

Convention ends without big changes

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A gathering of university officials from across the country met in Dallas at the 87th NCAA convention last week without rocking the boat of college athletics, two UNL officials said.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier said the convention mainly involved minor changes.

"Nothing passed this year that will have a profound effect on us at Nebraska," he said. "Much of it was fine-tuning of earlier programs."

Spanier said the most important change was the group's decision to begin a process of certification for athletic departments.

The new rule calls for universities to do a self-evaluation of its athletic department every five years to determine how well it is fulfilling an athlete's needs both in the classroom and in athletics.

The accreditation would go into effect in 1994.

Following the self-evaluation, an NCAA team would review the school's findings.

UNL, he said, is already familiar with the certification process because it acted as a pilot institution in an NCAA study conducted last year.

"The measure requires athletic programs to go through the same kind of institutional program reviews that we have had for a long time in the academic arena," Spanier said.

An additional issue at the convention was gender equity, Spanier said.

Although little of the legislation dealt with gender equity specifically, Spanier said, the issue was repeatedly debated at the convention.

The group, he said, found it difficult to agree on the definition of gender equity.

Some officials argued that women's sports should receive 50 percent of athletic funds because 50 percent of students at universities are females.

However, no women's sport requires as many scholarships as a football program, he said.

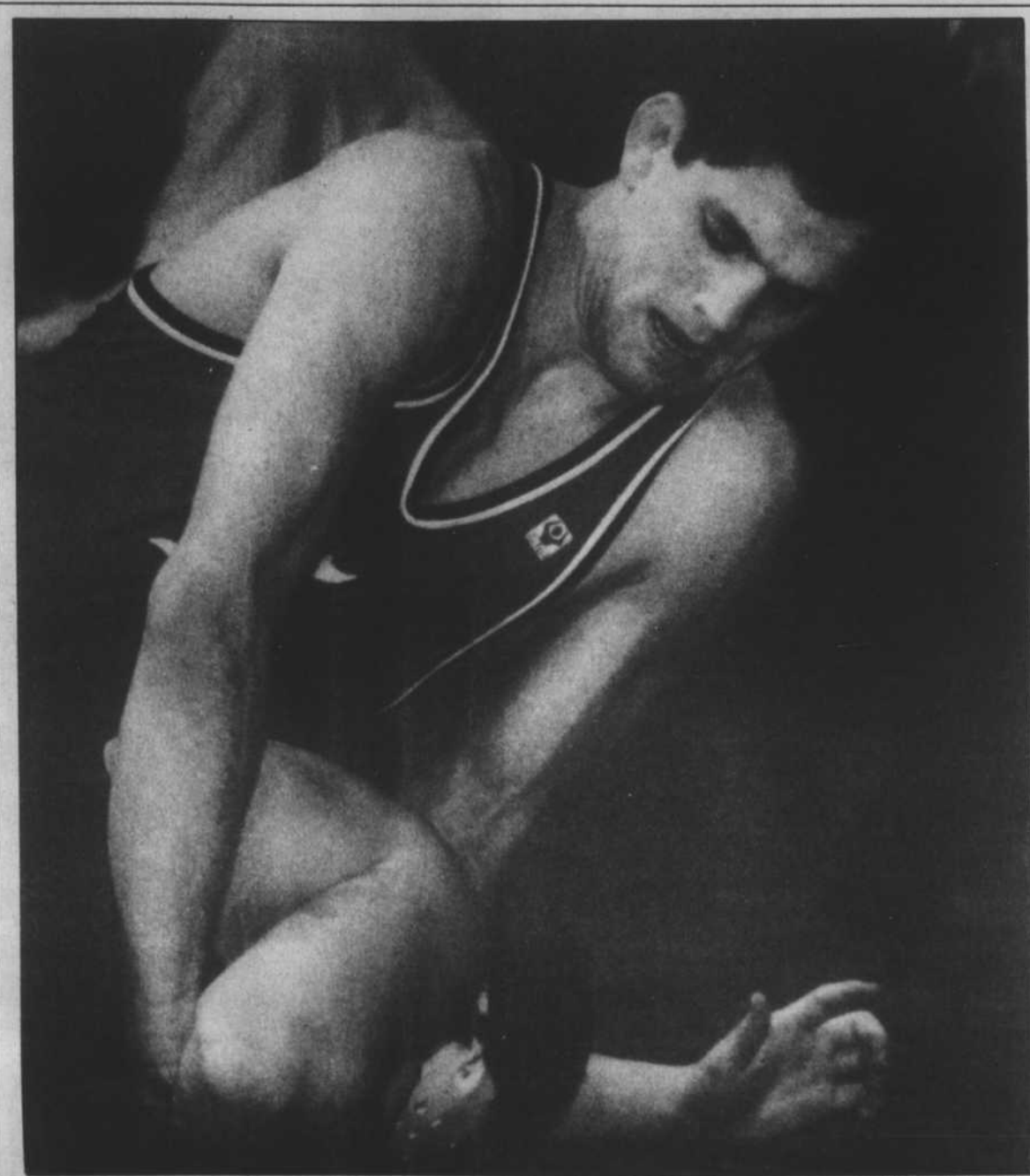
"Some proposals just aren't workable in the current context of how we operate," he said. "We do support more athletic opportunities for women, but not at the expense of the men's teams."

Al Papik, assistant athletic director for administrative services, said a proposal to delay the reduction of scholarships allotted for women's basketball was passed "under a guise of gender equity."

Papik said several other decisions were handed down that dealt with men's basketball programs.

A proposal to delay a one-scholarship cut for men's basketball pro-

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Nebraska's Matt Lindland wrestles in a meet earlier this season. The Cornhuskers will host the National Dual Meet Championships starting Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

Weekend's wrestling match to be toss-up, coaches say

By Tim Pearson
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Coaches whose wrestling teams will participate in this weekend's National Dual Meet Championships at the NU Coliseum rate the tournament as a toss-up between several teams.

"No one in the field sticks out like a sore thumb," Iowa coach Dan Gable said. "It'll be a very interesting tournament."

Penn State coach John Fritz agreed.

There's no clear-cut favorite in the tournament, he said.

"It's a real balanced field," Fritz said. "All the teams probably think

National Dual Meet Championships

• Saturday-Sunday, NU Coliseum
Finals: 4 p.m. Sunday

• Top Ten Teams Participating:
Iowa, Penn State, Arizona State,
Iowa State, Nebraska, Northern
Iowa, Ohio State

they can win."
"We'll just have to shut up and wrestle," Fritz said.

Seven of the top 11 teams in the nation (Iowa, Penn State, Arizona State, Iowa State, Nebraska, Northern Iowa and Ohio State) will be in the tournament.

Iowa, the two-time defending national champion, is the favorite, said Thom Ortiz, Iowa State assistant coach.

"Definitely Iowa's the favorite, but Penn State will be tough," he said. "And Ohio State has got all of their guys back."

Gable said the No. 1 ranking would give most people the opinion that the Iowa Hawkeyes are the favorite.

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Nee calls game with Division I team risky

By Jeff Singer
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Playing a 1-16 team in the middle of the season would seem like a gift to most men's basketball coaches.

But it's one present Nebraska coach Danny Nee would rather do without.

Sacramento State, a Division I independent that has registered one win all year, comes to the Bob Devaney Sports Center at 7:05 p.m. to battle the 11-5 Cornhuskers.

Nee said even though his team would be playing the Hornets tonight, he was not too happy about it.

"There's no good place for a Sac State to fit in," Nee said. "It's a game we have to play, and it's a very dangerous game."

Nee's concern with Sacramento State comes after Georgia Tech was upset last week 84-67 by College of Charleston.

The Nebraska coach said he didn't want a repeat performance of what happened in Atlanta by another Division I independent.

"I use College of Charleston against Georgia Tech — I have nightmares about it," Nee said. "But with the openings in the schedule, it's a game we have to play and we have to win."

The Huskers are hoping to break a two-game losing streak as well as to register their 200th win at the Devaney Center. Nebraska is 8-0 at home so far this season.

Nee said although the Hornets were big underdogs heading into tonight's game, his team would play Sacramento State just like it would any other opponent.

The game will also serve as a tuneup for upcoming Big Eight games against Kansas and Colorado.

"We're going to try to do the things that we're going to do on Saturday and Monday," he said. "Play through the game, have practice through the game and do the things we want to work against K-State and Colorado."

Rebounding has been a concern for the Huskers, as they have been outrebounded 42.5 to 34 per game so far in their Big Eight season.

Nee said it was important for Nebraska to cure its recent rebounding woes, and that a good place to start would be against Sacramento State.

"Rebounding's been kind of an Achilles' heel all the way out since the early part of the season," Nee said. "I think the first thing is to make a real emphasis on offensive rebounding — send three or four guys to the board, do a better job of boxing out."

The Huskers should be able to accomplish their rebounding goals against the Hornets. Nebraska's front court (forwards Eric Piatkowski and

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Conversation, clippers cut down Cornhuskers

As far as haircuts go, it was terrible.

As far as barbershop talk goes, it was even worse.

And if you could see my hair underneath my big, bad ball cap, you'd know how bad it was.

Let's just say this barber was a real cut-up. And I'm still bleeding.

Normally, though, I enjoy a little sports talk with my hair chop. After all, talking smack and barbers mix just about as well as the red and white stripes on the old pole outside.

Just give this guy the cut and some pleasant conversation.

I could do without the comedy routine.

Sure enough, though, I got it Saturday.

The conversation started out innocently enough.

"So where do you go to school?" the barber, who we'll call Bob, asked.

"UNL," I said. Normally, that leads to the question "What are you majoring in?" and a clever comment like "I suppose you minor in girls."

We always get a few kicks out of that.

But this barber buzzed a new direction in barbershop talk.

"So you're a Cornshucker," Bob said.

"Um, yeah," I said, hoping Bob was just doing that tricky little switch where you mix the letters and mess up the pronunciation of your favorite team's nickname.

That's always good for a few giggles.

But Bob quickly got serious. "I don't know why they couldn't



Todd Cooper

come up with a better nickname than that. Something that matches the state.

"You know, something like the 'Florida (State) Seminoles' or the 'Miami Hurricanes.' At least that makes sense because Miami has hurricanes, you know."

I wanted to point out the flaw in Bob's argument.

I wanted to say, "You know, Bob, I didn't see any Seminoles when I was in Florida for this year's Orange Bowl."

"And besides, if you really think about it, Bob, there's bound to be

more Cornhuskers in Nebraska than Seminoles in Florida or hurricanes in Miami."

But then I remembered who held the clippers.

I think it's an unwritten rule of barber shops: Either laugh at their comedy clips or get cut.

I must not have laughed hard enough.

Bob continued.

"But at least they didn't call us the prairie dogs or the prairie chickens or something like that."

Good point, Bob.

"Or it could've been the Nebraska Grouse."

Um, excuse me? Come again? Nebraska who?

Unfortunately, I didn't have to ask. "The Nebraska Grouse," Bob beamed at his creative reference to, as

I later found out, a pheasant-like bird.

"That would really be terrible."

Couldn't be as bad as this conversation.

But Bob kept on joking and cutting, babbling and buzzing.

Don't ask how, but our conversation switched to I-back Derek Brown's decision to turn pro. Bob said he didn't blame Brown for quitting school to dash for dollars.

For some reason, I had a feeling that Bob might have done the same thing a few years ago.

Besides, Bob bargained that Calvin Jones would now run for 2,000 yards each of the next two seasons.

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