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## Pickering picks up, moves to YMCA

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One of the most controversial campus ministers of the past decade is leaving the University of Nebraska March 1.

"I am not leaving because I am unhappy here," the Rev. Allan J. Pickering said. "I've had a great time at Nebraska."

He explained that he is leaving because he is "excited about being given the chance to do some things that will educate me." He is leaving to take a post with the National Council of the YMCA.

Pickering commented on many changes that have taken place in the University since he came here in 1960.

"I have seen the University finally getting out of the 'In loco parentis' business just this week," he said referring to new no-hour dormitory policy. "There is still progress to be made, but this has been a big step."

He continued that in 1960 the Office of Student Affairs maintained a "paternalistic policeman-like stance." "Today, it has become effective in the role of helping students to be students and changing living experiences to learning experiences," Pickering said.

He added that he had seen the appearance, openness and acceptance of activist learners

as part of the University community.

"Much of the life style of the activist learner has now become middle of the road," he said. "Almost everyone's hair is long now and learning by doing has become an accepted way of education."

The Nebraska Chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society was formed at UMHE in 1964.

"There are many University professors who would today point with pride to the original manifesto of the SDS and wish it were theirs," Pickering said.

"They wouldn't have felt that way at the time it was written."

Educational Television has been one of the really bright spots during his time in Nebraska, he added. "It is odd," Pickering said, "that a state which is twenty years behind in many areas should be so up to date in ETV. It was good when I came here and it still is."

He noted that he had received a great deal of criticism for his activities from sources outside the University. However, he added, this criticism was never able to knock down his relationships in the University community.

Pickering continued that his programs have almost always had the support, or at least acceptance, of University faculty, administration and students. At Nebraska he has also had time for versatile activities and keeping up on his scholarship of eastern and middle eastern languages.

"This is one of the best places in the country to do campus ministry," he said. "I have learned a great deal here and I hate to leave."

Pickering explained that he is to be part of a project of the

national YMCA to cope with the changing demands of coming years.

"The national bureaucracy of any locally based organization exists to deliver goods and service to the local level," he said. "When this function becomes irrelevant, the bureaucracy dies slowly and painfully as financial support is withdrawn."

Pickering continued that the YMCA is an organization looking to continue its existence in a "brave and visionary way. The national YMCA wants to provide services that will make it unnecessary. It is, in effect, planning, for its own funeral," he said.

He explained that he would be involved in research to discover how to motivate people so they never want to stop learning. There will be a need to explore and test many possible educational avenues, Pickering explained.

"If we find methods that will work, they will be applied to professionals at the local YMCAs," he said.

"When the local professionals become self-actuating learners there will be no need for bureaucratic organizations to provide services and training."

He continued that the YMCA project offers him the greatest freedom of any like offer he has received. "The project has been extremely well financed and researchers have been told not to get bogged down in financial details," he added.

"I am also moving on because I want to cope with some of the problems of this mobile society," he said. Pickering explained that it is necessary to cope with such problems to learn about them and to avoid hypocrisy when talking about the mobile world.

He added that a committee is at work to find a new man to fill his UMHE post. No one has been named as yet.

"I am sure the committee will find a very capable man who can take the UMHE program forward and make it better than it ever has been," he said.

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## Black history is sole feature Monday

Black History Week isn't something new — it's been around for many years — but now people are beginning to notice.

"Nationally, Black History Week is going through a renaissance," said Arthur Cromwell, one of the speakers at next week's second annual observance at the University of Nebraska.

AS IT was originally conceived by Carter G. Woodson, who established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915, Black History Week would be a period in which contributions of the Negro to civilization would be emphasized to impress both the black man as well as the white.

With that goal in mind members of

the NU chapter of Afro-American Collegiate Society have scheduled a week of activities which include talks by Roy Innis, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and other speakers.

"BLACK MAN and The Frontier," a discussion of the role of the black man in the making of the West, will be Cromwell's topic on Tuesday.

Cromwell, a graduate student from Howard University in Washington, D.C., is currently working at KUON-TV on a series of four documentaries on Black History to be presented on the National Education Network sometime after July.

Allen Buckingham, a history major, will discuss the history of the Black Soldier from 1776 to the present, including his personal experiences in the Vietnam War.

BLACK SOUL Music will be played every afternoon by three student bands — The Soul Sect, The Soul Sound and Allen Mosley & Co.

Rap sessions are scheduled in the Union Lounge every morning except Thursday. Black Consciousness, The Black Community and The Black Man's History are some of the topics to be discussed.

For Friday evening, an Afro-American sponsored dinner and dance is scheduled.

## Campus Calendar

Friday, Feb. 6  
Nebraska Union

- 7:45 a.m.  
Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
- 12:30 p.m.  
Placement
- 1:30 p.m.  
American Pharmaceutical Association
- 3:00 p.m.  
Publications Board
- 5:00 p.m.  
French Club
- 7:30 p.m.  
Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
- 7:45 p.m.  
Faculty Newcomers Club
- 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.  
Chinese Student Association movie "Dragon Inn"
- 9:00 p.m.  
Inter Co-op Council dance