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She said that her experiences with Beta Sigma Psi, a Lutheran affiliated fraternity, have proven students have good manners, are dedicated to their church, studious and addicted to having fun.

According to Letcher, the fraternity provides a "corporation of togetherness and a brotherhood feeling." She described the boys as a group of people trying to help each other and who use their fraternity as a tool to accomplish their common goal: education.

Letcher's involvement in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People began about 15 years ago, and led to her presidency of the Lincoln chapter. She said the 800,000 present integrated members strive for the elimination of discrimination, no matter what race.

IN HER LIFETIME, Letcher said she has witnessed many accomplishments of black persons such as the right to vote, equal housing laws, and the right to equal education. She added the NAACP has been instrumental in these accomplishments.

Letcher also said she believes there is a way to get things done in the area of black rights without turning others deaf to your pleas.

She said that Sen. Ernest Chambers has his own way of expressing himself, and he tries to "create attention as to what he is saying."

"The less said the better," Letcher said, declining to comment on the content of Chamber's speech at UNL. She said all she knew about it was "what I read in your paper (Daily Nebraskan).

In addition to her involvement in NAACP, Letcher is on the board of directors of the Lincoln Action Program and chairman of the Equal Opportunity Committee under LAP. Letcher also is on the board of directors for the Malone

Community Center and on the Human Rights Commission.

LETCHER DOWN PLAYS her civic involvement saying that when people get to be her age, their list of accomplishments will be long.

Apparently, though, someone gives her credit for her activities as she was invited to the White House.

Letcher met with President Carter and Stuart Eisenstat, head of national wage and price control on Oct. 30, in a program to recognize national community leaders. She was the only Lincolnite in the 300 member gathering.

Letcher said she and the president discussed energy problems and their effects on people with fixed incomes.

Letcher also said that she has experienced little discrimination because of her race.

"I have always had self-respect, and never felt inferior," Letcher said, and says this attitude has caused her to have "more friends than enemies."

LETCHER SAID, however, that one area which causes discrimination is the misrepresentation of blacks in American history. She said the negative aspects of black history have been over-emphasized, but the positive aspects have been underplayed. Letcher said that a revision of black history is necessary to "take away some of the hostility" that is the root of discrimination.

Letcher has raised three children, cares for her disabled husband and helps raise eight grandchildren.

Letcher combines the three areas of her life with grace and ease.

"I know what I'm about and what I've got to do," she said, and her varied interests enforce her philosophy of helping any man with the need to be helped.

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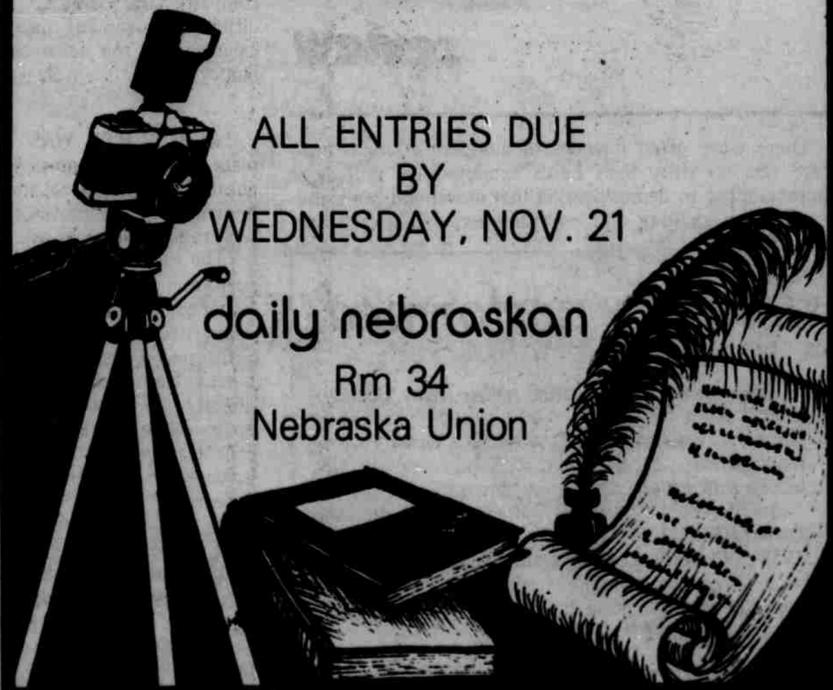
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