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**(Neb.)-Huskers cut ribbon on stadium expansion**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The ribbon has been cut on the \$63.5 million addition to Nebraska's Memorial Stadium that will increase capacity to more than 90,000 and serve as a hub for research on concussions and other areas of brain science and athletic performance.

Gov. Dave Heineman, retired football coach and athletic director Tom Osborne and Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany were among the dignitaries who participated in a ceremony in front of the East Stadium entrance Thursday.

The addition of 38 skybox suites brings the stadium's total to more than 100.

Private donations and revenue from the new seating are funding the project, which will be paid off in seven years.

Osborne said the brain and athletic performance research areas will be major selling points in recruiting for all of the university's teams.