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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, partly cloudy and warm with a chance of showers. Tonight, a chance of storms. Saturday, chance of rain, high 90 to 95.

Chancellor's experiences diverse

Spanier reflects on road that brought him to UNL

By Wendy Navratil
Senior Reporter

In the midst of a trip filled with official meetings, Graham Spanier took time out on his 20th wedding anniversary to reflect on the experiences that preceded his appointment as UNL chancellor.

Spanier, who will take over the position Nov. 1, was in Lincoln Monday through Wednesday. He returned to Oregon late Wednesday just in time to celebrate the tail end of his anniversary with his wife, Sandra Whipple Spanier.

Spanier's career has taken him from Penn State and the State University of New York to Oregon State, and now to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Through it all, his wife has been supportive, he said.

"We don't have a traditional relationship, though, in that she is a very talented professional in her own right. She is really a brilliant woman," Spanier said.

Sandra Spanier is an associate professor of English at Oregon State and is one of a small number of women who are Hemingway Scholars, Spanier said.

"We've been in a mode of supporting each other's career," he said. "Unfortunately, she probably tends to get the short end of the deal more often because of the complexities of hiring people into senior administrative positions."

Spanier, a professor of sociology and human development and the family, said the timing of his families' move to Nebraska is



New UNL Chancellor and Vice President Graham Spanier

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good for their children.

Their daughter, Hadley, 7, who is named after Ernest Hemingway's "first and best wife," Spanier said, is still young enough to see things through her parents.

While it will be more difficult for their son, Brian, 10, to leave his friends, both he and Hadley will have enough time left in school to

develop friendships and adjust, he said.

Spanier said he didn't know if Lincoln would be the end of the line for his family because of the volatility in higher education administration. But Spanier said he valued the opportunity to "plant some roots."

Spanier said his interest in higher education developed early. In fact, Spanier began saving

for college when he was only a child, he said.

"I knew early on in life that if I wanted to go to college, I would have to do it on my own. I was the first person in my family ever to set foot on a college campus," he said.

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Rhino's days are numbered; replica planned

By Tom Mainelli
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska State Museum's resident baluchithere is about to join its ancestors in extinction.

The 18-foot-tall giant, a fixture in Elephant Hall for 21 years, must be removed and destroyed because it is 70 percent asbestos and beginning to deteriorate, said Museum Director Hugh Genoways.

But before it is dismantled, the life-size model of a prehistoric rhinoceros will be replicated.

Last week, Bill Splinter, UNL interim vice chancellor for research, signed an agreement with Wyobraska Museum in Gering allowing them to replicate the model.

The Wyobraska staff already has begun work, measuring and videotaping the model. They plan to recreate it in Gering, building a plywood frame wrapped in Styrofoam and fiberglass.

The original replication plan involved making a mold of the original, but asbestos prevented that.

"They would have had a better reproduction with the mold," Splinter said. "But the asbestos created a whole

sequence of government agencies to go through."

Working through all the agencies, which included the Department of Environmental Control, would mean a bureaucratic mess and probably a long wait, Splinter said.

Wyobraska Museum was chosen to replicate the model over other interested museums for several reasons, Genoways said.

"I think they were the most aggressive," he said. "Also, it was an opportunity to keep it in the state."

Genoways said Wyobraska also was willing to meet the museum's

terms of agreement, one of which states that the university is able to have a copy of the replica.

However, there are no plans to make such a request because of space limitations, Genoways said. If the Hall of Giants, for which the baluchithere was originally created, was ever constructed, the museum would accept a replica.

Until then, the days of the baluchithere are numbered at UNL. Genoways said he had mixed emotions about the model's fate.

"It's a great piece," Genoways said, "but I must look at public and staff safety."

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Home economics, arts college threatened

Students, faculty say home economics cuts are 'disproportionate'

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

If Julie Johnson loses her job, she will have to give up her career as a college professor or leave the city where she has lived for the past 14 years to try and find a job at another university.

Johnson, an associate professor of consumer science and education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is one of six professors in the College of Home Economics whose jobs would be eliminated in UNL's proposed budget cut-backs. She has taught at UNL for 11 years.

"It would cut our income in half if I lost my job," she said. "It's really difficult because my husband has a job here in

the community."

"I might have to leave and search for another position, and we would have a commuter marriage for a while."

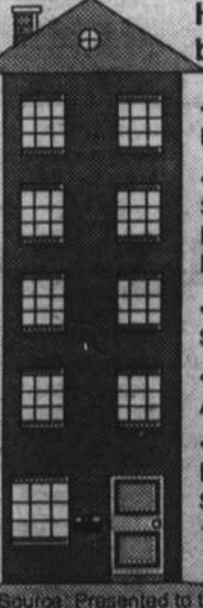
The cuts are in response to a Nebraska Legislature mandate that UNL cut 2 percent from its budget this year and 1 percent from its budget next year. Under the proposed cuts presented to the Budget Reduction Review Committee Monday, the college would lose \$417,600 in funding this year.

The home economics education, gerontology, pre-school assessment and hospitality management programs would be eliminated.

Karen Craig, dean of the college, said she was upset about the proposed cuts.

"I was angry about what I perceived to be a disproportionate cut for home economics," she said.

Craig said 17.6 percent of the college's budget would be cut by the proposals. The College of Engineering and Technology would suffer only a 1.6 percent cut from their budget, she said.



Home Economics budget reductions

- Eliminate Hospitality Management: \$90,000
- Combine Consumer Science and Human Development and the Family: \$39,200
- Eliminate Gerontology: \$83,400
- Eliminate Pre-school Assessment: \$43,200
- Eliminate Home Economics Education: \$161,800

TOTAL: \$417,600

Source: Presented to the Budget Reduction Review Committee

Despite funding cut, proposed arts college is alive, official says

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's proposed College of Fine and Performing Arts, reported dead after Monday's budget proposals, is in stable condition, an official said.

Larry Lusk, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said Thursday that reports that the college had been eliminated were inaccurate.

Lusk, chairman of the committee that drafted the proposed college's mission statement, said that the proposed college's funding had been cut in UNL's



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