



## March against Elks lodge planned

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Believing that racism is primarily the problem of whites, a University organization is planning a demonstration march Friday afternoon against the Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 which excludes blacks from its membership.

"Through peaceful protest it is hoped the people of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska can be made aware of the prejudice and discrimination" of the Elks club, according to a statement of the Human Relations Insight League which is planning the march.

The march is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Union and precede to Elks Lodge No. 80 on 15th St., where there will be a program of speakers and a request for a dialogue with Elk Lodge officials. The march will then continue to the black Elks Lodge on 9th St. to demonstrate the unnecessary "dual nature" of the club, according to the League statement.

NU English instructor Michael Willey, a member of the League, said the demonstration will be in support of a boycott of the white

Lincoln Elks Club began by the Lincoln Human Rights Commission and the League of Women Voters.

The Human Rights Commission has written to a number of organizations urging them to consider their use of the Elks Club's facilities, according to Human Rights officer Gerald Henderson.

Henderson said the Commission is trying to bring public pressure against the Elks to end their discrimination.

Richard H. Blomgren, exalted ruler of Elks Lodge No. 80, said he will meet with the demonstrators Friday "to listen and discuss and give our side."

Blomgren said membership qualifications are not determined by the Lincoln lodge, but by the national Elks organization. He said that an Elks national convention in July, 75 per cent of the delegates voted to retain the present membership qualifications. Although barred from

membership, blacks can be guests of members at the Lincoln lodge.

One of the questions involved, Blomgren said, is whether a group can establish a private organization.

The League statement noted, "A magnificent white building houses this club and the membership of it is also white,

only white — but not nearly as magnificent."

Addressing the demonstrators at the Elks Lodge No. 80 will be Larry Doerr of the United Ministries in Higher Education and spokesmen from the League of Women Voters and the Free Speech Movement, according to Willey.

## Survey to study drugs

A study of the attitudes of University students toward drug usage is being undertaken by the Student Health Center.

A questionnaire designed to determine what students perceive to be the most frequently used drugs and whether or not they use them is being mailed to a random sample of students, said Dr. Gary Martin, epidemiologist at the center.

Names for mailing the questionnaires were obtained from a random sample taken from computerized enrollment records.

Questionnaires include a pre-addressed envelope which may be returned through campus mail.

"We hope to use the results of the survey to determine how effective drug education programs are and what new ones are needed," said Dr. Martin. "The questionnaire is short, relatively easy to fill out and completely anonymous. There is no way to check on any person who reports being a drug user."

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## Finals to end before Christmas in '71

This time next year many students will probably be asking Santa for good grades on their final exams.

According to a calendar approved by the Faculty Senate last Spring, finals next year will be before Christmas vacation.

First semester classes will begin September 1, and end December 17. Finals will end December 23.

Second semester classes will begin January 19, and end May 10. Finals will end May 17.

The schedule includes a four-day Thanksgiving vacation and a nine-day Easter vacation. There will be one-day holidays on Labor Day, Spring Day, and Ivy Day. Second semester commencement will be May 20.

The new schedule reflects a national trend to complete the first semester before Christmas, according to Udo Jansen, associate professor of Secondary Education, who chairs the Faculty Senate's Calendar and Examination Committee.

As a result of the schedule change, students will no longer have to "gear up" for finals after a lengthy vacation, Jansen said.

His committee's main problem was "trying to get the same number of instructional days in fewer months," Jansen reported.

This problem was resolved mainly by cutting the length of finals from three to two hours and shortening the final exam period to five days.

## Peace fair is 'people oriented'

To "foster discussion of other things having to do with other kinds of peace," Nebraskans for Peace (NFP) will co-sponsor a Peace Fair Saturday according to coordinator Nick Meinhardt.

The fair, from noon until 6 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, was initiated also by the Lincoln Draft Information Service.

At least 24 organizations from the Lincoln area will have a booth at the Fair.

"All the organizations are for peace," Meinhardt said. "They deeply feel the need for people to get rid of their prejudices and bias and open themselves up to life."

The fair will draw together organizations interested in changing the present structures and attitudes of society so that

these may give way to people-oriented values, he added.

The Lincoln Action Program, the City-wide Tenants Organization, the Lincoln Volunteer Bureau and Zero Population Growth will all participate. University groups at the fair will include the Women's Action Group, the Student Volunteers Council and the Human Relations Insight League.

Meinhardt also noted that the groups at the fair do not necessarily endorse NFP nor NFP them.

The fair was originally to be planned and run by high school students. But, Meinhardt said, the students decided they wanted to open it to everyone and make it a community-wide event.

The idea to sponsor the Fair grew from NFP's realization

that many people didn't realize others were working to change present attitudes and structures.

"People are saying that other people really aren't doing things, Meinhardt said. "A lot of people are working very hard."

The coordinator hopes the fair will also be an educational experience for visitors.

"Someone may learn something about a whole area with which he is already sympathetic, but really doesn't know much about," he said.

Live music featuring both rock and folk singing will alternate with films about urban environment, the quality of life, the war and people. The Lincoln Draft Information Service will provide draft counseling throughout the six hours.



Friday morning 4. a.m.  
(early in december)

the wind is flouting  
an aubade for forsaken summers.  
the flies have come inside to die  
as dandelion lower their proud domes,  
weeping for Fallen brethren.

Friday morning 4 a.m.  
talks of rays of white  
that begin to streak by my window,  
blinding the sightless dark.

If I could learn from one snowflake  
how to float in mindless currents,  
I could rescue all the leaves impatient Fall  
has left behind.