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Fee raise to finance shuttle, upgrades

By Melanie Brandert
Staff Reporter

Money generated from an increase in the price of parking permits will be used to fund a variety of new shuttle and bus services this year, the manager of UNL's transportation services said.

Mike Cacak said all money from parking fee increases would be spent on parking and related issues.

"All of the funds we receive from parking permits go right back into the parking system," he said.

This year the cost of parking permits doubled for some areas. For example, student commuters who park in Area 20 lots now pay \$96 a year instead of last year's \$58.

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MIKE CACAK

manager of transportation services

The money that transportation services will collect from the fee increases hasn't been figured, Cacak said. He said he hoped to know the total early next week.

Most funds generated from the increase would go to parking lot maintenance, Cacak said.

For about \$3 million, Cacak said, transportation services will pave additional faculty and student parking lots, install additional lighting and emergency blue phones in parking lots and make necessary repairs to parking lots.

However, transportation services will be unable to make all of the improvements and repairs this year, Cacak said, because only about \$300,000 is available for maintenance.

He said he would be satisfied if the department was able to spend \$300,000 each year for 10 years to complete the projects.

The rest of the money will go to new services, including the free busing service provided by StarTran.

The university signed a contract with StarTran for \$228,000 that lets students ride buses between between

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THAT'S THE TICKET



Michelle Paulman/DN

John Abolins, left, and Glenn Bennett, employees of Lincoln Tent and Awning, tighten the canvas of a new awning over the ticket windows at South Memorial Stadium. "Normally, it's not so hard," Bennett said, "but we figured folks ought to be able to read the words."

Rights appeal denied for Otey

By Brian Sharp
Senior Reporter

Harold Lamont Otey will petition the U.S. Supreme Court to hear his civil rights appeal Thursday, his attorney said.

Otey has appealed to the court five times in the past. Each time, the court has refused to hear the case.

Early Wednesday, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Otey's civil rights appeal by a vote of 2-1.

Otey's attorneys then filed a petition requesting a rehearing of the three-judge panel as well as a hearing of the whole U.S. Court of Appeals.

Both were denied in a 6-4 vote just before 5 p.m. Wednesday night.

Otey has been convicted of the rape and murder of Jane McManus of Omaha. His execution has been scheduled eight times.

Otey's civil rights action states a 1991 clemency hearing before the Nebraska Board of Pardons was unfair because he was denied the constitutional rights to due process and equal protection under the law.

Attorney General Don Stenberg was one of the three judges on that panel. The appeal states he should not have voted because he had worked to prosecute Otey.

Vince Powers, one of Otey's lawyers, said the late vote made it impossible to file the petition with the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., until Thursday morning.

Otey must get four of the nine justices to vote in favor of hearing the case.

"This is a separate issue than before," Powers said, referring to the courts previous refusals to hear Otey's appeals. "We'll just see what happens."

"The only thing that matters is if there's a stay in place at 11:30 (Thursday) night."

Powers would not comment on other possible appeals that could be filed.

Kirk Brown, assistant attorney general, said he expected Nebraska to have its first execution in 35 years at 12:01 a.m. Friday. He said he didn't know of anything else left for Otey beyond the U.S. Supreme Court.

"He's gone a lot of places and been told 'no' a lot of times," Brown said.

"If he does go somewhere else," he said, "we'll definitely be there to resist it."

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Racquetball is relaxing diversion for busy Chancellor

By Paula Lavigne
Senior Reporter

I thought playing tennis for eight years would have prepared me for the dizzying speed and high-paced return of racquetball, but it didn't even come close.

Worse yet, I was put to the test by a 21-year racquetball veteran with more than 2,000 games to his name — Graham Spanier.

Spanier, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor and racquetball expert, said the most challenging aspects of the game were concentration and position — two concepts I was struggling to master.

Spanier said people who have played handball, tennis or squash can usually pick up rac-

quetball with a little effort.

"I used to play handball when I was younger and my hand would always get swollen," he said. "The moment I played racquetball for the first time I traded in my handball gloves for a racquet and never went back."

Now, Spanier plays racquetball two times a week, depending on his busy schedule, which sometimes hinders his concentration.

"I'm usually on the court for 45 minutes. I go right from the office to play my game and rush back from the game for something else," he said.

"If I'm concentrating, I'm pretty good."

Position is the second factor in racquetball success.

"The ball is moving so quickly, if you don't have a good position, you lose points," he said.

I was a racquetball novice so concentration and position were further from my mind than chasing a little blue ball. Most of Spanier's regular opponents do not have this problem because they are experienced athletes.

Spanier plays about 12 UNL faculty and staff members including Stan Campbell, director of campus recreation; Capt. Frank Tryon, chairman of Naval Services; Wesley Sime, associate professor of health and human performance; and Terry Pettit, head women's volleyball coach.

"I like to play people who are about the same level as I am or a little better," Spanier said. "It's not that much fun if you win every point, and it's not that much fun if you lose every point."

Spanier said he did not like to play many people under age 40, either.

"Sometimes students will challenge me and they have more energy, but experience really counts for a lot in this game," he said. "It's what you have in your head."

Winning isn't as important as having fun, Spanier said. He usually wins one-third of the time. I think I increased his odds.

At the end of a game, Spanier said he and his opponent "say good game, shake hands and 'I'll see you next time.'"

"I don't play many people who are super-competitive where winning and losing is the primary thing in life. I play with people who want to have fun."

"I see people out here, after they lose a point,

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