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Cloudy today, chance of showers increase tonight. Tomorrow, continued clouds and cooler.

Athletic director trades Ducks for Huskers

By Stacey McKenzie
Senior Reporter

EUGENE, Ore. — Bill Byrne stands in his corner office and points out the window and across the road to two football practice fields.

The fields were a parking lot before Byrne became athletic director at the University of Oregon in 1984.

But when he saw that a local club was making money off the university by selling the lot on game days, he convinced the county to lease the land to the university for \$1 a year.

Such improvements to the University of Oregon sent a signal to UNL

Oregon's Bill Byrne to head department Nov. 1; was appointed to position in June

when it began its search for a new athletic director to replace Bob Devaney. In June, a search committee appointed Byrne to the position.

Byrne was in Lincoln this weekend, but he said that until he takes over at UNL Nov. 1, his mind will be more on the Ducks than on the Cornhuskers.

One of Byrne's last projects at Oregon—the Len Casanova Athletic Center—is near completion. He calls it his "baby."

The state-of-the-art center is adja-

cent to the football stadium and houses the university's athletic staff.

The \$12-million center is a mass of brown brick and sparkling glass. It gleams against the Oregon skyline as proof that Byrne knows how to create and raise money for quality athletic facilities.

Before Byrne tackles his job at UNL, he said he would research Nebraska. The Nebraska Blue Book and a large folder filled with information about UNL are on his reading list.

Some differences in the two schools' programs are obvious, he said.

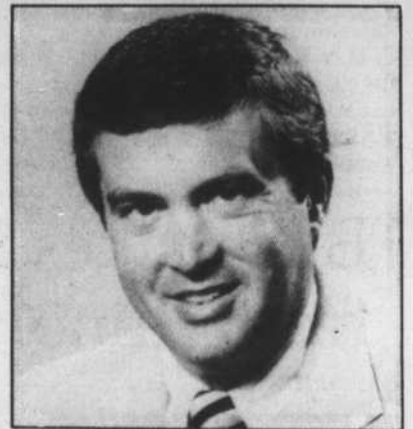
Byrne had to open up offices in major Oregon cities and work with mayors to generate support for the university's athletic programs.

"I felt that we needed the entire state to support this institution," he said.

UNL already has strong statewide support, he said.

Although it is filling up more than it used to, Oregon's football stadium is only a little more than half the size of UNL's, Byrne said.

UNL has filled its 73,650-seat



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Byrne



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Happy Birthday, Nebraska!

Nebraska's first lady Diane Nelson and Governor Ben Nelson prepare to light the cake during opening ceremonies of the Q125 Birthday Bash at the Capitol Saturday afternoon.

Spanier lists recycling as chief priority

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

Recycling old cans, bottles and newspapers and attracting foreign students are among UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's top priorities for the coming academic year.

Spanier announced plans for a campuswide recycling program Friday during his State of the University address to UNL staff and faculty members at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

"My goal is to make UNL the state's leader in recycling of paper, plastics, waste and other items," he said.

The comprehensive program would be based on national models, he said, and would rely heavily on recommendations of the UNL Recycling Task Force.

After the initial year, Spanier said, costs of the program—including the salary of a newly appointed recycling coordinator—would be paid for with savings achieved by recycling.

Spanier also announced that UNL will participate in a program that will encourage black South Africans to pursue their graduate studies at UNL. The program is sponsored by the United Nations Educational and Training Program for Southern Africa.

Funds for the program were set aside to provide initial financial support for the first students, who would join UNL next fall, Spanier said.

Spanier said he also would place "a very high priority" on improving UNL's deteriorating infrastructure. Several classrooms and other spaces on UNL's campus were renovated over the summer. The renovation of spaces in the future, as well as health and safety issues,

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Lied Center records surplus; will be applied to lower debt

By Susie Arth
Senior Reporter

The Lied Center for Performing Arts has taken its first major step toward financial success, the center's director said last week.

Robert Chumbley announced Thursday that the Lied Center recorded a \$71,896 budget surplus for the 1991-92 operational year.

"A surplus of any kind, let alone a surplus as high as this one, in these economic times is extraordinary," he said.

Chumbley said the year's profits would be applied to the center's debt, which has accumulated over previous years.

The debt has been reduced to \$523,673, he said.

Chumbley credited increased ticket sales, his staff and support from the University of Nebraska Foundation for the financially successful year.

In addition, the Friends of Lied, a fund-raising group, exceeded its goal of support for the Lied Center by \$25,000, he said.

Because the Lied Center depends on public support, Chumbley said, it is difficult to predict whether it will be able to continue its financial success.

"The vast majority of income is based on the public's whim to buy tickets," he said.

But Chumbley said he believed

the Lied Center would continue to make financial progress.

The Lied Center recently completed its most successful season subscription campaign, he said, with sales of \$698,861—a 44 percent increase over last year.

New marketing and promotional activities give the Lied Center a chance to make money every year, he said.

The Friends of Lied's membership has increased, and the group has planned fund-raising activities, he said. This support will help the Lied Center remain viable.

"The Lied Center is structured and functions in such a way to allow us the opportunity to do well financially every year," he said.

Lied Center finances

OCT 25th completed its most successful season subscription campaign. Presents an evening with **11% increase over last year.**

OCT 25th Campaign sales of \$698,861

OCT 25th debt reduced to \$523,673

OCT 25th budget surplus of \$71,896

at 8:00 p.m.

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