

Black studies minor offered

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Educational innovation will be the theme of this semester's new interdisciplinary African-American Studies program.

The eighteen-hour minor features 16 optional subjects and requires three courses: Black-White Psychology (Psych 182), The Black Experience in America (Soc 198), and Race Relations (Soc 117).

Courses from anthropology, economics, history, music, philosophy, political science, sociology and psychology will provide a wide variety of resource material, according to Lodi Rhodes, black studies coordinator. Students can focus on the historical, environmental, cultural and socio-psychological aspects of the Black experience in America, he said.

BLACK STUDIES personnel hope this focal approach will allow flexibility in teaching and provide a direction for future program expansion, he added.

Rhodes, a black who received his masters degree in psychology last year from Kansas State, does not believe in traditional education as a pancea for racial ills.

"My thing is educational innovation," he said. He will stress "personal involvement" by students not only in curriculum development but also through emotional immersion in the black experience.

BLACK EXPERIENCE in America cannot be understood on a simply objective level but demands an assimilation of both "emotional and factual aspects of the environment," he said.

According to Rhodes, much of the program's success will be measured by the personal awareness and self-development that a student gains in addition to knowledge of the black experience.

He estimated Black Studies at Nebraska may not reach their full potential until second semester of next year, citing the late formation of the program as a hindrance to enrollment this fall.

While earning his masters, Rhodes co-directed t-groups, led a student legal defense fund for blacks accused in 1969 disturbances at KSU and had extensive experience in student, prisoner and mental patient counseling. He also played football with the Wildcats and spent two years as president of the KSU Black Student Union.

He cited "the sophistication of Nebraska students," the lack of rhetoric on this campus and what he senses is a sincere desire to implement a Black

Nebraska Dames meet Thursday

The University of Nebraska Dames, an organization for the wives of University students, announced that its first meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Methodist Student Center, 640 North 16th St.

A style show is to be presented by Quentins, with a business meeting and social hour following. All wives of students are invited.

The organization meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Studies program as his principal reasons for coming to Nebraska. Additionally, the position gives him a chance for administrative experience in higher education, he said.

RHODES WILL have no formal counseling duties here but said that he will be happy to talk with any student, black or white. He will be acting as faculty adviser for the Afro-American Collegiate Society (AACS).

Other members of the coordinating committee that Rhodes chairs are: David Levine, chairman of the Psychology department; Jack Siegman, assistant professor of sociology; Les Duly, associate professor of history; and the Student Affairs Coordinator of Special Programs; Haze Pope. A student representative from the AACS and the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board will also be appointed.

ASUN chooses 2nd VP

ASUN Wednesday selected a new second vice president.

John Humlicek, former ASUN senator and a junior in Teachers College, is the third to hold the office since the 1970 spring elections. The original vice president, Mark Theisen, left the university in June to enter Mount Michael Monastery in Elkhorn, Nebraska. His replacement, Randy Prier, resigned for academic reasons.

"One of my main areas of interest this year will be working on housing policy," Humlicek said. "I can foresee charges in the next few years, perhaps including tenant unions, in which students are provided with legal aid and help in housing improvement."

Humlicek said that his basic role will be coordinating

ASUN's many committees, particularly those dealing with educational reform, and working with the faculty senate.

"The role of the second vice president has been previously undefined. I want that to change this year and will be pushing to get things done. Perhaps if we kick some ass, things will move," he observed.

ASUN President Steve Tiwald commented on Humlicek's appointment, "We reviewed people on the basis of qualifications, experience, and dependability. We were looking for someone who could contribute to a strong executive team. ASUN success depends on effective cooperation among its executives, senators and the constituency."

Rights committee approved


In its first meeting Wednesday ASUN senate approved a resolution forming a student legal rights committee. According to Senator Nancy Ryan the function of the committee is "to make corrections and clarifications in the judicial system of the university."

ASUN president Steve Tiwald explained "the Office of Student Affairs now serves a dual role as counselor and a disciplinarian of University student." The new committee will attempt to set up a defined procedure for the protection of student legal rights in the disciplinary process, he said.

The committee may also put a lawyer on retainer for the use of individual students and ASUN.

In other action the Senate passed a resolution setting up a program aimed at involving freshman and sophomore students in ASUN committees on a voluntary basis.

The ASUN service committee's name was changed to the Student Economic Development Committee. This committee develops and reviews various economic services for students.



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