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Nebraska officials approve Husker-UCLA contest telecast

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It is official. The Nebraska-UCLA football game will be televised by CBS Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30.

Although the game was announced last spring as part of the CBS schedule of football telecasts, it was not until Saturday that Nebraska officials agreed to the telecast.

"We can get on and play the game now," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne. "I'm just glad it's over with, I'm so tired of talking about it."

Nebraska's decision went against the wishes of the College Football Association and ABC, which agreed to a policy of no "crossover" games with non-CFA schools to be televised.

The CFA's exclusive contract with ABC resulted from the Supreme Court ruling June 27 that allowed individual schools, not the National Collegiate Athletic Association, to negotiate television deals.

UCLA, Southern Cal and the Pac-10 filed suit last month seeking that Nebraska-UCLA and USC-Notre

Dame, both crossover games, be televised. Nebraska was named as one of five defendants in the suit.

After several discussions, Nebraska joined the CFA, ABC and Notre Dame in an appeal of a federal judge's decision in Los Angeles last Monday that permitted those games to be televised. The judge, Richard Gadbois Jr., issued a preliminary injunction that said Nebraska and Notre Dame could not withhold their consent based on the CFA contract.

Nebraska officials waited until Friday afternoon for a ruling on the appeal, but it never came.

Nebraska's consent reportedly has angered CFA and ABC officials, athletic director Bob Devaney told the Omaha World-Herald Saturday. He said Nebraska's lawyer talked with lawyers from the CFA and ABC, and they "were not pleased with our decision."

The UCLA telecast will be shown to about half the nation. CBS also will televise the Iowa-Ohio State game.

Nebraska officials have said they are worried the telecast will lessen attendance at the game to be played in the 104,000-seat Rose Bowl. Under its contract, Nebraska splits the gate receipts with UCLA.

Legislature's budget cut request to have big impact on university

By Suzanne Teten
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The Legislature's request for state agencies to submit 5 percent of their 1984-85 budget for legislative review will have a \$16.5 million impact on NU, University Vice President Alan Seagren told the NU Board of Regents Friday.

Seagren said the board will receive \$203 million, 95 percent of the NU 1984-85 budget, for the 1985-86 base level of appropriations.

The regents' budget request for 1985-86 not including salary and benefit adjustments, is \$219 million. Therefore, he said, the regents must propose programs that equal about \$16.5 million in cuts. Instead of a 5 percent decrease, Seagren said, this amount is 7.7 percent of the 1984-85 budget.

Seagren told the regents the review should focus on activities rather than on the number of positions affected by the programs. He said board members should consider the impact and ramifications of proposed cuts rather than the across-the-board cut.

Seagren said university officials must look first at entire programs that should be identified for review. After that, he said, components of the programs must be considered and priorities should be established.

Norman Thorson, law professor and UNL faculty senate president, told the regents that the process should be a budget review, not a budget cut. He said that because programs are identified for review does not mean they are less important than other programs.

The review process should not be one of "providing sacrificial lambs," but one of providing information for budget request, Thorson said.

Seagren said identifying programs for legislative review will be a long, difficult process. He said that is why the university asked the Legislature for extra time for budget review.

The regents will consider a list of programs for the Legislature's review at their November meeting. The list will be ready for the Legislature by Nov. 23, Seagren said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the \$120,000 purchase of an instrumentation system for the department of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering and Technology.
- Authorized the Executive Committee of the NU Board of Regents to approve contract bids for construction to the Barkley Center on East Campus. Construction on the \$1.8 million project will begin as soon as possible, with completion set for November 1985.
- Approved the \$84,717 purchase of X-ray equipment for the University Health Center.
- Approved purchase of a \$93,266 laser system for the College of Engineering and Technology.
- Approved the agreement with the NU Foundation and Nebraska Book Company providing for the transfer of property at 12th and R streets to NU and the transfer of property at 13th and Q streets to Nebraska Book Company.
- Approved agreement with Nebraska Book Company providing for NU's purchase of property at 13th and R streets for \$500,000.



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McEnroe triumphs in Omaha

John McEnroe, the world's No. 1 tennis player, serves against Vitas Gerulaitis Saturday night at Omaha's Civic Auditorium. McEnroe won the exhibition match in two out of three sets.

RHA argues SA role

By Kevin McCoy
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A discussion about the role of student assistants in residence hall governments was the major topic at Thursday's meeting of the UNL Residence Hall Association.

RHA President Dave Edwards informed the groups that RHA's liaison for Housing Relations, Lori Hulke, had resigned because her contract as an SA prohibited her from serving in an RHA executive position. Earlier this year, RHA had amended its bylaws to allow SAs to participate in RHA.

RHA adviser Woody Getz said the action was based upon stipulations in the SA contract that prohibit outside activities that consume too much of the SAs' time. The question of conflict of interest also was cited as a possible problem, especially on committees such as the rate study committee, which might indirectly influence staff salaries.

Although Housing's current stance seemed to prohibit SA participation in executive positions in RHA, Getz said it could not be seen as a precedent regarding SA involvement in other aspects of RHA.

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Prairie land formally dedicated

By Gene Gentrup
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"Nine-Mile Prairie," one of the last remnants of virgin prairie land in Eastern Nebraska, was formally dedicated at ceremonies Sunday.

The land, located northwest of Lincoln, was preserved through the philanthropic donation of Marguerite Hall in memory of her late husband, Neil W. Hall. Hall was a farmer manager for First Trust Company and First National Bank of Lincoln until his retirement in 1974. After his retirement, Hall served as a volunteer manager of the Lincoln Airport Authority's land, including the Nine-Mile Prairie.

The land was purchased in 1982 from the Lincoln Airport Authority with funds contributed by Mrs. Hall and other interested donors. NU leases the land from the foundation for \$1 per year to continue an active program in teaching, research and nature study. Professionals from UNL's School of Biological Sciences manage the Nine-Mile Prairie to preserve natural plant and animal life.

Mrs. Hall said she first became interested in the Nine-Mile Prairie land after seeing a story and photos of the land in the "Foundation Reporter," published by the NU

Foundation. The story included pictures of the land's native grasses and wildflowers and told of the foundation's efforts to buy the property and protect it.

Mrs. Hall said her interest in the project grew and later she decided to make the donation as a "challenge promise."

She said she would put up half of the \$136,808 purchase price if the foundation would match the gift from other sources and if ownership could be transferred to UNL.

Mrs. Hall already has made good on her pledge. She dated her check on Christmas Day.

She said the donation was the perfect Christmas gift. "I'd never been out there, but I'd heard a lot about it," Mrs. Hall said. "Neil was very impressed with it. He did graze it, but he saw that it was never overgrazed."

Sunday's dedication formalized the university's stewardship and unveiled a marker commemorating the site. The inscription on the marker says: "Marguerite Metzger Hall and Neil W. Hall Nine-Mile Prairie Memorial as a living tribute to our pioneer forebearers and as a legacy for future generations: a memorial to the past, a joy to the present, a heritage for the future."

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