Plans for new fine arts center are under way, says Dean

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Plans for a new Fine and Performing Center are under way, according to Michael Proterra, S.J. of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The center is currently in the planning and design stage, Proterra said. The stage includes deciding what it will like and choosing a site. The most likely site is west of the law school, on the side of the mall.

Decision making on these issues will continue with architects from New York.

No definite plans have been made, it is possible that the center will be stories with just over 50,000 square feet.

"It is important that we do this stage before we move into the construction of the building," Proterra said. If everything continues as planned, Proterra that groundbreaking could be as early as January and completion is set for two years from October.

The center, which will cost about $10 million, is being funded by gifts and donations through the Development Office.

This isn't the first time plans have been made for a new center, but for the last 15 years something has always interfered, Proterra said. "This time however, the Development Office was positive about the funds, so it was time to make another attempt."

Proterra hopes the center will help the development of the fine and performing arts at Creighton and enhance the role of music in the undergraduate program.

"This aspect of the curriculum has been in poor spacing for too long," Proterra said. "This center will give them an opportunity to show us what they have and what they can produce."