

Solutions for racial problems goal of cultural diversity retreat

By Natalie Weinstein
Staff Reporter

This year's cultural diversity retreat will go a step further than the first one, according to coordinators.

Last fall, the emphasis was placed on identifying racial issues and problems, said Paul Miles, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Appreciating Cultural Diversity II: Breaking Through Racial Barriers" will focus on setting goals to help solve some of the problems, he said.

"Last year we stood on the corner," Miles said. "This year we're going to hold hands and cross the street."

Applications for 26 students-at-large are out -- another change from last year.

Peg Johnson, interim executive assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said retreat planners wanted to include students

who aren't involved in organizations sponsoring the retreat, especially freshmen and sophomores.

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Another 44 students will participate from these sponsoring organizations: Residence Hall Association, Developing Realistic Educational Activities for Minorities, Afrikan People's Union, University Programs Council; Asso-

ciation of Students of the University of Nebraska, International Student Organization, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, Mexican American Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association and University of Nebraska Intertribal Exchange.

Students will leave Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. for Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont and return at 6 p.m. Oct. 15. Activities will include speakers, small group discussions and presentations on the history, culture and problems facing blacks, Hispanics, American Indians, Asian-Americans and whites.

There is no cost to attend.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 25. Applications are available at the following offices: ASUN, RHA, Greek Affairs, Campus Activities & Programs, Culture Center Campus Activities & Programs, Multi-Cultural Affairs and vice chancellor for student affairs.

Great Plains center plans joint venture

By Jannette Bush
Staff Reporter

If a formal agreement is signed at the Climate Change Symposium in Lincoln April 5 through 7, a joint venture will be under way between the Canadian Plains Research Centre and the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies.

John Wunder, director of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln center, said plans for the cultural and educational exchange are being made. The cooperative venture probably will take place in the spring, he said.

Both centers have many things in common, which was the incentive for ideas to start the program, Wunder said.

In a recent meeting in Saskatchewan, Wunder and Fran Kaye,

editor of the Great Plains Quarterly published at UNL, met with James McCrorie, executive director of the Canadian center, and Gillian Minifie, managing editor of joint publications.

In the meeting, they discussed five areas of possible joint participation. They include:

- Faculty exchanges.
- Student exchanges.
- A joint issue of the Prairie Forum (a semiannual publication of the Canadian Plains Research Centre) and the Great Plains Quarterly.
- A joint book publication, including an encyclopedia of the Great Plains.
- A major conference in 1993 to be in Lincoln.

Kaye said the money for these

programs will come primarily from foundations such as the National Endowment for Humanity, the Donner Foundation and the Social Services and Humanities Council in Canada.

According to Wunder and Kaye, 100 fellows or faculty members are involved in the Great Plains center from UNL and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Kaye said 14 UNL undergraduates are majoring in great plains studies. UNL offers undergraduate courses in the field, while the Canadian program's courses are graduate level only.

Kaye said the faculty and student exchange programs will benefit both centers because much can be learned about both cultures.

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The admissions department sends mailings to U.S. embassies to try to attract foreign students, and has given recruiting materials to UNL faculty members who travel outside the country, Taylor said.

But "the biggest way (UNL attracts foreign students) is by word-of-mouth," Taylor said.

The UNL admissions office re-

ceives thousands of application requests a year from foreign students, about one-third of whom cannot afford the expense, Taylor said.

Scholarships from UNL will help foreign students, he said, because they will be eligible for additional money from federal agencies and educational organizations.

Kleis said that recruiting foreign students is important because UNL "needs to provide an educational

environment that is global."

"It's ridiculous to think that UNL must confine itself to Nebraskans," he said.

Kleis, who is chairman of the Association of Big Eight Universities' International Council, said he also is working with the association to help universities develop areas of specialization, such as in research, to attract foreign students.

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The ozone hole came as a surprise to many scientists, Mount said.

In 1985, a group of British scientists discovered the unusually low levels of ozone over Antarctica.

Satellites were showing a decrease in ozone as early as 1978, Mount said, but satellite operators were ignoring the data because "it didn't look right."

Damage to the ozone layer, which absorbs damaging ultraviolet radi-

ation from the sun, could be "devastating" to plant and animal life, he said.

Australia and New Zealand already are experiencing a 15 percent increase in the amount of UV radiation, Mount said.

Because CFCs are non-toxic, non-flammable and easy to handle, and because the CFC industry makes \$2 billion a year, it will be hard to put a ban on them, Mount said.

In more modern plants, CFCs are being recycled to prevent their re-

lease. Future legislation likely will make recycling a requirement, Mount said.

CFCs offer a special problem to scientists, Mount said.

It takes 10 to 20 years for CFCs released on the ground to reach the upper atmosphere, he said.

"This can scare you," he said. "There has been a tremendous amount of production since 1960, which means there is another 30 years of input which we can't control and haven't seen the effects of yet."

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31 meeting to file a suit.

Meyer, who describes himself as a private citizen offended by the regents' action, said he is upset because of the money that will be spent replacing Roskens.

The regents agreed July 31 to fire Roskens while honoring the remaining two years of his contract, including salary and benefits totaling about \$250,000.

Meyer said additional costs for a search committee to replace Roskens, along with the salary of the new NU president, are a "waste of dollars."

Although Meyer was told by the regents' attorneys that Roskens' dismissal was a "personnel matter" which is not included in the state's open meeting law, he disagrees.

Meyer said that once the decision was made to fire Roskens, it also became an appropriations issue because the regents agreed to pay Roskens his salary.

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Counseling center extends hours

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

Responding to requests for evening appointments and the success of last year's expanded hours, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Counseling Center now is open two evenings a week, said Vernon Williams, director of counseling.

For the rest of the year, the center will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, in addition to the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours Monday through Friday.

Last spring, the center experimented with evening hours. The response was good, Williams said, with all the available staff having one to three appointments each evening.

Williams said the Counseling Center, in 226 Administration Building, offers information on "where to find things on campus," and counseling on personal and emotional conflicts, career choices and selection of a major course of study. The center does not offer academic advising or

class scheduling, he said.

Last year, he said, the center saw 895 students.

Evening hours also were added for the increased number of non-traditional students who use the center, he said. Evening hours fit non-traditional students' schedules better, he said.

Thirty to 40 percent of the students seen by center staff members are older than 25, Williams said.

Many times, their problems focus on family and marital concerns, financial problems and problems with young children, he said.

Williams said the center had tried offering evening hours several years ago, and "maybe got one student (a night)."

Williams said he is not sure why the response has been greater this year.

"Maybe people are more keyed to doing things in the evening than they were (a few years ago)," and realize that some UNL services are open in the evening, he said.

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