

## UNL to hold convention

By Missy Larsen  
Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will play host to its first national MACURH convention this weekend.

MACURH, the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, is an affiliation that exchanges information and ideas between member residence halls across the Midwest.

Kathy Rush, president of the Residence Hall Association and MACURH conference chairperson, said that through this network, delegates learn new ideas and programs to take back to their respective schools.



Rush said participating delegates are students and advisers from 35 schools in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The conference will begin with a keynote address by Barry Kennedy at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. Kennedy, vice president from Member Services of the State Chamber of Commerce, will speak on setting goals. Dan Larosa, a hypnotist, also will give a presentation.

Saturday, delegates will put on programs on subjects including rape prevention, time management, study habits and alcohol in the residence halls.

"By hosting the conference, we can show off our school and give our own residents here on campus the chance to experience the conference," Rush said.

## Speaker criticizes curriculum

By Jean Lass  
Staff Reporter

Women's studies curriculum at UNL fails to address the contributions "women of color" have made to the education process, a UNL faculty member said Wednesday.

Teresita Aguilar, an associate professor in the Center for Curriculum and Instruction, said some instructors at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln include women's studies classes in their curriculum, but the classes address gender instead of women of color specifically.

"Instructors exclude women of color in women's studies because the issue is at the whim of faculty's sensitivity and awareness," she said.

Aguilar spoke at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St., the first in the "Women in Perspective Series," sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

Women of color should question where theories are formulated, she said, because in general psychology and philosophy theories are taken from studies of white, male, college sophomores.

"Challenge yourself to think about

other perspectives," she said. "Learn much about the authors of books you read so you take into account the total experience."

She said that "taking into account the total experience" means questioning why a piece of literature was written and for what audience it was intended.

"Let's extend what we know by including the perspective of women of color," she said.

Charlene Alexander, a graduate assistant to the dean in the Teachers College, said women of color are not validated for achievements they have accomplished, as exemplified at educational conferences in the Big Eight.

"At the black student leadership conference at UNL, the first speaker acknowledged that we were there, but he said, 'How many women here can go without gossiping?'" she said. "That statement was divisive and invalidating."

Another example, Alexander said, was at the recent American Association of Counseling and Development conference.

There, authors Clemont Vontress and Courtland Lee talked about their book "Politicalization of Cross-Cul-

tural Counseling," which describes the historical impact different people have had on cross-cultural counseling.

"All the examples were of men," she said. "They could not answer my question on women's contribution to cross-cultural education and counseling."

Racial minorities, especially women of color, must be included in the educational system, she said.

Barbara Turnage, an academic consultant for the Student Opportunities and Services program at the Multi-Cultural Affairs office, said women of color need validation for increased self-esteem for themselves and their children.

"We're taught to look at ourselves and opportunities in a limited way — that (women of color) were disadvantaged," she said. "Why can't we grow?"

Turnage said that in the educational system, women of color are being "trained" to take on powerless behavior and to act on it, whether they want to or not.

"I have to address my society as a black female," she said. "I can't forget that, but we don't have to struggle day-to-day-to-day."

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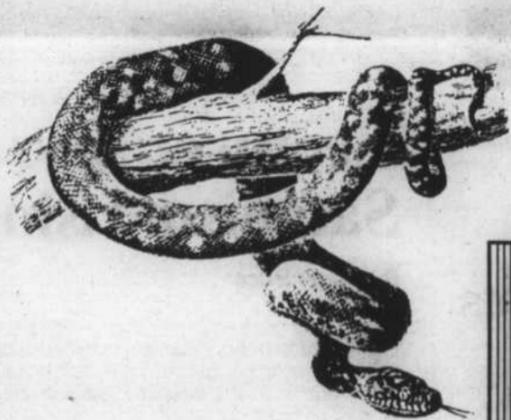
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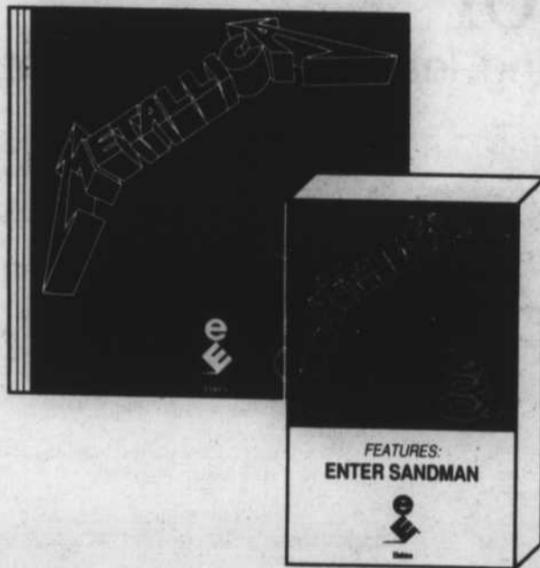
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## Tense standoff marks opening of peace talks

MADRID, Spain (AP) — For the first time in more than four decades of bloodletting, Israel and all its Arab foes sat down together, listening warily Wednesday as President Bush urged them to forge a "territorial compromise."

Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev opened the historic Middle East peace conference in Madrid's ornate Royal Palace, then left center stage to the participants.

The opening session was marked by a hard-line speech from Egypt's foreign minister, who called for full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands.

The conference began against the backdrop of threats of more violence in the Middle East. In Lebanon, thousands of Islamic protesters demonstrated against the talks, chanting "Death to America, Death to Israel!" In Iran, a hard-liner said all conference delegates should be killed.

"Peace will only come as a result of direct negotiations," Bush told the delegates at the opening session, calling for territorial compromise as a means of finding peace.

"It would be unforgivable to miss this opportunity," Gorbachev told the assembled delegates.

U.S., Israeli and Arab officials acknowledged deep uncertainty about the next phase of the peace process — separate bilateral talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Asked whether the dates and venues for these talks were set, Secretary of State James Baker said, "No."

The participants were seated at a T-shaped table designed so the foes would face each other at a slight angle rather than head-on.

No national flags were displayed. One Israeli delegate extended a hand to a Lebanese woman in the chamber but was spurned.

Palestinian delegate Saeb Erekat was clad in the black-and-white checkered headdress favored by Palestine Liberation Organization chairman

Yasser Arafat. The PLO has been banned from the talks because Israel regards it as a terrorist organization. The organization was palpably present, with a monitoring delegation in town.

Jordan's foreign minister acknowledged afterward that it had made him tense to even be in the same room as the Israelis, let alone across a table from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"It is not a dinner party," he said curtly.

Another first was the attendance of Syria, the most hard-line of Israel's neighbors. Syrian and Israeli negotiators have never met except to negotiate a military armistice in 1949.

Zohair Jannan, head of the foreign press department at the Syrian Foreign Ministry, told The Associated Press the Syrians would pull out of the talks if Israel does not stop building Jewish settlements in the occupied lands and begin to withdraw.

In Beirut, thousands of Muslim radicals marched to the bomb-shattered former U.S. Embassy compound, where zealots burned American and Israeli flags to protest the talks. An Iranian lawmaker, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, said all conference delegates were "moharebs" — those who wage war against God — who deserved to die.

In the Israeli-occupied territories, more than 50 people were injured when rival Palestinian factions battled with knives and chains. Arab reporters said one Palestinian was killed and at least 13 people wounded when Israeli troops opened fire to break up stone-throwing protests by followers of the Muslim fundamentalist Hamas movement.

Addressing the conferees, Bush called for "real peace" in the region. He said, "We believe territorial compromise is essential."

He suggested that subsequent talks on a permanent solution would be "determined on their own merits," suggesting that any interim arrangement could be experimental, not binding.