Week's activities emphasize better understanding

By Mary Ellen Behne

If your friends are different from you, you've already found the pot of gold.

So say the many rainbowed posters announcing "A Week to Explore Differences," five days of activities designed to help UNL students, faculty members and employees better understand people who are different from them

Activities for the week, which started Sunday and continues through Thursday, include films, discussions and workshops about people of different races, nationalities, sexes, religions and sexual preferences. UNL Housing's Office of Residential Education is sponsoring the week.

According to the office's director, Richard McKinnon,

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one of the week's main goals is to help students living in residence halls to become more tolerant of students who have different characteristics than they. Improving tolerance among students would improve the living environment on hall floors, he said.

"Problems in the residence halls usually stem from differences between students," McKinnon said, "such as differences between roommates, gays and straights and students of different races."

McKinnon said housing staff members and residence hall directors are sponsoring the week's activities, most of which are in UNL residence halls or the Nebraska unions.

He emphasized, however, that the activities are open to anyone at UNL, not just students living in the halls.

Films and discussions about people valuing themselves and others were shown at Abel Hall Sunday. The staff of Cather-Pound-Neihardt sponsored Monday's activities about disabled people, gays and lesbians, international students and UNL students involved in religious groups.

Today, Residential Education staff members will

sponsor a film festival in the television room in Selleck Quadrangle, in the main lounges of the Nebraska Union and in Burr Hall on East Campus. The films will focus on the experiences of blacks, Indians and Mexican-Americans.

Wednesday's activities, sponsored by the Harper-Schramm-Smith complex, are about men's issues. Films will be shown in the main lounges of both unions, and a program on male sexuality will be presented at 7 p.m. in the main lounge of Harper Hall.

The last day of activities, Thursday, will be devoted to women's issues. Program and residence hall directors of Burn Fedde, Love and Selleck will show films including A Turning Point and An Unmarried Woman in the East Union and the Selleck television lounge. A panel discussion about women in the 1980s will be in the union at 3:30 p.m.

The same topic will be addressed at 7:30 p.m. in the Selleck dining room by Lynn Roper, a stockbroker at Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc. and an active member of the Nebraska and Lincoln chapters of the Commission on the Status of Women.

All activities are free.

UNL to sponsor broadcasting contest

While most UNL students and faculty will get a chance to relax during spring break, about 15 judges from around the world and UNL School of Journalism faculty members will be examining entries in an international broadcasting promotion competition.

Larry Walklin, chairman of the School of Journalism's broadcasting department, said, however, the faculty members are happy to do it.

The 1982 Boradcasters Promotion Association/University of Nebraska International Gold Medallion Awards competition will help to increase the regulation of the School of Journalism, Walklin said.

More than 1,500 entries were received by the Feb. 15

deadline, Walklin said. Awards will be presented in 25 categories, such as sales promotion and television and radio announcements.

Walklin said UNL received many entries from the three major television networks, as well as TV stations, radio stations, cable TV networks and program distributors.

UNL does not participate in the contest because of its role as co-sponsor, Walklin said.

Faculty members can show their classes the winning entries, which can be an effective teaching tool, Walklin and

Both faculty members and students benefit by seeing examples of work done by professionals from around the world, Walklin said.

Officials postpone corn sale to Taiwan

By Melinda Norris

An attempt to sell 500,000 metric tons of Nebraska corn to the Taiwan government has been postponed and not canceled, said Lt. Gov. Roland Luedtke.

Luedtke made the announcement Monday after a story appearing in the Sunday Lincoln Journal-Star said state officials "scrapped" the mission after only one Nebraska corn dealer. Scoular-Bishop Grain Co. of Omaha, placed a bid for the deal. Three bids were needed.

Because of the time frame and intricate details of the contract, state officials decided to postpone the deal until March 19 to provide more time for potential bidders to estimate a price, Luedtke said.

Certain prerequisites in the contract disqualified most of Nebraska's largest corn dealers from bidding, leaving the 19 million bushel deal open to the smaller, incapable dealers, a panel of state Agriculture Department officials explained.

In addition, the contract itself is to be concluded in Taiwan.

Department of Agriculture Marketing Division.

A dealer also may make more money by storing the

same corn rather than by selling it, he said.

According to Luedtke, other difficulties which have stalled the deal include the cost and paperwork of using large grain trader's storage bins, and collecting, loading and shipping the grain.

Luedtke said the governor appointed him to head the marketing mission because Gov. Charles Thone could not leave the state during an election year and while the Legislature is in session.

Luedtke said there was no disagreement between him and Thone over the importance of the corn trade.

"There couldn't be any more pleased people than Charlie Thone and Roland Luedtke if we would secure the deal," he said.

According to a news release from Luedtke's office, the Taiwanese government contacted Thone about a possible corn purchase Nov. 8, 1981. In January, Luedtke, two Nebraska Agriculture Department officials and three Nebraska grain dealers scheduled a meeting with the Taiwanese government for Feb. 12 through 19. After failing to meet the requirements of the Taiwanese contract, Thone and Luedtke agreed to postpone the meeting.

Senator seeks office as lieutenant governor

Sen. Howard Lamb of Anselmo announced Monday that he is leaving "one of the top positions in the Legislature" to vie for the office of lieutenant governor of the State of Nebraska.

Lamb said he is pursuing the office because "there is a great untapped potential in the office of lieutenant governor to be of greater service to the state."

If elected to the office, Lamb said he will concentrate on improving the economic health of the state, working in harmony with the governor and improving the working relationship between the lieutenant governor and the governor.

Lamb verbally attacked the incumbent Lt. Gov. Roland Luedtke for demonstrating a lack of cooperation in working with Gov. Charles Thone.

"In the nearly four years that Charlie Thone has been governor, I have had easy access to his office," Lamb said. "Although we do not always agree on every detail, I am in agreement with his conservative philosophy," he said.

Noting that all the present constitutional officers are residents of Lincoln, the Anselmo rancher and farmer said his election would "provide diversity of background which would strengthen the Statehouse team."

Chairman of the Legislative Executive Board and a member of the Education and Public Works committees, Lamb was elected to the Legislature in 1976 and re-elected in 1980.

