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days with highs in the
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Green space won't hurt parking, Spanier says

By Alan Phelps
Senior Reporter

The idea of green space instead of parking spaces north of the Nebraska Union is just one small part of a large rethinking of campus parking, UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said Thursday.

"It's not just about one lot," he said. "It's really very broad." Spanier said the green space proposal, subject of student government opposition and environmentalist sup-

port, was part of a project to improve campus aesthetics while planning parking solutions for the next decade.

If approved, the green space would be constructed during the summer of 1994 for just under \$100,000, Spanier said. Lot 17A, one of two parking areas between the union and Bancroft Hall, would be torn up in favor of an open, grassy quadrangle, he said. The faculty parking spaces in the lot would be replaced in an area away from the center of campus.

Spanier said no spaces would be

eliminated until others had been found to replace them. In fact, the chancellor said he thought a preliminary analysis of campus parking, to be completed in October, would eventually result in more parking.

"Our plan is to come out with a significant net increase in parking space," he said.

Spanier said the university also was looking at making improvements to the plaza north of the union, including badly needed repairs to Broyhill Fountain. Plaza work probably would

be done through the Sheldon Art Gallery's privately financed outdoor art program, he said.

Spanier said he discussed the ideas Thursday with Keith Benes, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska. The discussion came one day after an ASUN meeting in which senators criticized the green space proposal.

Deb Silhacek, a senior speech communications major, was one of the authors of a bill opposing the green space plan. She said she and other

senators voted against putting a green space north of the union because of the cost, the fact that parking would be pushed farther away from campus and the cold Nebraska climate.

"If it's cold outside, you're not going to want to spend a lot of time outside," she said.

Silhacek said the senators thought the project would cost about \$1 million when everything, including lost parking revenue, was taken into ac-

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\$2 million worth of lottery tickets sold in 1st week

By Corey Russman
Staff Reporter

Sales for the first week of the Nebraska State Lottery exceeded \$2 million despite some technical problems, a state lottery official said Thursday.

From midnight Sept. 10, when sales began, to Monday morning, more than 1.1 million tickets were sold, Brian Rockey, public information officer with the Nebraska State Lottery, said.

Since then, more than 1.4 million tickets have been sold by the state's 1,200 vendors, Rockey said.

Lottery officials eventually hope to have more than 1,500 vendors in the state. Lottery officials already have approved more than 100 new vendors in the last few days, Rockey said.

But not all lottery ticket vendors are feeling the excitement of the game.

Robert Cothorn, manager of Laundry Land, 1344 N. 27th St., said that as of Friday, all Lincoln Laundry Land locations would no longer sell lottery tickets.

Cothorn said Laundry Land decided to discontinue its association with the lottery because ticket sales were less than expected.

Cothorn said he also was angered because the lottery sales were disproportionately hitting lower-income people.

"Lottery officials said most tickets would be sold to the middle class," Cothorn said. But that hasn't been the case, he said.

Laundry Land also experienced some problems with the validation systems — the automatic machines that scan tickets to see whether they are valid. All winning tickets must be validated, but many vendors don't know how to use the machine.

Instructing vendors on the proper use of the machines would solve most of the problems, Cothorn said.

"Most often, the tickets are bought and then scratched off at the retailer," Rockey said. This practice eliminates any question of the ticket's validity.

Nebraska is one of only four states using the new automated validation system, he said.

Despite the problems experienced by other vendors, Kristin Shriner, co-owner of The Coffee House, 1324 P St., said she was pleased with the lottery.

Shriner said The Coffee House sold more than 700 tickets, and the people buying tickets were of all ages 19 and over.

During the day, most tickets are bought by people who work in downtown Lincoln, Shriner said. At night, most tickets are purchased by students.

Rockey said the tickets were paying off. At least one person has claimed \$5,000, the lottery's largest prize. More than 10 people have claimed \$500, and more than 100 people have won \$100, he said.

Officials estimate the lottery will bring in more than \$8 million in its first year, he said, all of which is earmarked for improvements in the environment and education.



The Rev. Miguel d'Escoto, a former Nicaraguan foreign minister, spoke Thursday at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. D'Escoto's speech focused on religion and politics in U.S. and Nicaraguan relations.

D'Escoto emphasizes leading life of faith

By Neil Feldman
Staff Reporter

The Rev. Miguel d'Escoto touched on two taboo subjects at his lecture Thursday — religion and politics. But the emphasis was on religion.

D'Escoto spoke to about 800 people at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. D'Escoto's presentation, "Religion and Politics: United States Foreign Policy in Central America and Nicaragua," was the first of five in this year's E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

D'Escoto, an ordained priest of the Foreign Mission Society, said he believed society could unite if everyone would open their hearts to the Lord. He said humans were all brothers and sisters and that God was the mother and father of everyone.

D'Escoto's lecture had a strong Christian emphasis.

"Even the most hasty, superficial acquaint-

tance with the New Testament," d'Escoto said, "realizes that Christianity is strongly involved politically."

D'Escoto, who advocates peace and coexistence, stressed the importance of living a faithful life.

In his speech, d'Escoto also highlighted the global influence of Christianity.

It is a "transformation of the world," he said.

D'Escoto referred to a New Testament parable, "The Good Samaritan," as an example of how people should treat their rivals.

The parable also illustrates the simplicity of coming together as a people, he said.

But d'Escoto said a major problem in society was the break up of church and people, rather than church and state.

"Segregation within the church has become a focus of church people," he said.

D'Escoto, who founded the Nicaraguan Foundation for Integral Community Development, said he devoted much time to "funda-

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mentals of faith — love and peace" — in his effort to improve "basic human relations."

D'Escoto and the foundation helped house the homeless after the 1972 earthquake in Nicaragua.

The E.N. Thompson Forum, an annual lecture series in its sixth year, is a cooperative project of the Cooper Foundation and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Wilhite to help accident victim's family

By Jeff Zeleny
Senior Editor

Former Nebraska cornerback Kenny Wilhite signed a professional contract Thursday with the Sacramento Gold Diggers of the Canadian Football League.

Although details of the contract have not been worked out, Wilhite said part of his salary would help start a fund for 11-year-old Ann Quick, who was killed in an automobile accident in which Wilhite was involved.

Wilhite said in a telephone interview from St. Louis Thursday that he would help Quick's family in any way he could.

Cynthia MacPherson, Kathy Quick's attorney and sister, said the family was grateful to Wilhite for his concern, and only

wanted the best for him.

"I think it's commendable. Certainly the family would be very appreciative," she said. "None of us want anything but the best for Mr. Wilhite."

Wilhite was found guilty of careless and imprudent driving in connection with a July 6, 1992, accident in Platte County, Mo. Lorenzo Brinkley, now a senior linebacker, was a passenger in the vehicle.

Both were named in lawsuits filed by Quick's mother, Kathy. Wilhite was ordered to pay \$6.5 million in damages to Kathy Quick. Brinkley's \$100,000 lawsuit was paid by his mother's insurance company, State Farm Insurance.

Wilhite played his senior football season while the accident was under investigation, he said, which wasn't easy.

"It was tough," he said. "I was in the

accident, and a death occurred that was on my mind. I was feeling kind of at fault for the family.

"(But) I don't think it was my fault," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said the accident deeply bothered Wilhite.

"Kenny took it hard — he was under full depression," Osborne said. "He felt terrible about it. There wasn't anything to do to bring the girl back."

Wilhite said his family and the football team were the only people who knew about the accident. The accident was not made public until the Daily Nebraskan reported it Thursday.

"Coach Osborne and I felt it was the best for myself personally and for the team not to mention it," Wilhite said. "I wasn't going to make it public. It wasn't anyone else's business."