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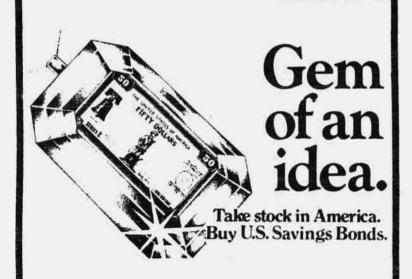
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Officials speak for black civil rights

By Cindy Coglianese

Lt. Governor Roland Leudtke, Mayor Helen Boosalis and City Councilman John Robinson were among community leaders who helped kick off the opening ceremonies of Black History Month.

Observance of Black History Month includes a list of activities through the month of February.

The opening ceremony was also highlighted by a musical performance by football player Anthony Steeles and a dramatic reading of Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech.

Leudtke told the audience of about 100 that the Nebraska state government is dedicated to carry out affirmative action programs.

"Most of our basic civil rights are here," Leudtke said. "But it has taken a long time. It took almost 90 years to get to 1975 when we finally established the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Awesome responsibility

He said that carrying out the task of establishing affirmative action programs in Nebraska is "an awesome responsibility" but added that it is long overdue

In addition to state government, Boosalis said Lincoln is aware of the importance of affirmative action in city government. She told the audience that by executive order, an affirmative action program was implemented two weeks ago.

She also said Black History Week offers Americans the opportunity to be aware of the "extraordinary role blacks have played" in American history.

1 p.m.-Muslim Student Association, Room 243.

1 p.m.-CAP Staff, Room 216.

3 p.m.—Anthropology Department-Career Day, Auditorium.

5 p.m.-UPC - City Foreign Film Committee, Room 203.

5 p.m.-Morrison-Knudsen Company, Room 242. 6:30 p.m. Theta Xi,

Room 216. 6:30 p.m.-Muslim Stu-Association, Room

12 noon LDS Student Art Exhibit Loft.

Association Campus Committee Activities Room.

12:15 p.m. Student Affairs Staff Development Committee-Sycamore Room.

11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Horticulture Club T-shirt Sales - Lobby.

7 p.m. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship-Cottonwood Room.

9 p.m.-UPC-East Groundhog's Day Dance-Great Plains Room.

EUPC-E Annie Lenney

Councilman John Robinson, the only black member on the city council, urged black students at UNL to get involved with the communities in Lincoln.

Role models

"A big problem with black students on campus is that they isolate themselves," Robinson said, "You have to step off campus and into the community where you can present positive role models for young black people. Young people think that the university campus is off limits. It is the burden of young black students to step into the community,"

Robinson said that it is important that blacks realize they can be lawyers, doctors and bankers and can own

businesses. "Blacks need to deal more effectively at the market. place," he told the audience. "Hopefully one day people will come to blacks as suppliers and not consumers.

The State Director of Motor Vehicles and a former city council member Pete Peterson said the time has come for Nebraskans to develop more black pride.

Remember the past

"We have to think about the past so that we are encouraged about the future," Peterson said

He also said that he felt he would be "watched closely"

in his newly appointed position and told the audience that he would do everything he could in his position to help the black image in Nebraska.

UNL faculty members also participated in the opening ceremonies.

Dr. Donald Osborne of the Institute of Ethnic Studies and assistant professor of educational administration served as the master of ceremonies for the event. He said the ceremony marked the beginning of awareness of the black contribution to American history.

"The struggle of equal rights is by no means over." Osborne said. "This month should serve as a reminder of how much has been accomplished as well as how much will be accomplished."

Short

Feb. 10 is the deadline for applications for a summer internship with the Washington Center for Learning Alternatives. Students earn academic credit by interning in congressional offices, executive agencies or with public interest organizations. Positions are available for students interested in the environment, consumer affairs, communi-

cations, the arts, business. legal issues and government Contact the Experimental Education Office, Oldfather

The Department of Anthropology is sponsoring a "Careers in Anthropology" day, today from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union small auditorium. Featured speakers will lecture at 15-minute intervals.

The Folk Dancing (lub will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in Mabel Lee Hall 119

The deadline for applying for degrees for Max 1979 is Friday Feb. 9. In apply, go to the Office of Registration and Records Information Window, Administration Building to an 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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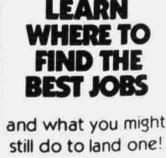
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