

Reality grounds spring break flight fantasies **Spanier**

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Senior Reporter

If a spring break trip to the sunny shores of Florida or the snow-capped mountains of Colorado sounds nice, local travel agents say you'd better check your oil, because chances of booking a flight out of Lincoln are slim.

When spring fever hits late, they said, the best air fares — and the best seats — have already been snatched up.

With fewer than three days until spring break for Nebraska universities, Velma Lassen, manager of AAA Travel Agency, said it was impossible to get a seat going out of Lincoln to Denver on Friday.

Students who want to travel to other popular spring break destinations — Mexico, Florida or South

Padre Island, Texas — will face higher air fare rates and may not be able to book a flight at all.

"If we wait until this late, the fares are going to be out of the budget," she said. "Most things at the last minute are smaller trips, not as long, and they usually do it on their own."

If a student started planning a spring break trip to South Padre Island today, he or she would have to pay \$500 for a round-trip ticket and possibly \$80 a night for a hotel room.

The later the purchase, she said, the higher the fare.

Kyle Gottschalk, a travel agent with Lincoln Travel, said March 3 was the end of the last air war.

Since then, he said, fares have been on the rise, except for destinations such as Phoenix and Las Vegas, which are served by Southwest Air-

lines.

"With MTV going to Lake Havasu in Arizona, that's a great place to go," he said.

Flights to Daytona Beach, Fla., and South Padre Island are booked, he said.

"If you want to go to Padre, I'd have to say it's going to be a long drive," he said.

The best alternative for a last-minute planner would be a road trip to Colorado, he said, where a lot of ski resorts still have vacancies for condos and hotels.

The cheapest fare, he said, would be a \$78 round-trip ticket to Chicago on Southwest Airlines.

Although flying to spring break destinations is becoming more popular every year, he said alternatives such as Amtrak and Greyhound were still available.

But Amtrak representatives said those seats were also going fast. The westbound Amtrak leaving Lincoln on Friday is sold out. Fewer than 10 seats remain for a Saturday departure.

A student could take Amtrak and leave Lincoln for Winter Park, Colo. on Saturday and return the next Saturday for Amtrak's regular fare of \$218.

To avoid the hassle and high fares, Gottschalk said students should start planning their vacations around the end of January.

Mary Gordon, a senior psychology major, said she and seven of her friends started planning their trip to Orlando, Fla., in January.

Gordon said her group found low air fares, rental car and lodging rates.

"If we waited until this week," she said, "we wouldn't be going anywhere."

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Names of finalists have not officially been released by Penn State. An announcement is expected by May or June, said Carol Herrmann, spokeswoman for the selection committee.

UNL sources said Spanier was scheduled to be in the University Park, Pa., area on Thursday and Friday for a possible job interview.

UNL spokeswoman Phyllis Larsen confirmed that Spanier would be off campus beginning Wednesday afternoon for "spring break activities with his family." However, she didn't comment on where Spanier was going.

Speculation about the chancellor's intent to stay at UNL continues to grow. The Daily Nebraskan reported last week that he was a prime contender for the presidency at the University of Washington, but he later declined the position.

The Lincoln Journal reported Tuesday that both Spanier and his wife turned down UW jobs because of the strong possibility of returning to Penn State.

Spanier worked at Penn State in University Park from 1973 to 1982. His wife, Sandra Spanier, who is a UNL associate professor of English, received her master's and doctorate degrees from Penn State.

Spanier declined Tuesday to answer questions about Penn State.

"I have made it very clear that I do not comment on rumors about my employment status," Spanier said Tuesday. He labeled recent media reports of his future as "sloppy and unusually intrusive."

Robert Burgess, a human development professor at Penn State, said he worked with Spanier in the late 1970s. Burgess said he had not heard Spanier was a presidential finalist.

"That's been top secret stuff around here," he said.

UNL student Regent Andrew Loudon said he couldn't comment on Spanier's candidacy for the Penn State job, but said rumors of Spanier leaving UNL did not help the university.

"If he doesn't get the job, it will undermine his ability to effectively administer the campus," Loudon said.

Vegetarian-sponsored event to hit Crane River

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Lincoln residents will be asked to "kick the meat habit" for at least a few days on Sunday and Monday in conjunction with the Great American Meatout.

The 11th annual meatout is sponsored nationally by the Farm and Animal Reform Movement in Washington, D.C.

Events, ranging from information tables to vegetarian festivals, are planned at more than 500 locations throughout the United States and Canada.

The purpose of the meatout is to inform people of the impact of meat-based diets and the intense level of animal agribusiness, said the Nebraska Vegetarian Society.

The Lincoln chapter of the Ne-

braska Vegetarian Society is sponsoring the fourth annual Vegetarian

Awareness Festival on Sunday at Crane River Brewpub and Cafe at 11th and P streets. The festival will be from noon to 4 p.m.

Crane River will provide an all-you-can-eat vegetarian buffet and cooking demonstrations. There will be door prizes and live music by Champaign Jerry and the Vegetar-

ians.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children under 12 will be admitted for half price. Tickets are available at Crane River and Open Harvest at 16th and South streets.

The meatout is endorsed by several national organizations, including Rainforest Action Network, Institute for Food and Development Policy and United Farm Workers.

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sion districts. Three of the appointed regents would have come from each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. One would have been appointed at large.

Later, a motion was made to advance LR29CA in its original form, which called for nine appointed regents. The motion received only four of the five votes it needed for advancement. A motion was also made by Sen. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte to kill the bill, but was not seconded.

Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings, who sponsored the bill, could have voted for advancement, but instead did not vote.

"It wasn't going to go anywhere," she said.

Will LR29CA ever get out of committee?

"Not unless there's divine intervention," Bohlke said.

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some areas of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I want to act as a liaison from students to deans and faculty," she said.

Woods said she was not a very political person but has two goals as an ASUN senator.

"I would like ASUN to deal with more graduate concerns." And Woods also hopes to get the name of the museum studies program out to people.

"Not many people know about it," she said.

Woods said she didn't know if sharing a name with a campus building helped her get elected but she said it hadn't helped her with professors.

"It hasn't helped me with grades; I can tell you that."