

Black heritage celebrated

By Beverly Smith

Opening ceremonies for the celebration of black heritage in America began Wednesday night in the Nebraska Union. The "Soul Bowl" activity kicked off the celebration, which will continue through the month of February.

The Soul Bowl's purpose was to tell people about black history and to show them the need to study black heritage, said Liz Burden, president of the Afrikan Peoples Union.

The celebration's former title, "Black History Month," was replaced this year with "Our Story — A Celebration of

Black Heritage in America." The Afrikan Peoples Union said the new title was more appropriate because, according to its slogan, "We're black and it's our story."

Several events will be presented during the month to celebrate black heritage, including a movie tonight, a soul food dinner Feb. 22 and Gospel Night, Feb. 24. The main event, Burden said, will be the Big Eight Conference on Black Student Government Feb. 10 through 12, in Stillwater, Okla. The theme for the conference is "No Struggle, No Progress." Martin Luther King III will be the keynote speaker for the seventh annual conference.

NSSA is student voice

By Donna Sisson

The purpose of the Nebraska State Student Association is to represent students, not institutions, said Debra Chapelle, executive director of NSSA.

NSSA was founded in July 1981 as a voice for higher education in the political and governmental process.

Unlike other campus organizations, NSSA reaches across campus lines for issues affecting all students, Chapelle said.

"No other organization works system-wide on these common matters," she said.

NSSA membership currently includes students of UNL, UNO, Peru State College and Wayne State College.

The organization is supported by a refundable 50 cent per student, per semester fee from all campuses. Because the fee is refundable, it is the student's choice to be a member of NSSA, Chapelle said.

The five major issues NSSA is dealing with now are the cost of education in the state budget, financial assistance on both the state and federal levels, faculty salaries and benefits, voter registration and education, and participation and coordination of higher education, Chapelle said.

A lobbyist hired by UNL would not have the same functions as NSSA, Chapelle said. The Government Liaison Committee acts as a student lobby for UNL, but NSSA gives added continuity because it represents students and higher education on a broad basis, she said.

"The value of NSAA is that it adds sophistication and credibility to the student voice," Chapelle said.

The Nebraska work study program,

LB1057, is an example of what NSSA is doing, Chapelle said. Though a similar bill was killed last year in the Legislature, NSSA was able to review the arguments and objections, and rework it into a form that could be presented again, she said.

"Student government doesn't have the time to follow through this process," she said.

Chapelle said NSSA does not want to be involved in the upcoming ASUN elections.

"We will be up for referendum when elections come, since NSSA is one of the fund A questions," she said.

Jim Higgins, UNL campus coordinator for NSSA, said that sometimes NSSA can see no immediate benefits from its work. "But if we are persistent in the political process, we will be rewarded," Higgins said.

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In the article in Thursday's Daily Nebraskan, entitled "If this is Thursday, there must be jazz" the manager of McGuffey's Lounge was

misidentified. The name should have read Jon McCreath, not Jan McGrath. We apologize for the error.

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