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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly cloudy and warmer, high in the mid-30s. Monday night, fair, in the lower 20s. Tuesday, fair, high in the 40s.

Graham Spanier



New chancellor outlines priorities

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

Graham Spanier said near-blizzard conditions Friday may have indicated how tough his new job as University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor could be.

But bad weather didn't stop him from forecasting his plans for a better UNL.

On his first day in office, Spanier told a public audience of about 200 people at the Lied Center for Performing Arts that he intends to implement administrative reforms, to make affirmative action a priority and to be responsive to student needs and services.

"Under my watch, this university will work toward greater cultural diversity, sensitivity and understanding," said Spanier, who was previously provost at Oregon State University.

Affirmative action includes action-oriented programs that lead to hiring individuals in under-represented groups — specifically minorities and women, Spanier said.

Affirmative action progress "must permeate all of our planning and programming," because it leads to an environment of cultural and ethnic diversity that is beneficial to UNL, Spanier said.

"Our approach should be to have a system in place that provides an overall context for equal opportunity," he said, "and then within that context provides for an aggressive affirmative action program."

Spanier said he is planning an administrative fellow internship program for "interested individuals from groups historically underrepresented in the university leadership."

The program will allow these individuals to "sample administration without making an irreversible career shift," Spanier said.

He also said he has plans to establish a "board of visitors for multicultural affairs."

This board of "one dozen of the state's most eminent citizens" will assess and advise the university on its multicultural progress, he said.

Spanier said UNL, so far, has made

only "modest progress" in the advancement of minorities and women.

"I am especially surprised by the relatively small proportion of women on the faculty at UNL," he said. "I

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will wish to learn more about the climate for women on campus and to review policies relating to day care, family leave and employee benefits."

But for any program implementation to happen, Spanier said, changes in the administrative structure of the

university need to be made.

The need for these changes was evident in the recent budget-cut discussions, he said.

"I did not want to be here even one day without saying that I have been disturbed by the divisive, adversarial nature of the budget discussions of the last few weeks," he said. "This is no way to govern a university."

"We must never let financial setbacks deter us from taking the long-term view."

Spanier said he would be addressing the university community specifically about the budget issue in a few weeks.

The budget cuts are in response to a legislative mandate to cut 3 percent of the university's budget in the next two years.

Specific changes in the administration planned by Spanier include the creation of a senior vice chancellor for academic affairs to be the chief academic officer and to fill in for the chancellor in his absence, and retirement.

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- Main points in Spanier's speech
- Wants to guide UNL toward greater cultural diversity and make affirmative action a priority
 - Has plans to establish a "board of visitors for multicultural affairs" to assess and advise UNL on its multicultural progress
 - Plans on being more in touch with students' needs by attending student government meetings and meeting with student leaders
 - Plans on creating new positions within the administration and delegate more to the vice chancellors, who should be given more budgetary responsibilities
 - Said he is "strongly committed" to installing modern student systems to improve student services

Brian Shellito/DN

Peace medal to be returned to Pawnees

By Jean Lass
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska State Historical Society agreed Friday to return a peace medallion to the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, an attorney for the tribe said.

Robert Peregoy, attorney for the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo., said the historical controversy started when archaeologist A.T. Hill found the King George III peace medallion while digging up Indian graves during the 1920s.

Peregoy said the medallion was given to a Pawnee chief by the British government in the 18th century to win the Pawnees' allegiance during conflicts with the French and the American colonies.

When the chief died, the Pawnees buried the medallion with him as a spiritual rite, Peregoy said.

Hill claimed ownership of the medallion and loaned it to the society, Peregoy said. When Hill died, he passed ownership to his only surviving daughter, Alethea Hill Peterson of California.

Peterson has relinquished ownership and told the society to return the medal to its rightful owners so it could be reburied, Peregoy said.

"The Hill family claimed ownership of the medallion, but common law says no one can own a burial good," Peregoy said. "It belongs to the Pawnee tribe — the collective descendants of the deceased Pawnees."

Gail DeBuse-Potter, the director of collections at the historical society, said the medallion's estimated worth is between \$2,000 and

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Michelle Paulman/DN

Bill Shepard, a maintenance worker for the Athletic Department, plows snow off the Memorial Stadium field on Saturday.

Weather ices campus, travel plans

By Adeana Leftin
Senior Reporter

A vicious cycle of snow, snow plowing and snow entrapment caused several problems on campus over the weekend, the director of UNL landscape services said.

Wilbur Dasenbrock said wind on Friday trapped several parked cars in high drifts of snow on campus, which prevented effective snow removal.

Ice also prevented removal because the snow stuck to the ice, Dasenbrock said. Crews worked from 2 a.m. until noon on Friday and from 10 a.m. until late afternoon on Sunday to clear parking lots, sidewalks and streets, he said. What the crews couldn't remove was sanded.

John Marker, operational manager of the custodial division, agreed.

He said steps and entrances on the north sides of buildings were covered with two to three inches of ice. As many as 600 man-hours have been spent since Thursday to make buildings accessible, Marker said.

"I think the campus should be quite

passable in the morning if people exercise caution," he said.

While the snow kept many at work, it kept others from play.

Many Cornhusker fans were prevented from making the trek to Boulder, Colo., for the Nebraska-Colorado football game because of snow- and ice-covered roads.

Amy Kamphaus, a sophomore general studies major whose road trip was cancelled at the last minute, said she tried to make the best of the situation. Kamphaus opened her room to her residence hall floormates for viewing the game on television.

"We screamed and yelled as if we were at the game," she said. "I enjoyed watching in the comfort of my own room ... away from the cold and blowing wind and not in the company of obnoxious Colorado fans."

Her plans to attend the game were cancelled because of the closing of Interstate 80. Kamphaus said she couldn't get to Grand Island to meet her ride.

"I've never listened to the Weather Channel so much as I did in the last couple of days," she said.

Devon Liston, a senior agronomy major, spent most of Friday morning listening to weather reports before setting out for Colorado with a friend that afternoon.

At the Crete exit of Interstate 80, Liston said, he was directed by a state patrolman onto Highway 34. Farther down the road when he tried to pass a semi-trailer, Liston's car became high-centered on a snowdrift.

A friend following him drove Liston to a nearby farmhouse before taking a wrong turn and ending up in a ditch. After helping the farmer dig out his tractor, they rode with him to pull the car out of the ditch. But when they tried to remove Liston's car, the tractor pulled off the bumper and the farmer abandoned them.

A passing snowplow finally pulled the car out but slid into a ditch.

They turned around and made their way back to Henderson to visit some friends.

Liston said he is a little envious of those who made it through to Boulder, "but I wouldn't want to be where they are, trying to get back."

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