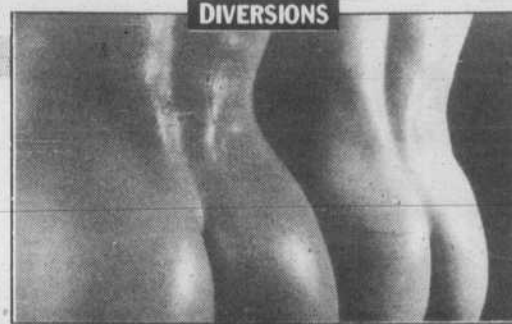


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Partly sunny today, clearing by tonight. Tomorrow, a little warmer.

Hunt for athletic director ruffles NU fans

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Staff Reporter

Spanier calls fervor, not interest, surprising

This summer, Graham Spanier got his first taste of Nebraska football supporters and their zeal.

Spanier, who took over in November as UNL chancellor, came under the fire of some Cornhusker boosters during UNL's search for a new athletic director.

The committee searching for candidates to replace retiring athletic director Bob Devaney failed to include Al Papik, assistant athletic director of compliance at UNL, in its list of finalists to Spanier, who made the final decision.

Spanier said some football boosters were upset by the committee's decision and pressured him to choose Papik despite a pledge he had made to

choose from among the committee's recommendations.

Nebraska head football coach Tom Osborne and Devaney supported Papik in the initial stages of the search process.

When Spanier selected Bill Byrne, athletic director at the University of Oregon, more criticism was raised. Spanier was at Oregon State University before he came to UNL.

A reporter with the Omaha World-Herald requested a copy of his phone records to make sure he had not secretly been in touch with Byrne, Spanier said.

"They were wanting to check out a theory that I really knew this guy well and somehow, because of prior con-

nections, he was my choice," he said. He said the request later was dropped.

Of the three finalists who were recommended to him by the search committee, Spanier said, Byrne was the highest rated by UNL coaches' and boosters' evaluations.

Coaches and boosters from almost every sport participated in the evaluation interviews, he said. Football boosters declined to participate.

"We wanted very much for (football boosters) to be involved in the interviews, to help us identify the final choice, but they did not," he said.

Spanier said he received about 100 responses to his selection of Byrne. Most were positive, he said, but some

football boosters made it clear they did not approve of his choice.

"Some of the mail I got talked of athletics being the only thing they cared about — and that's a little disappointing," he said. "But again, that's just a few people."

"A majority of people were supportive."

Spanier said that he was not surprised by the amount of attention the search for a new athletic director generated, but he was surprised by the emotion in some of the responses.

"It did not surprise me that there was that much interest in the search, but some of the letters... Some of the mail I got, I was surprised by the intensity of it," he said.

Byrne has been president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, chairman of the Pac-10 Executive Committee and in 1985 was named national Fundraiser of the Year by the National Athletic Fundraisers Association.

Spanier said he considered Byrne the most qualified candidate for the job in the country willing to come to UNL. He predicted Byrne would do an excellent job.

"This guy is going to do great things for us in athletics," he said.

"There are some challenges, some very significant challenges ahead in inter-collegiate athletics, not just in Nebraska, but nationally.

"And here's a guy who is very forward looking and knows how to get on top of it."

ASUN directs GLC to lobby against cuts

By Angie Brunkow
Staff Reporter

ASUN directed its Government Liaison Committee Wednesday to gear up for the threat of budget cuts.

Andy Sigerson, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said the Legislature and governor have asked UNL and other state agencies to prepare plans to cut their budgets by 10 percent to make up for a \$212 million shortfall.

Sigerson said GLC will have to work hard to convince the Legislature not to cut UNL's funding.

Andrew Loudon, speaker of the senate, also questioned UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier's plan to hire a full-time recycling coordinator, especially since budget cuts might be on the horizon. The recycling coordinator would be paid \$44,000 a year.

The university is considering paying for the

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Erik Unger/DN

Back-to-school blues

Jim Nelson, a third-year sophomore from Aurora, stands in line Wednesday during drop/add. Nelson, who hasn't declared a major, said he spent 1 1/2 hours trying to fill his class schedule.

UNL gears up for campuswide recycling plan

Funds allocated for first year of enterprise

By Kathryn Borman
Staff Reporter

After nearly three years in formation, the recycling movement has become a priority of UNL's administration.

Mike Mulnix, executive director of University Relations, said the plan still was in the initial stages, and it would be a month before a proposal would be submitted to UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier.

"We do know that the university generates thousands of pounds of paper and cans," he said. "The administration must work harder to make it easier for people to recycle."

When Spanier presented the recycling plan Aug. 20 during his State of the University address, he said he would like to make the University of Nebraska-Lincoln a state leader in recycling waste.

He also said he expected UNL's program to be self-supporting after the first year.

Funds have been allocated to pay for the program's first year, including a full-time coordinator position, Mulnix said, but he does not know the amount of funding.

Jack Goebel, vice chancellor for business and finance, has been appointed by Spanier to formulate the campuswide recycling plan.

Mulnix said a lot of groundwork already had been laid by the UNL Recycling Task Force. The committee initially met in 1990 and then reconvened in 1992 to review its recommendations at Goebel's request.

Bud Dasenbrock, director of UNL's Landscape Services, served as leader of the task force. He said the committee supported the chancellor's plan to appoint a coordinator for recycling.

"It's pleasing to the people most involved in the effort," Dasenbrock said. He predicted that different campus entities, such as the Office of University Housing and the City and East Campus unions, would value the direction and support of the recycling coordinator.

Dasenbrock said some difficulties might arise in implementing the program in academic departments. Faculty and staff, as well as those who do the sorting, must know how to prop-

erly separate the recyclable materials.

Most universities with recycling programs advertise for interested buyers of the waste and then take the highest bidder, as with other government contracts, Dasenbrock said. He expected that UNL would apply a similar policy, although the specifics may vary, such as whether the university or the recycling company would sort, bale and package the materials, he said.

Dasenbrock also said aspects such as the purchase of recycling containers and docks and campuswide training and supervision would factor into the program's cost.

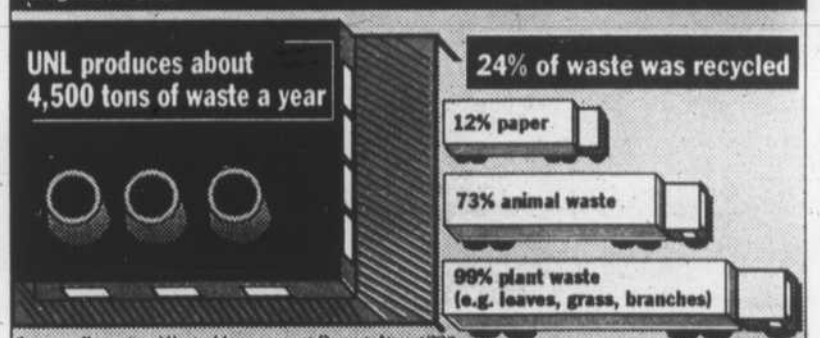
"It may cost a good amount," Dasenbrock said. He estimated the start-up cost could range from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

"If there is a simple search for the best way to recycle," he added, "it may be relatively inexpensive."

Dasenbrock said Landscape Services recycles its gardening waste for fertilizer, which requires some cost but eliminates the need to buy outside fertilizer. This practice is similar to Spanier's proposal to finance campuswide recycling.

UNL recycling

All figures for 1990



Source: Recycling Waste Management Report, Nov. 1990

Scott Mauer/DN

Jeff Riggert, recycling coordinator for Ecology Now, served on the Recycling Task Force with Dasenbrock. He described the committee as a group of faculty, staff and students working together to accomplish a lot with little funding.

Riggert said most of the pilot projects that existed for campus recycling were good but not well-coordinated.

"A central nervous system, central coordination, would do wonders for recycling on campus," he said.

Ideally, Riggert said, he would like to see comprehensive recycling available, with receptacles for cans, bottles and newspaper and office paper wherever trash cans are located on campus.

He also would like to see fewer trash locations across campus, he said, with some of the current trash cans converted to recycling containers. This would allow the university to buy fewer receptacles for waste.

Ecology Now was formed in April

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