

Media members jam a Tom Osborne press conference Tuesday in the South Stadium.

Media passes cause problems

By Kyle Schurman Staff Reporter

The media craze generated by Saturday's game between No. 1-ranked Nebraska and No. 2-ranked Oklahoma has generated major prob-lems for the Nebraska sports information department.

Nebraska sports information director Don Bryant said 80 spaces are available in the press box for members of the media. But, he said, press requests exceeded that number a month

"We've got problems," Bryant said.

Bryant said more than 100 newspapers have requested passes, including more than 60 major dailies and about 40 smaller papers throughout Ne-braska and the Midwest.

He said priority was given to pa-pers that print a Sunday edition, be-cause their reporters will have to send in stories on Saturday night.

Bryant said the sports information department won't know until Saturday morning where it is going to put all of the media. He would not confirm the department is planning to put some of the media in the Hewitt Center with a big-screen television or on the side-

"We're looking at alternatives on

all things," Bryant said. The number of media requests for Saturday's game is similar to last year's Fiesta Bowl between then-No. 1-ranked Miami and No. 2-ranked Penn State, he said

Although the Cornhuskers and the Sooners were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in 1971, this game is different because

it will be played in Lincoln.
"In '71 it was there, so it was Oklahoma's headache," Bryant said.

Bryant said the department has scheduled extra press conferences with Nebraska coach Tom Osborne. But players will only be available on they have been all season, Bryant said.

Letter

Sooners' funeral rites scheduled for Saturday

This Saturday, whenever the Ne-braska defense takes the field, I will not be dressed in red.

You don't wear red to a funeral. And that is what Nebraska football fans will be attending this Saturday: a funeral for the Oklahoma Sooners. But this won't be the first demise of a team we will have witnessed. The Blackshirts have tolled the bell for nine other teams. On Saturday, the band will be playing yet another

So, whether you are at the stadium, your favorite bar or at home watching the game, whenever our defense takes the field to bury Oklahoma, remem-ber to wear black. Anything will do: a shirt, a hat or arm band. Just wear something black and show some respect for the deceased.

We'll celebrate later. Troy Larsen

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