

## Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between midnight and 11 p.m. Sunday.

12:30 a.m. — False chemical spill reported at 733 N. 16th St.

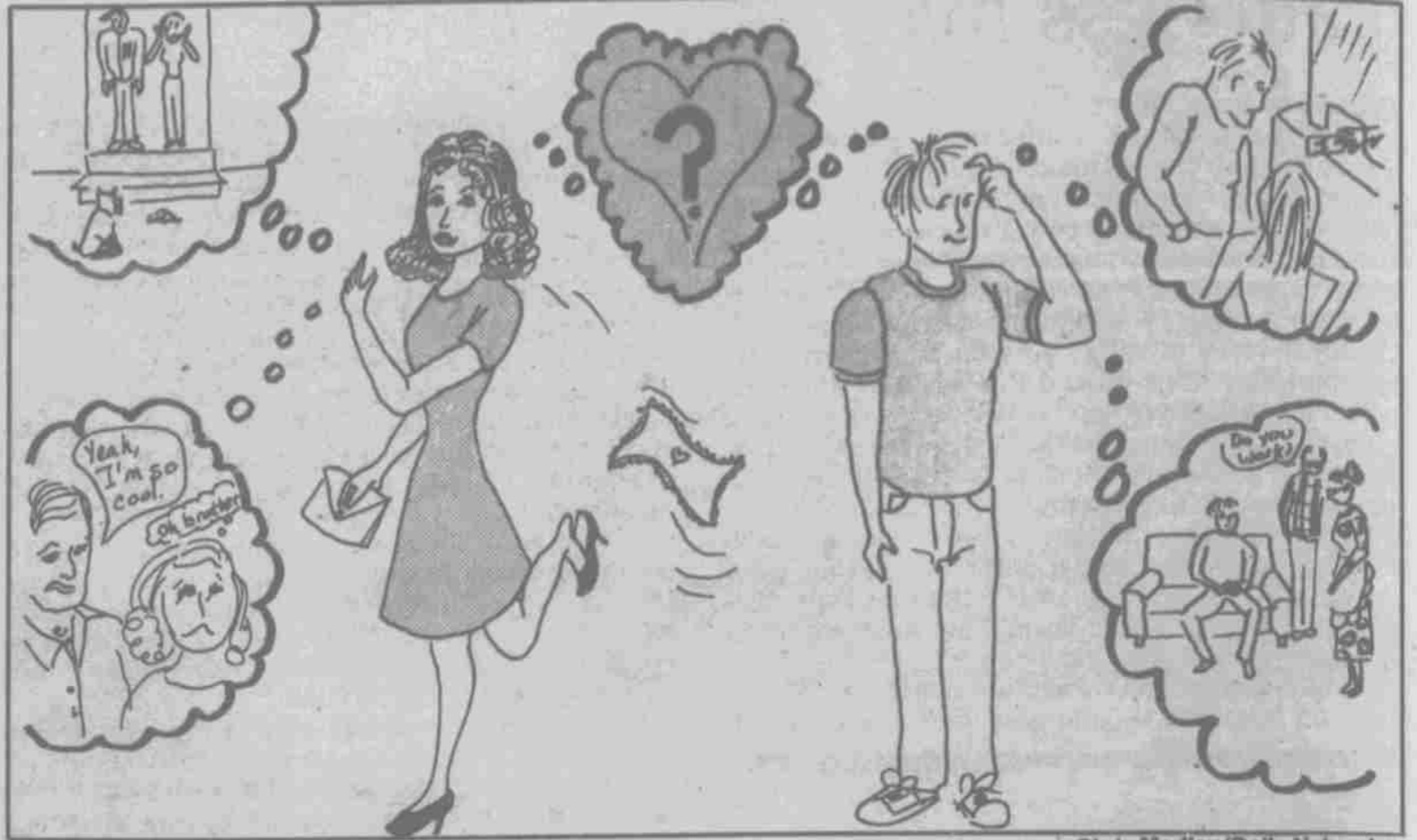
1:25 a.m. — Persons reported trespassing in fraternity at 1115 N. 16th St. Fraternity members chased the persons away before officers arrived. One member slipped and fell on ice, causing injury.

2:02 a.m. — Persons reported trespassing at 1235 N. 16th St. Persons gone when officers arrived.

4:48 a.m. — Noise disturbance reported on sixth floor of Harper Hall.

8:25 a.m. — Vehicle reported pushed from its stall in Parking Area 3 near Harper Hall. Vehicle reportedly struck another vehicle causing minor damage.

11:38 p.m. — Noise disturbance reported at 1545 R St.



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## Dating game can be 'futile'

By Susan Kisicki

Dating. It's a powerful little word. The mere mention of it causes anything from a smile to a groan. Some people think of fun and romance when they hear it. They think of the good side.

But another side exists, and it causes some to shudder. Most people have had one of those horrible or embarrassing dates.

Sara Parriott, editor of *Futile* magazine, brings back memories of dates that would be better off forgotten.

*Futile* is a \$5.95 magazine that satirizes dating. It dedicates every article, photograph and ad to the subject. If it's your weight that is stopping you from getting the perfect man, the *Futile* diet will help. If it's that special scent you need, try Afterglow, the scent that lingers when he doesn't. Paging through *Futile* may remind some UNL students of a few of their dates.

Leslie Roeder, a sophomore in elementary education, said dates are not always pleasant. When she was a sophomore in high school, Roeder said, she had a date with a senior football player. It was "really neat" to be going out with a senior, she said.

But, she said, the night was a disappointment. He was boring.

"All we talked about was football and how great he was," she said.

But, Roeder said, the boredom wasn't the worst part of the night: When he walked her to the door, he invited himself in. They walked downstairs to the family room, she said. At the bottom of the stairs was a huge pile where her

dog had gotten sick.

Roeder said she "about died."

John Hazuka, a junior in chemistry, also has experienced a bad date.

He said he paid for his date's movie ticket. But, he said, his act offended her because she was a feminist.

"She waited to be upset until after I already paid," he said.

John Grim, a sophomore chemical engineering major, said he knows the feeling, too.

When he went to pick up his date for a formal dance, Grim said, she was wearing jeans and tennis shoes.

"I eventually ended up seeing the movie, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* in a tux," he said.

But the negative side of dating isn't limited to those unique experiences. More general problems exist.

Steph Stanek, a freshman sociology and broadcast major, said she does not like falling madly in love with a guy who never calls back. Stanek said she also dislikes dates with a man she does not like, but said she feels like she has to go.

Roeder said she does not like the first couple of dates because they are awkward. She said there's an uncomfortable silence if the conversation dwindles.

Grim said the worst part for him is getting the nerve up to ask someone out.

Hazuka said the worst things are meeting a girlfriend's dog and waiting for a girl when you don't know her parents very well. He said he also dislikes going to parties when all his girlfriend's friends are there.

## Student wins at opera auditions

Constance Rock, a UNL masters degree candidate in music, won the Nebraska district audition for the Metropolitan Opera.

Rock will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., in February to compete in the regional auditions. Win-

ners from that audition will go to the finals in New York City.

Mary Alice Snider, coordinator for the Nebraska auditions, said that in the past, this competition led to a contract with the Metropolitan Opera. Now the auditions are more of a "stepping-stone" to a professional operatic career because of the exposure given to contestants.

Rock will sing this spring in the UNL production of "The Magic Flute."

John DeHaan and Greg Berg, both UNL graduate music students, won the Encouragement Award, which is given to the two most promising young singers in the auditions. DeHaan is a student of Donna Harler, UNL associate professor of music, and Berg is a student of Richard Grace, UNL professor of voice.



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