

APU welcomes high school students

Open house gives interesting look at university life

By Matt Woody
Staff Reporter

About 150 African-American high school students will get a taste of college life this weekend during their visit to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The students, most of whom are from Omaha and Kansas City, Mo., were invited to visit UNL as part of the Red Letter Days program, said Tony Williams, president of the Afrikan Peoples Union.

Red Letter Days are a series of

open houses for high school seniors and their parents to learn what UNL has to offer, said Lisa Schmidt, director of High School and College Relations.

APU, which is co-sponsoring this weekend's Red Letter Day with High School and College Relations, will provide additional activities for the students, Williams said. Some of the activities planned include a panel discussion, a party, a talent show and a dinner with African-American faculty and students.

This is the first year APU has co-sponsored a Red Letter Day, and Williams said he hoped it was not the last.

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The students will arrive on campus Thursday night and stay until Sunday morning, Williams said. They will be

provided with food and housing during their stay.

The official Red Letter Day events are scheduled for Friday, and the APU's agenda will occupy the rest of the students' time, he said.

Two more Red Letter Days are scheduled for this semester, Schmidt said.

Two other ethnic groups on campus also scheduled their own programs in conjunction with other Red Letter Days, Schmidt said.

The Mexican-American Student Association co-sponsored a weekend stay for high school students in conjunction with a Red Letter Day Oct. 12, she said.

About 15 students attended and there generally was a good response from the students, said MASA president Angel Diaz.

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“I'd say it was a pretty successful weekend,” he said.

On the final Red Letter Day, Dec. 4, the UNL Inter-Tribal Exchange will invite Native American students to campus, Schmidt said.

This is the second year that UNITE has participated in Red Letter Days, she said, and they are expecting about 35 students.

puses were not of "evil intent," and would curb their behavior if it was pointed out to them that they were disturbing others.

Johan Madson, an associate professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., said men needed to better understand how women perceived their behavior.

Panel members said people who felt they were being harassed should write a letter to the perpetrator. A statement of events, their effect on the victim and a request for the acts to stop often is an effective method of countering harassment, they said.

Victims

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from having to repeat the same story, reliving the memory," Jolly said.

Through the network, administrative offices will be informed if the student needs help dealing with matters such as school work or financial aid. For example, offices such as Student Affairs may be able to help the victim make arrangements to postpone a test.

The university also may help provide financial assistance for health testing and therapy, Jolly said. A night escort also will be provided for survivors if they want one.

"Whatever part of their life seems to be upset, the university will take the responsibility in being supportive," he said.

Jolly said he hoped the program would provide greater awareness and sensitivity to the trauma that survivors of rape and sexual assault experienced.

"This is the right thing to do," he said. "We could have used it years ago."

POLICE REPORT

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3:19 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident, parking lot at 19th and T streets, \$150.

11:38 p.m. — Noise disturbance, shots fired, no injuries, Sigma Chi fraternity, 1510 Vine St.

Harassment

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While people should be aware of the distinction between sexual harassment and rape, Jolly said, there is a connection between them. Unwelcome sexual approaches, both physical and verbal, lead to a hostile environment that can lead to rape, he said.

UNL's immediate goal is to encourage people to come forward with complaints of sexual harassment, Jolly said.

To do this, he said, the university plans to hire eight to 12 trained mediators this year to help students and faculty bring up problems and solve them.

“My goal is that a student will not go through this university without bumping into these issues at every turn.”

— Jolly
director of Affirmative Action and Diversity

The teleconference panel also recommended increased communication between the sexes to counter sexual harassment.

Both men and women need to be taught to be clear and precise in their use of language, said Margaret Barr, vice president for student affairs at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. She said that people who committed acts of sexual harassment on cam-



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