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The Apollo 009 capsule, displayed outside Morrill Hall for nearly 20 years, now sits alongside tractors in an East Campus warehouse used by Landscape Services.

Apollo 009 waits for restoration

By Adeana Leftin
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Deterioration of the Apollo 009 spacecraft has slowed but hasn't stopped, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln official said.

Hugh Genoways, director of museums, said UNL was doing all it could to save the craft, but few options remained to renovate the capsule.

The Apollo 009 was outside the Nebraska State Museum for nearly 20 years. It suffered damage from humidity and extreme temperatures before it was moved indoors in January.

Last year, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, Kan.,

offered to give UNL \$1.5 million in space artifacts in exchange for the capsule.

But the NU Board of Regents decided last December to keep the Apollo 009 in Nebraska. It was put indoors on East Campus to protect it from another Nebraska winter.

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk said storing the capsule would give regents time to decide whether to restore it, without worrying about further deterioration.

Genoways said last week that he didn't know what plans the university had for the craft.

"(The cosmosphere officials) wanted the opportunity to display the renovated capsule," he said. "But since there is no capsule to renovate, we

can't do anything." Genoways said the cosmosphere lost the funding it needed to restore the capsule. The only option left now, he said, is for UNL to pay the estimated \$400,000 to move the Apollo 009 to the cosmosphere and have it restored.

"There really isn't anybody else qualified to do it," he said.

The capsule is being stored in the Landscape Services east warehouse, the only building on campus big enough to hold it.

The craft is checked periodically to see if it is still there and still in the same shape, Genoways said, but the public can't view it.

"It's not serving any purpose," he said.

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Free testing now available for sexual assault victims

By Deb McAdams
Staff Reporter

This fall, the University Health Center will begin providing free and confidential testing for victims of sexual assault.

Kunle Ojikutu, the center's director, said he hoped the service encouraged sexual assault victims to come forward.

The service is part of the Rape Education Project, a joint program with the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska and the Women's Center, he said.

If victims want to press charges in a sexual assault, Ojikutu said, they will be encouraged to go to Lincoln General Hospital for more detailed testing. The health center will cover the testing fees.

The health center also will offer a reorganized Counseling and Psychological Services department to students this fall.

The department is the result of an integration of the health center's mental health department and the university's Counseling Center, Ojikutu said.

The department's services include counseling and therapy for personal concerns, anxiety, depression, relationships, eating disorders, sexual identity, communication skills, life planning and stress management. Workshops and support groups will

be offered throughout the year.

Appointments are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with hours extended to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The first three sessions will be free. Subsequent visits, up to 24, will cost \$10 an hour. More than 25 sessions will cost \$30 an hour.

A counselor is on call for emergency or crisis situations.

Also new this year are free hepatitis-B immunizations for health aides. Health aides are students who provide non-emergency aid in residence halls, fraternities and sororities.

The health center is offering the immunization to comply with federal occupational health and safety regulations, Ojikutu said. The cost of the immunization is about \$116.

The health center also is trying to expand its urgent care services, Ojikutu said.

Student fees cover visits to basic-care physicians or nurses. Visits to specialists, tests, X-rays and prescriptions will cost significantly less than in the private sector, Ojikutu said.

In addition to regular medical services, the health center has a physical therapy department, dental services, a dietary and nutrition section, a radiology lab, a pharmacy and a visiting ophthalmologist.

Students may request testing for sexually transmitted diseases or AIDS at the health center. Blood is drawn at the health center, then sent away for analysis. But Ojikutu recommends students go to the County Health Department for these types of tests.

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