

Questions lead to space

Questions as basic as "who are we?" are prime reasons for American space programs, according to Kam-Ching Leung, assistant professor of physics.

"There have been theories of the origin of the universe, but none have been proven a law of fact," he said. "To understand the structure of the universe may be to understand the origin of our earth and solar system."

Leung was a research associate for the New York Institute for Space Studies of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He has recently joined the University staff to set up an astronomical observatory and program.

Leung asserted that few U.S. government programs have been as successful as NASA's space efforts.

"NASA has accomplished its deadlines, including that of putting a man on the moon by 1970," he said. "NASA has had the ability to attract good people to work in its program."

"The Early Bird satellite increased the capacity for long-distance communications," he said. "Also, principles used in re-entry may someday be applicable to high speed transport."

"It's odd that in the year of NASA's greatest success, when man landed on the moon, the budget should be cut," he said.

Within NASA funds must be allocated to its numerous programs. These include study of the lunar surface and the planets, solar observation and the study of X-ray, gamma ray and radio sources.

NASA must also decide whether to emphasize manned or unmanned space flights, Leung noted. He added that to date the United States has been concentrating on manned flights.

Russia, he said, may be aiming at a program, such as constructing a station in space from which to launch vehicles.

"There are lots of things man can't observe from earth," Leung said. "The obvious thing is to go into space and see."

Jaffe to address physics dept.

Dr. Hans Jaffe, director of the Electronic Research Division of the Cleveite Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, will lecture Thursday at the University of Nebraska Physics department.

Jaffe will talk on "Acoustics" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 265, Behlen Laboratory. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Jaffe's lecture is sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences



Pub Board opens positions

Interviews for student members of the Publications Board for next year will be held Thursday morning, May 7.

Application blanks may be filled out at the Student Activities Office, third floor, Nebraska Union, according to Jack Botts, chairman of the Publications Board.

The Board will choose one junior for a one year term, one sophomore for a two year term and one freshman for a three year term.

Eaton conducts research seminar

A Water Resources Research seminar will be held May 6 at 2 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

The seminar will be conducted by Eugene Eaton, associate director of the Office of Water Resources Research in Washington, D.C. His topic will be "The Research Mission of the Office of Water Resources Research," with special emphasis on current areas of priority.

The seminar, which is open to the public, is part of a series of seminars being held this semester by the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute.

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