

Million Man March panel plans for future

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The Million Man March motivated black men to make a difference in their communities.

A panel discussion tonight will focus on messages from the march and how to put them to work in Lincoln and Omaha, said Keith Parker, director of African American and African Studies.

The 7:30 panel will be in the Nebraska East Union. Darryl Moore, a graduate economics major, will moderate the discussion, set to include panelists from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and local churches.

The Rev. Andrew Collins of Quinn Chapel AME Church is one of the panelists.

"The idea is not so much to speak on what has taken place," he said, "but what is going to take place."

It's a discussion about the future, he said.

Collins said blacks needed to be more aware of themselves as a distinct people with their own history and culture.

That's especially important in a city like Lincoln, he said, where blacks represent such a small percentage of the total population and sometimes feel overwhelmed.

Other panelists are: The Rev. Don Coleman, president of Mad Dads, Lincoln chapter; Asante Moody, a senior business administration and economics major; Eric Shanks, a 1987 UNL graduate; Kelly Turner, a UNO criminal justice instructor; Rick Wallace, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Lincoln chapter; and Omaha Minister Melvin X.

Parker said he hoped the effects of the march and tonight's discussion would reach far into the future.

"This is an effort that I hope will generate further discussion, further debate and, hopefully, positive action."

ASUN will feature speaker at meeting

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The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will devote much of tonight's meeting to a guest speaker.

Col. Charles J. Dunlap will talk about the United States' role as a peacekeeper in foreign nations.

ASUN President Shawntell Hurtgen said she hoped Dunlap's visit would increase students' awareness of national issues.

"We hope it will give senators a different perspective," Hurtgen said. "Too often, meetings deal entirely with just the campus issues and nothing on a national scale."

The meeting also will feature a bill on residence hall safety.

Senate Resolution #2 will thank Housing Director Doug Zatechka for evaluating the safety policies of Sandoz Hall and locking doors that previously were unlocked. It will also recognize the need for continual improvements in residence hall safety.

Shutdown

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sions of the furloughed employees on video. Some denied comment.

Becca Amen, an undeclared freshman who works in the administration division, was one of those forced to take the rest of the day off.

"Our acting manager explained it to us and told us to go home and watch the news," she said.

Amen, who has held the part-time job for more than a year, said the shutdown did not bother her.

"I'll just wait for them to call me and tell me to come back to work," she said.

Craig MacPhee, economics chairman, said the shutdown carried more political than economic repercussions. "They are not accomplishing any-

thing by shutting down," he said. "They are only communicating the degree of difference there is between Congress and the president."

"This way, both sides can say they stood by their principles."

Political science professor John Hibbing agreed.

"All they are doing is putting pressure on the other side," he said. "It's a bartering process. Each side feels they are doing what's best for the country."

There has not been a wide-scale government shutdown since 1990. Although shutdowns have occurred before, Hibbing said, this time the situation is more serious.

"It's more serious because the views are so different," he said, "but there is room to compromise."

"Clinton wants to balance the budget, too," he said. "He just feels that doing it the way the Republicans want

would be detrimental to the nation."

Increasing Medicare premiums, cutting education funds and relaxing environmental regulations are three of the provisions in the GOP's budget plan.

The federal workers sent home Tuesday were deemed non-essential to the day-to-day task of running the government.

"They are just trying to keep everything going that absolutely has to keep going," Hibbing said.

MacPhee said he did not expect the shutdown to last long.

"If history is a guide, this shutdown will be short," he said. "It's just a drastic result of a standoff between the president and Congress."

Hibbing echoed those remarks.

"I do expect it to end soon," he said. "Meanwhile, the public gets more and more frustrated."

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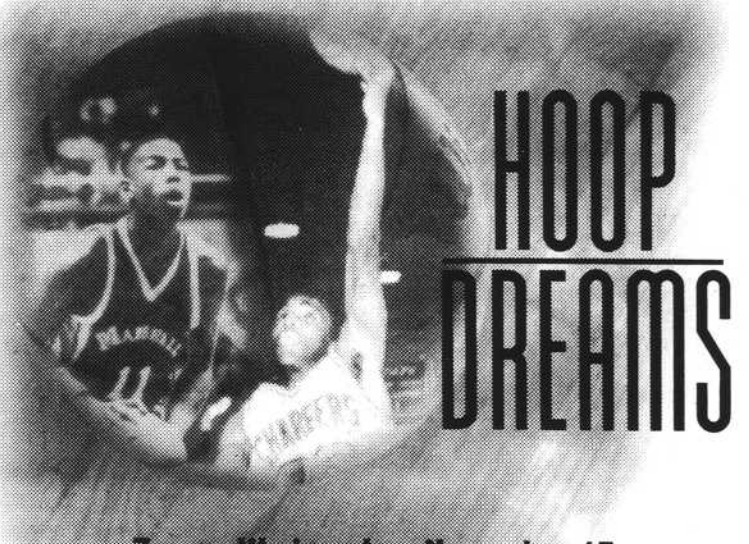
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