

# Discrimination 'Subtle' To Negroes

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first in a series of four articles done by members of the DAILY NEBRASKAN staff. The series was done with the purpose of illustrating what, if any, problems of discrimination exist on the University campus and, secondly, in Lincoln. It was designed to present the full picture, both good and bad. The first article deals with the background of the University of Nebraska Negro.

By Arnie Garson

Negro students are like their fellow white students at the University of Nebraska.

They come from all over the country; they are sons and daughters of professional men, white collar workers and laborers; their families are both large and small; they would like to leave the state upon graduation; they came to Nebraska naive about college life and for the same reasons as their University

classmates who are not Negro. Negro students are also unlike their fellow white students. They are members of a minority group.

Although the University keeps no official records of enrollment by race, Gene Young, a senior in fine arts from Cleveland, Ohio, be-

lieves there are about 52 Negro students at Nebraska. That would be less than 0.45 per cent of the total enrollment. Dr. Floyd Hoover, Registrar, said that it is none of the University's business as to the race or religion of a student. The University is concerned only with the student himself, and all references to race and religion were deleted

from the University's entrance questionnaires about 10 years ago, according to Hoover.

What has attracted this minority to the University of Nebraska and are they happy here? Young came here to play football. "I wanted to come to Nebraska or a school with a sim-

ilar Negro-white ratio for athletic reasons," he said. Ron Moore, a junior from Washington, D.C., also came to Nebraska for athletic reasons. He was attracted to Nebraska because the Big Eight is the best track conference in the country, in his opinion, and Nebraska was the only Big Eight school to contact him. Tony Jeter, a sophomore

football player from Weirton, W.Va., credited many things for his decision to enroll at Nebraska. "I wanted to get away from home and see some of the country, as well as play football," he said. Jeter was also impressed by the campus and the school's academic standards.

Both Moore and Jeter noted that they did not know that there were only about 50 Negroes at the university. Both said that they probably would not have come to Nebraska if they had known of the minority conditions. Jeter turned down an offer to become the first Negro to play football for the University of West Virginia, because he "did not want to go it alone."

Young, Moore and Jeter agree that the social situation for the Negro at Nebraska leaves something to be desired. The boy-girl ratio is approximately three to one. Joan Adams, a freshman from Omaha knew

both of the social situation and the minority conditions at the university before she enrolled. She felt that it would be a challenge to come to an integrated school under these conditions, and has not regretted her decision. Joe Wills, a senior architecture student from Detroit, transferred to Nebraska after four years of architecture at the University of Michigan. The proportion of Negro to white students is about the same at Nebraska as it is at Michigan, Wills said, and he added that he likes it here. Wills turned down a scholarship to Howard University in Washington D.C., "because I couldn't reconcile attending an all-Negro school as there is just no point in that type of situation."

Wills described discrimination at Nebraska as subtle. Negroes at Michigan know they are accepted by the majority of the white students. By contrast, Negroes in the South know they are not accepted, but Negroes

at Nebraska cannot be sure of either reaction. Jeter concurred with Wills' observation and attributed this type of discrimination to a lack of contact with and knowledge of Negroes on the part of most native Nebraskans. "People in Nebraska aren't too informed about the Negro; not as much as they are in West Virginia," he explained.

Jeter likes to talk about discrimination and keeps several Negro magazines on hand in his dormitory room at all times in an effort to further educate his fellow white students about Negroes.

Huey Anderson, a graduate student in chemistry from Baton Rouge, La., also agreed with Wills. "In Baton Rouge, you know what a person thinks of Negroes — in Nebraska you don't know what a person's feelings are and can't attack problems head on," he said.

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## —EUROPE BECKONS BIG EIGHT—

# Conference Travel Service Cuts Collegiate Trip Costs

By Frank Partsch  
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A summer basking on the French Riviera, skiing in the Swiss Alps or exploring the catacombs of old Rome awaits students and faculty members who register for the Big Eight Group Flight to Europe.

In addition, the travelers will enjoy a special reduction of the regular flight rates—from \$541 to \$361 for the round trip.

The flight, sponsored by the newly created Big Eight Conference Travel Service and

endorsed by Student Council, will leave New York June 16 and return from Europe Sept. 9.

Student rates may also be obtained for those flying from the midwest to New York to board the plane to Europe,

said Perry Weddle, Big Eight Flight coordinator.

Weddle added that groups of 25 or more are allowed an additional reduction. Those eligible include students, faculty and employees of the University and their spouses, as well as their dependent children or their parents, if the students themselves are dependents.

The flights will stop in London, Amsterdam and Paris, and the travelers may leave the flight wherever they wish. Weddle said that they are free to do what they want in Europe, but that many interest-

ing tours can be arranged.

Those interested in registering for the trip or in obtaining more information about it can do so by calling Weddle at University Extension 2423, by visiting him in B3 Burnett between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays or by contacting Don Benson, chairman of the Student Council Big Eight Flight committee, at 466-9830.

Early registration is advantageous, said Weddle. "If we get enough early registrants we may be able to charter a flight and thereby reduce costs more than \$100 below the \$361," he said.

Registrants must deposit \$75, which is refundable until May 8. The remainder of the fee must be paid by that date. Weddle said that the money will be handled through the Student Activities office and the Big Eight Travel Service. The Travel Service is in charge of arrangements.

Benson said that those registering for the flights will be able to attend an orientation meeting before the departure date.

The idea of conference sponsored flights is new in the midwest, although many coast schools have sponsored flights to Europe in the past. "They have proven the idea successful," Weddle said.

He added that he has spent two summers in Europe and will be available to talk to anyone interested on points of attraction and procedures for the tourist.

## Independents Pick Royalty

Myrna Tegmeier and Gary Fick were named Independent Queen and King at the Independent Spring Ball Friday.

Miss Tegmeier is a sophomore majoring in home economics. She is a Regents' scholar and also holds Ak-Sar-Ben and Margaret Fedde scholarships. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honorary and Tassels.

Fick, a junior majoring in agronomy, is a Regents' scholar, member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Zeta honoraries and has received the Outstanding Ag College Freshman award from Alpha Zeta. He was selected as outstanding Army ROTC cadet both as a freshman and as a sophomore and is a past president of the University 4-H Club.

Finalists for queen were Brenda Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Jeanne Lukas and Peggy King. King finalists were Gary McHargue, Gerry Walth, Tom Lewis and Richard Douglas.



PHOTO BY DENNIS DEFRAIN

**NO, I DON'T WORK IN A PLAYBOY CLUB!**—Easter Bunny Lou Svendsen pauses to chat with young admirers during the student Easter Seal drive Saturday in downtown Lincoln. Profits for the day were estimated at almost \$1,500.

## Students Collect \$1,500 In Easter Drive, Show

A highly successful student variety show and "Easter bunny" drive gained almost \$1,500 for the Easter Seal drive Saturday afternoon in downtown Lincoln, according to Bob Milligan, show coordinator.

The students, working in cooperation with the Nebraska Society for Crippled Children and Adults, represented a combined effort of nine sororities, 16 fraternities, Unicorns, and two women's residence halls.

Low temperatures did not slow the participation of the crowd, especially the younger children. One little boy of five was so entranced by the bunnies that he wanted to take one home with him.

Mark Plattner was master of ceremonies for the show, which contained 11 acts, including a combo, singing, dancing and comedy acts.

## Seargents Discuss Viet Nam's War

By Wallis Lundeen  
Junior Staff Writer

"If South Viet Nam gets a stable government and pursues the war, they can eliminate the Viet Cong element," said U.S. Army Sgt. Chester Petterson, speaking last week to Phalanx, professional military honorary.

Petterson and Sgt. Maynard Purdy, who is now assigned to the University, recently returned from South Viet Nam. Purdy stressed that Americans are not training troops. "Our job and mission is to make Vietnamese leaders, who then train troops."

The Vietnamese man is a good soldier, but because he is in uniform he is easy to identify, while the Viet Cong guerrilla lives off the land, and can't be distinguished easily from Vietnamese peasants, according to Purdy.

Purdy noted the youthfulness of the Viet Cong soldiers. He displayed a flag taken from a sixteen-year old and a crude, handmade dagger taken from a fourteen-year old.

The present government is a ruling junta which is attempting to pursue the war, pointed out Purdy. The new regime is building schools, giving medical care, and working to establish a civil government. They hope to get the confidence of the people so they won't give food to the

Viet Cong soldiers.

Americans can only defend themselves—they are not waging war, Petterson continued. Helicopters are used extensively, and gunners take care of action against ground forces.

The only information people in the U.S. were getting was of incidents, before news was freed in November. Before that time, all news was controlled.

## Council Applications Ready; Graduates May Also File

Students interested in filing for college representatives to Student Council may pick up applications in the Division of Student Affairs office, 207 Administration.

For the first time the graduate college will be represented. Under a provision passed by the student body last year the graduate college is entitled to a total of five representatives from the combination of Graduate College, Law, Pharmacy and Dentistry. The quota of graduate representatives may be filled by any of those colleges in the category.

The qualifications for a graduate representative are: Law, second year student with a 5.0 pre-law average; Dentistry, sophomore or junior

A seventh performance of "Hamlet" is scheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow in the University Theater.

Dr. William Morgan, director of the play, said the student cast was enthusiastic over the decision which means that an all-time record will be set in the number of performances of a single play during one season.

Professor John Gassner of Yale University will speak on "The Modernity of the Shakespearean Theater" 10:30 Thursday, also as a part of "Shakespeare on the Plains" festivities.

One of the nation's most remarkable and best known theater critics and play producers, Gassner will appear on the Hamlet stage in the University Theater.

Gassner is best known for his book, "Producing the Play," which has become known as the "Play Bible" of educational and theater groups.

He is the first man in Yale's history to hold a Sterling Professorship in playwriting and for 13 years was an executive with the Theater Guild in New York City.

A prolific writer in his own right, he has also served as drama editor of two publish-

ing houses, Appleton and Co. and Simon and Schuster.

In 1944 he temporarily left his teaching and playwriting to become the manager of the

## University Student Killed In Accident

Richard Bank, a University student, was killed about noon Friday when he lost control of his 1962 sports car and smashed into a tree. He was the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bank of Grand Island.

The accident took place three miles west of Bradshaw on U.S. Highway 34. His passenger, David Pegg, 21, of Grand Island, who is also a University student was saved from serious injury by his seat belt.

Bank was a freshman in the College of Engineering and Architecture. He was also a skilled gymnast and was on the freshman gymnastics team.



## 'NEWSREEL' SPARKS TOUR

ORCHESTRA ENDS TOUR—The University Symphony ended its Nebraska spring concert tour yesterday with a performance in the Student Union. The program directed by Emanuel Wishnow, chairman of the department of music, was highlighted by a novelty number by William Schuman called "Newsreel." The orchestra played se-

lections from the piece including the horse race, fashion show, tribal dance, monkeys at the zoo, and parade. Other numbers on the program were selections from "Royal Fireworks" by Handel, "Zigeunerweisen" by Sarasate, three dances from the ballet "Gayaneh" by Khachaturian and the "Carneval Overture" by Anton Dvorak.