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# Renters Won't Take Negroes

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series about the University of Nebraska Negro. The following story deals with housing. The phone calls referred to were made by the author anonymously, which is not a normal journalistic practice. But, in this case, it seemed the only possible way to find out how renters respond when confronted by a Negro student. The situation and circumstances of each call have been altered somewhat to eliminate any possible identification of the people called.

By John Morris

Ten phones rang in different parts of Lincoln. No one phone rang over three times. These people were prospective renters, and I was a Negro student or a friend of a Negro student.

The replies given to requests to live in those places were ten different ones, but they were all negative.

The somewhat stock answers varied with the situation I presented. It went like this:

Phone number one, with room for two available. I was white and my friend was a Negro; Sorry, but we don't take boys here...

Phone number two, room for one, I was a white calling for a Negro friend; Well, let me see if we have anything available (an advertisement said there was room open), I do have something available April 15, but that's too late (I had told him that my friend needed

a room to move into after returning from Easter Vacation). Thanks for helping your friend...

Phone number three, girl renter renting for landlord, room for one to share, I was Negro and calling for my Negro girl friend; Well, I don't care, but you should really check with the landlord...

Phone number four, room for two, two already living there, I and my friend were Negroes; I have nothing against Negroes, but we just don't like to mix them up, my two other people are white. Some of my friends are Negroes...

Phone number five, room for one to share sleeping

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quarters, I was a Negro; We don't have any singles (the ad said to share), and the guy in the room advertised doesn't want a roommate...

Phone number six, room for two, I was white calling for myself and my Negro friend; I have nothing against your Negro friend, but we have been renting to couples. (I told him we needed a place) Well, we will have a couple moving out about five months from now...

Phone number seven, sleeper, I was a Negro; I'm afraid not, we have several other sleepers here. I have nothing against it, but maybe my other sleepers would. If I had just the one room...

Phone number eight, room for one, I was a Negro; I'm afraid not, I'm not the landlord, but there is no use to see him. I'm sorry...

Phone number nine, room for one, I was a Negro trying to find better housing; It's already spoken for (before I told her I was a Negro she had said that two others were just coming to look at it and I then asked if it would be permissible to check back). No, there is no need to check back...

Phone number ten, room for three girls, I was Negro calling for my girlfriend and her two friends; Well, the other three girls are white and I don't think that would work out...

There are two things wrong with the above sampling, even though it did represent the different areas of Lincoln: there is no way of being certain that the answers given were not sincere answers and not based on simple prejudice and ten phone calls cannot be said to really be a fair sampling.

But, the answers were unanimously negative and served to support what University of Nebraska Negro students had already told the people doing this series.

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## IFC Slate Bids Due By Today

More Eligible By Expansion

Applications for positions on the recently expanded Interfraternity Council (IFC) slate must be in the IFC office by 5 p.m. today.

The slate, which selects qualified candidates for the approaching Student Council elections, was opened last week to include all qualified freshmen and sophomore males with a grade average of at least 5.5.

"Candidates will be selected on the basis of their application, ability and the results of a thorough interview, with some consideration given to past service to the University," said Pete Sommerhauser, member of the interview board.

Applications and interview times are posted on the door on the IFC office, he said, adding that anyone who cannot meet the deadline should make some arrangements with him.

Sommerhauser urged all interested and eligible men to apply for interviews, which will start at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Union.

In addition to Sommerhauser, the interview board will be composed of Bill Buckley, past IFC president; Tom Brewster, IFC president; John Lonnquist, chairman of the IFC expansion committee and Tom Kort, member of IFC and Student Council. Gary Pokorny, president of the Residence Association for Men (RAM), will also be present at the interviews.

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## —YWCA Teams Head South—

# Delegation Expanded; Destination Changed

By Mick Rood  
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Participants in the YWCA-sponsored voter registration project have added another four member team, a change in destination and several extensive orientation sessions as their Friday departure date nears.

The two teams of University students, formerly traveling to St. Louis over the spring break, will now settle in Greensboro, N.C. Second team members are Lois Shimerda, Mary Kay Cerven, Ginger Koon and Joan Sic.

## Ivy Song Leaders Will Meet Today

The second meeting of men's Ivy Day song leaders will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in 232 Union. University eligibility forms, song titles and entry fees will be collected.

All houses intending to participate in the sing must have a representative in attendance, according to Jim Klimes, chairman. Those houses not represented will be disqualified.

Together with the previously named first team, Peggy King, Andra Block, Carol Williams, Mick Rood and Elvin Siebert, the second team will attempt registration of Negro voters. Emphasis is on registration and not demonstration.

Participants will canvass Negro citizens and do office work in connection with the registration drive. They will coordinate their efforts with the already organized National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) program in the Greensboro area.

The nine University students will join others from Amherst, Cornell, Ithaca,

## Young Democrats Pick Weatherwax As Area Leader

The executive board of college Young Democrats has appointed Loren Weatherwax chairman of the Great Plains Conference of college Young Democrats. Weatherwax's advisory and organizational position will cover all college and University groups in the Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma areas.

Weatherwax is a nineteen-year-old sophomore in pre-law at the University. He is also affiliated with the Nebraska Union and Kappa Sigma fraternity.

National college Young Democrat president, Ken Lester of Wyoming, said that, "Weatherwax is one of the youngest people to receive this appointment. I feel that this helps to stress youth's interest and role in politics."

Ohio, Miami, Queens and Illinois at Greensboro, one of seven project sites. Over 50 colleges and universities are participating. Mrs. Betty Gabehart, executive director of the Nebraska student YWCA, will serve as a staff counsellor at Greensboro.

The University's contingent will leave Friday at 4:00 p.m. and drive in two cars for the 30 hour, 1,250 mile trip. They will return early Sunday morning.

Yesterday the teams attended the last of several or-

## Law Students Tour Public Power Plants

Twelve University of Nebraska law students will take part in an educational tour of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Thursday through Saturday.

The tour was arranged by R. O. Canaday of Hastings, retired general manager and chief counsel of the district, for students enrolled in a water law seminar, according to Prof. Richard Harnsberger.

Canaday and Jack Boyd of Holdrege, general manager, will discuss legal questions and organization of the district.

The tour begins Thursday noon at Holdrege with a briefing on development of the district. The group will visit the Canaday Steam Plant, Kingsley Dam, Lake McConaughy, the University of Nebraska North Platte Experiment Station, Platte Valley Power Plant, Johnson Lake and other points of interest.

Tour participants will include: Earl Ahischwede, Rob-

ert Calkins, Steven Christensen, Peter Hemstad, Fred Kauffman, David Maser, Calvin Robinson, James Sheldon, Robert Snell, Richard Spaedt, William Stukas, and Dennis Winkle. Harnsberger and Prof. John Gradwohl will accompany the group.

Dr. Fred Register, minister of the Nebraska Conference of United Churches of Christ, spoke yesterday on his experience with similar projects when he lived in the Greensboro area. Register noted that North Carolina was probably

## Chairmen Picked For Spring Day

Dennis Swanstrom has been selected for over-all chairman for Spring Day.

Other members of the executive board are men's games — Mike Jeffrey, chairman, Jim Cada, assistant; women's games — Ann Kosman, chairman, Connie Rasmussen, assistant; publicity — Jim DeMars, chairman, Lynn Jiracek, assistant.

Trophies — Sandy McDowell, chairman, Keith Koepke, assistant; secretary, Percy Wood; assistant secretary, Sally Davenport, and treasurer, Steve Davis.

more progressive than many southern states in their general integration outlook. He counseled participants to be aware of economic and social attitudes.

Last week the teams heard Rev. John Washington, office of racial and cultural relations, also of the United Church of Christ, Washington who has been jailed in Mississippi for participating in sit-in demonstrations, asked for anyone working on the project "to re-examine their motives."

The Negro Reverend suggested approaches project workers might take toward negative Negro attitudes. He said one can "get cussed at" or receive a lecture on "many distortions of the Bible" justifying Negro inferiority in voting rights.

Washington explained three arguments to encourage possible Negro voters: representation politically of his race, responsibility as a United States citizen, and a religious argument of Christian equality in the eyes of God.

Greensboro-bound students discussed the attitude of many white people, north and south, that project workers should stay at home and solve their own troubles. Most members can answer that they have worked on similar programs at home.

The University teams will stay at the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina in Greensboro. Other host schools will be North Carolina Women's College and Bennett College. Dr. George Simpkins of Greensboro will serve as Director of Voter Registration.

## Ag Hosts Purdue Educator

Classes Out For Peterson

Dr. J. B. Peterson, head of the Department of Agronomy of Purdue University will speak at an All-Ag College Convocation in the College Activities Building tomorrow.

Peterson has long been involved in improving agricultural instruction and has been interested in student affairs.

His topic will be "Toot Your Own Horn - Promote Yourself and Your Profession."

All 11 a.m. classes on Ag Campus will be dismissed and roll will be taken at the door and reported to instructors, according to Dr. F. E. Eldridge, Dean of the College of Agriculture.

The convocation is sponsored by the College Convocation Committee and Gamma Sigma Delta.

## Weill Wins \$8,000 Grant

Dick Weill, a Sigma Alpha Mu senior and vice president of Student Council, has been awarded a Root-Tilden Scholarship to attend New York University Law School. The three-year scholarship is valued at \$8,000 plus travel.

Twenty students from all over the country are chosen for the scholarship each year. Two are selected from each of the ten U.S. Circuit Court districts. The program includes a protegee program, which pairs each recipient with a prominent New York jurist or lawyer, and special seminars, forums and summer employment.

Applicants are judged on activities, grades and Princeton Law exams.

## Panhel Holds Election

Bobby Kotecha, member of the Elections Committee of Student Council conducted the election of the Panhellenic member to Student Council Monday.

The new Student Council representative will be announced at the next Panhellenic meeting. Dianne Michel, Carol Stoner and Sarah Davis were the candidates.

## —STUDENTS LOSE 'EVERYTHING'—

# Items Include Books, Record Player

By Wallis Lundeen  
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A fur-trimmed cap, a light blue quilted jacket, red and black suspenders, a Danish pipe and several sets of key chains might be found on the "well-dressed" figure emerging from the University lost and found department.

Lost and found, located in Nebraska Hall, has a large collection of clothing including hats, caps, jackets and coats, shoes and socks. One new baby diaper was also found during the State Basketball Tournament.

One excited fan lost a black

shoe, and another lady went home from a Nebraska football game with one black patent high heel shoe.

Books and notebooks are another large item. John Dzerk, operational manager, estimated there are about 300 books and 100 notebooks. Titles of books range from "Practices of Gynecology" to "The Renaissance of the 12th Century" to "The Real Abraham Lincoln."

The books and clothing, now in lost and found, have all been collected since school started last September. These items are kept until the end of the summer school ses-

sion. Then the clothing is turned over to the city welfare department for distribution to various homes, and the books are given to the University Book Store.

A broken record player found in the Student Union is also part of the collection, along with the record, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

Several University students must be making their way blindly to class, since about fifty pair of glasses have been turned in. Three contact lens cases, but no contacts, add to the accumulation. One of the lens cases is gold and was made in England.

A tennis racket, a slightly-squeezed tube of toothpaste, an intercampus bus ticket with no name on it, check-books, and a set of impressions of teeth may also be found by the intrepid explorer who ventures into the lost and found office.

Football fans return home without blankets, stadium backrests, and binoculars. Articles are separated by the game at which they were found.

High school class rings are kept from year to year, but only rings from Lincoln High School and David City Aquinas were identified.

To prove that an excursion to the lost and found can be profitable, a reporter returned with ten unsold tickets for a journalism banquet which had been lost by a member of the DAILY NEBRASKAN staff.

Dzerk encouraged students to visit the lost and found department, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To go to the lost and found office, enter Nebraska Hall at the 16th Street entrance, and turn left. The department's extension is 2657. Some identification or description will be required of a student wishing to reclaim his lost belongings.



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## CANDIDATES FILE

COUNCIL SLATES ELECTIONS—Bill Bucklin picks up his Student Council application at the office of student affairs. Candidates for Student Council must pick up the application and turn it back in by April 10.