

LSD-Rescue comforts freakouts

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A high school girl dropped mescaline at a friend's house about a month ago. It was the third time she had ever taken a hallucinogenic drug. The first two experiences were beautiful; the third was not.

She had a bad trip, she freaked out. She was having a panic experience. Her friends, as frightened as she was, did not know what to do.

There was no place in Lincoln for her to go. Hospital emergency rooms would offer little. Private physicians don't want to get involved with a crime. The city has no place where the high school girl, or others with adverse drug reactions, can go for real help.

"They need somebody to help them get their head together," said Jason Rice. "They need someone to help them get through the panic experience, someone who has confidence, is experienced, sympathetic and concerned. They do not need to be arrested."

Rice helped the high school girl. And since the start of the summer, he and three other young men have assisted on an informal basis about a dozen persons with severe drug reactions.

Now that school is underway, they are expanding the service and advertising the phone number.

LSD Rescue—477-6639.

"It would be best to have a medical doctor or a psychologist perform this service," said Howard Hansen. "But even though our qualifications aren't the best, we've got to help since they won't get involved."

Hansen, 21, said his only qualifications were work experience at the Lincoln State Hospital and considerable experimentation with drugs.

Neither he, Rice, nor the other two young men, 19-year-old NU sophomore Les Miller and Bill, who doesn't want his full name published, have any formal training for the LSD Rescue service. None even have college degrees yet.

But they have a sincere desire to help people who, perhaps for the first time, are

having a bad drug reaction. The four want to get involved, they said.

More importantly, they have experimented with drugs. All know what it's like to freak out on drugs. They know what a panic experience is.

"LSD can be the most beautiful experience, or the most terrible experience in the world," Hansen said. "I don't know what causes a bad trip. It could be too much acid, bad acid, or a person's mental condition and emotional state could be wrong."

A hallucinogenic drug heightens and intensifies the emotional state. But when the mental stimulation is too much, trouble can occur.

"Every case is different," Hansen pointed out. "The mind speeds up. All feelings intensify. Sometimes the walls and furniture breathe with the person. People around the person take on distorted images."

The person may think he is in an insane asylum, and his friends, who are really trying to help him, are orderlies. The person might curl up into the fetal position and not talk. Or he imagines he is going to die.

Nobody knows really how to treat a person freaking out. Hansen and the other three men try to offer warmth and

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Sandy may be confined

"Sandy in Confined Space" may be confined in the Sheldon Sculpture Garden if a group of University students can raise \$12,000.

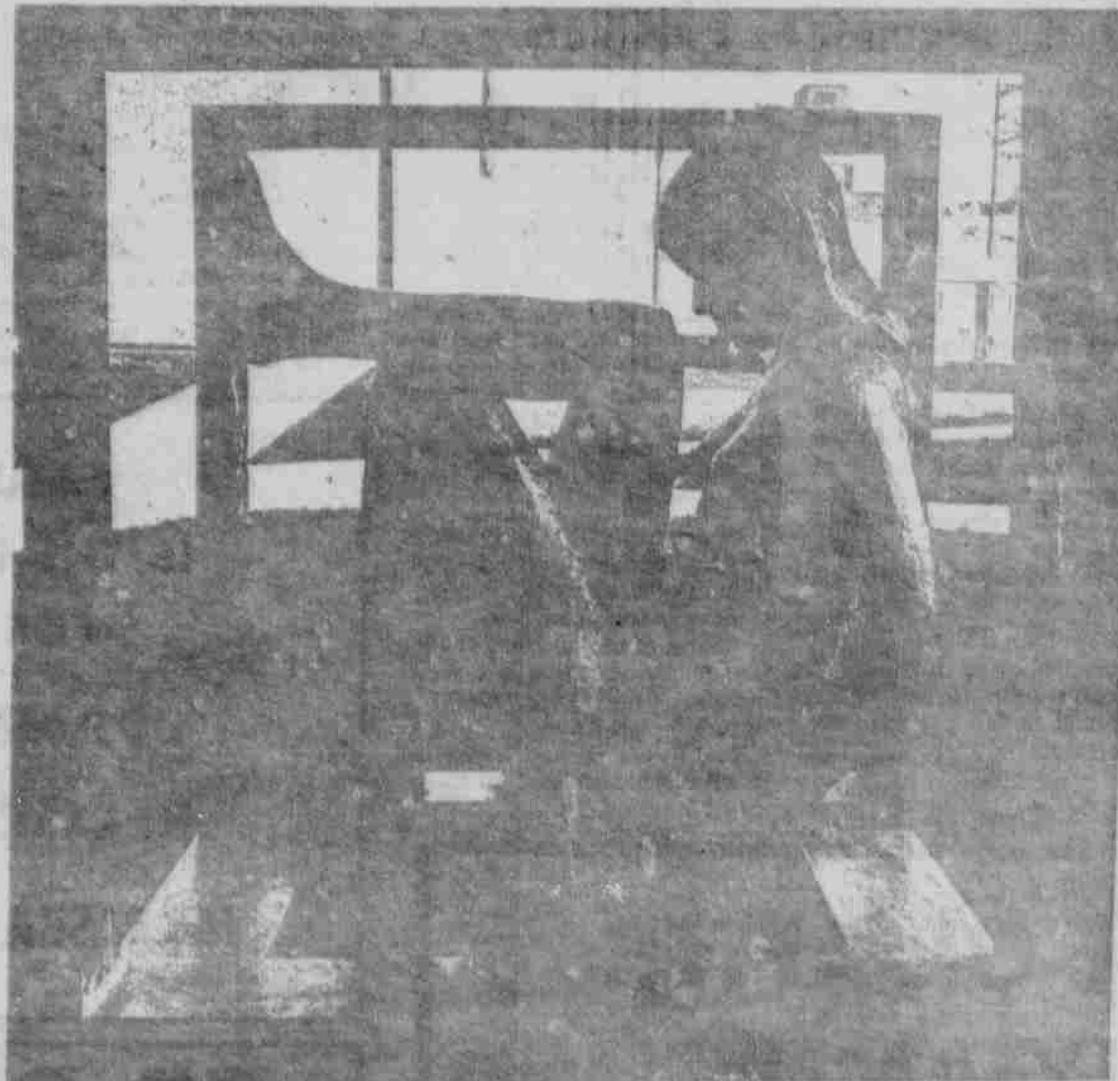
"Sandy" is a bronze statue by Richard A. Miller. She is on loan from New York City's Peridot Gallery and is currently in the Garden as part of the American Sculpture Exhibition.

Many University students like the statue and would like it to stay at Sheldon, according to George Newland, one of the group's organizers.

Newland said eight students began work on the project Wednesday.

"We first talked to Norman Geske, director of the gallery, and he called New York to find out how much the statue would cost," Newland said. "After that we made up our minds to try and raise the money to buy it."

He said the group plans to ask for money from students and faculty. If it is necessary, the group will also solicit money in the Lincoln community and throughout the state.



"Sandy in confined space" . . . \$12,000.

The group plans to have a booth in the Nebraska Union to collect money Monday through Friday of next week, Newland said. He urged students and faculty alike to contribute for the purchase of the statue.

Newland added that if it is impossible to raise enough money to buy "Sandy", another statue by the same artist will be bought instead.

"Purchase of this piece of sculpture will benefit the University, the city of Lincoln and the state as a whole," he said. "We think it should be a part of Sheldon's permanent collection."

Students' names given to Douglas

The results of a University investigation into the forcible entry of the University Military and Naval Science Building last May 4th were turned over Thursday to the Lancaster County Attorney.

The investigation report includes the names of "five or six" students according to Gail Gade, director of campus security.

Gade said the names of the students were obtained "through identification" by campus policemen.

Lancaster County Attorney Paul Douglas said he is "plan-

ning to prosecute" in regard to the forcible entry. Any determination of possible charges would probably come next week according to Douglas.

University students occupied the Military and Naval Science Building last May in protest of the U.S. invasion into Cambodia.

Campus President Joseph Soshnik said Wednesday that any University discipline regarding those students involved in the forcible entry would depend of what action civil authorities take.

"We're not at all close in starting University discipline against the students," Soshnik added.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents directed University administrators on Sept. 14 to identify "the student or students who forcibly opened the door" of the building.

The Regents also directed that those students identified "shall be promptly reported to the civil authorities for appropriate action and University disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated without delay."

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