

short stuff

A representative from the Veterans Administration (VA) regional office will be in Nebraska Union 228 from 11 to noon today to answer questions about VA benefits.

The Nebraska Union Advisory Board will meet at 7 tonight in Union 203.

The Engineering Toastmasters will meet at 5:30 tonight in Nebraska Engineering Center 241.

The UNL Young Democrats will meet at 9 tonight in Union 345.

The Mexican American Student Association (MASA) is sponsoring Cultural Awareness Days 1977. The theme is "Hispanos in the Midwest: A Multicultural Legacy." MASA is presenting speakers, panels, films, dance and an art exhibition today through Sunday at UNL. All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

The Student Slavic Committee will debate "The Role of Ideology in the Soviet Context" at 3:30 today in Oldfather Hall 538.

The UNL Accounting Club will meet at 3:45 today in the Union. Room number will be posted.

Beef steak consumers are asked to give their opinion of steak samples and they will be given a free ice cream cone from the UNL Dairy Store on East Campus. Persons interested should stop at Food and Nutrition Bldg. 115 at 2:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Nomads Youth Hostel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union. Room number will be posted.

Poet uses experiences to tell truths

By Sharon Frohner

Audre Lorde, who calls herself a "black woman warrior poet," said all a poet can do is use her own experiences in her writing.

Lorde, a teacher of poetry at John J. College of Criminal Justice in New York, also teaches poetry classes at the Poets' Center, conducts workshops, and does readings around the country. She has traveled in the eastern United States, Africa, Mexico and Russia. Lorde gave a poetry reading Monday night at the Nebraska Union.

She has written two books of poetry and was the co-winner of the National Book Award for Poetry in 1974. Lorde also was poetry editor of the *Amazon Quarterly*. Lorde said poets use their own experiences to tell greater truths that make emotional bridges between peoples' experiences. She said her own experiences are those of a black woman and she does not consider being black and a woman a limitation.

"It does not remove me from the human race," she said. "It adds to it. It's not a restrictive categorization; it's an expansive categorization."

A writer for 30 years, Lorde said she tries to illuminate the world from her position and share with people who have totally different experiences. She said her poetry has grown and changed somewhat, but it still reaches the emotions first.

"Poetry moves through feelings," she said. It is subversive, because it causes people to feel something they think they should not feel, she said.

She said this suppression of true feeling puts all people at a disadvantage.

"Women in general are not supposed to really feel their own feelings. We're supposed to feel what we've been told, and that's the sign of our inferiority."

"That's why we're the 'weaker sex.' Men think and women feel. They (men) respect feelings, but they don't want to do it. It's a double bind," Lorde said.

Lorde also said she believes people should use every weapon possible to preserve the earth, which she said is dying.

Poetry is such a weapon, she said, and part of her function is to urge others to become aware that they can help the earth survive.

She said people have function and power, and they must choose how to use it. People must define their wants and needs, Lorde said, and try to fulfill them in a way not oppressive to others.

"You have a responsibility to speak up," she said. As an example, Lorde compared the acceptance by students of a professor's unsatisfactory teaching methods with the unquestioning obedience of the Nazis.

calendar

12:45 p.m.—Underwood School, Union North Conference Room.

1:30 p.m.—Mexican American Student Association Cultural Days "Leo Estrada," Union 242.

1:30 p.m.—Mini-University "Working Parents," Union 222.

1:30 p.m.—Admissions-German Exchange Students, Union 232.

4 p.m.—Booster Yell Squad Interviews, Union South Conference Room.

4 p.m.—Speech Communication Reading Hour, Union 232.

5:30 p.m.—Gamma Lambda, Union Harvest Room A.

5:30 p.m.—Engineering Toastmasters, Union Harvest Room C.

6:30 p.m.—ASUN Senate Meeting, Union 202.

7:30 p.m.—Nebraska Union Advisory Board, Union 203.

7 p.m.—A.I.E.S.E.C., Union Auditorium.

7 p.m.—Nebraska Human Resources Foundation-P.D.P., Union 222.

7 p.m.—Junior IFC, Union 337.

7:30 p.m.—Mexican American Student Association Cultural Days "Henry Casso," Union 242.

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

Nebraska East Union

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Update seminar, Nebraska East Union Great Plains Room.

Noon—Extension Home Economics Coordinating Committee, Columbine Room.

3 p.m.—Water resource seminar, Cottonwood Room.

3 p.m.—National Executive Housekeepers Association, Sycamore Room.

3 p.m.—Southeast Community College, Sunflower Room.

5:30 p.m.—East Union Program Council, Cottonwood Room.

6:30 p.m.—Rodeo Club, Columbine Room.



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