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Spanier begins year with speech

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

The student body will be welcomed back to the university with open arms this fall in the form of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier's "State of the University" address.



Spanier

The hour-long speech will begin at 8:30 a.m. on August 20 and will be open to students, faculty, staff and interested members of the public.

The speech will allow the chancellor the opportunity to look over past events at the university and then focus on the future of the institution, Spanier said.

"I hope to review some of the important developments at the university this past year,

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Damon Lee/DN

Sign of the Times

Nebraska split end Corey Dixon signs autographs for some Cornhusker admirers during Wednesday's annual football Photo Day. Dixon and his teammates will begin their hunt for a third-straight Big Eight title in their season opener Sept. 4 against North Texas.

UNL Boxing Club in question after dismissal

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

The status of the boxing club at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln continues to be in limbo nearly one year after it was dismissed as a Campus Recreation-sponsored program.

The cancellation of UNL's program was part of a growing trend nation-wide due to liability concerns and health risks, said Stan Campbell, director of Campus Recreation.

A report issued by the American Medical Association detailed the high danger level of the sport, and after discussion with University Health Center and UNL risk management officials, the decision was made to eliminate the UNL program, Campbell said.

"With those opinions and checking with other Big Eight universities, we felt it was

prudent that it was not an activity in harmony with our mission for campus recreation for the university," he said.

The boxing club gained negative publicity after its former advisor, Clifford Walton, resigned from the university amid allegations of third-degree sexual assault.

"Since they had not completed all the paper work the practices were unauthorized so we took an opportunity when they no longer had an advisor," Campbell said. "We felt that was an appropriate time to evaluate the status."

Boxing club president Dave Merritt said after the assault allegations became public, the club's problems began to surface.

"It affected the organization of (the club)," Merritt said. "People at campus recreation started to try to tell us what we needed to do."

Merritt, a senior anthropology major, said the ruling that the sport was too dangerous was

ridiculous.

"If you ever go to a football game, you know that's ludicrous," he said.

Dr. Russell LaBeau, health center medical director, said although football was dangerous, boxing was more risky because of repeated head trauma.

"Boxing is different in where you aim for the head or a knockout," he said. "I've been a ringside physician in boxing matches. I think boxing for spectators is an exciting sport, as far as athletes themselves. From a health professional's standpoint it shouldn't exist because the object is to maim somebody."

One option left for the boxing club is to become a recognized student organization, said Leah Hall Dorothy, coordinator of campus recreation sport clubs and special programs.

Kim Hobson, UNL student organization consultant, said the boxing club was planning

to work with the Association of Students at the University of Nebraska in the fall to get their status resolved.

"They do meet the requirements and they have a staff advisor and a constitution approved by ASUN," she said.

The boxing club's new advisor, Mostafa Khattab, an assistant professor of construction management, could not be reached for comment.

The club's constitution was approved by ASUN in January 1991, Hobson said. Since the club is no longer on the campus recreation sports council, students involved in the club have been in contact with the office for student organizations, Hobson said.

"At that time, they came to me and said we are no longer on the sports council," she said. "That's when the question came up of what happens now when they've been dismissed."

Rebuilding Memorial Stadium

- Work completed to date, including inspection/analysis of section 14, shoring and removal of debris and west stadium maintenance: **\$98,485**
- Work in process, including overall stadium inspections, columns for south stadium cantilevers and west stadium sample waterproofing: **\$267,306**
- Total estimated cost for work completed and in process: **\$365,791**
- Estimated cost of work yet to be initiated, including Section 14 reconstruction and waterproofing of Memorial Stadium, not determined.



Source: UNL Facilities Management

Scott Monroe/DN

Stadium inspection yields safety

By Brian Sharp
Staff Reporter

The dust may have settled from the May 17 collapse of Memorial Stadium's section 14, but not all the questions have.

Representatives from both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a pair of engineering firms announced last week they expect the stadium to be filled this season, and there is no reason for concern.

"There is no reason to have any reservations about the structural integrity of Memorial Stadium," said Donald Meinheit, project manager for the Chicago-based WJE Associates

engineering firm.

Circumstances surrounding the collapse are still not clear, however.

"I don't know what caused it," said Kelton Bush, a structural engineer with Batheja and Associates, Inc. "There is virtually no possibility of it (another collapse) now."

Cracks like those that were partly blamed for the collapse could have occurred in a variety of ways, and probably grew because water leaked in and froze inside the cracks, Meinheit said. Eventually, the cracks grew to such length that the area had to carry the load in an unreinforced fashion, he said.

Current plans are to replace the

columns under sections 14 and 18, which were removed several years ago, add two more columns to sections 13 and 19 and add 360 stirrups, or vertical reinforcing, to areas throughout the stadium.

"If that (removing the columns) hadn't occurred, it wouldn't have collapsed," Bush said. "If a crack hadn't occurred, it wouldn't have collapsed."

Meinheit said the stadium was looked at very closely from top to bottom and some signs of aging and corrosion were found.

"This study is still underway," Meinheit said, "and we have not final-

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