

February dedicated to Black heritage

By Barbara Lutz

Several UNL student organizations and the University Office of Minority Affairs are pooling resources during Black Heritage Month to make students more aware of successful Black Americans and opportunities for Black students at UNL.

Annette Hudson, minority affairs special services counselor, said National Black Heritage Week traditionally is the second week of February, but because it is difficult to schedule speakers at the beginning of the month, February has been designated Black Heritage Month in Nebraska.

Junmi Smith, minority affairs director, said five speakers will visit UNL during the month and talk about "things they (students) can gain from the university, when they leave and while they are here." UNL's Black graduates have found there are benefits for Blacks in a predominantly-White university "in terms of what they'll have to deal with when they leave," he said.

Smith said it is important for Black students to know their rights on campus and the desired relationships with professors and staff and non-faculty members.

Two 1972 graduates and one 1973 UNL graduate, now successful businessmen, told several classes Wednesday of their experiences since graduation.

Al Lewis, Vernon Slaughter and Raymond Metoyer

said they remember many difficult times during their college years. Speaking to students in psychology, black literature, jazz and counseling classes, Lewis and Slaughter related experiences as residence hall student assistants on predominantly White-student floors, antagonistic professors and student harassment.

Lewis went to law school after he was graduated, and taught at Manpower, Inc. He said he worked with Northern Natural Gas Co. in Omaha until his promotion to director of personnel training at Northern Petrochemical in Chicago.

Slaughter said he read an advertisement in the Daily Nebraskan for a record industry job in Minnesota. He landed the job and now is a local promotion manager/special markets manager for Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) records in Washington D.C.

Metoyer can be seen on Omaha channel 6, WOWT-TV. The 1973 graduate is an anchorman, newscaster and photographer.

Hudson said the Union Program Council Black Activities Committee is sponsoring a speech tonight by Ralph Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

In March, she said, Alex Haley, Black historian and Ida Lewis, editor of Encore Magazine, will speak at UNL.



Photo by Kevin Higley

Vernon Slaughter, a UNL graduate and a promotion and special markets manager for Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) records, was one of three speakers Wednesday. Slaughter, at UNL for Black Heritage Month, related his experience as a Black student.

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According to Richie, the day care center was started in the fall of 1971, five years after a study was made showing what she called a need for child care for low-income students.

It originally was intended to be free of charge, but, Ritchie said, because of financial problems, the centers have had to charge students.

This semester the fee is \$40 a month for parents with one child in the program, and \$55 for more than one child. Lincoln day care centers usually cost between \$90 and \$150 if used five hours for five days a week, she said.

Additionally, parents using the service must attend one

parent meeting a month, help in fund-raising projects for the center and be on one parent committee, Ryan said.

Many academic departments use the day care center as a part of their educational program, Ritchie said.

According to Ryan, the day care centers receive help from students from the Graduate School of Social Work, and the Educational Psychology, Child Psychology, Speech and Hearing, Food and Nutrition, Human Development and English Depts. For class credit, the students observe children in the center and plan activities.

Since the program first started, the number of children in the center has grown from 12 to about 70, she added. Currently, the two centers serve 55 children, Ryan said.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs near 50.

Thursday

8 a.m.—Japanese Agricultural Training Program—Nebraska Center for Continuing Education (NCCE), 33rd and Holdrege streets.

8 a.m.—Nebraska Real Estate Institutes and Graduate Conference—NCCE.

8 a.m.—Corrosion Prevention Conference—NCCE.

8:30 a.m.—Student Affairs staff—Nebraska Union 242.

9:30 a.m.—Student Affairs; staff development—Union 216.

10 a.m.—Center for Students and Organizations—Union 232.

11:50 a.m.—Emeriti Association luncheon—Union Pawter Room.

12 p.m.—Area of Excellence luncheon—Union 203.

12:30 p.m.—Career Planning and Placement luncheon—Union 243.

1 p.m.—Fees Allocation Board (FAB) sub committee I—Union 216.

2 p.m.—Nebraska Center for Health Education—Union 242.

3 p.m.—FAB; sub committee I—Union 216.

4 p.m.—FAB—Union 203.

5 p.m.—Union Program Council; Model United Nations Interviews—Union 243.

5:30 p.m.—Council on Student Life Housing Policy Committee—Union Pawter Room.

5:30 p.m.—Council of American Indian Students—Union 232.

6 p.m.—Volunteer Bureau Income Tax Assistance—Union 225G.

6:30 p.m.—Greek Week Trivia Bowl—Union Main Lounge.

7 p.m.—Area of Excellence conference—NCCE.

7 p.m.—Union Program Council news conference with Ralph Abernathy—Union 242.

7 p.m.—Council on Student Life—Union Pawter Room.

7 p.m.—Chess Club—Union Harvest Room A.

7:30 p.m.—Bahai Association—Union 216.

7:30 p.m.—Math Counselors—Union 225 B-C.

7:30 p.m.—Union Program Council speaker—Ralph Abernathy—Union Ballroom.

8 p.m.—Faculty Recital; Robert Fought, saxophone—Kimbell Recital Hall, 11th and R streets.

8 p.m.—Studio Theatre: *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad*—Temple Bldg.