

Vidal, Cavett included on speaker list

By Larry Lutz

Ten speakers were chosen Wednesday by the Union Program Council's (UPC) Talks and Topics Committee to be invited to UNL in 1976-77. Final commitments and a schedule will be completed by July or as soon as speakers' availability is known.

Bruce Whitacre, Talks and Topics Committee chairman, said speakers to be invited include entertainer Dick Cavett, a Nebraska native; columnist Art Buchwald; Vincent Bugliosi, author of *Helter Skelter*, the Charles Manson story; and Gore Vidal, author of several best selling books including *1876*.

Others include former professional football player Dave Meggysey, who has written about the game; columnist I.F. Stone; feminists Elaine Noble and Flo Kennedy; author scientist Buckminster Fuller; and contemporary jazz musician Gil-Scott-Heron.

Although "strongly discouraged by the Fees Allocation Board not to," the committee decided to charge admission for Cavett, Buchwald, Bugliosi and Vidal so more speakers could be scheduled, said Whitacre, a sophomore business major from Kearney.

Next year's program will be "much larger than last year's (1975-76) with fewer big names," Whitacre said.

Alternates also were chosen in the event priority speakers are unavailable, Whitacre said. Vidal, who lives in England and seldom comes to the United States, and Bugliosi, who is running for Los Angeles district attorney, were said to be the most doubtful to accept invitations.

Alternates are television news personality Geraldo Rivera, newsmen Daniel Schorr and Frank Speiser, who does an entertainment act called, "The World of Lenny Bruce."

Speakers were chosen from an initial list of 75 compiled by committee members from commercial lists of available talent, Whitacre said. The committee divided potential speakers into topic areas including culture, foreign affairs, government, media and women's rights and tried to choose speakers from each area, he said.

The committee considered how well known the speaker is, topics' timeliness, audience appeal and the need for a "balanced program" of different types of speakers, he said.

Several speakers with fees ranging up to \$3,000 were

excluded by the committee so more could be budgeted, according to Whitacre. Fees for those selected range from \$750 to \$2,000.

Speaking fees are paid from the Talks and Topics budget of at least \$10,800 in student fees allocated by the Fees Allocation Board through UPC, Whitacre said. He said the committee's toughest decision was why they should choose a certain speaker.

"We had to decide whether we wanted to choose speakers strictly because they would be popular with the student body or ones which would be interesting and informative," he said.

He said no general policy to make that decision was set and individual judgments were made for each speaker with those considerations in mind.

Speakers and their listed fees:

Buchwald, \$2,000; Vidal, \$2,000; Gil-Scott-Heron, \$1,750; Stone, \$1,500; Bugliosi, \$1,500; Meggysey, \$1,000; Kennedy, \$1,000; Noble, \$700.

Alternates and their listed fees:

Rivera, \$2,000; Schorr, \$2,000; Speiser, \$1,250. Neither Fuller's nor Cavett's fees were known by committee members.



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The University Studies Historical Theatre Company will present the Tony Award-winning comedy play *Travesties* at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Selleck Hall multi-purpose room. The play, set in Zurich, Switzerland during World War I, focuses on celebrities such as author James Joyce, Nikolai Lenin and Tristan Tzara, founder of the Dadaist art movement.

The date of the UNL University Singers free recital has been advertised incorrectly as being on Friday, April 23 in some UNL publicity releases. The recital will be Friday April 30 at 8 p.m. in Kimball Recital Hall.

Students for Udall will sponsor a celebration of Udall's candidacy today at 8 p.m. at 1970 B St. Refreshments will be served, and a \$1 donation will be taken.

The East Union Program Council's annual Cornstock is today on the East Campus from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Eckankar, the ancient science of soul travel, will present "A Day With Eck" featuring music poetry and lectures on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the UMHE Commons, 333 N. 14th St.

The East Union Program Council is sponsoring the East Union Choral Concert on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the East Campus Activities Bldg.

There will be a volunteer cleanup day Saturday in the Malone area. Volunteers should meet at the Malone Community Center Gym at 8 a.m.

Alpha Chi Omega will sponsor an ice cream social in the 16th and R streets parking lot on April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. Ice cream will be 20 cents a dip and all proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis.

The Nebraska Union Advisory Board will have an open hearing on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. for any student organization that has filed an application for space and wishes to present its case to the board to clarify or justify its request.