

Spanish-oriented programming now KRNU fare

By Mary Jo Fitzl

South-of-the-border music and news is not exactly the greeting you would expect when you tune in a Lincoln radio station.

But on KRNU, 90.3 FH, Spanish-speak announcers and programs have been a part of standard operations for more than a year.

Fiesta Latina is a half-hour Spanish radio show broadcast at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday on KRNU, the laboratory broadcast station of the UNL School of Journalism. Music from Spanish-speaking countries is featured on the show, according to Norma Cantu, one of two announcers for *Fiesta Latina*.

"We try to play music from all Latin America, not just Chicano, not just Spanish," said Cantu, a teaching assistant in the English Dept. She explained that the program's title was chosen to appeal to all people speaking Latin-oriented languages. *Fiesta Latina* includes some public service and community announcements for Spanish-speaking listeners in its musical format, Cantu said.

Fiesta Latina helps KRNU fulfill its obligation to meet community needs by "letting people know what the Spanish-speaking people in Lincoln are doing," assistant

journalism professor Stephen Coon, coordinator for *Fiesta Latina*, said. Coon, also KRNU public affairs director, said he would like to put more information into the program, to reach a better balance between music and news.

There is little coverage of Latin American news in Lincoln, Cantu said. *Latin American Review*, a half-hour public affairs program broadcast from the University of Texas-Austin, follows *Fiesta Latina* weekly at 6 p.m. The Review gives news of Latin America.

Expansion to an hour-long format would allow more time for news broadcasts and interviews with Spanish-speaking leaders in Lincoln, Cantu said.

"We have resource people with services to offer Spanish-speaking people in the community," she said. *Fiesta Latina* would be a way to make these resources available.

"Hopefully we can expand the information part of it (*Fiesta Latina*)," Coon said. Extending the program to an hour will depend on audience response to what currently is being broadcast.

The *Fiesta Latina* staff comprises Cantu, Coon and Beatriz Gonzalez. With Coon's technical assistance, the two women tape their weekly show in the KRNU studios.

Because *Fiesta Latina* is considered a public service to the community, there is no production charge, Coon said.

Fiesta Latina originated last year with two Mexican graduate students, who transferred the program to Cantu and Gonzalez when they left UNL last spring.

"We're not professionals," Cantu said. "*Fiesta Latina* is something all students should listen to, even if it's just to get the feeling of the words and the music."

Audience size and response to *Fiesta Latina* have been difficult for the staff to gauge. A sizeable percentage of the Mexican-American community in Lincoln is aware of the program, according to Coon. People taking Spanish classes like to listen to *Fiesta Latina* to brush up on their listening ability, he added.

Fiesta Latina is the only foreign language program of its kind broadcast in Lincoln, Coon said. Similar programs in other languages at KRNU are not being planned, he said.

short stuff

The UNL Gay Action Group is sponsoring a coffeehouse dance from 9 p.m. to midnight today at UMHE Commonplace, 333 N. 14th St.

Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega are sponsoring the Fiji-Tau Tussle Saturday. Events include a tug-of-war, sack races, three-legged races, grease pig contest and a dance.

Students are being interviewed for New Student Orientation Planning Committee. One student will be selected who participated in the orientation program and one student will be selected at large. Applications can be picked up at Nebraska Union 334. For more information call 472-2486 or go to Union 200.

The UNL Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board will meet Friday and

Saturday in the Union. Saturday's keynote address will be given at 1:30 p.m. by State Sen. Shirley Marsh.

Phi Upsilon Omicron, a national professional fraternity in home economics, is taking applications for membership. The applications are available in Neihardt Residence Center or the dean's office in Home

Economics Bldg. Applicants must be second semester sophomores or above and home economics majors.

The UPC Talks & Topics Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Union Harvest Room.

The Physics and Astronomy Dept. will open the Behlen Observatory to the public from 7 to 10 tonight. There will be no admission charge.

The India Student Association is celebrating the Diwali festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the St.

Paul United Methodist Church. Tickets are 75 cents for members, \$1 for others and are available from the Foreign Students Office.

Mueller Planetarium is sponsoring a special schedule of programs entitled "Halloween Night in the Planetarium," which will be shown at 1:45, 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday and at 2, 2:45 and 3:45 p.m. Sunday.

The prospective Law Student Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Union.

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9 a.m.—Psychology Dept. symposium, Nebraska Union Ballroom.

11 a.m.—Union Program Council (UPC) visual arts, Union Main Lounge.

12:30 p.m.— Muslim Student Association, Union 337.

1 p.m.— Psychology Dept. symposium, Union Ballroom.

1:30 p.m.— Young Republicans, news conference with Robin Dole, Union 242.

2:30 p.m.—UPC, conversation with Jules Feiffer, Main Lounge.

3 p.m.— Psychology Dept. symposium, Union 222 & 232.

3 p.m.—UPC Jazz and Java, Union South Crib.

3:30 p.m.— Political Science Dept. lecture, Union Auditorium.

5:30 p.m.—Mortar Board Midwest sectional meeting, Union 203.

7 p.m.—Wildlife Club, "Hunter Safety", Union Auditorium.

7 p.m.—Mortar Board, Union 202-202A.

7 p.m.—UPC films, Union Centennial Room.

7:30 p.m.—Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship.