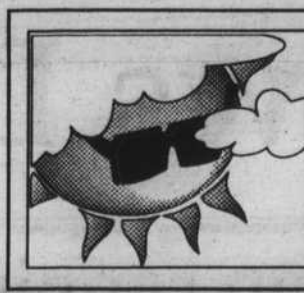


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny and less humid. Tonight, increasing cloudiness and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid-80s.

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## New chancellor unveils strategy

By Wendy Navratil  
Senior Reporter

Graham Spanier gave a glimpse of his approach to dealing with University of Nebraska-Lincoln issues Monday, even though he won't officially begin his UNL chancellorship until Nov. 1.

"I don't want to be a chancellor who is here to manage for today so much as a chancellor who leads the university into the future," Spanier said after a press conference Monday morning at the Nebraska Union.

Spanier is visiting UNL this week following his appointment as UNL chancellor and NU vice president Friday.

For Spanier, leading UNL into the future means addressing current issues and problems, such as the budget-cutting process and the vacant administrative posts, as well as more long-term issues, such as gender equity and minority recruitment and retention.

Because the budget-cutting process is already underway, Spanier said he would not be able to "get fully immersed in the process." Instead, he said he will have to rely heavily on

Jack Goebel, interim UNL chancellor, who has been active in the process since it began.

"I've been briefed on the approaches, and a lot of it makes sense . . . (but) one cannot become an expert on the affairs of UNL that quickly," he said.

The UNL budget cuts were prompted by a Nebraska Legislature decision to reduce UNL's state-aided funding by 3 percent for the 1991-92 academic year. Goebel responded by asking all UNL departments to submit plans for a 5 percent reduction to allow for flexibility in making the actual cuts.

Deans and unit directors submitted their plans to comply with Goebel's request, and they were notified Sept. 5 about the programs in their departments that would be affected. The public was informed yesterday.

Spanier said he plans to become more involved in the process as he gets "a better handle" on the situation. He said he expects he will make the final decision on campus recommendations because those are scheduled to be made after he assumes his position.

His experience as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Oregon State will help him make some of those decisions, he said. A similar budget-cutting process took place at Oregon State last year.

"I bring (to UNL), unfortunately, a

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## UNMC reduces staff to meet 5 percent cut

By Kara Morrison  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has cut 60 positions from its payroll to comply with budget cuts mandated by the Nebraska Legislature last session, said Tom O'Connor, UNMC media coordinator.

Stephen Leeper, dean of the College of Dentistry at the UNL campus, said the Legislature mandated a 2 percent cut of NU's proposed budgets this year and an additional 1 percent cut next year.

A pay raise also was ordered, but no money was given for the raise, Leeper said. Another 2 percent of the budget had to be reallocated, he said.

UNMC is the first entity of the university system to make the bulk of the 5 percent cuts.

"There was substantial agreement between deans and directors to take the cut and the trauma associated with budget cuts, get it over with, and move on," said Donald Leuenberger, vice chancellor of business and finance of UNMC.

O'Connor said that because 80 percent of UNMC's budget goes toward salaries and benefits, "that's where the cuts had to be made."

Forty of the cut positions were unfilled, but 20 people were laid off, O'Connor said.

UNMC's cuts have been felt on the Lincoln campus by the College of Dentistry and the College of Nursing, the only two UNMC-run colleges at UNL.

The College of Dentistry eliminated one full-time faculty position and eight full-time staff positions, Leeper said.

The college also had to reduce its part-time faculty budget by 50 per-

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## PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

Vice Chancellor Areas	
Academic Affairs	\$1,886,500
Agricultural & Natural Resources	1,362,600
Research & Graduate Studies	50,466
Student Affairs	85,463
Business & Finance	315,000
Chancellor Reports	70,748
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,770,777</b>

Source: Proposals presented to the Budget Reduction Review Committee  
Scott Maurer/Daily Nebraskan



Robin Trimarchi/Daily Nebraskan

Viive Pujo, a graduate student from Estonia, said she is pleased with its recent independence.

## 'My country is free'

Estonian student welcomes nation's independence

By Heather Heinisch  
Staff Reporter

After 40 years of Soviet rule, the Baltic states are independent once more, but Estonian Viive Pujo said she didn't know when the final victory party should begin.

A graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Pujo said each step toward democracy was a celebration in her country.

The first major gain was in March, when Estonians voted for independence. Pujo said more rejoicing followed when Iceland became the first country to recog-

nize the Baltic states. Forty other nations followed suit, including the United States and the Soviet Union, both of which granted recognition last week.



"I still don't know if it's the right time to rejoice," she said.

The problems in her country are great, and many citizens are skeptical of changes occurring so quickly,

Pujo said. Estonians haven't forgotten the hardships under Soviet rule, she said.

Even though she has never known any other type of government than communism, she said that her desire for democracy was no less than that of the older generation who actually had experienced it.

"Everybody knows what's freedom," she said.

Pujo's delicate features clouded and her quick smile disappeared when she talked about how her family suffered under her "enemy," the Soviet Union.

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## Two departments may lose big in fight over budget reductions

By Adeana Leftin  
Senior Reporter

The Department of Speech Communications and the Department of Classics could be phased out of the College of Arts and Sciences if budget cuts proposed Monday are approved.

But Jack Goebel, interim chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that none of the proposals presented at the first meeting of the ad hoc Budget Reduction Review Committee were absolute.

The proposed budget cuts were

prompted by a mandate for 3-percent cuts made last spring by the Nebraska Legislature. Goebel responded by

asking all UNL departments to submit plans for a 5-percent reduction to allow for flexibility in making the actual cuts.

Deans of colleges and directors of programs reported to their vice-chancellors where

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## TUESDAY

Correction: In a story Monday, the name of Peg Blake was incorrectly spelled. Blake was appointed to the position of assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

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