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Parking woes

Spanier postpones talk of new garage

For now, it appears the erection of a parking garage on UNL's City Campus will be postponed indefinitely.

The issue, which was slated for discussion at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting, was pulled from the agenda by Chancellor Graham Spanier.

"Unfortunately, two of the entities that would become neighbors of the structure have reservations about the plan," Spanier said in a letter mailed to the board Thursday.

It is unfortunate that students, university employees and visitors will suffer while a "workable" plan is developed with the neighbors of the proposed structure.

Members and alumnae of Alpha Phi Sorority and the State Historical Society have cried the loudest over the creation of the garage. "What if homeless people milled around the garage?" members asked. "What if people look through our windows?" they continued.

Do the same thing every other person in a living unit does. One, be cautious and two, close your curtains.

About 65 Alpha Phi members and alumnae came to the ASUN meeting Wednesday to voice these concerns. We wonder where they parked.

Parking for students who are familiar with campus is a big enough nightmare. But expecting university visitors to walk or take a shuttle is ridiculous.

Maybe the university didn't pick the garage location that would make the most people happy. What else is new?

Students and the public disagree with bureaucrats daily. That generally doesn't keep the bureaucrats from making decisions.

Regardless of where the garage sits, there isn't time to dilly-dally around with this proposal any longer.

Quotes of the week

"Graham Spanier, by his actions, has generated a great deal of fear among those who do not agree with his personal philosophy and agenda."

— UNL Committee of Concerned Professors, in an anonymous document distributed

"It was one of the hardest games to coach, when you play choppy and so damn bad. ... It was an ugly-ass win."

— Nebraska coach Danny Nee, after beating Long Beach St.

"The standard of the Legislature should not parallel ... that exploitative and confederate standard of the NCAA."

— state Sen. Ernie Chambers, on the NCAA and paying Nebraska athletes

"I have some skills that I hope will be useful in their offense. I don't know how it will go, but obviously they have better athletes than anywhere in the country."

— Scott Frost, former Stanford quarterback, on his transfer to Nebraska

"The violent and most dangerous criminals are going to serve for a longer time."

— Gov. Ben Nelson, on his crime package

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Too much football

I would like to take this time to express my thorough disgust of the game of football, especially Nebraska football. Football is way too high on the priority list of the people of Nebraska. Many seem to identify with nothing else in life.

Industrial agribusiness is presently running the family farmer off the land, poisoning our groundwater with pesticides and irrigation and flushing our soil resources down the rivers to fatten cows for short-term gain. In the meantime, we're all making football priority No. 1.

Two nuclear time bombs exist in our state while we all watch football, and soon a nuclear-waste dump will be installed in Boyd County, overlying the world's largest clean groundwater reserve.

An innocent, unarmed man recently died at the hands of five police officers, and the public became angry that the grand jury had the audacity to even charge them with misdemeanor charges.

Even children are being abused and turned into criminals at a boys' reformatory in Kearney. Our environmental and social problems, statewide, nationally and worldwide, are accelerating, but we're too busy "partying." Go Cornhuskers! Imagine what a great world we'd be leaving our children if we terminated our apathy and spent our football time caring about something significant!

In addition, this is not really Nebraska football. A major percentage of the players are purchased and brought in from out of state. Also, the football players are given special treatment in college; they would have to try very hard to flunk out of school. I find it difficult to be a proud Cornhusker while academics continue to decline at the university. They should rename the game "moneyball," for that's what it's really all about. Go Cornhuskers!

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Biased reporting

Congratulations on the nice slanted journalism, ("ASUN vote opposes new parking garage," Jan. 12). The Senate discussed this issue for over an hour, and the way you "cover" the meeting is to make it sound like a bunch of whiny, spoiled sorority girls are only worried about homeless people being too close to them or perverts trying to look in their windows.

Then, because the Alpha Phis are all our close friends (after all, ASUN is all greek, right?), the Senate threw all logic and reason out the window and gave in to peer pressure.

Fact: This is not the only site that would pay for itself. How can the administration even determine that when the parking study only did a financial analysis of four of the 14 sites?

Fact: This site goes entirely against the concept of moving traffic out of the core of City Campus, a paramount point of the comprehensive plan.

Fact: A parking garage on this site will further congest vehicular

traffic flow and impede pedestrian traffic in the most dense area of the university.

And finally, Fact: NO ONE wants to live 15 feet away from a 400-plus-car parking structure, be it greeks, dormies, gypsies, burns or the Daily Nebraskan staff.

If you want to write an editorial, then use that page. Otherwise, start covering ASUN Senate meetings in a fair and unbiased manner.

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'Double-standard'

I see the Daily Nebraskan has chosen to criticize the "UNL Committee of Concerned Professors" for their anonymous document criticizing Graham Spanier's liberal agenda.

Why is it such a surprise that these professors would choose to remain unknown when their opinions very well might have a negative impact on their professional advancement?

I also wonder why the DN would question this anonymous report when, only a short time ago, it not only accepted, but continually publicized, a similar unsigned, unsubstantiated document alleging a "chilly climate" for women in the College of Business Administration.

The liberal double-standard of the Daily Nebraskan once again shows. Unsigned documents that fit in with the Daily Nebraskan's liberal ideas are accepted without question, while unsigned documents critical of Spanier's liberal agenda are doubted and demeaned.

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