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## **EPA praises improvements**

By Kasey Kerber Staff Reporter

Previous citations by the Environmental Protection Agency have cost the the University of Nebraska-Lincoln more than half a million dollars.

But the most recent EPA inspection brought only praise for UNL.

"To have no citations is very rare," said Dan Olsen Sr., UNL hazardous materials specialist. "Having taken part in EPA inspections in the past, I don't recall many inspections in which we didn't find at least something."

EPA representatives visit UNL twice a year, inspecting both City and East campuses. Last year alone, they gave UNL five citations.

The agency inspected City Campus in June and East Campus last week. The annual inspection yielded no citations; the agency had noth-

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day to build and manage a Ponca In-

dian Tribe gambling facility in Dou-

glas County, but a Nebraska official said it could legally offer only games

Florida Gaming Corp. of Fort

such as bingo.

ing but praise for the university's improvements.

James Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, said he was pleased with the inspection results. "The inspector was very satis-

"The inspector was very satisfied with our progress," he said. "She was even able to leave a day early because all record keeping was in order."

Many improvements were made to achieve the perfect inspection results.

Among them, Main cited immaculate record keeping, thorough training records of trained employees throughout the campus and the remodeling of a facility on East Campus that provides additional storage and office space.

Olsen also saw improvements in several areas.

"One significant reason we did well was because of the university community's awareness," he said.

Tribe moving to build bingo casino

casino that would offer bingo and other

Bogatz of the state Department of

Revenue's Charitable Gaming Divi-

"That's news to me," said Jim

OMAHA (AP) - A Florida com- referring to the planned facility as a

games

sion.

"If people in labs aren't careful in handling chemicals or leave lids loose and an inspector comes by we're looking at a citation.

"But everyone knew what needed to be done and complied." In the past, UNL didn't have the resources to correct problems cited

by the EPA, Olsen said. "It was hard to make changes." he said. "To put it in the terms of an English major, it's like writing a long document without having a spelling or grammatical checker. "Then you hand that draft to the

"Then you hand that draft to the EPA, and they find the errors. That was pretty much what we were dealing with."

Main said the recent inspection promised a brighter future.

"This is very positive," he said. "For starters, it keeps us out of court. The whole ordeal was simply a matter of being attentive to what the regulations were and making changes to adhere to them."

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bling is another matter. It is not legal

tribal officials. Ponca sources could

neither confirm or deny that an agree-

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Leitzel

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Leitzel's duties will be the dedication of the George W. Beadle Center for Genetics and Biomaterials Research and the implementation of the new general education program.

She, like Spanier, also will attend the Academic Senate and NU Board of Regents meetings.

Before Spanier left, he faced criticism from some members of the board, namely Regent Robert Allen of Hastings. Leitzel has not encountered any problems with the regents, she said.

"I've gotten good support from members of the board," she said. "However, I have not proposed any controversial issues."

Allen said he had not felt the intimidation with Leitzel that he felt with Spanier.

"She's a talented gal," Allen said. "She's very talented, but I regret that she had to be part of the Spanier world."

Allen said Leitzel's involvement with Spanier hurt her chances of being chancellor.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln declined to speculate on a new chancellor but applauded Leitzel's performance as interim chancellor.

refers to as Class II games, there might he said. "It is very pleasant to work

with her." Wilson said he also was confident in Leitzel's decision-making capabilities

Although her job is to keep the university on track instead of making a decision to change course, Leitzel said, she felt secure in her decisions. She's not the only one. When Spanier left, some faculty members and administrators, including Herbert Howe, associate to the chancellor, said they would like to see Leitzel permanently fill the position.

"I think she has a very good set of academic values, understands the university extraordinarily well and relates to people on and off campus," Howe said.

The university opened on time and in good shape, Howe said, and Leitzel has kept things moving in the interim.

Howe said he didn't know if Leitzel's interim position would affect her shot at the chancellorship.

"This institution has a real funny history with regard to internal candidates," Howe said. "Probably a Ouija board would be a good place to consult to find an answer to that."

Leitzel herself would not say it she would like to be the new chancellor and would not speculate on the search.

She did specify what traits — including strong leadership and communication skills — she would like to see in a new chancellor.

"It would have to be a person who has the support of the university community in making changes that need to be made," she said. "Knowing how to direct a university through change is a real talent."

A new chancellor will face a loss of funds from-student financial aid, research and cooperative extension courses, she said, and may have to address downsizing.

"There is no greater responsibility," she said, "than to provide for Nebraska a university of high quality."



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