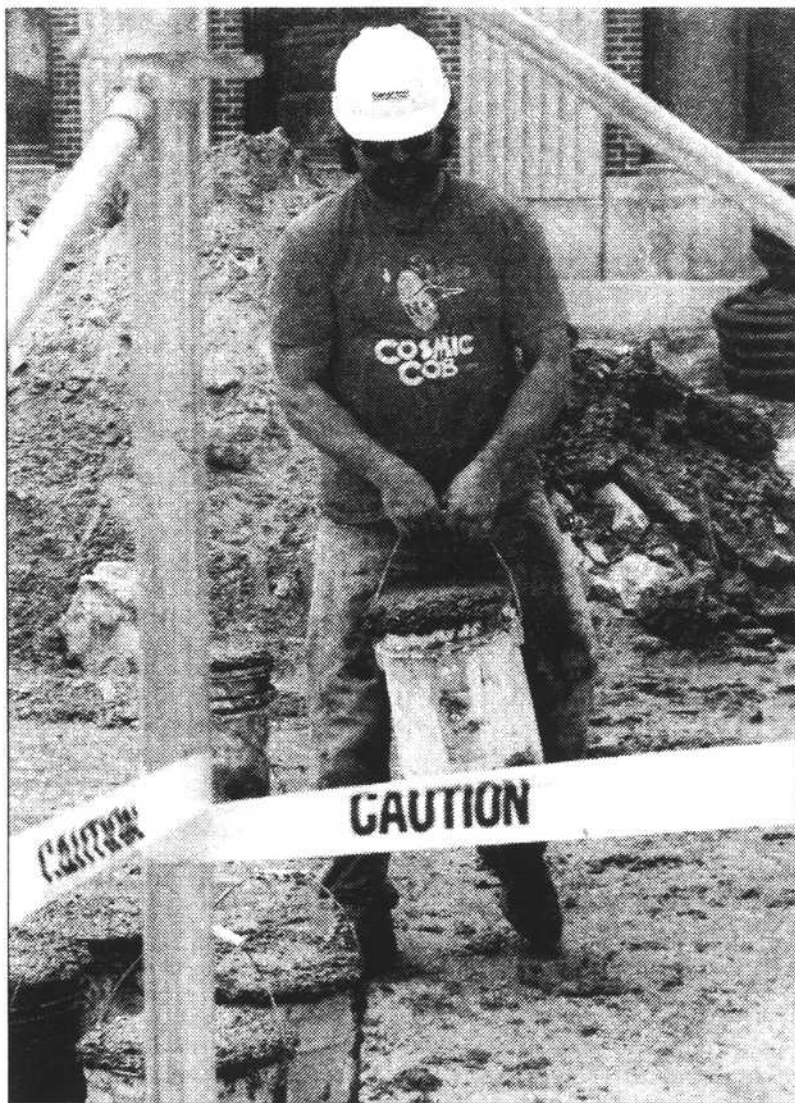
Most projects funded under the deferred maintenance bill are still in planning stages, and are slated to be underway within the next two years.

Facility Planner David Peterson said Love Library South will be renovated at a cost of \$21.6 million. Love South will be fitted with updated air conditioning and ventilation systems to alleviate the problem of materials rapidly deteriorating because of poor storage climate. This project is slated to begin around July 1999.

Avery Hall will be renovated to create a new home for mathematics, engineering and science. This project is expected to cost about \$10.7 million, and will commence around the end of 1999.

The infrastructures of Hamilton Hall will be upgraded at a cost of \$12.5 million.

Biochemistry Hall on East Campus will be demolished and replaced with a new natural



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**JIM OSTERBUHR CARRIES** buckets of cement used to secure metal poles for a fence that will be north of Burnett Hall. The fence was being built in preparation for the building's renovation.

resources building project, for about \$6.6 million.

Lyman and Bancroft halls will be demolished and replaced with one new building on the site for about \$12.5 million.

John Benson, director of institutional research and planning, said several privately funded projects also are slated for groundbreaking within the next couple years. These new building projects all still are in planning and fund-raising phases.

They include an addition to Marvin and Virginia Schmid Law Library on East Campus, and another addition to the south end of the Walter Scott Engineering Complex on City Campus.

A very prominent new addition will be the construction of a new Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, in conjunction with the construction of a new visitors center for the university.

Under current plans, these two projects will be housed in separate buildings joined by a common atrium, located at 13th and R streets next to the Temple Building. This project still is in planning, with fund raising under way to pay for the visitors center.

As a part of the university's expansion beyond campus boundaries, the old Security Mutual building on Centennial Mall has been purchased and awaits more funding for renovation into a new home for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

With all these changes, students and faculty at the university can expect a drastically improved envi-

ronment in which to work and live.

As so many projects still are in their early planning stages, it's difficult to determine yet just what the cumulative physical effect of so much new construction will be on the university campuses.

With luck, future changes will be planned to create a stronger correlation among individual parts and an improved working relationship between campus and city.

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August 31 (Mon.)	Last day for late registrations and adds including adds of thesis or dissertation credits (census date)
	Last day to drop a full semester course and receive 100% refund
September 4 (Fri.)	Last day to drop a full semester course and receive 75% refund
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<b>September 7 (Mon.)</b>	<b>Labor Day (Student &amp; Staff Holiday)</b>
September 11 (Fri.)	Last day to withdraw from a full semester course and receive 50% refund
September 18 (Fri.)	Last day to withdraw from a full semester course and receive 25% refund
October 14 (Wed.)	Tuition and fee payment deadline
October 16 (Fri.)	Last day to change a course registration to or from "Pass/No Pass"
Oct. 19 - Nov. 5	Priority Registration for Second Semester
<b>Oct. 26-27 (Mon-Tue)</b>	<b>Fall Semester Break (Student Holiday, UNL offices open)</b>
November 13 (Fri.)	Last day to withdraw from one or more courses for the term
November 25 (Wed.)	Student Holiday (UNL offices are open)
Nov. 26 - 29 (Thur-Sun.)	Thanksgiving Vacation (UNL offices are closed)
December 12 (Sat.)	Last day of classes
Dec. 14 - 18 (Mon. - Fri.)	First Semester Final Exams
December 19 (Sat.)	First Semester Commencement
Dec. 24-Jan 1	Holiday Closedown(UNL offices are closed)
<b>SECOND SEMESTER 1998-99</b>	
January 11 (Mon.)	Second Semester begins
<b>January 18 (Mon.)</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day (Student &amp; Staff Holiday)</b>
January 19 (Tue.)	Last day for late registrations and adds including adds of thesis or dissertation credits (census date)
	Last day to drop a full semester course and receive 100% refund
January 22 (Fri.)	Last day to drop a full semester course and receive 75% refund
	Last day to file a drop to remove course from student's record
January 29 (Fri.)	Last day to withdraw from a full semester course and receive 50% refund
February 5 (Fri.)	Last day to withdraw from a full semester course and receive 25% refund
February 10 (Wed.)	Tuition and fee payment deadline
March 5 (Fri.)	Last day to change a course registration to or from "Pass/No Pass"
March 8 (Mon.)	Early Registration for Summer, 1999, begins
<b>March 14 - 21 (Sun.-Sun.)</b>	<b>Spring Vacation (UNL offices are open Monday through Friday)</b>
<b>March 29-Apr. 16</b>	<b>Priority Registration for First Semester, 1999-00</b>
April 9 (Fri.)	Honors Convocation
	Last day to withdraw from one or more courses for the term
May 1 (Sat.)	Last day of classes
May 3 - 7 (Mon. - Fri.)	Second Semester Final Exams
May 8 (Sat.)	Second Semester Commencement

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