Ground breaking for fine arts department

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“Ground breaking for fine arts department” is the headline of this article by Nicki Breci. The budget for the project is set at 10 million dollars. Horning, chairman of the fine arts department, said, “It’s something the University has been wanting to do for a long time.”

The time is right, Horning said, to begin the project because it is only fitting that a school with such recognized academic standards as Creighton should have outstanding facilities for all its departments. Horning said another reason for the decision to carry out the project now is competition among construction companies.

The University could get the construction for a premium price, Horning said. The budget for the project, he said, was set at 10 million dollars.

The new building will be “more organized” than the current arts building. The arts department is too spread out as of now. The new building will have everything under one roof, including a 400 seat theater.

The building will benefit all the students of the University, not just the arts students, Horning said. Plans for the new arts building are being drawn up by three architects. When the plans are finished, each architect will submit a model to be reviewed by the university. The model chosen will be the blueprint for the new building, Horning said.

The location of the building will be where Markoe Hall now stands, next to the Creighton Law School.

Construction will begin tentatively this summer or early fall and the ground breaking will be announced at a later date.

Even though completion is a couple of years down the road, the first year in the new facility will be a special one for the arts department.

A celebration year to open the new building is in the planning stages. Horning said the arts department hopes to have special gallery shows, theater productions and dance concerts featuring guest artists.