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Spanier to host radio talk show on local station

Listeners will get chance to express their opinions on university, other issues

By Michelle Leary Senior Reporter

tarting Wednesday, University of Ne-braska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier will address the public, not as a guest speaker, but as a radio talk show host on KFOR

Spanier said he thought it was important for the university to be more accessible to the public.

"There are so many people who care about the university and would like to know what is happening," he said. "The radio is a good way to open the door and reach them."

Spanier's one-hour program, which is titled 'To The Best Of My Knowledge," will feature discussions on current issues with guests and listeners

"Because 1'm hosting," Spanier said, "the show is likely to focus on the university, but I'm not limiting the show to university issues."

Spanicr said his first show would deal with gender equity venturing into sports avenues, as well as hiring practices

Brad Hartman, KFOR station manager, said he did not think any program like this had been done before.

"We've had the chancellor here for interviews before, just like the mayor and others," Hartman said. "But I think it'll be really interesting to have him on the air as a host.

'The chancellor is a real open administrator," he said. "And with this show, (Spanier) wants to help make his office as approachable as possible to the public.'

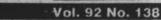
The show will air every other Wednesday. Air time is set for 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"To have someone of Chancellor Spanier's caliber should be great," Hartman said. "He is such a well-rounded guy, with a wonderful background in so many subjects including broadcasting.

Spanier said he worked as a radio announcer in Chicago while in high school and in Ames, Iowa, while getting a degree at Iowa State University. He also worked as a newspaper reporter as a teen-ager in Chicago and had a television show while on Penn State University's faculty that dealt with social issues.

Hartman said he could not wait for students, he public, to call in and

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SPECIAL SECTION

Kam Ching-Leung is a UNL astronomy professor whose worldly adventures have earned him the nickname "Indiana Kam."

Adventures of Indiana Kam Professor's worldwide expeditions make him Jones-like

By Jeffrey Robb Staff Reporter

is career is that of a common college professor, but his aroundthe-world expeditions are what truly set him apart.

He's discovered the Ark of the Cov-enant and the Holy Grail and conquered the Temple of Doom. Oops, that's Indiana JONES

But at UNL, there's FACULTY Indiana KAM, better known as Kam-Ching Leung, University of Nebraska-Lincoln astronomy professor. One of Leung's graduate students first

student made to christen the nickname still lines the top of Leung's office doorway.

His goal is to collect tribal artifacts from wherever he goes. He may wear a floppy, Indiana Jones-type hat on such trips, but the similarities with the bold, brash movie character end there.

Leung carries no bullwhip and cer-tainly no pistol. The three cameras he hauls are his only side arms. Guides replace gorgeous sidekicks.

He has a soft-spoken personality. Leung's thin build seems odd for an explorer of such rugged lands

Leung was born in Hong Kong and later moved to Canada to attend college. In 1970, he came to UNL from New York City, where he worked for a branch of NASA. He said UNL hired him to develop an undergraduate program and an observatory. The university had neither at the time.

says he doesn't want people to think he drops his astronomy work at a minute's notice to take off on an adventure

But when you're in a certain area, you're aware that you're very mortal.

> Leung astronomy professor

because they were one of the most original art forms. Modern abstract art has borrowed many tribal ideas, he said.

The professor has been approached by Sothebys, an auction house in New York, to have some of his pieces auctioned for him. But he said he wasn't ready part with any of them.

But Leung has an ulterior motive as well.

"The reason why I travel is that I'm

share their thoughts.

"Listener participation will be encouraged during the radio program," he said.

Spanier said he wanted the callers to be the driving force of the show.

"I hope they take the opportunity to voice their concerns about the university and the myriad of other subjects we plan to cover," he said.

Spanier said a portion of the show's revenue would go toward a scholarship fund.

"It'll be fun to see this whole thing unfold," Hartman said.

Students and staff in the astronomy department, Leung said, called him Indiana Kam because "they feel that I'm one of those crazy professors" like the fictional Indiana Jones.

In some respects, the two are similar. Leung, 57, takes breaks from the rigors of teaching to trek to far-off places such as New Guinca, Ecuador, China and many of the Indonesian islands - too many, he said, to recall all of them.

His exploring is only possible because of astronomy and research projects he works on in other countries, he said. But about 10 years ago, he started taking advantage of those trips to explore uncharted lands near the countries he visited, he said.

Leung said he wanted to collect art from tribal civilizations. Before long, he said, he went "gung-ho" on art collecting. Tribal works appealed to him, Leung said, quite aware of the fact that around the world there are many vanishing cultures, vanishing customs and habits," he said. "For those areas, if you don't see it now, maybe in two to three years these cultures, habits and customs won't exist."

The different cultures of the world should try to co-exist, he said. Advances in technology will continue to wipe out many of these original civilizations, and Leung says he wants to see them before they disappear.

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Health aide positions difficult to fill, coordinator says **By Joel Strauch**

Staff Reporter

ealth aide coordinators say they are having a little trouble filling aide positions in UNL residence halls and Greek houses

"There has been a general decline (in health aides) because people are working more at outside jobs," said Carissa Simonsen, a health aide coordinator and a senior speech language pathology and audiology major.

Getting information to students is key to boosting manpower Health aides can also provide over-

Another problem is that students think that you have to be in the medical field to be a health aide, Simonsen said.

But Weed said that students could be any major and live in any Greek house or residence hall and still be a health aide.

"Students don't understand what a

"We ran a little behind last year," said Karen Weed, health aide pro-gram coordinator. Another problem is that students

fied in both first aid and CPR. Training is provided by the University Health Center before the semester starts, she said.

They are also required to take a two-semester public health course while they are aides, said Weed. "It's like on-the-job training."

Health aides perform various roles from wrapping sprained ankles to referring more serious problems to the health center, Weed said.

They are the communication link between the health center and students.

"They hang up informative papers on bathroom doors every week, called 'John Johns.' They also stand up at floor meetings and Greek meetings and share a health topic," she said.

A recent guideline by the Occupational Safety Health Association re-quires health aides to receive Hepatitis-B shots, Weed said.

The health center pays for the threeshot series, which is quite expensive, Simonsen said.

"Health aides are paid a stipend at the end of the semester," Weed said. "They aren't paid much, but it's an opportunity for students who care to help other students."

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