Fine and Performing Arts Classes To Move To New Fine Arts Building

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Starting in January of 1996 all of the fine and performing arts classes will be moved to the new Fine Arts building, according to the Rev. Don Doll, SJ, a member of the Steering Committee for the planning of the new building.

The new Fine Arts building, located between the city blocks of 22nd and 23rd and California, cost $10.9 million, according to Facilities Project Manager Tom Riggs.

"The building was built with two grants, one from Kiewit and the other from the Lied Foundation," Riggs said.

According to Riggs, the building is 70,000 square feet and the design was a group effort by two different architectural and engineering firms. "One firm, called Hardy Holtzman Pfeiffer Associates, is from New York and the other firm, Schimmer Associates, is from Omaha," Riggs said.

The new Fine Arts building will house all of the fine and performing arts, "including music, dance, theater, and all of the visuals," Doll said. It will also hold a major art gallery and a theater that will seat a maximum of 350 people, Riggs said.

According to Riggs, many people have looked forward to this new building.

"It has been the dream of the arts community for over 20 years to have a building that would house everything, and this building is a realization of that dream," Riggs said.

The construction of the building began in the spring of 1994 and will be finished approximately November 1, according to Riggs.

"Everything's right on schedule," Riggs said.