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Wrathful Acts

"The Grapes of Wrath," a classic adapted for stage, opens in Lincoln today. A&E, PAGE 9

Leader by Design

The former architecture dean built a regionally renowned program from the ground up. NEWS, PAGE 7

Arts and Sciences dean announces move

"(Brian Foster) is a dynamic leader with a clear sense of what to do."

Dane Kennedy
history department chairman

By Kimberly Sweet
Staff writer

The dean of UNL's College of Arts and Sciences will leave Nebraska this spring to take a higher-level job at the University of New Mexico.

Brian Foster, who has served as dean since 1994, announced he will leave the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to take the job of provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of New Mexico in

Albuquerque.

He is unsure about when he will leave but expects it to be before April 1.

"Leaving isn't easy," Foster said. "But this is a really interesting and exciting opportunity."

In his new role, Foster will lead all non-medical academic programs at the UNM campus, which has more than 24,000 students.

Foster said his job roughly compares to the one held by Richard Edwards, senior vice chancellor for

academic affairs at UNL.

Currently, Foster is the dean for the UNL college with the highest undergraduate enrollment and 17 departments.

Chancellor James Moeser said in a press release he was sad to see Foster go but wished him luck in his new endeavor.

"He will be sorely missed, not only in the College of Arts and Sciences but also in the many campuswide leadership positions he assumed during his

years on campus," Moeser said. "The University of New Mexico is very fortunate to have him."

Foster said he was happy with the advancements the college made while he was at the helm.

He said he is particularly proud about the interdisciplinary programs the college developed during the past five and a half years.

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Lincoln man holds King's goals close

By Margaret Behm
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Even on a day when most people will take extra time to relax, Jessie Myles is not going to slow down in his numerous community roles.

"It's almost like I have a personal commitment to celebrate Dr. King's birthday," said Myles, Lincoln NAACP president. "That's my own way of working towards the dream."

Myles said King has been an inspiration to him throughout his life; some people, such as fellow NAACP member Keith Parker, think Myles is a role model.

"People young and old look to Jessie for guidance," said Parker, a sociology professor. "He has brought awareness to the concern of bias in Lincoln by bringing people together and providing insight."

Along with his role in the NAACP, Myles is the multicultural education director at the Nebraska State Department of Education and a pastor at the No Greater Love Fellowship

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JESSIE MYLES, president of the Lincoln NAACP, also leads the No Greater Love Fellowship Church in Lincoln. Myles, who has traveled to schools across the state to speak about race relations, said he works to help people absorb the message behind Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Lydia S. Gonzales/DN

Forum addresses intellectual rights

Faculty members debate balance between university and self-ownership of Web sites, software and lectures.

By Cara Pesek
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Eleven faculty members attended a forum Thursday to discuss ownership guidelines for intellectual property, including software, Web sites and recorded lectures.

The forum, held at the Nebraska Union, was sponsored by the Academic Senate.

The question of who owns intellectual property has become important to the university during recent years as technology in the classroom has become more prevalent, said Gail Latta, Academic Senate president.

Faculty and staff members are uncertain how ownership of intellectual property, which is often developed with university resources such as laboratories or software, should be

divided between the inventor and the university.

UNL doesn't have a policy on ownership of intellectual property, although one was drafted by University of Nebraska central administration and faculty members in the summer of 1999.

A final draft would have to be approved by the NU Board of Regents.

Faculty members who attended the forum discussed different ways intellectual property could be shared.

Dwayne Ball, associate professor of marketing, was in favor of a plan that would allow faculty members to have full ownership of their work.

The faculty members, in turn, would work with the university to market their ideas, and the university would receive a share of the profits.

Ball said full ownership of a product would be enough incentive for faculty members to produce the very best.

Other faculty members thought full ownership was less important.

"It's the size of the pie that we need to keep our eyes on," said Richard Edwards, senior vice chan-

cellor for academic affairs.

Edwards said faculty would be less interested in full intellectual property ownership if they were satisfied with the amount of money the university offered them for their ideas.

Some faculty members were concerned they would be obligated to share all of their ideas with the university.

"There has to be some time when I can be productive with my expertise and not have it belong to the university," Latta said.

It was difficult for faculty members who attended the forum to decide when that time would be.

Edwards said faculty members identify themselves so much by their jobs, it is often difficult to distinguish work life from personal life.

For example, many faculty members develop ideas for class at home and conduct research during the summer.

Faculty members in attendance did not reach a conclusion about a policy.

Another forum on the topic will be held Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. in the Nebraska East Union.

Retired professor dies of cancer at age 74

By Veronica Daehn
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Les Sheffield knew a lot about water.

The retired UNL professor died Tuesday from cancer, and colleagues said they will remember him for what he did with water.

Sheffield, 74, had been an extension farm management specialist in the agricultural economics department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 1951.

He retired in 1994 but continued to give his famous water tours, in which he explored water development levels in different areas of the world.

Bob Kuzelka, assistant to the director of the Water Center, said Sheffield gave tours to up to four buses filled with 160 people at a time.

The two- to three-day tours spanned not only Nebraska, but places such as Wyoming, Arizona, Texas, Australia and Brazil.

Kuzelka, who had known

"He was very well known in the field of irrigation in Nebraska."

Karen Stork
project coordinator,

Nebraska Water Conference Council Sheffield for 21 years, said the tours were important to Sheffield because he wanted to teach people about water and its uses.

"He was very significant in that he wanted people to learn from other people," Kuzelka said.

Karen Stork, the project coordinator for the Nebraska Water Conference Council, worked with

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