

# Weekend retreat to improve race relations

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A retreat this weekend will improve relations between students and faculty by educating them on cultural diversity, a UNL official said.

John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Fourth Annual Cultural Diversity Retreat for selected faculty and students of organizations will take place this weekend at Camp Easter Seal in Milford, Neb.

About 80 UNL students and 15 faculty will leave Friday for the retreat, which is sponsored by "Harmony In A World Of Difference," a consultant group out of Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City,

Mo.

The consultant group's purpose is to provide educational and training opportunities on cultural diversity and race relations to groups and organizations, Harris said.

"The retreat will attempt to involve the campus community in an effort to enhance the understanding of different cultures," he said.

The Racial Pluralism Action Team, a group of students, faculty and staff, also will attend the retreat.

RPAT, established last spring by the student affairs office, was formed in an effort to combat racism at the university.

Although RPAT has ideas on what it will do for the university, Harris said the retreat will help it form more

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concrete ideas.

"RPAT (members) have a real job to do," he said. "They will be looking to create an action agenda to bring back with some measurable goals. At

the end of the year they will see if they accomplished those goals."

Rob Steele, a junior news-editorial major and co-chairman of RPAT, said he is attending the retreat to learn how to relate to other ethnic groups and to learn and understand their beliefs and cultures.

Steele said RPAT will serve as a contact for students about cultural diversity issues and programs on campus.

"We will be there to listen to students who feel that they have been discriminated against and take action, if that is what the student wants," he said.

Harris said he hopes the retreat is like past retreats, in which students and faculty were able to become

emotional and to speak about their feelings.

Harris added that although he has not yet seen any racism at the university, he said "racism is like a shadow — you know it's there."

The retreat will prepare people for the awakening that the United States is culturally diverse and that everyone must work together, he said.

Harris said students interested in attending the retreat should contact him at the student affairs office.

"Students interested should think beyond the retreat and think about what the campus needs as related to cultural diversity and what they and others can do to help out in the effort to make this university more culturally aware," he said.

## Security

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after the doors of residence halls are locked at midnight. They make rounds on each floor, monitoring for unusual activity or unauthorized visitors.

They also make rounds outside, ensure that doors remain locked and check building equipment for mechanical problems, fires and vandalism, Zatechka said.

If officers encounter a problem they cannot resolve, they contact their supervisor, who decides if the university police should be alerted, said Wayne Farrin, a UNL police officer and the coordinator between the department and the security force.

Residence hall officers keep track of their duties and observations in a daily log, Zatechka said. The log is turned over to UNL police who then forward copies to the housing office.

Each night, 17 security officers and one supervisor are on duty. Each hall is assigned one officer, and Selleck and Abel-Sandoz complexes have two on busier nights. Each residence hall complex is assigned a "floater" who moves between halls in a complex, sending the regular officer on rounds.

Three officers are assigned to

East Campus, where they patrol the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education and the Burr-Fedde residence hall complex.

A total of 40 student officers and six student supervisors make up the security force.

Because the officers are all university students and shifts run from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Cauble said, most officers work fewer than 40 hours a week. To ensure that officers are keeping up in school, they are required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0, he said.

"We very much need the security officers, but they are here for an education," he said.

All officers are trained in areas such as crime prevention, conflict avoidance, fire extinguishing, radio communications, CPR and first aid.

"Security can be a tricky situation," Zatechka said. "Officers can be confronted with a residence hall resident who makes things difficult for everyone."

Farrin said prospective officers are told that potential harassment comes with the job.

"We stress if can they take the abuse," he said.

While there are negative reactions, Farrin said, most of the students have a positive attitude toward officers.

"Most people realize why they are there," he said.

## UNL chapter named best in nation

Success of designer group stems from growth, president says

By Heather Heinisch  
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One of the fastest growing student organizations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been named best in the nation by the American Society of Interior Designers.

Jennifer Crook, president of the UNL student chapter of ASID and a senior interior design major, said the success of the organization was because of a growing "anxious and eager" membership.

The student chapter has increased its membership 30 percent in the past year. Of the 140 interior design majors at UNL, more than 100 were active in ASID, Crook said. That was up from 60 the previous year and 40 three years ago.

The UNL organization was named outstanding student chapter out of 178 campus organizations at the na-

tional ASID professional and student convention held in Denver in July.

UNL ASID adviser Sue Mauldin said she was pleasantly surprised by the first-time Nebraska win. The victory comes from a group that "works really hard but has fun too," she said.

The honor was awarded based on membership, professional support from other interior designers in the community, organizational activities and a philanthropic project.

"Every year we improve in every aspect," Crook said.

Besides the membership drive last year, the chapter sponsored professional workshops, a national speaker, competitions and a study tour to Chicago. The group also redesigned the retail space at the Junior League Thrift Shop, 2201 O St., for a philanthropic project.

"We pull together when things need to be accomplished," Crook said.

Steve Walters, past president of ASID and a senior interior design major, said the organization stressed education and putting members in touch with "everything they haven't learned in class." Workshops on resumes, portfolios and interviewing were just some of the programs offered to members, he said.

ASID currently is in the midst of a membership drive and gearing up for the new year. Crook said the chapter goal is to have all of the approximately 140 interior design majors involved.

One way to encourage involvement will be to have ASID representatives in each of the studio classes, said Suzanne Kaiser, president-elect.

Kaiser, a senior interior design major, said ASID provides opportunities to get involved with other students, network with area professionals and learn about the different avenues of interior design.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Florida State professor to discuss art

Nancy DeGrummond, professor of art at Florida State University, will speak about the art of Imperial Rome at 7 p.m. Oct. 3.

The illustrated lecture, "Pax Redux: The Roman Goddess of Peace in the Imperial Art of Augustus" will be in 225 Richards

Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The lecture will be sponsored by the UNL Department of Art & Art History and the UNL research council and is free and open to the public.

### History professor receives fellowship

Timothy Mahoney, assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, recently was awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mahoney will spend the academic year studying in Chicago at

the Newberry Library.

The fellowship finances a residency at that independent research library, considered a prime repository for 19th century books, papers, biographies and other historical documents.

### Book sale to be held at Love Library

Libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will sponsor the sixth-annual book sale Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Love Library on City Campus.

About 4,000 books will be for

sale. Hardback books will sell for \$1; paperbacks will sell for 50 cents.

Proceeds from the book sale will be used to buy new books to support faculty and student research.

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