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Jimmie Smith III headed the program to acclimate freshmen minority students.

Minorities given UNL intro

By Susan Guffey

A minority student came to UNL with what can become a giant handicap. Minority students are indeed the minority—less than 3 per cent of the student body—and the usual I'm-a-freshman-I'm-lost syndrome can mushroom beyond the normal orientation stage.

To help avoid disappointment and failure resulting from misunderstanding and misinterpretation, the UNL Office of Minority Affairs sponsors a special introduction to the campus. For three days last week, 55 minority freshmen—most of them Nebraskans—toured the university and its services.

For the first time in the program's three-year history, Campus Security officials met with the group to explain everything from traffic tickets to dorm security.

Jimmi Smith III, acting director of Minority Affairs, called the Campus

Security sessions a "chance to get rid of misconceptions on both sides.

"Many of these students have a history of bad relationships with police," Smith explained. "We want to minimize clashes here by showing both the police and the students what each side can expect."

Financial problems often heighten the sense of difference a minority student feels at the University, Smith said. So talks on how to manage a budget to make the grants, loans and scholarships stretch also were part of the program.

"Because of financial pressures, an individual sometimes performs certain acts he would not normally perform," Smith said. He added that there were frank discussions of understanding one's reactions to academic letdowns.

Program participants apparently were happy with efforts to help acquaint them with the campus.

"This orientation helped bridge the gap between high school and college," said Dale Hayes, a computer science freshman. "It's a big change."

NU interim tours include Europe, Russia and Africa

For the third consecutive year, NU is offering study tours and charter flights for UNL and University of Nebraska at Omaha students during the winter break, according to Cheryl Long, program associate for NU Flights and Study Tours.

Long said this year's tours will include France, Italy, Germany and Britain. She said the Wesley House is sponsoring a study tour to Russia and there also is a study group planned for Africa.

For students planning to attend any of this year's study tours, there

will be an orientation session in early December. At the session, prospective travelers will receive basic information about the countries, passports, visas and currency, Long said.

According to Zoya Zeman, program coordinator for NU Flights and Study Tours, anyone interested in taking a tour next year also is welcome to attend the session.

The flights to Europe will range in cost from \$450 to \$600, Zeman said. That estimate is based on present figures available from the airlines and

is subject to change, she said. Zeman said that if the charter planes aren't completely filled, the cost per student probably will go up.

For students who may want to take advantage of the charter flight but don't want to take a course, there will be a limited number of seats for flight-only reservations, Long said. She said students taking courses will be given priority.

Plans for the study trip to Russia, sponsored by the Wesley House, has been planned under the direction of Mel Luetchens, she said. According to Long, persons wanting information

on the tour to Russia should contact Luetchens at the Wesley House or call 432-0355.

The study tour to Africa is part of a nationwide study group tour which will leave from New York. Long said students wanting to apply for the trip should see Oyekan Owomoyeja, assistant professor of English, Andrews 353, or call 472-3191, before Sept. 10.

For further information on the European tours, students should contact Long in the Flights and Study Tours office, Nebraska Union 204.

A\$K for a discount

The Associated Student Ko-op (ASK) is a buyer's co-op open to any student, staff or faculty member at UNL. It was initiated by members of ASUN, but is incorporated separately as a non-profit corporation.

ASK membership cards with name, picture, birthdate, social security number and signature are sold by ASK and the card enables a person to receive discounted prices at participating businesses. In addition, ASK cards may be used as ID's to prove legal age (for this reason two forms of identification are necessary when purchasing membership cards).

Businesses who are interested in University patronage have agreed to offer discounts to members of ASK and these members in turn will

probably patronize these stores to realize the savings. By increasing sales these merchants are able to sell at a lower price, passing these savings on to ASK members.

ASK is a non-profit corporation which operates autonomously from ASUN, so none of the money from the \$5 membership fee goes to finance student government. One-fourth of the \$5 goes toward Ko-op advertising, which is another incentive for businesses to join the Ko-op. The remaining money goes towards Ko-op expenses and future development of the Ko-op's own stores.

Cards will be sold in the Union from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the first two weeks of school. Cards will also be sold on dormitory floors and in Greek houses in the evenings.

20 area businesses

H & A SKELLY 347 North 27th	10% parts & labor 3 1/2% on gas	Kramer's Greenhouses 10th & Van Dorn	20%	Lutfiyya's Glass Menagerie	10%
Runza Drive-Inn Glass Menagerie (only)	10%	Howell Memorial Theatre 12th & "R" Streets	50¢ ticket discount	12th Street Garage Glass Menagerie	10¢ on mixed drinks
JB Big Boy 701 North 27th	10%	Wine Art 433 South 13th	10%	Backstage Limited Glass Menagerie	5%
Treck Photo 1700 "O" Street	10-50%	Daily Nebraskan Union 34	25% on classified advertising	Interiors Diversified 132 S 13th	5% of furniture
Pit Stop Garage 11th & B	25% parts 50% hoist rental	Bloom's Typewriter 323 North 13th	10% on new machines	Rental Guide 1033 K St. 475-4102	10%
Heads Together Glass Menagerie	10%	Paul's Liquor 2202 "O" Street	4-10%	Art World Gateway	10% except on net items
Schaak Electronics Glass Menagerie	varies with item	Water Bed Company 1032 "P" Street	10%	Pizza Hut 4601 "O" Street	10% on pizza
Pizza Hut 14th and "Q" Streets	10% on pizza	Pizza Hut 2435 S 48th	10% on pizza		