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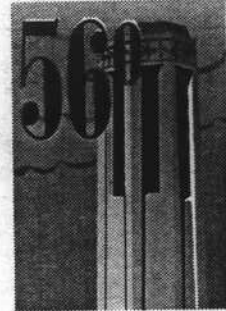
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The chancellor of a 'different generation'

By **Jeff Zeleny**
Senior Reporter

The chancellor smiles confidently and leans over the microphone, scanning his skittish audience. It's a tough crowd, but he isn't nervous.

He never is. Graham Spanier runs every show with perfection. The timing, the voice, the script, all fit into his plan.

From a distance it appears complicated, but with closer examination it becomes much simpler.

Spanier gracefully wins over his guests with a wide smile, which some might call a smirk.

His audience is restless, but soon they'll be following the lead of the man who has brought the University of Nebraska-Lincoln into the next generation.

Spanier seems comfortable in front of any crowd. But this day's audience could be his most difficult.

He's not wrangling with senators or regents, but instead doing a live radio talk show with children on their perceptions of higher education. He tries to pacify a squirming 6-year-old, while watching and listening to the radio engineer.

"Thirty seconds, chancellor."
"Anything can and will happen, I'm sure," Spanier says

with that same smile, just seconds before he goes on the air.

But after all, this time it's only a show.

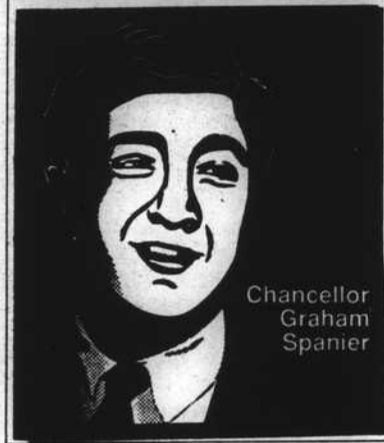
Whether it is senators, alumni or in this day's case — four kids under the age of 10 on a radio talk program — Spanier is ready for each different set of listeners.

An audience is nothing new to him. He was accustomed to crowds long before he became the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor 3 1/2 years ago.

He has been preparing for this nearly all of his 46 years through his work as a journalist, professor and administrator.

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Graham B. Spanier



■ Graham Spanier became the 17th chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Nov. 1, 1991.

■ He accepted the presidency of Pennsylvania State University on March 23. He will take over that position Sept. 1.



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Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha discusses a change in the Student Code of Conduct at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting. The change requires students to store guns with University Police.

Gun policy approved; students still oppose

Regents vent concern, approve union project

By **Jeffrey Robb**
Senior Reporter

Tyson Menke would rather live off-campus or use his car for storage than keep his shotgun with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police.

"There's no way I would give it to the police station," said Menke, who stores his weapon according to current housing policy at Burr Hall, where he lives.

On Saturday, the NU Board of Regents unanimously passed a revised Student Code of Conduct, including a new policy banning weapons on campus.

Students now can keep their guns in central locations in each residence hall and greek house but will need to

store their guns with University Police starting this fall. They will be able to check them out 24 hours a day and will have an area to clean their guns.

Menke, a senior fish and wildlife major, kept his shotgun on campus during the hunting season, from about November to January. He will graduate this month and will not be affected by the new policy banning weapons on campus but said his friends agreed with him.

"It's just the thought of them having the guns that bothers everyone," he said.

Opponents said at the meeting that the gun policy would backfire in its attempt to promote safety. Doug

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By **Jeffrey Robb**
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska Union expansion project barely cleared a hurdle Saturday when the NU Board of Regents nearly knocked it off track.

The board voted 5-1 in favor of the project, with two abstentions. Regent Robert Allen of Hastings hesitated and sighed before voting in favor of the measure.

Regents Chuck Hassebrook of Walthill, and Drew Miller of Papillion, questioned whether the university should undertake the \$12.7 million renovation project when it had higher priorities.

To pay for the expansion, student fees starting in the 1998-99 academic

year would increase \$20 per student, per semester. The project includes enlarging offices and the University Bookstore, adding meeting rooms and improving recreation space.

Miller said priority projects, such as repairing Burnett Hall, should be taken care of first. Meetings could be held in Burnett if the building were repaired, he said. NU President Dennis Smith said that was not possible.

The mention of a broken-down Burnett Hall seemed to strike a chord with Allen, who said he also wanted to see the building renovated first. Other regents assured him that construction of that hall would start this summer. Hassebrook said he didn't like see-

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Budget, crime bills top agenda

By **John Fulwider**
Staff Reporter

The crime bill and the budget will dominate the remaining 20 days of the legislative session, three state senators said.

All three agreed that both topics, which have yet to be debated, would be important and time-consuming.

Sen. Ardyce Bohlke of Hastings said she thought debate on the crime bill would center on its cost and the boot camp provision.

She said boot camps, if adopted, should produce rehabilitated, rather than just physically fit, criminals.

Speaker Ron Withem of Papillion said he had plans to special order the crime bill to the top of the agenda. But he said he expected "legislative meltdown" on the issue.

"I don't know if the Legislature will have the capability to make it pass," he said.

Even though the public considers the crime bill to be critically important, he said, senators may not agree. The budget bill also will be crucial.

Gov. Ben Nelson has said senators were being irresponsible by failing to make spending cuts he had recommended.

But Sen. John Lindsay of Omaha said there was always a difference between executive and legislative priorities, so there would naturally be differences between the governor's and the Legislature's budgets.

He said he was sure Nelson would have to make some cuts. Nelson has said he wanted the Legislature to make spending cuts so he wouldn't have to.

"It's a lot easier for one person to make cuts than for 49 to make cuts," Lindsay said.

The 1995 session has been a slow one, Bohlke said, because the Legislature faced difficult issues, such as the Micron bills, the adoption bill and welfare reform.

"I don't mind going slowly when we're dealing with such complex issues," she said.

Lindsay agreed that the session had been unusual but for a different reason.

He said the difference this session was that many issues were addressed. Some previous sessions, he said, have been dominated by one issue, such as

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